



You Are Pure Like A Crystal

Our philosophy offers the analogy of a perfectly clear crystal, which is transparent and pure, but becomes filled, as it were, with some colour when some coloured object is brought forth near it. The object may be a green-coloured ball or red-coloured flower or a blue coloured cork, and the whole crystal becomes green or red or blue. This proximity to something having some characteristic brings about a seeming transference of that pure, transparent, clear crystal. So it is the proximity to something that is the cause for the apparent change in the otherwise attribute-less crystal ball.

You are also in a similar state of proximity to something and you have become involved with, and therefore, the conditions that exist in that factor seem as though they have come and taken possession of you. If you want the crystal to become clear once again, you have to bring about once again a separation between the crystal and its proximate object. You have to bring about a cessation of the proximity by separating the two. If the crystal is once again isolated from that object which is superimposing all the qualities upon it, then, once again it regains its own nature. It is no more modified and qualified by that something else which is not a part of its essential being. This is the analogy you have to consider and keep in mind.

Your essential pristine identity is your eternal, unchanging nature. What is it that has thus become involved in a state of proximity with you and is seemingly transferring its imperfect nature upon your perfectly pristine native condition which is sorrow-less, painless, without any blemish? It is the Phenomenal Nature, *Prakriti*. It acts as a factor, which limits you into a certain range of experience, which is its own territory. Your eternal, unchanging nature is perfectly free from all the limitations that are part of *Prakriti*. This association of *Prakriti* is the root cause of being deprived of that experience of fullness and perfection, of peace and joy, which is your native State. Your true identity is the state of *Purusha*, of the Self, of the real Being.

God Bless You!

■ Swami Chidananda

Even for a quarter of a second, the time taken for the eye-lids to close and open, if your mind does not run away from the lotus-feet of the Lord, i;e if your devotion is Tailadharavat, like flow of oil at all times, you will have the whole wealth of the three worlds at your disposal. The Lord will follow such a devotee wherever he goes. He (the Lord) wears the dust of his feet as His Tilak on his forehead.