Attain Divinity

Blessed immortal Atman! Blessed and fortunate sadhakas! The Universal Being has called you a life higher, nobler and more sublime than a mere pleasure seeking, a life of hankering after mere sensual pleasures, which are ultimately the sources of pain and sorrow, restlessness and despair. The Supreme has brought about an inner awakening, opened your eyes. And you have understood the declaration of Vedanta: “Whatsoever is perceived is perishable, seek the Eternal and attain immortality.”

The great Reality has come into your life. The eternal call keeps you ever recurring in thousand different ways from all sources all around you, from all scriptures: “Uttisthata Jagrata Prapya Varannibodhata – Arise, awake, having reached the wise, be enlightened.” [Katha. Up. 1.3.14] In this lies your supreme blessedness. You have heeded that call and entered into the life sublime. You are the one who has been fortunate enough to answer that call. In you the Voice that has called has not been drowned by the harsh strident demands of your lower nature and sense appetites. And therefore, your life should be a ceaseless, determined quest of that transcendental Reality. This inner aspiration is to be ever present in you, urging you onward and ever onward towards that glorious and grand consummation. Each day, each dawn, each effort put forth will be a gain. Keep on this movement towards the Divine.

How are you living at this moment? What is the state of your heart and mind? It is this that decides what you will really become, what you will attain. For, the ultimate Experience depends upon the here and now, the immediate present, which constitutes life. The most vital aspect of your life is the here-and-now, the present, today, this hour, this minute. That is life. It is important for every seeker, every aspirant, that sadhana is now. This minute is the movement of sadhana. Today is life to be lived. Today is yoga to be practised. You have to live in the present. Thus realise the vital importance of making the present a time of sadhana, a time of striving, a time of abhyasa (practice). And where there is sincerity, earnestness, determination, there God is present, there God’s help is available, there you will find His blessings in abundance. “Kaunteya Pratijaaneethi Na Me Bhaktah Pranashyati – Arjuna know for certain that My devotee never perishes.” [Gita 9.31] Fearlessly move forward on the great path of Light!

God Bless You!

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