

Seminar paper "In comparison to Reality we are but a drop in the ocean of almighty & somehow we should try to become a river from the drop".

Namaste my brothers and sisters,

The saying of Master taken as the topic of the seminar is, "In comparison to Reality we are but a drop in the ocean of almighty & somehow we should try to become a river from the drop".

Our beloved Masters writing invariably contain loaded statements like the above one, which may lead to varied interpretations as per one's perception. The simple meaning of the saying is that a drop of water has no future, unless it goes with others to become part of a river.

I take the aforesaid saying as a metaphor given by our beloved Master, as it coincidentally matches with the mechanism behind the journey of water from the ocean to a water drop on the earth & vice versa.

The water drop actually came to existence when water in the ocean got evaporated to form a cloud & later came down on the earth to become part of a river. In the similar way, we were born upon leaving the Homeland.

As an intrinsic nature, the water drop wants to go back to its source, the ocean. Master too has said that everyone of us is moving towards the Homeland as per his craving & self efforts.

The water drop doesn't prefer to undertake journey all alone. Most of the Indian saints had reserved the Reality for a selected few, while our Master according to His Master's orders wanted to bring it (Reality) out & pass it on to the majority. So according to the teachings of our Master, our spiritual pursuit doesn't restrict to self aggrandizement but addresses all the people that we come across in our worldly living. Over a period of time our water drop has become a part of a river which is ever willing to accommodate any number of streams or tributaries that it comes across. In the same way, we need to maintain fraternity with all.

A whirl or depression may get formed when the river collides with any rock or traverses any bend etc. in its route, which recalls us our Master's exhortation against the undue attachment on account of lingering around/ clinging too much to any particular person/place/thing that comes in our life.

If canals are formed in the river, its force would get considerably reduced which implies us how breeding the feeling of separateness from others can take a toll on our growth.

No way a river is in the favor of dam, as that would stop its flow. This phenomenon is similar to complacency /despondency we may develop & like to skip our regular sadhana.

Master wants us to have burning craving powered with single pointed continuous orientation towards our Goal very much similar to how a river is ever eager to merge into the sea/ocean.

The river doesn't like to traverse along any uphill surfaces it meets enroute. Likewise, we need to imbibe humility all the time so that no tinge of ego gets entry into our being.

At the meeting point with sea, the river loses its name & form to become one with the greater whole. In the same way, if we annihilate "to be" from our thought & gradually acquire the state of "not to be" in its real sense, we can ultimately gain the state of being "one in Himself".

Thus, we see how the inexorable flow of a river from a single source towards vast ocean mirrors the soul's journey from its divine origin back to unity with the ultimate Reality. Master's metaphor gives us insights on transient nature of existence & the idea that life constantly evolves & can't be revisited. So, we need to be unstoppable despite challenges, struggles & tribulations of life which actually teach us resilience, adaptability & importance of perseverance. The core lessons are importance of going with the flow rather than resisting the

natural current of life & the need for dissolution of individual ego for enabling return to & merging with the Divine source.

May we all get due wisdom & His support throughout, as without which we just can't succeed even by an inch.

Pranams

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