



## The Infinite Power Within

The mental state is the ultimate deciding factor and the *antahkarana* the ultimate deciding ground where your life and the ultimate outcome of your life – its fruition or its frustration – have to be worked out. Outward things become nullified or overcome if your inward state gathers within itself and becomes conquering instrument. If your interior state assumes the state “*Nashto Mohah Smritirlabdhaa Twaṭprasaadaanmayaachyuta; Sthito’smi Gata Sandehah Karishye Vachanam Tava* – Destroyed is my delusion as I have gained my memory (Knowledge) through Thy grace O Krishna! I am firm, my doubts are gone; I will act according to Thy word”. [Gita 18.73] If this type of robust dynamism comes to prevail in your mind, then there is no power on earth that can stand in the way of you taking your life to its ultimate pinnacle point of perfection and total fruition. This is the simple truth. And if Napoleon declared that there was no word “impossible” in his dictionary, he declared a fact, he declared the simple truth.

We are constantly being faced with new situations, new circumstances. But to lament that situation is incorrect, because it demonstrates a basic and essential lack of faith in one’s self. Vedanta does not accept even a vestige of hesitation: “*Aham Brahm Asmi* – I am indeed Brahman, I am indeed no other than the Absolute”. [Bri. Up. 1.4.10] “*Aham Eva Vyayonantah Shuddha-vijnana-vigrahaḥ Sukham Duhkham Na Janami Katham Kasyapi Vartate* – I am imperishable infinite, pure consciousness, I alone am”. [Avadhoot Gita 1.7] “*Janma Murtyuh Na Te Chittam Bandha Mokshas Shubhashubhau Katham Rodishi Re Vatsa Nama Rupam Na Te Na Me* – You have no bondage, no Liberation, nothing good, nothing bad. Why do you weep, O child? You have no name and form, nor have I. [Avadhoot Gita 1.17] “*Vedanta-sara-sarvasvam Jnanam Vijnanam Eva Cha Aham Atma Nirakarah Sarvavyapi Swabhavataḥ* – This is the sum and essence of all Vedanta, this is wisdom and knowledge. I am the Atma that is formless, all-pervading by nature”. [Avadhoot Gita 1.5] “*Kshudram Hridaya Daurbalyam Tyaktwottishtha Parantapa* – Cast off this mean weakness of the heart. Stand up, O scorcher of the foes.” [Gita 2.3] – That is the call of Gita. “*Naymatma balheenain labhya* – This Atman cannot be attained by the weak, by the negative, by the diffident, by those lacking in self-confidence.” [Mun. Up. 3.2.4] There is infinite power within each one. The stuff of each individual is measured by one’s response to the challenge. Do the needful in situation. That is the attitude. A real human being is made in the image of God. There is in him hidden Divinity, which is awaiting to be liberated, awaiting to break forth from the shackles that bind one’s infinity and Eternity. May you become blessed!

May God Bless You All!

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