

In comparison to Reality, we are but a drop in the ocean of Almighty and somehow we should try to become a river from the drop

My humble pranams

The topic of the seminar is "*In comparison to Reality, we are but a drop in the ocean of Almighty and somehow we should try to become a river from the drop*" is from the message 'Love Him who loves all' delivered by Revered Master at Delhi on 30th April, 1980. I would like to present my thoughts on the topic as under.

At the outset, when we go through the sentence we find Revered Master making two points. One- where do we stand in this creation? Second- what should be our goal? When he says "*We are but a drop in the ocean of Almighty*" – he explains what our current state is and how insignificant are we in comparison to the vast universe created by Almighty. When he says "*We should try to become a river from the drop*" – he states what should be our goal and stresses the need for transforming ourselves from current state to higher state of existence.

The sentence of the topic starts with the words '**In comparison to Reality**'. Before we proceed and go deeper to understand rest of the sentence we should try to know what is 'Reality' against which it is being compared with. When we go through the entire message prior to the deliverance of this sentence, we can find Master making quotes at several places which invariably refer to Reality. I take pleasure in mentioning few of them as I understand it.

- '*The irony of fate is that we do not see the **THING** behind the thing*' - We are fascinated by the outer appearances and get attracted to various objects in the world. We fail to recognize the 'Subject' behind the object.
- '*The world is in us and we are in the world, but we have to search out who is behind the scene*' - We can find lot of resemblance between the world that we see outside and the inner world we have within us. But we should understand and realize that both these worlds exist in the finite creation which is within the infinite Absolute. This is the base on which the entire structure exists.
- '*If we deal it spiritually, then 'to be' has the sense of 'self'. If we want to go into 'Non-self' then we will have to annihilate 'to be' in thought, and will come to 'not to be' in its real sense. It means the 'Life without life' – i.e., 'we are and we are not; as also 'we are not and we are''*'. We can understand from this that the idea of 'to be' and 'self' had arisen only when creation came into existence. This is the origin of 'I ness'. Before that it was all 'not to be' and 'non-self'. At that stage though we exist we cannot

say so as we do not have individual identity. At the same time we cannot say we do not exist because it was 'Life without life' a dormant state of being without any awareness.

When we proceed further with rest of the sentence, we find Master uses three similes to explain different states of our existence in comparison to Reality - 'drop, river and ocean'. While our current state has been compared to a '**drop**' he persuades us to try becoming a '**river** from the drop' giving us a hope of higher level of existence. And further we all know that all rivers flow and ultimately merge into the '**ocean**'.

At the beginning of the paragraph in which this sentence (topic of the seminar) was delivered he states, '*Spirituality ends in Divinity, and Divinity ends in its Real Essence.*' We can draw inference from the text to compare our states explained above. At the level of spirituality we can consider ourselves to be a '**drop**' feeling 'I' ness and self-centered. When we reach the state of Divinity we can consider ourselves to be in the state of '**river**' feeling 'oneness' and doing everything as per Divine will and command. When we proceed beyond and enter into realms of Reality with no identity of 'Self' we can consider ourselves merged with the '**Ocean**' of Almighty.

And again the sentence '**We are but a drop in the ocean of Almighty**' also reminds us that we are not alone as an Individual soul in this world but we are part of the Universal soul – the Almighty. The sentence '*We should try to become a river from the drop*' also signifies that we should develop in us a craving and restlessness to be one with the Divine with mutual association and cooperation with all other individual drops to form a river and lead a life of peaceful co-existence.

Master in his message '**Longing for Reality**' delivered at Bangalore on 12th September 1976 states that '*Longing for Reality brings a man to the right path. It gives a new life to the sleeping condition of a man and prepares him for the highest approach reserved for human beings. Not only that, it transforms the whole being, shattering all the obstacles in the way of progress. The true meaning of Realization is 'Death of Death' or 'End of End'. If a man is absorbed in this condition, it means the way is clear now*'.

Master in his message '**Craving of the soul**' delivered at Malaysia on 30th April 1981 explains how one's cravings helps him to progress in the path. '*In the beginning we enter what is behind the matter, and we touch only the ground and not the Reality. The echo of voice diminishes when it travels a long distance, and then there is silence all around. I believe that this is a clue to remind us that we can get into the better state, if we enter into the life from which silence starts. When we dive deep then we bring pearls out of it.*'

Master in his message '**Love – Universal**' delivered at Shahjahanpur in January 1976 states that '*One has to remove only the brokenness and he will feel the love flowing equally to one and all and it becomes universal.*'

Now, what is the **goal** that we are talking of to achieve? It is nothing less than Divinization of man.

In the message '**Fundamental Principles of Raja yoga**' delivered at Bangalore on 5th Jan 1968 master talks about the real meaning of Divinization of man. I have attempted to provide a gist of his message as per my understanding- Before creation the only thing in existence was Divinity and everything in essence form was merged in it. When the process of manifestation started with *Kshob* the line of action though in perfect consonance with Divinity appeared in its outer aspect to be somewhat different from it and this may be termed as line of humanity. Now both the lines are in action – Line of Divinity and Line of Humanity. Line of humanity became the base of entire structure but its action remained subject to the dormant actions of line of Divinity which ran along parallel to it. Since both have come down from one great God – The Absolute – the humanity too, like Divinity, was in purest state. The actions in the line of humanity went on multiplying and man along with everything else began to assume grosser and grosser form with the Divinity at the root of all and everything. With the jerks caused by actions and counter actions in line of humanity, man has become a conglomeration of all things in existence. Now, for complete Divinization of man all that we have to do is to bring line of humanity back again into their original state to restore them to a state of poise and tranquility so as to keep up the link with Divinity.

If we consider the current state of line of humanity at its grosser level as individual drops in the Ocean of Almighty, we can become a river only when individual drops come together to form a river with a common goal of working together in consonance with Divine Will then we can say complete Divinization is achieved.

Master in his message '**Clue to Reality**' delivered at channapatna on 20th February, 1972 explains that in order to open yourself to be embraced to Reality - '*We should always take a broader view of things and widen it so that it may be able to cross its own boundary*' and further towards the end he adds that '*Mind can be known by mind and Divinity can be known by Divinity*'. In order to achieve this he states '*They must destroy their own creation so that world may become again glittering and shining*'.

Now the question is how can we '*become a river from a drop*'? What are the **ways and means** available to achieve this? To summarize, we can become a river from drop only when we shatter our individual network and develop in us the

spirit of universal brotherliness to lead a life of mutual association and cooperation. We should realize our oneness with divine and merge with other drops in the universe to form a river following the principle of co-existence and cooperation.

Revered Master has prescribed the following practices which when practiced sincerely with determination and restlessness and with Master's support can bring us to that stage.

1. Do point B meditation to clear impurities in mind and do meditation
2. Do Morning Meditation with a prayer for spiritual elevation
3. Do evening cleaning to purge all impurities and grossness
4. Do 9 PM prayer to develop the feeling of universal brotherliness and to pray for reviving the feeling of love and devotion to Master in everyone.
5. Do point A meditation to reduce impulsiveness and develop moderation in all our dealings
6. Do bed time prayer to repent wrongs committed and resolving not allow its repetition.
7. To attend Individual sittings and Satsangs to get Master support through Pranahuti
8. To adhere in our day to day living the 10 commandments prescribed by the Master.

We can shatter our individual network only when we adhere strictly to commandment 4 given by our master and maintain simplicity and plainness to be true to our original nature. We can develop in us the spirit of universal brotherliness only when we adhere to commandment 6 given by our master to realize the commonness of our origin and mould ourselves in our dealings with others and treat them as such. We all know that the cleaning practices prescribed to us along with the support of the master by way of Pranahuti helps us in a great way to reach up to that stage. However, it all depends on how sincere and restless we are in our efforts to reach the goal. And again, what we are speaking here is just to live in consonance with others resulting in mere merger of several drops in and around us to become a river all working together in accordance with the divine will. We should remember that it would be a long way to go for the river to flow continuously negotiating various hurdles in the path to merge with the Ocean of Almighty.

Pranams.

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