

Travel Light

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“Travel Light” is the general advice of the Railway Department to all train travellers, with a view to offer greatest convenience to fellow passengers. The same may apply in the case of travellers on the path of Realisation. We know we are proceeding on along the path, overburdened with the weight of our belongings existing in the form of sanskaras etc. Now in order to have a convenient journey we need to be relieved of it. It can be done in two ways. Firstly, as when travelling by train we book the heavy luggage with the guard of the train, so also in this journey we may give over the heavy luggage to the charge of the Master and be relieved of its weight. That, in other words, conveys the idea of surrender. When we have surrendered all our belongings to the Master, we are free from the encumbering weight thereof. The other method may be to go on setting them aside bit by bit by undergoing their bhoga. But that would be a long and tedious process and very difficult also. Anyhow we have after all to become lighter than the lightest. I want you all to take this point into consideration and to act accordingly. Time never comes again. We must therefore utilise it to our best advantage. As a true follower of the Great Master I have nothing to offer except a little support together with my good wishes. I do not mean to induce any one to give

up his worldly belongings and bid farewell to his domestic living, but only to attend to every thing in the sense of duty entrusted to him by the Divine Master. That is, in fact, the real life and the only solution of all the difficulties, whether spiritual or temporal.

For that I expect every one to put his best efforts. I may also assure you that the attainments you make during the period of my physical existence will be of value to you after I am gone. But if you neglect it now, dwelling in the idea that you shall have it by developing attachment with me even after I am gone from this material world, it may then be a hard nut to crack. A moth burns itself on a live flame, but there may rarely be one that can burn itself on a dead flame, which is almost an impossibility. There may however be exceptions to it — but rare, very rare indeed. The only solution, therefore, will be either to get up to the level where burning in a dead flame may become possible and practicable, or to attain that highest state where the question of burning may not arise at all. But this depends upon God's grace and one's own bold efforts.
