



The Vision Of Divine Life

The greatest blessing that has come from Gurudev is the Vision of Divine Life; the ideal of Divine Life lived in a life filled with a divine quality. It is the sound practical teaching of living a vision.

Let compassion fill your heart, let truthfulness rule your life and actions. Let highest purity mark your entire being. May what you are and what you do – your being and doing – be filled with the sublime quality of purity! Adhere to truth, live in truth, act in truth and abide in truth. Let your heart always be filled with compassion towards even the least of God's creatures – the ants, the flies and the insects – and even towards the grass under your feet. Let *Dharma* be your supreme ornament. Let the light of *Dharma* effulgently shine forth from your entire life – from your thoughts, words and actions – to live for this ideal, to ever keep striving for this ideal, even to die for this ideal. What greater privilege and honour would one ever want in this squalid life of bickering, selfishness, envy, jealousy, greed, hatred, anger, ungenerosity and pettiness, than to reflect on God in and through your being and doing?

This indeed is the highest good fortune and the Supreme honour to shed selfishness and fill your life with unselfishness, to fill your heart with devotion and ever be in a state of loving, devoted communion with the Supreme Reality, to be a living and moving centre of love for the Divine.

What more would one wish to occupy oneself with than to be ever engaged in working upon himself, perfecting himself, subduing the senses, calming down the restless mind day after day, making the mind inward, gathering its rays, focussing it upon the Reality and dwelling in that state of inner calmness, an inner abidance with the Divine through contemplation and meditation? What more one would wish than to ever discriminate between the Real and Unreal, the Reality and the appearances, and ever move from being bound to a physical consciousness towards a gradual identification with the invisible, the subtle, the undying Real?

Gurudev has granted us the vision of Divine Life, the practical spiritual teachings for this great adventure of divinising our life, with the ingredients of selflessness and service, devotion and worship, discipline and meditation, with the ceaseless enquiry, discrimination, investigation and illumination, with the lofty character and conduct, and an unswerving abidance to truth. May God speed you towards that shining Goal!

May God Bless You All!

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