The Vision Of Life

Radiant immortal Atman Beloved children of the Divine! There are certain very significant, important and meaningful aspects of the sacred land of India. These lofty concepts that were handed down to posterity were not arrived at through reasoning or speculation, but rather through Aparokshanubhuti – direct personal Experience – within the depths of their consciousness.

First and foremost, it is a vision and a way of life based upon an aspiration for Enlightenment, to be ever moving towards the Light, and rejecting all that is darkness. Darkness binds and is the greatest stumbling block to the process of evolution. The meaning of life is transcending all darkness. “Tamaso Ma Jyotirgamaya - From darkness lead us unto Light.” [Bri. Up. 1.3.28] This aspiration, this seeking after the Light and turning away from darkness should be a constant, unbroken process within each one of you. He who seeks the supreme Light of lights is a Sadhaka, a jinasu.

The other great concept is that everything is sacred, for everything is indwelt, pervaded and permeated by the Divine Reality. In the midst of the ever-changing, ephemeral, evanescent, there is the never-changing, stable, permanent. And thus the logical conclusion of it is that every movement, every force, every form of energy is a manifestation of this great Reality, the Light of lights. Everything indeed in this Universe is derived from the Divine Source, and therefore, is divine, sacred.

The eternal Reality is infinite, imponderable power of energy, Para-Shakti, the transcendental Power, Adi-Shakti or the Primal Power, or Maha-Shakti or the great Power. Everything is saturated by that great Power. The true seeker treats all the force, energy and power at his disposal with great reverence. He generates such force through samyama, self-control, sadhana and tapasya. He channelises this force for creative, gainful and constructive attainment, for progressing upon the path of Yoga.

It is the force that is the Prana-Shakti and the Kundalini-Shakti within you. It is this force that in-fills each Divine Name, in-fills the mantra that you receive. The entire creation is the play of this Power of powers. God has made us for ascent into divine perfection, and if forces at our disposal are misdirected or wasted away, then we nullify the will of God in our lives. We thwart the very purpose of our existence. So, utilise it for the attainment of Self-Realisation only.

May God Bless You All!

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