



Awake, Arise

Worshipful homage to the supreme, eternal Cosmic Being that pervades and indwells all things! The Creator, who shines amidst them all, is nearer to them than anything else, dearer to them than all things put together, more their own than any other thing. Yet that Being is not known! Being closest to us, we feel Him not, being present everywhere, we perceive Him not. This strange, inexplicable phenomenon has been given the metaphysical term *maya*. Due to *maya*, the ever present is not recognised; the ever proximate is regarded as being remote. We search for that Being who is ever found.

“*Ekam Eva Adhvitheyam Brahman* – Whatever exists is One without a second.” That eternally existing, ever present great Reality is non-dual, one and one alone. The term *maya*, therefore is a term to describe an inexplicable state of that Universal Being only. The moment you take your mind away from Brahman, you are in *maya* with all the delusion, all the problems and complications. He is present everywhere, yet He is not recognised nor comprehended. This state of imperfect consciousness is designated as *maya*. It is nothing but a mysterious something emanating from Brahman Himself. There is no such dichotomy as God and Satan, or Jehovah and Devil. Even the dichotomy of *Daivi* and *Asuri sampada* is only temporary. Whatever is within you.

We are so busy with the world around us that we have no time for the within. All problems emanate from within you. All solutions are to be sought, found and applied within you. Open your eyes and perceive. You do not have to fear a devil. You do not have to run to take shelter in any other power. There is no power in this universe that can come in the way of your affirming and asserting your fullness and perfection. It is yours! Only you have to shake off lethargy, shake off negativity. *Sadhana* is ultimately putting an end to unnecessary negative thoughts.

“*Uttishtha Jagrat Praapya Varranibodhat* - Arise, awake and attain Illumination.” Do that now. Take refuge in the Supreme. Wake up from the dream. You are never bound, never imperfect. You are “*Nitya-shuddha, Nitya-mukta, Nitya-buddha, Nitya-paripurna Anandamay Atmatattwa* - Wake up! Boldly claim your birthright and be what you already are, ever full, ever pure, one hundred percent pure Divinity.” May the Supreme Reality Shower grace and reveal Itself, not in the distant future, but right now, here, at this very moment.

God Bless You!

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