

**Lesson # III***Continuation of a Talk given in 1972 in Brindavan,*

This is part of a series of talks given by Shyam to the children in Brindavan, Indian, in 1972, when he was touring South India as a monk, modified in the United States in 2001.

May I have the honor to address you as children? I believe you are all under 12 – between 7 and 12. How pleased I am to see your rosy cheeks, glittering eyes, and sharper looks. You may not be able to fathom my joy; but I know for a fact that you are able to feel my heart in yours. If you were fortunate enough to see today's dawn you'll cherish it all your life. One of the Eastern scriptures says that the dawn is the dream of God's creative fancy. I know very well that you have dreams of your own with creative fancy. When I was your age I had dreams and those dreams have guided my life to this day on a path of dynamic action and magical movements. Now is the right time for you to sow the seeds of goodness and reap the harvest when you grow up to be adults. You have experienced the world around you. You have experienced your parents, your friends, your likings and desires. The world around us is not very kind and helpful. But all help comes from inside. There is a greater world inside you – a world if not tinged with external influences, may open up into a compact package of values, virtues, into good solutions and manageable ambitions. You are young. A vast field of opportunities lies open for you. But to make use of this genuine field of mesmerizing consequences you need to undergo refinement without self imposed conditions. Here you come to a crucial point. You must be strong. Your own strength should surprise you in adverse circumstances. You will generally experience peer pressure and even compelling attitudes from your parents and friends. If your parents tell you it's all right to drink a little wine during supper you must have the ability and courage to say no. This is not disobedience; it is obedience to the higher calling of your heart, which is young but yet, capable of resisting all kinds of temptations. One day your parents will be proud of you. Your friends may try to induce you to their own ways of leading a loose life. If you are strong enough you'll again resist against the temptation, temptation of leading a loose life in secret. A life of integration and diligent attitude has no secrecy. It's an open book, which God can read without difficulty. The second point is abstinence - Abstinence from sensual callings.



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In my younger days, sex before marriage was taboo. I understood the importance of being celibate to conserve my energy and maintain my character beyond all reasonable doubts without being forced to take such a course. You must all know that life is not a bed of roses all the time. But if you know how to manage the thorns, we have the magical touch of the petals, which will linger in your memories even when you become old. Your age is an age of mastery and not slavery. First mastery starts with mastering the senses. Never try to cater to the whims and fancies of the senses because they are yours. Remember that your senses are important tools in managing your life to the highest good. Your highest good doesn't lie in pleasing yourself but by helping others to enjoy their life in a sumptuous way, devoid of aberrations. When I was fourteen years of age, I read the complete works of Shakespeare. Even though I didn't understand everything I read, the language impressed me so much, that my understanding of Shakespeare came by my own impressions, which I carried with me throughout my life. One day in a dream, I saw something very profound. And next day morning, when I woke up I uttered to myself these sentences:

What lies in life, if it is not lived intelligently and adequately!

What joy is joy, if it is not found in myself?

What happiness is happiness, if it is not if it is not earned by merit?

What bliss is bliss if it doesn't manifest through my conscience attitude!

I feel really privileged to place all these points before you including my experience my adventure and all my dialogues with myself in which the element of God is always present. You are bound to succeed in life without any doubt. You may not become a president or prime minister of a country but you'll be something very unique. You'll be uniquely yourself. And excel in your ever-expanding world of understanding, love and piety.

May God bless you! *Shyam*



“Unification” by Gayatri

These are a few thoughts about our human life in a cosmic context. In Qaballistic Sacred Psychology, one principle stands out as an assertion of our existence as human beings: energy flows from one polarity to its opposite. Creation crystallized forth as a swirling of energy from a point of emergence, the Bindu in Sanskrit, or Kether in Hebrew. This point of emergence had all the potency of creation hidden inside one point. When we see a fireworks display, we see that shooting out of brilliant light from a center of emergence. This is a mild metaphor on our terms of an immense and awesome undertaking, the emergence of creation itself. A few primary opposites arise from the first emergence: the creator/created primordial relationship, the male/female creative interplay of bringing to birth, and the heaven/earth grounding of archetypal ideas in matter. In this brief essay, I'd like to state a few ideas regarding the grounding of the celestial in matter, in the earth. The main requirement is for energy to flow in a circuit. It flows in a circuit due to pulsations of charges that flow from positive to negative and back again. This magnetic polarity enables energy to be released from a potential to active state. These are all principles of elementary physics. Centuries ago principles of physics and metaphysics were explored side by side by learned persons, without the “fear of contamination of the metaphysical upon the physical sciences.” Now, Huston Smith, Larry Dossey, Ken Wilber as well as others are leading the sci-

ences back into examining these realms conjointly. In the Qaballah, the principle of polarity is intrinsic to all explanations. After listening to Shyam for many years and considering him to be one of the foremost creative minds of our time, I have come to ask myself; why do I keep feeling the need to explore ancient philosophies? Why don't I simply find the truth and get on with it?

The spiritual life is a demanding life, and requires continual growth and expansion of our inner awareness and applications in life. We arrive at a sense of truth, and sometimes maintain that sense for a while, only to slam against another difficult circumstance in life that challenges our previous understanding. So I find that my real need is to rise above *and* to master situations in life. The need to master my own pathologies and inadequacies is the real reason I keep exploring ancient knowledge, like a detective looking for clues to a murder mystery. One clue that has a solid worth is that Self-Value can only originate from our primordial relationship to the Creator. Any system of self-esteem based upon attributes ‘rests upon the laurels’ of traits and achievements, temporary belongings quickly lost through any number of untoward circumstances. Our personal esteem must rest firmly upon our status as created beings, not upon any list of so-called positive assessments. An ancient Sanskrit mantra to the divine “without attributes” gives the core of this meaning. In the Vedas, the Brahman, or the Absolute, is considered to be beyond all specific knowledge and attributes. The tapping into this consciousness is also



the source of all value and, on the human level, of all power and poise. The mantra is translated:

"I bow to the Supreme, whose exterior form is Nirvana, I bow to the Supreme Ruler of our world. Who manifests on the physical plane as the sun, who expands in the scriptures as

"All Consciousness/Knowledge"; who is unborn, does not age, is without qualities, who is Absolute Direct Knowledge of the Eternal, who dwells in the Eternal... I worship Thee who is without the alteration of opposite states, without desire, who takes form through consciousness and who is above all space."

To transcend personality complexes and the lower automatisms of the ego requires an enormous refinement. Clues to this refinement come in the form of ancient scriptures.

With this point of origin as the foremost statement of our primal identity, the earth is our vehicle of manifestation. The earth is the plane of attributes and expression, in this sense the opposite of the primordial Absolute with no qualities. Yet when a consciousness is in tune or in union with that "One of No Attributes" or the "No-Thing," tremendous power and poise are expressed in the earthly life. That place of Absolute Value bestows confidence and certainty in earthly life, enabling us to proceed through multitudes of challenges with skill, dexterity and detachment, free from the debilitating effects of

fear, anger, or for that matter any of the seven deadly sins. Sins of "Sins of Excessive Love" include carnality, avarice, and gluttony. The "Sin of Defective Love" is sloth. "Sins of Perverted Love" include pride, wrath, and envy. I prefer the Qaballistic definition of sin as simply "missing the mark," with the mark being our point of original value – the Absolute Value of our primordial identity. We "pick up" these defects by the mixture of consciousness with the earthly plane, which is the only plane where the dimensions of good and evil can intermingle. This means that the earth is the only realm where good can influence evil or "vice" versa. The ancient meaning of the existence of the earth regards the "wisdom of the holy unification." This is only possible on the plane of physical existence, where all qualities and attributes freely intermingle. This is the plane where we conduct our lives, where we can express that consciousness of the Absolute, and consent to Its working in us to direct the course of manifestation. When we say we want to have a better world, this is the "de-sire" of the divine flowing through us. In physical human form, we provide that polarity, which allows the energy of the "No-Thing" to flow into the world of "Things." Our whole lives, dedicated to refinement and the "wisdom of unification," can express this flow. Therein is our joy, our union, even our purpose.

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I really do not know how many Christmases I have passed in this country. Maybe twenty. This Christmas message will be very spiritual because the country is going through a great calamity. Thousands of innocent people died when the trade center in NY was devastated by terrorist attacks. The human race has lived in terror almost all of its existence. There is terror everywhere. Fear exists in every nook and corner. There is danger, there is also courage, and the triumphant human spirit, which never decays nor diminishes in vain. We weave a tapestry with threads of different colors but yet the tapestry is a beautiful piece of art. We celebrate Christmas in the name of Jesus Christ who sacrificed with life for the betterment of the world. He was also a victim of terrorists. If you take into consideration all the sacrifices made by great people in the world, we feel a sense of duty we owe to them for love and caring to those who deserve and our allegiance to the cause of humanity. May this Christmas be a great blessing to you all and may the spirit of sacrifice embolden you and enlighten your path of journey. I wish you a happy and meaningful Christmas and a New Year with brightened horizon and a shimmering dawn.

Love, Shyam

