



All Faculties Are Divine

Homage unto the Divine, the all-pervading, eternal and infinite One beyond time and space, the source and origin of countless billions of universes, *anantakoti brahmanda!* God has become manifest as this universe. All is pervaded by God. He is everywhere, in all things. Every atom of matter, every spec of space contains Him. He is immanent.

But we do not apply it to ourselves. If all is God, the power of our speech is God. Our intellect, our mind, our body are also parts of God. Our faculties of sight, sound, taste, smell, speech all are God. Therefore, we should regard them with reverence, use them with reverence.

You should not misuse your speech to harm or insult anyone, or to speak with disrespect; for then, you are making wrong use of the power of speech that is God. Have purity of sight. Do not use your sight to express ill will, hatred, anger, for then you are misusing this faculty of God. Hear what will be beneficial to you, that which is pure; otherwise you are putting a divine faculty to and undivine use. Let your hands and feet move only in a divine and spiritual way; other you are misusing God's presence and power in the form of this faculty. In this way, try to apply the truth about the presence of God in the form of all faculties in your own self. Knowing this truth, make only divine use of all your faculties that are God, *Para-Shakti*. The presence of the Divine is to be felt in us and as all our faculties, as everything we possess.

“Ya Devi sarva bhutesu Bhudhi rupena samsthita; Namastasyai Namastasyai Namastasyai Namo Namah – I salute again and again, that great Cosmic Power, the great Devi, who is present in all beings in the form of intellect.” Ever try to uplift this divine faculty and elevate it to a higher and higher level. Never bring it down by your misuse of it. We forget that God is present in us as this faculty and therefore it is meant to be put to a sublime and noble use. And we also forget that God is present as the witness of all that we do. When we forget this and act in a contrary way, for the time being God does not exist for us, we are atheists.

Ponder this point. All faculties are divine. They are God in manifestation. Therefore, relate yourself to them with reverence; deal them in a divine way. This will bring you to your own highest good.

May God Bless You All! May Gurudev Bless You All!

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