



The Call Of The Great Ones

Loving adorations to beloved Gurudev and those like Him who have been sent by the Supreme Being to help us in this inner journey of the spirit, back towards its source and origin. They are the messengers of God. They are the prophets who call us back. Most fortunate and blessed are we who have been called into this inner journey that completes our destiny. Thrice blessed are those who realise this, recognise this spiritual truth and who recognising the exact implication of this, plunge into this spiritual journey and commence the inner ascent towards Divinity.

This is the call of Dattatreya, the great Guru: "You are the ever liberated one. You have no bondage. You are the ever-liberated Cosmic Being. Why do you not recognise this fact? Why do you still wander about groping, falling, and stumbling? Why do you weep and wail? Come, rejoice and enter into this adventure of life. Joyously undertake this pilgrimage to the pinnacle of perfection".

Lord Jesus too calls: "Most fortunate and blessed are ye. Come, come. Seek the Eternal. Give it a first priority. This is the highest value. It is the pearl of surpassing price, to have which it is worthwhile throwing aside and giving up everything else".

The spiritual ideal is more valuable than all the gold, silver, diamonds and the wealth of the world put together. It is the treasure of treasures, the pearl of surpassing price, *atulya*, unparalleled. The awakened soul knows that everything that has been given up for the spiritual ideal is nothing. Nothing has been given up. He says: "My renunciation is no renunciation. It is acquisition, a great gain".

For every moment, each step and every breath, it is the fulfilment of God's divine plan for the fortunate soul. Thus, one must rightly understand, appraise, evaluate and recognise the life spiritual, the ideal divine and the goal supreme. That is wisdom. That is real blessedness.

May our lives be lived in the light of this recognition and wisdom. You may thus live with understanding and move towards divine perfection, and divine destiny which is calling us.

May God Bless You All!

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