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Introduction

'Symbolism of Scriptures' was the most sought after talk in Europe. There were many talks given by Master E.K. in Europe in relation to the scriptural symbolism. Master E.K. was master of the six Keys to Veda. Astrology, Etymology, Metres, Grammar, Time Cycles and utterance of Sound are the six Keys without which the knowledge of the scriptures cannot be unlocked.

Madam HPB inaugurated to the west, unfoldment of the Universal Wisdom to the theistic communities. She used astrology, etymology and the time key and gave out vistas of Wisdom to the West in relation to the Universe and the Man. This has generated global interest to know beyond what is peripherally expressed in the scriptures. It is further followed up by Master E.K., in his teachings and writings.

Generally theists tend to be devotional and rhythmic and hold on to a name or to a form of god. They do not perceive the Omnipresent, Omnipotent and Omniscient God, much less they comprehend the patterns of manifestation of that universal energy, its cycles, sub-cycles and the cardinal formulation. They can be known only when the keys of wisdom are realized.

The Himalayan masters hold all the six Keys to Veda. They preserved wisdom through cycles of time which was shared from time to time all over the globe according to the need. Pythagoras was one of those who used the number, sound, colour and symbol keys to unfold wisdom to Europe. For that matter, every Initiate is one who masters three or four keys to wisdom if not all the six.

Master E.K. was playfully presenting the scriptural symbols and was explaining their significance to the listeners. It is an endless topic, for, it is too profound. That was the reason for many talks on the subject. The present book is but a glimpse into the vast wisdom to which Master E.K. submitted himself and expressed *extempore*.

Kulapathi Book Trust, dedicated to publishing the teachings of Master E.K. deserves to be appreciated for the commendable book work that they continued to do.

K. PARVATHI KUMAR

The Ritual Continues....

The ritual of bringing out Master's overseas lectures into printing continues uninterruptedly with the blessings of the Master without any respite. We feel that it is his grace to bless us to participate in this ritual.

The lectures in this Volume "*Symbolism of the Scriptures*" are the most advanced lectures on the Symbolism of the various scriptures of ancient nations. If anyone goes through the book "Secret Doctrine" of Madam Blavatsky, he will understand the importance of the symbolism. This lecture has more depth in its esoteric content. In this lecture Master explained about the symbolism hidden in the concept of "*Trimurthy* and their Consorts", the relationship between four faces of Brahma and four stages of Utterance, Lotus, Sun, Serpent, Eagle, Swan, Adam and Eve, Tree of Knowledge, Moses, Abraham, Jacob, Solomon etc.

Read the following lines of the Master :

"Through these symbols, we are expected to read the 'One Book'. Half of the book is placed at some place and half of the book is placed at some other place. That means, you the reader will be half of the book and the whole Creation without yourself forms the other part of the book. What you call subjectivity becomes half of the volume. What you call objectivity forms the other half. This one aspect is common in the symbolism of the scriptures. Begin to know 'thyself'. Read yourself. You will know what is there in others. That is the way how we are expected to start the reading of the scriptures."

Read the following lines about how Master correlated between Lord Vishnu and Space. It is one of the best symbolic scientific explanations.

"The Background Consciousness is called Vishnu. The word Vishnu means pervasion. That is, if there is a vessel, there is space outside and space inside and also there is space between two atoms in the vessel and there is space within the atoms of the vessel also. Ultimately, we find nothing but space in everything because space has its own vibrations just as milk when boiled has its own cream crusting on the surface. Similarly space has its own cream crusting on the surface. The cream is the formation of the Creation. Like that, we find the Lord as the pervasion. We can know him only as space and we can know that the Brahma is made up of space, just as all the atoms of every substance are made up of space. Within the atoms, there is only space. Between two atoms, there is only space. Outside the atoms, there is only space. So, the atoms are only ideas in the Cosmic Mind."

See, how he explained about the 'Indweller' and the 'Space' in a beautiful way.

"What we call the indweller of the body is nothing but what we call space outside. Space created all the beings so that space wanted to speak in the form of many beings to each other. Therefore, the temple of many ancient nations contains only one entrance and the same exit without having a second entrance. This indicates the passage of air into the lungs and coming out in the form of exhalation. Inhalation of air and exhalation of air taking the same passage through the nostrils or mouth represent the outer God entering into the inner 'I AM' making the inner 'I AM' live or working as the inner 'I AM' and then coming out as the outer air. So, we are praying and speaking about Him but also we are speaking to Him. That means, with the air we breathe in, we speak out our speech. What we call our speech contains only the air that we have borrowed from outside. So, this is the 'borrowed robes'."

The WTT Brotherhood of Machilipatnam Branch brought out 9th Volume of Overseas Messages of Master E. K., entitled "Symbolism of the Scriptures" to be released by *our beloved Master; Master Parvathi Kumar garu on 29th May 2019, May Call Day at Mount Shasta, California, USA.*

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We fervently hope that the readers would be blessed with enlightenment and awakening after going through this higher wisdom.

Ch. S. N. RAJU

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May his family be blessed by the Divine Grace of Master E.K.

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Symbolism of the Scriptures

Dear brothers and sisters of Belgium, once again I am very happy to see you all after a long interval of one year. Every year my closeness in heart with you increases. The first time itself when I came to Belgium, I felt it was like my home. There is no wonder if I feel more and more intimate when I come to see you again and again. This time, I am asked to speak something, some important aspects about the "Symbolism of the Scriptures".

It is really an important subject when we see the present trends of human society. We have seen some unrest increasing in the human minds which is quite natural when we consider the various stages of evolution of the human being. The same type of unrest took place with every batch of human beings in the past ages whenever a new batch of human beings was sent from the animal kingdom to the human kingdom.

The evolution of the human being involves a bit of *responsibility* which was not there with the other kingdoms and also the *instinct to know things* is there in the human being. These are the two things which make the human beings different from the other living beings on this earth. But for these two aspects, the other things are common.

The appetite and the thirst are common; sleep is common; the instinct of reproduction is common; the pain and pleasure are common. All other things are common between the human beings and the beings of other kingdoms.

The instinct to know things and understand is the one thing that differentiates them. The responsibility that is placed upon the human kingdom by Nature depends upon the maturity of the stage of evolution in the human kingdom. The human beings are classed as more evolved than all the other kingdoms on this earth and therefore the power to decide is given to the human beings. Through trial and error method, the human being uses the power to decide. Sometimes he decides it in his favour and sometimes to his unfavourable conditions. This is because of lack of experience through evolution. It is only after some experience that we the human beings understand that we are capable of creating our own happiness and unhappiness. It is proved again and again by many wars that the human being creates against himself.

The one thing which we call civilization is man-made and no other creature on this earth can have concept of what we call civilization. Civilization permits us to enjoy some privileges from Nature. But there is a higher aspect of civilization which the wise people call culture. Culture is a little bit different from civilization. Culture reminds us of our responsibilities and duties, whereas civilization assures us of some enjoyments and privileges. So, our pioneering spirit allows us to increase and improve our civilization and permits us to enjoy certain things in Nature

which the other beings are not entitled to enjoy. At the same time, culture warns us that there are certain responsibilities. It also reminds us that we are the makers of our own fate and we are expected to create our own happiness or unhappiness.

So, whenever we try to experiment with Nature and environment and the other people, we think sometimes correctly and sometimes incorrectly. As a result, we do things correctly sometimes and incorrectly sometimes. Whenever we think correctly, it is verified and corroborated by Nature, conferring upon us some happiness. Then every step makes our comprehension wider and wider, so that more freedom is bestowed upon us. Whenever we are wrong in our thinking and doing, there is also the instantaneous corroboration from Nature and we have the verification in the form of pain and suffering. Whenever we default with Nature, whenever we default with our fellow beings or with the beings of the other kingdoms or whenever we default with our own food, drink and clothing and rest, we are informed by Nature through a mystic language which we call pain and suffering.

Sometimes we are not very readily inclined to accept that we are wrong because we search for the causes outside ourselves. We may believe that some people might have caused or inflicted pain upon us or sometimes we may believe that the planets have caused the pain to us. Sometimes, we may believe that Nature's forces are against us. Sometimes we may also believe that God is against us. But these suppositions do not minimize the suffering

we experience and hence we are forced to change our suppositions and come to the right understanding gradually through steps.

The right understanding is, we are the cause of our own suffering or happiness. Whenever we behave in right terms with others and Nature, we are rewarded by Nature which is the kingdom of the background existence which we call God. So, there is a definite language that is to be understood by us and a definite import from Nature which is to be received by the human being. We are expected to know the language of Nature in its alphabet, in its vocabulary, in the meanings of the vocabulary, in framing the vocabulary into its own sentences and forming the sentences into a text, a text which is not prepared by any one of us, but a text which is copied from Nature directly.

So, the wise men of the ancient times understood that there is a text in Nature. There are pages to be read by the human being in that text and there are sentences that are being transmitted to the human being by Nature. Through many generations, they made a verification on the corroboration of this one text existing. Not only that, they also could make a differentiation between the various texts made by man and the one text that exists in the form of Nature. They could give us the method of understanding and reading the text, the various steps of how to learn the language and read the text and how to remember that the text is a permanent one. It lives through all eternity. It exists in the form of the wisdom of Nature.

By virtue of this text, Nature is never erring or mistaking in its workings that the day and the night are not confused, the months are not confused and the months have their own language of the new moon and the full moon. The seasons and their effects are there and never confused; the cycle of the year is there which is never confused. The astronomical precession of the solar year is there with the exactitude of the fraction of a second. They also understood the periodical workings of Nature through which the creation is sent as a downpour into existence.

They could understand how the seed remembers the tree; how the seed produces the tree in its exactitude, the same shape of tree and the same shape of leaves, the same flowers and the same perfume and the same smell and the same taste and the same nature of the same tree. See how the seeds remember all these things in their recollection! How the same seed produces the same tree without any error, how the poles produce the cold atmosphere and the equator produces heat, how the periodical revolutions of the planet produce circles and cycles that are very regular!

All these facts prove that there is wisdom in Nature which produces the millions and millions of intelligences that work in Nature. Unless there is an eternal book in Nature, an eternal wisdom which knows itself and an eternal personality who knows himself and his own book, such a precision and regularity are not possible. So, when they began to probe into Nature in the positive terms, Nature welcomed them and permitted them to know more and more

and rewarded those beings who could probe into Nature by giving them the wisdom and the light that is required and by installing them as the patriarchs and the prophets and the seers of the ancient times. Gradually man came to systematize his observation of Nature without polluting it with his own imaginations, expectations and thoughts.

So, there are two types of people among the human beings on this earth. Those who produce their own thoughts, their own reactions to the environment, their own imaginations, their own expectations about others, and their own instincts and reflexes, and those people believe that their own thoughts are true and they begin to behave according to their own expectations. Since they have not yet grown aware of another book that is existing in Nature, they come into conflict with the Law that is there in the book of Nature and whenever they violate the Law, they receive the pain. They imagine that others are the cause of their own pain and suffering.

The other group of people, a second group, they very well remember that their own thoughts and imaginations have nothing to do with the book of Nature and that they have to gradually eliminate their own thoughts and imaginations and expectations, that they should get educated with the machine that is given to them in the name of Nature, that they should know the technical know-how of the machine and that they should abide by the rules of the machine to make the machine work. Otherwise wherever there is violation, there will be an injury and a cut to their hands. The injury is not due to the machine, but it is due to our misbehaviour with the machine.

This understanding is what they call *karma*. Whenever we misbehave with the machine of Nature, it is called the result of bad *karma* or our own independent thinking away from the working of the machine. So, those people who could understand very well this fact, they began to give more importance to the book of Nature as to how to know its alphabets and read the book, as to how to handle the machine, machinery of Nature of which his own constitution is a part. They remember that their body and mind are not separate entities. They very well remember that their constitutions are only a part of Nature's machine so that they very well remember that their bodies and their minds are not their own.

They belong to another kingdom which we can call the kingdom of Nature. These people gave us the 'Book of Nature' in all its detail and the wisdom that is there concealed in it. They called "The Book". That is the true meaning of what we say scripture. Scripture is something which is written, but not by man. It should be something which is copied by man into his own language of the century and there is nothing wrong if the man of every century translates it and copies it into his own language. It can exist in the form of a thousand translations into thousand languages. But the text should be the one, that is, the import of the text should be the same.

So, the ancient nations had their own scriptures copied from the one scripture. I think, some of you those who have studied the "Secret Doctrine" of Blavatsky know about the constant reference of the '*one ancient manuscript*' from

which the various scriptures of the various nations are copied. The scripture of each nation can be considered a part of the original scripture, a few pages copied into the language of that particular nation. Like that, we have the many scriptures of the world today, each scripture having its own age of thousands of years and a rearrangement and re-editing of these scriptures is also observed through time.

For example, the author of the *Bhagavad Gita* is called *Veda Vyasa* and he presided over a group of seers like himself, five thousand years ago and he made them rearrange the scriptures available up to his time. He has systematized those scriptures under various headings in the name of the *Vedas*, the *Upanishads*, the *Puranas* and the *Itihasas*. Similarly, we find that Moses in his time has collected all the chapters of the various scriptures into one and he has established the Law once again in the form of the Pentateuch which you will find in the Old Testament. Like that, the various scriptures have been re-arranged in the light of the understanding of the modern man of that time.

After some thousands of years, these scriptures came to be understood as the writings of some intelligent authors. In fact, they were mistaken in the idea that these books contain the thoughts of the authors. These books contain the observations of the authors, but not the thoughts of the authors. That is, they contain what they received but not what they imagined. If in some places, if the passages are cryptic and mystic, it indicates that they have received like that and they never tried to fill the gaps with their

own thoughts and intelligence. So, the freshness and purity is existing with them but some people thought these books were man-made.

They could not understand the difference between the man-made books and the scriptures. We know the man-made books which contain the many poems and the many dramas and the many stories and novels. They contain what the author thought. But the scriptures contain what the author observed and copied. This is the difference between the scriptures and other books. To make this difference, they call the scriptures the impersonal writings. In the Sanskrit tradition, they are called *Apourusheya*, that means, a book which has no human being as its author. Some of the modern historians could not understand this. If we called the Old Testament as the word of God, the modern critic cannot understand what it means. If we call the four biographies of Jesus as Gospel, that means the spell of God, that is the one thing that the modern critic cannot understand. But, when the modern critic is not able to understand it, it means we have to ignore the critic and care for the book and not to change the book according to the suppositions of the critic.

Now, we will try to know what the scriptures provided us. In his process of trial and error method, the human being has tried many things. He had made many experiments and still making many experiments to establish joy, peace and happiness. Everyone is after happiness, but the total effect is that often humanity is producing unhappiness to itself. We have tried through many channels. We have tried the

scientific approach. We have discovered many things that were not there in the ancient days and we could travel through space and through time. We could understand much of the modern technology which made part of Nature as man's foot stool. We have every opportunity to live more and more happily in the light of the technological knowledge we have. But the result is we are going into more and more unhappiness as decades are passing on.

So, the solution does not exist in the technology or the science we have understood. Had we understood it, there would have been no wars at all. There would have been complete peace and understanding. So, we tried through another channel, that is, what we call the political school of thinking and the result is a thorough failure. We have landed ourselves in greater and greater troubles and miseries by a peculiar process of dividing ourselves and disintegrating into groups smaller and smaller. In the course of the previous few centuries, two or three, the humanity got itself divided into smaller and smaller units got disintegrated. Countries are disintegrated into little countries. Nations are degenerated into batches of nations. The little groups degenerated into the many groups and parties of a political nature, each criticizing the other instead of understanding.

So, we find already fed up with the political ideas. We are already sick with war and its thoughts. So, the solution does not exist with politics. It is uncultured and uncivilized to still proceed in the direction. Man tried in another direction which we call the economic

understanding of human society, measuring our work in terms of money and trying to make a better distribution. It has done some good to humanity through many centuries but what we want is not achieved through it, that is the happiness and the peace that is awaiting us. So, we tried through some other channels, the channels of religions. No doubt, religions have given us some discipline which the other methods could not give. We have enough training to regulate our thoughts and emotions but we failed to bring the whole humanity under its umbrella. People begin to live in their own ways disobeying the religious thought.

According to religion, we believe in God, we pray and we go to the Church. But still we want to behave in our own way. So, the approach of religions also is a failure. This is not because that the path is useless, but because of a simple mistake which we have committed. Every group has its own religion and every group wants that others should come under its umbrella. This is the simple mistake which proved religion is also failure. In the meanwhile, the scriptures are doing their own good work among humanity.

At first, the people of various religions took the help of the scriptures for their guidance. After some time, they began to possess these scriptures and begin to misunderstand that these scriptures belong to many religions. The fact is, scriptures are much older than the origin of the religions. They are universal and eternal in their values. While religions are like the children's schools that are established by the human beings for certain amount

of discipline, to live a happy life, people forgot that the ancient prophets did not establish any religions at all. We forget that Christ never started Christianity. We now remember only Christianity more than Christ. The Hindu forgot that the Rama or the Krishna never started Hinduism and the Buddhist forgot that Buddha never started Buddhism. The light that was given out by the prophets and the 'World Teacher' who came down in many forms is trapped into many boxes by the peoples of religions. The result is scholars began to interpret the scriptures and prophets according to them, not according to the prophets.

Once again, the prophets taught how to live according to the scriptures. Christ lived on this earth, gave us the way how to live according to the scripture. *Rama* and *Krishna* lived in the same way. Buddha lived in the same way. They wanted to prove once again that the scripture exists in the living and not in owning or possessing. So, there are people who give us light. There are people who give us the book of scripture from Nature directly. They have used many wise methods in copying the scripture into the human language. They have their own way of narrating which is very characteristic and full of significance but it is not at all intelligent because the seers and the prophets never believed in intelligence.

Intelligence is something which is useful for the human being to know something about the world and the worldly things. To know Nature and its secrets, intelligence is not the required machine. There is a more valuable machine in us which is useful. That is what they called the direct

perception, a part of which they called intuition. That is the pure way of receiving truth. But before that, we have to purify our machines and make them free from the zero error they possess.

For example, I have my own opinions about you and you have your own opinions about me. If we want to know the truth of each other, our opinions should be first of all washed off from our minds. Otherwise it is not possible to take a real photograph with a photographic plate which is already exposed many times to opinions. To have the real photograph of what there is, we should have a photographic plate which is not exposed previously. Similarly our mind which is exposed to the many pains and pleasures, many associations and many recollections, many tendencies and the habit formed natures of us, if I look through that mind, I will understand you only as a citizen of Belgium. I can't understand you as a human being and you can understand me only as an Indian citizen and not at all as a human being. When we cannot understand each other as a pure human being, then the possibility to co-exist is less and the possibility to live happily is more remote.

This solution is given in the scriptures and nowhere else at all. We find the one grand solution for the happiness of humanity in the scriptures of the various nations and not in any other movements that have taken place till today. Whenever man tried to live according to a scripture, he found a very valuable and rare commodity available to him that is what we call satisfaction, a very rare experience

man can have through it, an experience which cannot be purchased by anything. That is what we try to know by the name happiness.

So, the scriptures contain the grand solution. So, the present century has an immediate need to go to the scriptures, if not today, it may be tomorrow. When man finds a crisis impending and circumstances are more and more crushing him and war is inevitable at every step and competition is the key note of living, the hell of his experience makes him imperative to go and take shelter in one of the scriptures to select a way to live. He takes the practical steps of how to live, not to make a philosophy, not to make a religion, not to make commerce, not to make anything political, not to sloganize, not to publish, not to advertise, but to be happy. But to have satisfaction, how to live to have satisfaction? The answer is found in any one of the scriptures. That's why we have a more immediate need of the scriptures than the man of the previous centuries. Those who know the danger of the present procedure of mankind, those who understand that humanity is still trying to appreciate war on a national and an international level, they find it necessary to have a solution for mankind.

A solution for mankind can be brought only by having a solution for oneself. Unless we seek a solution for ourselves immediately, we can't show the solution to others. How can a blind man show a lamp to another who is blind? One should have his own sight to see the lamp and lead the other person with the help of the lamp. So, the only

way to show some way to the world is, to begin to live in the required direction. We want practical directions. The practical directions are available only in the scriptures. This is the need of the scriptures. Then when he begins to follow and live according to any one of the scriptures, he discovers another truth that liberty is something which is to be given and not to be taken. *If we begin to offer liberty, we will enjoy liberty. If we begin to demand liberty, we will enjoy only war and destruction.* This discovery will also be made by man only if he begins to follow one of the scriptures.

A third discovery is that happiness cannot be brought by anything else except by living happily. *One can enjoy happiness only when he wants to be happy and when he begins to live happily. Then he can transmit happiness in the form of light.* These are the three fundamental discoveries that are to be made by the human being and the modus operandi or the experiment to conduct is there. ***The only experiment to conduct for happiness is, to do something useful to others in the name of what we call service. No other laboratory experiment can prove successful in the matter.*** From this point of view, if we go into a scripture and try to understand it, we should be a bit prepared to follow the language of the scriptures. Otherwise we find only a few parables.

When the 'World Teacher' comes, he speaks only in parable and fable. You see how the Lord in the scriptures said, "I speak only in story and parable." There is no use of intellectualizing anything.

The greatness of the teacher lies in making intelligible, not intellectual. He is a good teacher who makes the student understand and he is not a good teacher who is very greedy of showing out what little he knows. What we know is of no use to the world, what we do may be of some use to the world.

That is the way in which we have to approach the scriptures. We should understand that the method of allegory and parable is a more psychological way of teaching and not the more intellectual way. The more intellectual we prepare a lesson, the more difficult it will be for the student and the more headaches and sleep is the result.

When a truth is made into a parable of profound significance, then you can understand how the scripture teaches us. The scriptures have their own symbolism and it is not as much involved as the symbolism of the modern scientific teachers. There are two different types of symbols. One is man-made, which we now see in all the books of science. The other is copied from Nature by man. If you take the sunrise and the sunset as two symbols, they are not man-made. But, if we use 'K' for potassium and 'S' for sulphur, they are symbols man-made. Of course, man-made symbols are also necessary whenever a few teachings are required. Whenever great teachings of eternal truths are required, it is foolish to use intellectual language and man-made symbol.

However great the symbols may be, the man-made symbols begin to remain with the author himself because

he fails to convey what he wants to convey to others. He becomes an object of exhibition and a zoo because things have become impenetrable. It is what is called technical jargon. They are useful only for two professors talking in a technical language but not to be useful to the world.

The symbols of the scriptures are quite different. Let us try to know how these symbols differ from man-made symbols. When man began to observe Nature, Nature taught man in the form of observation. He felt the instinct to learn. He enjoyed the sunrise and sunset and then understood that there was something to enjoy in it. When he found that the tree is coming from the seed, producing its own blossoms and perfumes and the fruit from the flower and the seed once again from the fruit and again the tree from the seed, he could directly observe the existence of a cycle that is running, that is the tree from the seed, the flower from the tree, the fruit from the flower, again the seed from the fruit. It is a repetition of the same story but not exactly a repetition.

There is something novel in it. While the cycle is being repeated in spirals, man also understood that the tree is giving leaves in the form of food to some living beings and the flowers in the form of food to some other beings and the honey in the flower in the form of food to some other beings and the edible part of the fruit as food to some other beings. So, at the same time the cycle is running and at the same time, the cycle is serving a purpose. It is giving joy when we observe and it is making us live when we eat.

So, man could observe cycles within cycles. He could also observe how he comes as his own seed in the form of his would be child at the time of fertilization. He could understand the pious meaning of what we call the sex instinct and gradually understand how it is the responsibility of the human being to keep the purity of the sex instinct, not to pollute the sex instinct, but to keep the purity of reproduction. Like this, man could understand the cycles that are running through him also.

He felt another branch of the science of the scriptures which he called the '*Science of Correspondences*'. He found that he was the seed of a still bigger being whom he called the 'Omnipresent Existence'; the time taken for the Omnipresent to descend into his own form that is the millions and millions of years that took in the course of evolution that took to bring forth man on this earth. He could equate the period of these millions of years with the period of the ten months of the development of the human embryo. He could understand that the human ego is enacting a drama and it is renarrating the story of millions and millions of years through a period of ten months, just as you can see the story of ten years or fifteen years and enjoy it in a drama or a cinema, the duration of which will be only two hours. So, within two hours, you are enjoying the story of twelve years. In the same way, man could understand the 'science of correspondences' and he could give us into books exactly in the way he received them.

He used his fresh language which did not have technical terms present. For example, if you take the book

of Genesis, the first few verses, it is said that the whole Creation is done in seven days. If a biology professor goes through the translation of these poems, unless he happened to be a true student of scriptures in his childhood with his father, he cannot find anything except nonsense in the book of Genesis. He says, 'these are books written by primitive human beings in the ancient days. There was no biology in those days. There were no Darwin and his followers to understand the evolution. Therefore the infant humanity believed that the Creation was made in seven days'. That is the stupid conclusion which the professor is forced to come when he immediately looks into the scripture without knowing how to read it. But still the scripture lives.

The theory of evolution propounded by Darwin and his followers is rectified every day till today and we find many faults which are to be rectified still, whereas the scripture is never rectified. It is only copied into new languages for new generations of mankind. But, nobody could change the sentences that the whole Creation was made in seven days because he cannot change it. That is because the truth of it is that the whole Creation is made only in seven days. How, you can ask? The teacher of scriptures will explain you in the following way. Just as you have equated the ten months of the human embryo growth with the great age of the 'Omnipresent Being' coming down to earth as human being; Just as you have equated the millions and millions of years period to the ten months, you equate in the same way the unknown quantities with the known quantities. Understand that the Creation came down in seven stages.

Each stage took millions and millions of years and each stage the scripture calls a day because it is the original meaning of the word 'day'. When there was no human being on this earth existing, the living beings that are produced from Nature began to feel the divisions of time and those divisions of time are the days to those beings. Because what we call day now is also only a division, division is a better truth than the word day. So, you can translate the truth into the word 'division' or the word 'day' or into any word you like. The truth in the background that is occurring is more true and we are forced to accept that the Creation came down only in seven days. Those are the days of the intelligences that are working in Nature, not the days of the human beings because in those ancient days, there was no human being but there were the intelligences of Nature that were working. To them, those vast periods were days.

The commonsense tells us that the days in the beginning of the Old Testament are not our solar days or lunar days because it is described that the Sun and the Moon were created on the third and the fourth day. When the Sun was created on the fourth day, how can the first three days exist? So, those three days they do not belong to our solar days, but the great durations that manufactured the Sun and the Moon and after six days of Creation, what happened? There is the Creation of what we call the physical plane existence. That is what we say God rested upon it. But we sometimes translate the scriptures wrongly. We translated that God took rest because he was fatigued. So, we translate sometimes in our own dirty terms because

we have not yet cleaned our instruments enough to receive the scriptures.

The seventh day is not to repose but to serve as a seat or a chair, that is a subsistence to maintain the six days activity of his Creation. That is what is called the repose of God because in physical matter, the awakening of God consciousness is in a sleeping state. From that state, the atoms begin to evolve once again and they receive more and more illumination. They get more and more awakened in the form of evolution when they get the awakening into the nuclear kingdom, again next into the biological kingdom and the next awakening into the plant kingdom, next into the animal kingdom and next into the human kingdom and then passing through the crisis of evolution in the human kingdom, by undergoing the many trials and errors of his own judgment and finally submitted himself to the judgment of the Lord.

So, once again the awakening takes place from the stage of the physical. That is what we call the physical matter or substance. What we call matter is nothing but atoms of various stages of awakening in the form of the mineral and the plant kingdom, busy in its process of awakening through evolution. So, when properly understood in the language of the scriptures, the whole Creation came into existence only in seven days and the expression cannot be substituted. Any other intellectual expression would be a failure and a misrepresentation. We should take it in the same simplicity and take fresh from the scripture and try to read it.

I will give you another example. ***When man is made, he is made in the image and likeness of God.*** That means, the same existence whom we call God has come down through the various stages.

Now let us try to seek for the likeness and image where it is. The likeness is there in what we call the correspondences. In Nature, there is light through the Sun and the Moon and the Stars. In us, there is the correspondence which we call the 'power' to see. So, the light has its correspondence with the sight in us. The space is there. The sound principle is there in space. The power to listen the sound is there in man. Air is there in the form of winds and breezes. The power of respiration is there in man. Like that, from head to foot, you take everything. It is only in the form of correspondences with the wider Creation. The bigger Creation can be understood as a tree and you can understand your constitution as its seed. This is how you can understand the likeness of God in man.

Then what about the image? Image means reflection. Our body is a reflection of ourselves. By reading the scriptures, we understand that we are not our body because when we cut our hair or barb and still we can live. Then we can very easily understand we are not our hair or barb. The hair and barb are the outgrowths from us into outer existence. Similarly, if the finger is cut by mistake, we can live. Commonsense tells us we are not the finger, but we have the finger. Similarly, we have the eye. We have the head. We have the chest. Like that from head to foot, we have everything and we are not anyone of these.

So, we have a body, we are not the body. We are different from what we have. So, 'we are' is the inner 'we are'. The 'we have' is the outer 'we have'. So, the outer is the image of the inner. The 'we are' is the Omnipresent in us.

The 'we have' is the exterior of the inner presence. The one existence is living in all of us just as many little bottles thrown in a river; you find the river existing in all the bottles. The bottles are in the river, but the river is in the bottles. It may appear that every bottle has a separate quantity of water. Similarly, we may out of ignorance believe that we are separately existing, each having a body. Of course, we are permitted to live with this ignorance for many births and live a life of animal individuality. But some day or other, it is inevitable that we should know that only one existence is existing in all these bodies.

Like that, the one is whom we call God and the many are the many bodies. So, each of them is created in the likeness and the image of the One. This is how we can understand step by step how God made man in his own image and likeness. *To know 'The One' in everyone, we have an awakening and an awareness into the purest of the existence of us; the existence which is not the body but the existence which includes the body; the existence which is not the mind, but which includes the mind; the existence which is not the senses but which includes the senses also. The one existence is made by us to feel someday or other. We begin to feel the real existence some day or other, but evolution stops half way in the human being. In the plants and animals and minerals, evolution conducts*

the whole process and it is not left unfinished. But in the case of human being, it is different. It is made half way and it makes man a creator of his future evolution and it leaves his evolution with him.

So, the artist is created with all his paraphernalia, with all his material and then he is left to create his art. The painter is created with all his colours and canvas and he is left to paint. Like that, the human evolution is left half way by Nature. It made man a creator on the background of the Creator and it asks the creator to create the remaining part of the evolution. Until we begin to create, it stops there and it waits at our door and many births and deaths will take place in the mean while. But the progress awaits our own stir, our own impulse. Biologically births and deaths will be taking place, but no progress is gained, just as a motor car lifted upon jockeys in the workshop. Even though the wheels are rotating at a high speed of 120 km., no distance is gained. So, the speed is there, the rotation is there and the burning of the oil is there but the distance is not gained; same thing in our case also.

We are expected to take the lead. This sculptor is chiseled with all his instruments and stone in the mountain and then he is asked to make the sculpture. That is the mystery and the miracle of human evolution. The scriptures reveal us this much. ***The scriptures ask us to know the purest of our existence to awaken into the pure 'I AM' and try to know, I am not the body, I have a body; I have a mind, I am not a mind; I have knowledge, I am not knowledge; I have intelligence, I am not intelligence I have strength, I am not strength.***

So, 'I am what'? The scripture says, "I AM that I AM". That means, don't choose a second word to know the 'I AM'. Know that the 'I AM' is only 'I AM' and not a second thing. So, the scripture says, 'I do not permit a second existence'. This is wrongly translated in the Old Testament and said, "I the Lord God am a Jealous God. I do not tolerate you worshipping other Gods". This is how scriptures are spoiled through translation. In its original, it means 'I am only one'. There are no two 'I AM's in two bodies, only one 'I AM' shining through the millions and millions of vehicles. Meditate and use the word only 'I AM'. Try to put your mind only upon the meaning of the word 'I AM' and receive the enlightenment. Receive the light only through the same source which is not foreign to you, which is not a second thing to you, which is the 'I AM' of you, where the meaning of 'you' will go away and the meaning of the 'I AM' exists.

It is called self-illumination which is once again wrongly translated as the 'Burning Bush'. The original of the expression "Burning Bush" is self-illuminating. It is always shining and burning. How do you know that you exist, because you know! That is self-illumination. Everyone knows that he exists. How? Is it that the father told him that 'you exist' or the mother trained him that 'he exists' or the teacher in the school teaches him you exist, you exist, you exist, like that. Every living being, let it be ant or beast or bird or man knows, "I exist" because the same one exists in all these bodies. That's why when man went to the "Burning Bush", the name of the God is given to him.

He said, "My name is 'I AM that I AM'. When Moses asks God, what should I tell if the followers ask me your name? Then God says, "There is no 'your' name. There is only 'my' name". There is no 'his name' because if we use the word God in third person, it is only a photograph of God and not God. Just as a photograph of an eating dish cannot satiate our hunger, our appetite, no amount of knowledge in third person about God can teach us what God is. It is a process of becoming and not knowing. It is a process which is similar to that of one magnet making another magnet and not at all the process of teaching magnetism in a classroom. If the teacher places an iron piece on the table, takes the big volume on magnetism and rubs the iron piece with the volume, the iron piece can never become a magnet.

So, it requires only a magnet and not a lesson on magnet. This is what is transmitted to us through scriptures. The scriptures have their wonderful symbolism, a few aspects of which I will discuss and make you understand in the following lectures. The highest of all the symbols and the highest of all initiations is to meditate upon the meaning of the word 'I AM'. That is the one word which is given in all the scriptures. See the Christ says, "I am the way". In some other place, He says, "There is no other way. There is only one way." He says, "I am life. He says, "I am resurrection." In the *Bhagavad Gita*, He says, "I am the Omnipresent." And again, in the *Bhagavad Gita*, He says, "I am the only one existing in everyone." Take any Upanishad, He says, "I am to be known."

Take any one of the teachings given by Lord Buddha. How one gets the enlightenment? He says, 'I am here the benevolent one'. That is the one word which is given through scriptures. In fact, the word is given by Nature in the form of the Creation of the many beings. Hence the Creation is called the utterance of the one word. So, tomorrow I will speak and explain some important aspects of the world scriptures.

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Since the series of lectures on the same subject has been arranged in different places and since yesterday we have already covered one aspect of the symbolism and since every time the audience will be changed and there will be new comers, it is my duty to give a synopsis for five or ten minutes about what I have told yesterday.

We have seen the difference between the scriptures and the other books in the following way. Scriptures are impersonal whereas other books are personal. Personal means, the book has everything to do with the views and the opinions of the author. If a poem is written by a poet, if a drama is written by a dramatist, if a character is described in a story by a story writer, it is the ideas and the opinions of the author we receive from the book and it is not at all about the original aspect of the character we get. For example, if Shakespeare gives us a character of King Lear or Othello, we get the character of Othello only according to Shakespeare, not according to the original characteristic of Othello himself. Sometimes, the author creates imaginary characters and all the characters belong to the author and no one else.

But, it is different with what we call scriptures. The scriptures have nothing to do with the opinions of any author even though a scripture is composed by an author. As you know, the Old Testament and the Gospel are composed by many authors. But we do not know even the names of those authors because authors are not important at all. It is the content that is important and the author is expected to bring the content without his opinions. This we have discussed yesterday and another aspect about a book that exists through eternity in Nature, which contains the sunrise and the sunset, the splendours of the seasons and about the Creation and the various beings in the Creation. It is a book in itself and it contains only wisdom and intelligent way of doing things. As you observe Nature, there are no errors in the works of Nature. Always Nature behaves in the exact way in which it is expected to behave.

The Sun cannot rise in the West or South. The seasons cannot show any different attitudes except their own climate and atmosphere. The trees show their own behaviour of preparing their food from the Sun's rays. The seed of every tree produces only that tree and no other tree by mistake. The atom of a substance produces only the atomic number of that substance and not any other. So, Nature has no error in its workings and it is direct evidence that Nature has an intelligent way of doing things and Nature has its own wisdom imbibed in itself and it commits no errors like the intelligence of the human mind. You see, how we human beings make errors many times and always subject to rectification, though we are proud of our human

intelligence, though we sometimes feel we are greater than the animals and the plants.

So, there are two types of intelligences - individual intelligences and the intelligences of Nature. Individual intelligence is only a part of Nature's intelligence and it cannot fully understand the intelligence of Nature. Is it possible for the part to understand the whole? Is it possible for the hand to understand you? Similarly, any one individual being a part of the whole intelligence of the Nature cannot fully understand how the intelligence of Nature works. We can only understand that there is an intelligence that knows better than what we know in Nature and a wisdom which does not change.

We are changed in our moods and opinions about others every day whereas Nature is not changed through thousands of years and millions of years till today. Man may develop much science and technology, but man is eating in the same way as he ate millions of years ago only through the mouth, seeing only through the eye, listening only through the ear. So, the workings of Nature are stable or unchanged though the workings of the intelligence of the individuals change from time to time and produce their own civilizations that change always.

So, we have intelligence in Nature which we can call a book. We have books written by the human beings according to their opinions and understanding. We can very easily differentiate between these two books- the book which is impersonal and the book which is personal. From the impersonal book there were people who could copy

down things as they are. That is, they observed the workings of Nature and they copied down and the result is what we call the scriptures. Since there is only one book which we call Nature, there can be only one scripture available to the human beings. But man can never copy that one book completely. But from time to time he can copy some pages from the book of Nature. Like that, in the past ages, the people of many nations could copy some portions of the same book in Nature and the result is the scriptures of the various nations which we know today.

The Christian has the Gospels and the pre-Christian had what we call the Old Testament. The Indian had his own gospels which are of three or four different categories. The ancient Jews had their own scripture. The ancient Egyptians had their own scripture. Like that, all the ancient nations had their own scriptures which are only parts of the same scripture copied from the same scripture. I also told you that scriptures have nothing to do with religions. After some time, religious people tried to own these scriptures. The Hindu tries to own the ancient Indian scriptures. The Christian tries to call the Gospel his own scripture. But the truth is Christ was never a Christian and the Hindu God was never a Hindu because the 'World Teacher' or the Prophet who comes down again and again to earth, comes into different nations and into different forms giving the same light which is essentially part of the scripture.

He cannot be owned by any religion. But religions are formed after the names of these great people. So, the

scriptures are different from what we call religions. The scriptures are books of eternal wisdom. Whenever you care to go into them, you will get only the truths of Nature and man. There is no place of the individual opinions in the scriptures. We may like them or we may not like them, but they live. We begin to like them when our good days begin. When we want to have the real path for happiness, when we are lucky enough to hit at the correct path, the day comes and the happy hour strikes and we will have a call in the mind that we should go into the scriptures and to know what there is. Then the path will be shown to the individual and whenever the individual wants a path, it is there in anyone of these scriptures. The path is only one. The scripture is only one. The various scriptures of the various nations form some pages of the same scripture.

We tried to understand how the scriptures have their own language, their own symbols which are different from the technical man-made symbols. For example, the sunrise and the sunset form their symbols. The cycles of the years form their symbols. The shape of the human body forms its symbols to understand the mysteries of God. The one miracle which we call life which no doctor can give you and no human father can give you unless God gives. No biologist can explain you what life is, which life forms a part of the symbols of the scriptures.

Through these symbols, we are expected to read the 'One Book'. Half of the book is placed at some place and half of the book is placed at some other place. That means, you the reader will be half of the book and the whole

Creation without yourself forms the other part of the book. What you call subjectivity becomes half of the volume; what you call objectivity forms the other half. This one aspect is common in the symbolism of the scriptures. Begin to know 'thyself'. Read yourself. You will know what is there in others. That is the way how we are expected to start the reading of the scriptures.

Then the medical student may tell us 'I have read everything in my body. There are the bones, the muscles and the nerves. There is the blood, the heart and the lungs. I have studied everything'. But that is not how we have to study according to the scriptures. What you have studied is not yourself, though it belongs to you. It is called what is called 'yours' and not 'yourself'. Your head is not yourself because it belongs to you. Your muscles belong to you; therefore you are not your muscles. Your mind belongs to you; therefore you are not your mind. Your intelligence belongs to you; therefore you are not your intelligence. Whatever you know objectively which is different from yourself, it cannot be yourself because you are able to observe it different from yourself.

All these put together are called something yours. You can say, 'this is my head'. You can't believe I am my head. You can say, 'this is my body. This body is mine'. You can't say this body is 'I am'; same thing with the mind also. You can say 'this mind is mine'. He is a fool who says 'I am the mind'. You can say, 'this intelligence is mine'. But he is a fool who says that 'I am my intelligence'. Nothing 'mine' can be myself. But everything that is mine is part of myself

coming from the real 'I AM' in you. But nothing belongs to the real 'I AM' in you. The real 'I AM' is the pure 'I AM' which is no one of these things. Therefore, if a medical man tells you that he has seen himself or he has seen you, it is not in the true scientific sense. Only in the medical sense, he has seen you but not in the sense of the scripture. When he sees from the point of view of the scripture, he should see who he is at first.

He should know the 'I AM' at first, existing as little different from mine in the body. The 'I AM' is the purest light in everyone. No one can possess it because he is itself. When you are something, you cannot possess it. All other things are different from you. Therefore, you can possess them, you can own them, you can purchase them or you can explain them, you can think about them, you can define them, but you cannot define yourself. That is what you call 'I AM' in you. The scriptures make us understand correctly. That is the same 'I AM' is existing in all these bodies instead of each one existing as a little 'I AM' in everybody. Before making an approach to one of the scriptures, people may believe that everyone is separately a little 'I AM' in his own body, just as the mineral water in every bottle is understood as a different water.

Suppose, all these bottles are thrown in the river and the water is flowing into the bottles, the bottles are in the river and the river is in all the bottles. Then only one can understand that one river is flowing through all these bottles. Previously when you see the bottle in the shop or magazine, you can think that each bottle has different

water in it. But when you once go to the river and see how all the bottles contain the same water when immersed in the river and then you will understand that all our bodies are like the bottles and the one 'I AM' is filling and flowing through all these bottles. About that one 'I AM', these scriptures teach us; how God taught the name 'I AM' to Moses; how God said the name of the one God is "I AM that I AM"; how Jesus Christ has said, 'I AM' the way, 'I AM' the Life, 'I AM' the resurrection; how he said, 'Come to ME. I am here to redeem you all'. This mystic language will be understood and the 'I AM' who lives in everyone will not only be understood but experienced by everyone.

That is what we call the living Christ or the living experience. Instead of talking something about Christ, living differently from Christ, we begin to live what Christ is. That is what happens when we read the Old Testament or the Gospel. *If you take any Upanishad which is part of the scripture, says, 'I AM that I AM' and asks you to meditate upon that Mantram, not with closed eyes but with eyes opened towards our fellow beings and while doing something useful to others, meditate upon the one 'I AM' that pervades in all. The Upanishads explain the 'I AM' in many ways. One Upanishad says, "I am seeing through the eye, the eye cannot see me; I am listening through the ear, the ear cannot listen to me; I am speaking through the mouth, the mouth cannot speak to me; I am thinking through the mind, the mind cannot think of me." Then the Upanishad asks us to meditate upon these Mantarms.*

When you go to any one of the Vedic texts, it says, "I am the light brilliant, the self-luminous brilliance. The

fire that shines always; the fire that requires no fuel; the fire that shines eternally; the fire that forms the centre and circumference; that centre is what you call the 'I AM' in your body and the circumference is what you call your environment around you, the environment which includes other people around you." Like this, all the scriptures in the world, they speak of only One Light. The Veda calls this light *Agni*, which means the fire. It explains how the One Fire becomes three fires and it explains differently about the different aspects of the three fires.

Then, we have to know something about the symbolism of the scriptures present us and we are to know the alphabet of how to read these scriptures. Otherwise we believe that there are some peculiar stories in the scriptures. But always the secrets of the scriptures are given in stories and parables. You remember how Jesus Christ told us, ***'I speak out in story and parable'*** because that is the only scientific way of making us understand. It is most unscientific to intellectualize these truths and make them more and more technical and present them with great difficulty to the readers. Truths always exist in the form of the lives of living beings and therefore the scriptures give us in the form of the stories of living beings. This is what we could understand in yesterday's lecture.

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Now today we will take up one aspect of the symbolism of the scriptures. There is a conversation in one of the scriptures. The disciple asks the teacher, "What had been there before this Creation was there?"

Then the teacher says, ***"Everything was there as it is now here. But you were not there. That is what is called the absence of Creation."***

What does this conversation teach us? The conversation teaches us a great truth that is concealed in the teachings. That is what we call the absence of Creation is possible only as our own absence because the absence of living beings is not at all the absence of Creation. So, there is something wrong in our way of understanding things. We should understand that our understanding has existence and non-existence. Sometimes, it is existing and sometimes it is not existing. Sometimes our understanding is there and sometimes our understanding is absent. *The absence of our understanding is what we call the absence of Creation.*

When we observe this Creation, we think that it is there from such and such a date. Some people believed that the Creation has been there since forty thousand years and some people believed that it was there from some fifty millions of years. The geologists give some other dates. The archaeologists give some dates. The historians give some dates. But they miss the main thing. *That is, there is no absence of Creation anytime. There may be the beginning of one Creation and the ending of one Creation, just as there is no possibility of any human being living on this earth, unless man kills himself through global war. When things are left to natural course, when man has the kindness not to kill man in the name of war, you can see that there is no time where man does not exist on this earth after man made his first appearance.*

Men are born, and men are dying but man exists. You see how in the shop where fruits are sold, always you will see fruits. But fruits are coming into the shop and being sold from the shop. If it is the same fruits that are kept in the shop, they will go spoiled. But throughout the year, you can find fruits in the shop but not the same fruits. In the same way on this earth, there are human beings always though not the same human bodies. Similarly, there are Creations always millions and millions though one Creation comes into existence and goes after its span of life. This truth is concealed in the conversation. And the teacher says, ***"The the total absence of this Creation is only possible when you are absent".***

Then the disciple asks, "Can I experience it?"

Then the teacher says, "You have experienced many times till now, but you have not understood."

"How?" the disciple asks.

"By sleeping", the teacher says. "You are all the while sleeping in the class." That means, whenever you are sleeping, there is your absence in the Creation. Your room is existing while you are sleeping. Your wife is existing, your children are existing, your heart is beating, and your lungs are respiring. Nothing is absent except yourself.

Then the disciple begins to understand how to approach, how to make an approach to the problem and understand the solution. There is a very delicate way of approaching the problem and getting the solution.

The absence of one Creation and the existence of another Creation are there. You find millions and millions

of stars shining in space. Each is a solar system just like our solar system, having its own Sun as its centre and they have spans that are millions and millions of years to our human beings on this earth. Each Sun has his beginning and his span and his ending. Each solar system produces its own planets around itself including its own earth according to its own age, just as the human male produces his mustaches and barb according to his age. It is the same case with every solar system. The solar system lives along with his solar family. The planets live their span. The earth planet of each solar system lives its own span. Every earth globe has its own Belgium and every earth globe has its own Namur.

Like that, just as every fruit has its own seed concealed in itself and every seed produces its own tree having the same smell and taste though there are millions and millions of seeds of a tree in this world, each seed produces the same tree with the same smell and same taste and the same medicinal properties. Similarly each solar system produces its own planets and lives its own span and then disappears into space along with the atoms and the matter of the solar system and along with the living beings in each planet.

Then the disciple asks, "What happens to these millions and millions of population when the planet goes into disappearance?"

Then the teacher asks, "Suppose you have made thousand pots out of clay, each pot is expected to be used by a different person, what happens when all these pots are made together and made again into a lump of clay?"

The existence of the pot is only relative to the existence of the clay. It cannot be absolute existence. What we call pot is only a shape and not the clay. What we use is the pot though there is nothing like pot in it. We call the shape pot, but we use clay, but clay cannot contain your coffee to drink. If you make it into a cup, it contains coffee. Then you call the same clay with the name coffee. What you mean by cup is only clay. So, it is only the shape which is called cup by you. There is no separate existence to the pot. It is only relative existence. It is true only under certain conditions. When the conditions are removed, there is no existence to the cup. Then, only clay exists.

Similarly, under certain conditions, we exist on this planet. Our existence is only relative and not absolute. We believe we are standing stable on this earth. But the truth is, this earth is rolling and travelling at a tremendous speed round the Sun. It is foolish to think that we are stable on this earth. But, this foolishness is required to give us a false sense of security without which it is not possible for living beings to live. Nature knows that this false sense of security is part of truth because it is making the living beings live. So, we have to feel secure while standing on this earth. We have to fool ourselves by thinking that we are stable and having no movement when we sit on this earth. This much of self-fooling is required for existence.

So, what we call existence is true only under certain given conditions and our existence is conditioned existence. See how the passenger in the jet plane feels that the plane is not moving. When the takeoff of the plane

is finished and when the plane is established in its journey, then the passenger feels that the plane is not moving. Is it true? It is true to his senses. But to the pilot, it is not true. Some higher truth is there with the pilot which makes him protect all the passengers and land them safe somewhere. Otherwise what happens if the pilot also believes that the plane is not moving?

The result is, nobody survives out from the plane. So, to the passengers, this self-fooling is required. To the pilot, it is not required and not only not required, but it is also dangerous. So, the idea of how the Creation was before it started; when it is initiated in the form of a conversation, it gives us how the scriptures use their symbols and how they have a peculiar way of teaching things to mankind. The teaching methods are luckily not psychological but they are suprapyschological. They are more natural than psychological; they are more necessary than intellectual. That is how the scriptures teach us. The symbols that are used in the scriptures are very interesting.

Then the disciple asks, "How was the experience when the Creation was not there?"

Then the teacher asks, "No, you frame some questions about it. I will answer you."

Then the disciple asks, "Did the Sun exist? Did the Moon exist? Did the Earth exist? "Did I exist?"

Then the teacher says, "Can you question the same thing about your sleep. Did I exist in my sleep?"

Then the disciple begins to understand. "Yes, I was not existing but I was existing. The fact is, in sleep I was existing, but I was not existing to myself. Someone in the name of me existing, in my name He is existing. So, there is one 'I AM' who exists through sleep. There is another 'I AM' who dies the moment we get sleep and who begins to exist the moment we wake up from sleep.

So, the 'I AM' is double. When this upper 'I AM' is existing when we are in the awakened state, he is not allowing himself to understand the existence of the undercurrent 'I AM' because this upper 'I AM' fellow is too noisy and he is too busy. He has no time to investigate about the undercurrent 'I AM'. So, when this fellow is sleeping, we have a proof that the undercurrent fellow is living. If someone were not living during our sleep, how is it possible that our lungs respire? How is it possible that our heart beats and circulates blood? See how we eat and sleep, we eat and then sleep and during our sleep, there are some intelligences that are working with the food we have taken. What happens when they also sleep with us? What happens when the heart sleeps when we sleep? Then somebody has to remove our body into the graveyard because we will never return into body if the heart also sleeps with us.

There is no better proof than this that someone is not sleeping while we are sleeping. That someone is the one who is living in all these bodies. That is called the undercurrent 'I AM'. But the upper layer 'I AM' who dies every night with our sleep and who awakens with us in

the morning, that is, the individual who is living separately with everybody. His existence is not real. It depends upon certain conditions. It is only a real existence; the undercurrent 'I AM' is the one who really exists. It is from him the heart beat starts and continues to beat. It is from him the lungs begin to respire and continue to respire. It is foolish to believe that we are breathing. If we are asked to breathe for ourselves for one hour by Nature, what happens?

You have to stop all your work and stop thinking about other things and you have to make your own breathing so that you may not die. Then in the meanwhile, a friend calls in the telephone and says hello and when the mind goes to the telephone to answer to the friend, the lungs stop suddenly. The telephone falls away to the ground and the body falls to the other side. This is what happens when we are asked to breathe. We should understand that someone is breathing for us inside. Him also we call 'I AM' and the upper fellow also we call 'I AM'. This is the one important thing the scriptures convey to us. We have to use the analogy of sleep if we want to understand what happens when the Creation is not there.

Then the disciple is asked to close his eyes and the teacher asks, "What do you see?"

The disciple answers, "Darkness".

Then the teacher asks, "If it is darkness, how can you see it?"

Then the teacher takes that disciple in the night outside and asks him to look into the sky. He asks, "What do you see?"

The answer is darkness.

Then the teacher asks, "Do you see darkness?"

He says, "Yes".

"If you see, how can it be darkness and what do you see?"

He says, "I do not see anything".

Then the teacher says, "You say I see darkness. You also say, I do not see anything. Which statement of the two is true?"

Then the disciple begins to think. He understands that what we call darkness is not darkness to itself. What we call heat is not heat to itself. The ice block is not cold to itself. It is our reaction to the ice block is coldness and coldness is not at all the property of the ice block. Burning is not the property of fire, but it is the property of physical matter by way of reaction to fire.

Like this, we are asked to understand and go and make a beginning into the scriptures. About the story like narrations of the scriptures and about the similes and the metaphors used in the scriptures let us try to understand how they are used. It is said that, the first man and first woman were living in the Garden of Eden. That means, the human beings were also living along with the other living beings without any difference. But God asked the human beings not to eat from a particular tree. What it is? It is called the tree of knowledge. What does this mean? If we understand Nature, if we follow Nature, then we will be happy like the animals and the plants.

When we are hungry, we are to eat. That is what Nature is. That is how animals live. If we are thirsty, then only we have to drink. But man is warned against using thirst and hunger according to his own knowledge because the human being is the only being who can tamper with these natural faculties. An animal cannot eat when it is not hungry. But a human being can eat when he is not hungry. For example, when his friend's marriage is taking place and there is a banquet because he has to keep up the etiquette and politeness, he feels he has to eat though his stomach does not require.

Suppose the fellow takes his dog also along with him, after the dog's belly is full, if he tries to give something more, what happens? The dog refuses. It has nothing to do with the social relationships created by man. No animal can eat when it is not hungry. No bird, no beast, no fish, no plant, no living being on this earth except the human being can tamper with his hunger and thirst. When it is sleepy, the animal sleeps. But the human being is not independent because he has let himself down into his own programmes and he bound himself into his own pre-arranged habits. When he makes himself too busy with his own work, he cannot sleep when the body requires; same thing with sex also. The animal feels sex only when it is season. It is not the same with the human body. This biological truth is forgotten by all the biology professors and till today that is not yet understood by the biology professors of all the universities. This is the meaning of what God warns Adam and Eve.

That man could eat everything in the Garden. He could eat from all the trees and he could enjoy everything except from one tree. That is to infringe the limits of Nature, that is to misbehave with the functions of Nature. God warns the human being only and not other beings because it is only the human being that can play a foul game with these things. It is said, that man was tempted and man disobeyed. What is the result? He received the curse. ***In the language of the scriptures, do you understand what curse is? Curse is something which man necessitated upon himself.*** When all the animals can live with food that is available in Nature, the human animal made himself and prepared himself in such a way that he can eat only when he does some labour to others. So, unless he has some work, he cannot eat. His food is only remuneration to his labour. Let him be a doctor or a teacher or a lawyer or a labourer or a businessman, in whatever profession he may be, he should discharge his duties and then only he can eat.

Why this curse? This is because man is not going to discharge his duties if he is allowed to eat irrespective of his duties. The biological truth is, man is the only disobedient animal on this earth because he disobeys himself and he disobeys his fellow human beings. That's why every human being keeps the other fellow under thumb and obedience. The human being oppressing human being is a curse. This nature gets done by an instinct which we can call the human instinct. No amount of education can make us free from this instinct. I may know twelve languages. I may know history or biology or chemistry or

medicine. But I am bound to behave like a human animal with a psychology which is but human with all the weaknesses and the desire to control others.

Since this desire to control others is there with every one of us, all of us are controlling all of us. This is what is called curse. This is one. What is the second curse? That is to bring forth child through risk and danger; reproduction most painful. Why? Sex is only seasonal instinct to other animals. The other animals cannot misbehave out of season with sex. The result is, fertilization is a natural phenomenon with the animals and pregnancy is a natural phenomenon and reproduction also a natural phenomenon. So, there is no painful reproduction to the animals or plants. Since man plays something of his own with the instinct of sex, since fertilization is controlled by man, since the menstrual periods are controlled by the human mind and since the time of delivery is controlled by the medical knowledge of the human being, delivery becomes an unnatural phenomenon with the human being and the result is, it is always painful.

So, these are the two curses that the human being received according to the beginning pages of the Old Testament. This is how the scriptures teach us. The language of the scriptures is peculiar and we have understood how to make an approach. It is said that man and woman felt shame and they hid themselves under leaves. What does this mean? Before man played a foul game with his appetites and instincts, the human being was also one among the animals freely walking on the earth. He never

felt anything though he was naked, just as the animals do not feel, just as the plants and flowers do not feel. But when once man began to tamper his own appetites and feel his own control, unnatural control over his own appetites, then the instinct of what we call the instinct to hide, the instinct to conceal something, a part of his body, a part of his mind, a part of his thoughts to himself, not to tell anyone- these things formed the original sin of the human being.

What does this mean? Man got the idea of hiding parts of his body as a result of his beginning to tamper his natural appetites. When did this happen? The answer is also given in the scriptures. Then it is said, God has given man and woman the 'coats of skin'. What does that mean? Does that mean God is a tailor? That means that it happened at a time of evolution when the human being was getting himself buried in physical matter. There was a time when the human being and all the other biological beings were not in the physical matter, because according to the evolution theory of the scriptures, the earth planet along with other planets undergoes seven changes. After the first four changes, it becomes physical earth globe.

Previously, it was supra physical substance which was not matter and only in the fifth stage, it receives what we call the physical matter. So, what we see now as the earth globe is the result of four previous changes and the human body also has undergone these changes. For some time, there were only mental bodies. Afterwards, for some time there were etheric bodies and then when the earth was

making its own physical matter, there was the evolution of what we called the physical atoms of this earth globe. With these physical atoms, the physical bodies of the beings are made. So, at that point of evolution, this change took place. Man became physical on this earth and the division of sexes took place. All the other living beings had sex only to reproduce and they mated only when it was season whereas the human being began to take independence of his own utility of sex, appetite and thirst. This is the meaning of the symbolism of the 'coats of skin'.

So, if we say Darwinism is not teaching this, the answer is Darwinism exists in sheer ignorance and the biology professors have to wait for one or two centuries until they can understand what happens in evolution or if their mind is free, they can take the same wisdom from the scriptures because the present theory of evolution is as unscientific as it is faulty. Instead of observations, it is full of imaginations. The biologists have to wait a long if they want to discover for themselves once again the same wisdom.

Wisdom is concealed in each symbol in the scriptures. They take the natural symbols and they use these natural symbols as the alphabets of these scriptures. For example, when they observe the Sun as a globe and when they observe that the egg is producing a chicken, they use the symbol of the circle and the symbol of the egg to teach us many truths. And how this whole creation makes its first appearance every time is described in the form of the emerging of an egg.

The Indian scriptures describe how the 'golden egg' makes its first appearance. 'Golden egg' does not mean the golden egg in the story of the duck. It means self-luminous egg or the egg of self-brilliance. Again and again, each unit creation goes into darkness and again a creation makes its appearance in the form of self-luminous egg. This egg is described as the seed of the future creation. This egg contains all the seeds of all the beings that are to come in the next unit creation. The process of this egg giving out the chicken is described as the hatching of the worlds. This process of the egg giving out the various planes of creation is described as the hatching of the creation from the egg.

So, at first, in the form of the egg; from the egg once again he comes out in the form of the various galaxies and solar systems; each solar system producing its own planets; each planet producing its own atoms; each atom undergoing its own cycle of evolution until it reaches its highest illumination of the 'I AM' in itself. This whole process is called the 'hatching of the egg' and the same existence who is called the 'I AM' will be the cause of the egg in the form of the father bird.

From the egg, the same fellow comes out as the next generation in the form of the child 'I AM' or the chicken. So, the father, the son and the passage of the father into the son- the mystic language of making us understand what the real trinity is. For this, the egg is used as the first primordial symbol. When the egg comes out, there will be an awakening of all the intelligences in the egg. Just

as we wake up in the morning, the egg and the parts of the egg wake up. Just as we remember our yesterday's programme and we remember our today's programme, the moment we are awake, we are once again busy with our own programme.

Similarly, the many intelligences that are awakened in the egg, they are already instinctively busy with the programme and they begin to behave in terms of the next creation. They need not learn once again, just as the newly born babe begins to breathe. He need not learn it from anyone. No chemistry professor is necessary to teach him what oxygen is and what carbon dioxide is. Luckily the child begins to breathe in only oxygen and breathe out only carbon dioxide. Similarly, the many intelligences that come out awakened from this egg, they begin to behave according to the ancient model. They follow exactly the same programme which they were following previously.

The time table is the same. The behaviour is the same. The continuity of the programme is the same. This is how the behaviour of the egg is explained in the scriptures. From God, the father, the egg comes out through the mother whom we call Nature. From the egg, God the son comes out. It is said in the Rig-Veda that ***'the one who knows how father becomes son, he can become the father of his father.'*** That means, he can understand that his son also is one of the existences of the same Lord. In that way, he ever sees his own son in His son. He does not try to possess his son. He does not try to own his son. See, how the scriptures explain this. You should know that you do not

belong to yourself. Your body belongs to the minerals of the earth. Your respiration belongs to the air around you. Your power to see belongs to the light in the Sun. Everything in you belongs to everything around you.

The 'I am' in you belongs to the 'I AM' in you. When you are not your own property, how can you believe that your son is your own property? Or how can a house be your property? If we want to see the house, we have to go to the house; the house never comes to us. So, we will come to know to understand the truth gradually. Our son should be understood as one who is like us. Biologically he is our son, but minerally he belongs to the earth and mentally he belongs to mind which is not your own because his mind is different from your mind. He does not want what you want exactly. He wants something else. His mind is modelled into some different way from yours. If you just remember that he does not belong to you, you can consecrate him to the one who is existing in everyone and then you can do your duties towards him, not as your son but as the son of God.

So, it is not out of your greed to make him great that you do service, but it is out of your humble duty towards God that you do service to your son. Same thing applies to the wife or husband; same thing to the brother or father; same thing to the neighbour or friend. If you stop owning in mind anyone, you will be able to live happily because everything is only duty that is entrusted to you and there is no expectation. Whatever good comes will be to your joy.

The scripture once again teaches us this in a peculiar mystic way, in its own symbolic way. See how 'the father is asked to kill the son and offer to God' in the same Old Testament. When the father made everything ready to cut his son and when he lifted his hand to cut his son, then he hears the voice, "Stop there, lay not thy hand upon your child because I wanted the child. I never wanted you to kill the child. I only wanted that you offer child, your son to me". That means, you should fully know that he is not your son, but he is my son. The moment that change comes to your mind, there is no necessity to make a physical offering.

Unless the change takes place in the mind, even though you make a physical offering, it is useless. It is only for the foolish idea of flattering God we offer physically to God; so, a physical offering without a mental offering. If I present this watch to my friend physically, but mentally feeling separation of my own watch, it is not offering. But it is only losing something valuable. So, physical offering is as foolish as it is false. But when the father was prepared to cut his son with pleasure that means the offering has already made. Then there is no necessity to cut and offer.

See, how the scriptures teach us. We should just try to read them leisurely and carefully. If you believe that he is the son of God and he is not your son, you have to cut him; cutting means, cutting the biological relationship between father and son and also the astral animal relationship between father and son because it is these relationships that cause pain and suffering to human beings.

We possess our children and we fancy, we love them. The jealous wife possesses her husband and fancies that she loves her husband. The result is sorrow, pain and jealousy. Every day, she faces a thousand occasions to weep and she calls it love.

Love can never make you weep. Love makes you enjoy and enlarge and laugh. But the jealous wife says, I love my husband too much but every moment he brings me suffering and sorrow. Something which brings us suffering and sorrow can never be called love. So, it is the result of our keeping up the biological relationships and keeping people under ties. It is these animal ties that we are expected to cut and then remember him as your son, nothing wrong.

The new relationship is divine and it is brilliant. It brings only happiness to your son and yourself, to your wife and yourself, to your husband and yourself, to your brother and yourself, to your neighbour and yourself. This is what the scripture means, when it describes that the father wanted to cut the child. The moment the father prepared to cut the child, God asked him to stop, that means the cutting is finished. The cutting is mental and emotional and physical cutting is not the one required. The cut off is executed. That is what is called the offering. That is what is called the sacrifice man has to do to God. This is one way of the scriptures using their symbolism. This evening, we will deal with two or three more such different aspects of the symbolism of the scriptures.

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We go on with two or three more symbols of the scriptural symbolism. We find that some of the symbols carry a history of some thousands of years during which the symbolism also has sometimes undergone an evolution of its own. For example, the symbol serpent of a certain Age is a little bit different from the same symbol after some Ages. To certain people, during certain centuries, among certain people, the serpent is considered as something non-sacred. That is what we understand from the Old Testament. It is a symbol of temptation, tempting the human mind into evil.

But, before that the serpent has a much wider symbolism and even after that, the symbol of the serpent has enjoyed much wider symbolism. It seems only among the Jews, the serpent was considered as a non-sacred symbol for certain time. Among some sects of the Jews at the same time, it was considered as very sacred. Whenever the Christ spoke about serpent, he meant it as a symbol of wisdom or hidden wisdom.

He meant it exactly what the yogic symbologists meant by *Kundalini*. He gave one of his initiations to his disciples in veiled language, '*be wise as serpents*'. If we understand it in normal language, it is something nonsense because we can't believe that the serpents are in anyway wiser than any other beings. In the physical sense, at best the serpents are cunning in their nature but not wise; cunning, trickish in a negative way. If we know the symbolism of the initiates, we can understand something of the sentence. When the ancients blessed people to be wise as serpents, they blessed

them to have the wisdom of the serpent, that is the wisdom, that is concealed in the symbolism of the serpent through ages. *See how the yogic symbolism represents the serpent called Kundalini which is equally concealed and veiled because many of those who do Kundalini yoga, they believe that there is a serpent. But those who experience Kundalini yoga, they experience not the physical serpent but a serpentine principle, a consciousness that is potential, that is concealed in coils within coils.*

So, it is a coiled coil of light and the light is not what we see as light through the eye. It is not the optic light, but it is the supra mental light which you experience whenever you say, 'I understand'. Whenever you say 'I understand' this, it means that you have experienced a light on a plane which is a little higher than the mental plane. Whenever you experience that flash of that supra mental light, you can translate it only into the words 'I understand', because the experiences which we understand and the experiences which the mind cannot understand, cannot be translated with this mind in a wise way. The mind can interpret us those experiences only in its known terms. What the mind knows previously, it can make a simile or a metaphor about the new experience and it cannot directly explain us what it does not know previously.

For example, if a born blind man had a dream about great light and after he wakes up, in what way can he recollect the dream? No doubt he recollects much about it, but he does not know what it is because the mind has no alphabet to explain to his mind. The next morning, he

wakes up explains to his wife something very great and very happy and very beautiful I could experience. But he can't express, 'I have seen something' because from his childhood, from his birth, he did not know what seeing is. But in a dream, he has seen sunrise and sunset and seen beautiful flowers in bunches. The next morning, he explains, "Something there was beautiful, it was joy to me" and more than that he cannot explain because the whole psychological mechanism is only a behaviouristic one, having no creative principle in it.

It is like some plaster clay that can receive some impressions and then only it can carry the impressions. In *the absence of any impressions, the mind cannot carry any wisdom at all. So, unless there was something in the form of habit or behaviour previously, the psychological mechanism has nothing to teach you or explain you.* Even though you receive a light which is new to the psychological mechanism, it is dumb and it is perplexed. It is confused and it cannot interpret things to you. Similarly, those who experience *Kundalini* can understand by the word serpent, the something which they experience, that is a great light of the supra mental plane which is folded and coiled and coiled and the little coils within the bigger coils are fit tightly to make the solid of what we call the mind.

Just as a packet which packs the watch cannot show us the time, so also the packet which we call mind cannot give us an idea of what the coils contain inside. We are living with this mind, with its psychological mechanism which is too gross and which is rather too rough to explain

the coils that are concealed in it. It is only an outer layer of the inner contents what we call the conscious mind and the sub-conscious mind. The total put together forms only the outer layer of the inner content. Since we are living only with the outer layer, though the inner coils belong to us, we do not know that they belong to us. But if by any chance you happened to open the packet on your birthday, you will be able to experience the glitter of a million lightnings in a split second. That glitter is not yours but that is yourself. You are not habituated in experiencing yourself. All through the life you are habituated mostly in experiencing what is yours. I can take care of my pencil because it is mine. It is not myself. I can take care of my shirt. I can take care of my mind, my intelligence, my will, everything mine.

All through the life, we are accustomed to live with what we have and we are not in any way habituated to live with what we are. So, this glitter will be experienced as something different from ourselves. After a few times experience, we begin to establish a communication with ourselves which was not there previously. We have all communications with everything which belongs to us. But we have no communications with ourselves because we never suspected that we are ourselves. We were sure that what we have was ourselves. For some time, we identified our existence with our wealth and money and what we have.

Whenever I purchased a new pair of shoes, I identify myself with my shoes. I may exist with my shoes for two or three days. Whenever there is a scratch upon my shoe,

I feel that there is a scratch upon myself. Whenever I purchase a new motor car, I get identified myself with motor car for at least one month and I begin to live as my motor car and not as myself. If someone throws a stone upon the motor car, I definitely feel the pain that he has thrown the stone upon myself. If something is sick, to the hand or the leg, whenever any part of the body is sick, we are still in the habit of believing and expressing that we are sick.

So, we have to establish a communication with ourselves before we can establish a communication with the serpent. That is wise, because it exists in us all these years and we could not find it. Where did it hide itself? We could have suspected its existence, had it hidden in some portion of what we have. But it is wise enough, it existed as ourselves. That's why, we could not find it. That's the reason when we first get a direct communication with what we call *Kundalini*, it will be in the form of a light which is ourselves, a light of a million lightnings, because that is our nature. But we are accustomed to see what we have and not what we are. And hence, the serpent is concealed as a coiled coil and always the *Gurus* initiated their disciples into the wisdom of the serpent, that is, to be wise enough to live as yourself not as what you have.

What to do for this? We have to withdraw from what we have, not physically but mentally, not enough if we withdraw mentally only. Suppose if I withdraw myself from the dollars I have in my pocket mentally, if the dollars are withdrawn by some pick pocket physically, then I will be

not only withdrawn, but drawn with the dollars into the pocket of the pick pocket. I prefer not only to lose the dollars but also to lose more valuable things. That is my mind. There will not be presence of my mind at least for a few days, at least at the cost of one day per one dollar. So, it is not enough if we withdraw only mentally. You should manage with your dollars. You should be careful in spending your dollars meaningfully.

You should not identify yourself with your dollar. Remember always that you are more costly than your dollars, more valuable than your own dollars. If by chance the dollars are lost, remember you are not lost. Unless you remember this, you will lose yourself whenever you lose dollars. So, those who withdraw themselves from their dollars, those who withdraw themselves from their wives, children and husbands, they are those who can experience what the Christ said the 'wisdom of the serpent' or what the yoga *Shashtra* says 'the *Kundalini* wisdom' because you should be wise just to skip off from anything that hits you. See how the serpent skips off into the holes when anyone attempts to hit the serpent. If your dollars hit you with theft, the hit should not be received on your head. Otherwise the serpent's hood will be broken. So, withdraw from everything and everyone.

Does that mean that you are to retreat into the forests and live only as one; not at all. The wife should withdraw from the husband and the husband should withdraw from the wife. Then what for they should marry? The sense of withdrawal is something different from what we

understand. What the husband imagines about the wife, he should withdraw and then both of them live as companions of life. They can enjoy life. They can beget children. They can bring up children. But they should always live withdrawn from children.

That is what I told you, not to possess the son. The son should be offered to God up to the point of cutting the son into two pieces just like the story in the Old Testament. A similar withdrawal not only from son but also from the wife and the husband should be there; a similar withdrawal from your dollars and more difficult is, a similar withdrawal from your ideals. That is the most difficult part of it when we are to go against our ideals for the sake of saving the life of some person.

We have to weigh between the two. Are we to keep up our ideals or to save the life? There are some noble souls who keep up their ideals instead of saving lives. Those are the souls that are not required by the Christ. Because what the Christ wanted was, be wise as the serpents. If you can withdraw from your ideals also, you can withdraw and try to help. If you have something which is more valuable than 'Myself', you can't follow 'Me' and come with 'Me'. That is what he said.

So, if you begin to meditate upon the symbol of the serpent, you will know what the wisdom is. It is the capacity to withdraw and it is the capacity to live within yourself and also the capacity to leave off many layers after layers of your skin because many of the types of the serpents are in the habit of leaving off their layers month after month.

So, in your mind and habits and ideals and thoughts, you should be able to leave off every time one layer of imperfection when the next and better layer is ready waiting for you.

You should know how to make a gradual tapering of things and situations. That is, you should know when to do and when to stop, what to do and what not to do. So, nothing stable or nothing decided you should have in your mind as your programme. You should know how to live in the present, leaving the planning for a higher intelligence and responding in the form of your own duty to the present. This is the symbolism of the serpent that is used in the many scriptures.

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There is the other counterpart of serpent called 'the bird'. The two symbols are used as twin symbols in many of the world scriptures. That is the symbol of the serpent and the symbol of the bird. Both of them are described as egg born beings.

It was narrated in the form of a beautiful story that the vault of heavens had two wives, the East and the West. Both of them meditated for the grosser presence of their husband for ten thousand years. After some time, the husband appeared before them. It is described in the following way in one of the scriptures. Here is monsieur, the vault of the heavens. He is shining as the eye of the heavens shedding down his presence upon the beings on the lower kingdoms. The two ladies East and West were his wives and both of them meditated for the presence of

the husband on lower and grosser planes. The fellow appeared before them and asked, 'what do you want'?

They said, we want children as your images. It is a symbolic story and the husband gave two alternatives. I will give you children through eggs. First you will lay eggs and then from within the eggs, the children come out. But tell me do you want two children that travel upwards or a thousand children that travel downwards; the two children that shine by themselves or the thousand children that conceal the brilliance within themselves? Then madam East asked for the two children and madam West said, "let there be a thousand children because if some children die, some others will survive". He said, "Yes, I will be born in the form of the two children to her and the thousand children for you". Then he disappeared.

Afterwards both of them were just walking on the shores of the great ocean of the existence of the universe. Both of them were daily seeing a horse white as milk that which we call the day and both of them were discussing about the whiteness of the horse. Madam West says every day, 'the horse is white but the tail is black' and madam East says, 'that is not correct, the whole horse including the tail is white'.

In the meanwhile, they became pregnant and they gave out eggs. The madam East has given two eggs and West three eggs and number one. That is one thousand eggs. It is a symbol, because zero is a symbol of space and one is the symbol of the content of space that awakens as creation. If you go through the first chapters of the Book

"Secret Doctrine" of Madam Blavatsky, or some select pages from the "Treatise on Cosmic Fire" by the Tibetan Master about whom many occidents talk too much today, if you happened to peep through some pages, you will know what 'zero' is and what 'one' is. So, once again please go through the opening pages of the "Secret Doctrine" of Blavatsky and also, wherever the word 'egg' and the 'egg born' are referred in the 'Cosmic Fire'.

The two wives, they were waiting for their eggs to be hatched into children. All the thousand eggs became children. They came out for the West but the two eggs were still there. The children did not come out. The mother was too much vexed. See all the occidents came out first and the orients, they are still sleeping. The mother grew jealous of the other wife of her husband and she broke one egg open to see if the son is prepared. Then a wonderful fellow came out in the form of a great bird of fire. He had only the upper half of his body prepared, whereas the lower half is not yet prepared.

He told his mother like this: "It is jealousy that made you do so. I am not the loser because I am fire incarnate and I come to earth whenever anyone wants. But you are the loser because my lower half is not developed. You have to pay for it. You have to pay for your jealousy. I am going on my duty as the chariot driver of the Sun God at sunrise. I need not stir out. I can sit in the chariot and drive it. Though I do not have the lower body, I can do this job. But for you, there is a great trouble waiting. You have to be a slave of the other wife of your husband. It is only

the fellow who is existing in the other egg that can bring you out into liberation from slavery. Unless you protect the egg for ten thousand years more, unless you allow the fellow to develop for himself, he will not be in a position to liberate you. So, have this as a repayment or a penalty for your jealousy".

That is what he said and the next day, the two wives again saw the white horse. Again, they had a discussion and madam West said, "That the tail was black" and madam East said, "No it is white". Madam West said, "Let us bet. If the tail is white, I will be your slave lifelong. If the tail were to be black, you be my slave lifelong". They accepted. It was sunset. She said, "Let us examine tomorrow morning".

In the night madam West requested her children to become black and hang in the hairs of the tail of the horse. Some of them refused because it was unjust. The mother cursed the refused fellows to die and for fear of the curse, the others obeyed the mother's request. They stood as black hairs on the tail of the horse. Next morning, both the ladies went and examined, and the tail was black. So, madam East had to accept slavery under madam West forever. She remembered the words of her first son. She protected the second egg carefully and another great bird came out of that after ten thousand years and he liberated his mother from slavery and this is one of the stories about the serpents and the eagles. Of course, it has many significances about it. But for the present, let us be concerned with the symbolism of the serpent and the eagle.

The serpents indicate the consciousnesses that go into the chasms of the lower kingdoms because they are the symbols of the setting Sun when shadows exist in chasms. Similarly, life tries to exist in some subsistence, that is, upon something gross, so that the indweller who is the most subtle should have a vehicle. Life begins to make a vehicle for the indweller. In its process of preparing the vehicles, it prepares many layers after layers just as the serpent prepares its own layers of skin. Whenever the indweller is made to live in a body, he is encaged, that is 'God encaged' becomes a living being.

That is the Omnipresent Consciousness, when it is bound by limitation, it is called Creation. The unlimited God consciousness or the Omnipresence Unbound can become a living being only when it is having a limitation of a vehicle. Hence, every time it loses itself into the existence of the living beings and the living beings should lose themselves into the existence of the Omnipresence. Until then, the living beings enact the drama of misery because they accept their existence separate from the existence of the total. This is one of the forms of the primordial illusions that are necessitated by Nature. Unless something is separated from the total, it cannot be a piece of Creation and when something is separated from the total, it cannot experience the total. So, it has to experience only a protracted or refracted experience and it should enjoy the total only as something different from itself. So, a living being is bound to feel that it is different from others.

Though the 'One Thing' exists in all of us, I see someone different from me in you. Otherwise I cannot see

you. If I want to talk to you, I should see you different from myself. That is the primordial illusion that is enforced upon living beings by Nature. This primordial illusion is called the 'black hole that is spiralled' or it is called the serpent. This is one of the symbolisms of the serpent in the scriptures. It is called the chasm into which you will lose yourself. That is, you forget that you are omnipresent, only to remember that you are a separate being, an individual away from others, to forget what is common in you and others and to remember what is distinguished in you, in what way you are different from others. This is called the black spiral or the spiral of darkness. That becomes inevitable whenever a living being comes into existence. This living being has to travel a long way up the spiral to come to Light once again.

When he comes to the half way, he lifts himself up into light and when half of the circle is covered by him, he comes to a point which is symbolically called East and he receives the light of the dawn. That is one of the symbolisms given to the serpent. From that point onwards, the serpent begins to develop wings, not in the physical sense but in the symbolic sense. That means, hither to, it had to live with matter as subsistence with the darkness that filled the deep as its own subsistence. Do you remember the first few lines in the book of Genesis? "In the beginning, when God did not propose this Creation, what was there?" You remember the *Guru* asked the disciple. The answer is there in the first few lines of the Genesis. "Darkness filled the deep". Then God said, "Let there be light and there is light".

What is the meaning of these words? Is it a fairy tale or a story of grandmother narrating to a little grand child? There is something more. Life always sleeps in matter and that is the darkness of the deep. What we call the mineral kingdom contains mineral atoms of the various ranges of minerals in this earth. In each atom, there is the 'I AM' existing in it, but it is in a sleeping condition; that does not mean that the indweller is sleeping because if the indweller sleeps, there is no one to see that our heart beats when we sleep or our lungs respire when we sleep. The indweller has another fellow on the surface about whom we talked this morning.

That fellow sleeps in every mineral atom, the objective consciousness sleeps in it and when the mineral kingdom undergoes the evolution to reach the plant kingdom, then it dreams. It begins to live in dream consciousness. When the evolution takes place into the animal kingdom, life awakens into a living being. When it completes the evolution of the animal kingdom and enters the human kingdom, then it is to realize its own existence and feel the existence of the indweller of all whom the human being calls 'I AM' in his purest sense. So, this is the goal of the human kingdom. *To experience sleep like state is the state of mineral kingdom. From that state, the atoms evolve into the dream state called the plant kingdom. Then into the animal kingdom, that is the awakening state where they awaken towards the existence of other things, not to themselves. When the evolution touches the human kingdom, then these beings get awakened towards their*

own existence. The human being begins to feel that he is existing and others are also existing.

But he should complete the circle to realize who 'I AM' and realize the same 'I AM' in everyone. So, this entering into the human kingdom is called the serpent crawling up to the step where it reaches the Light. If the lower half represents what we call Darkness and the upper half represents the Light. For example, in our day, we see the upper half bright and our lower half beneath our legs as dark. That is when we stand on this earth during the day time, the upper half is light and the opposite side, half of the earth is in darkness or night. Similarly, the cycle or the spiral of evolution is half dark and half-light.

The scriptures teach us that I AM consciousness is at its highest point of illumination when the human being reaches the highest point of his evolution. But, when he just crosses the animal kingdom and enters into the human kingdom, it is what is called the dawn or the East of the light of 'I AM' to him. So, until then he lives as a serpent or the spiral filled with darkness. Since then the head of the serpent begins to turn white and gradually it becomes whiter and whiter until it reaches the highest point of illumination when man reaches the goal of his life.

That is, he experiences the one existence in everyone. That part of the journey from entering into human kingdom up to the realization of the God's kingdom is called the '*wisdom of the winged serpent*' and the whole story is said to have painted upon a vertical rod that runs from the highest point of illumination to the darkest point.

For example, here is, imagine yourself standing on this earth. When the Sun rises, you will receive the first rays. When the Sun travels to midheavens, you will receive the maximum rays and gradually when the Sun sets in the West, you will lose the rays. When the Sun comes to the midnight point or zero time, the Sun will be exactly under your feet when you stand on this earth. So, our rotation on this earth has daily the four corners to each of us. That is, wherever we stand, we have the four corners relative to our own position of existence and each sector has six hours of duration. Since the four sectors put together twenty four hours, this is called the cycle of the day and night which forms only a symbol or a model of a bigger cycle.

That is whenever we take our journey through the path of evolution, we undergo the other three stages of evolution before we come to our human birth. Then in each, the highest point of our human evolution, the whole story is concealed as wisdom in our vertebral column which conceals our story through thousands and thousands of years in the past in the form of the coiled coil or what the ancients called the serpent. Here, on the lower end of your vertebral column, there is the region where you started your journey, that is, the darker regions where still the beings in darkness exist. That is what we call the emotions, the reflexes and instincts and all the astral existence will be there. What we call animalism and brutalism exists there when consciousness works at the lower pole that is from the *Mooladhara* to the *Manipuraka Chakra*.

Human being exists as a beast of emotions. His life moves like a boat in the ocean of storms. The tide of the

wave is the deciding factor of the journey of the boat and not the person who is sitting in the boat. External factors decide our journey through life. Environment decides our life. Others 'opinions begin to rule over us. We begin to live according to others' opinions and ideas, not according to what we feel right or wrong.

So, the lower regions are called the regions of the serpents where '*darkness filled the deep*'. From that point onwards, each point of darkness should realize itself into light. The process is very peculiar. It is not driving out darkness and filling it with light but it is only a transmutation of darkness into light or what they call the 'night made day'. That means, when the serpent exists in a coiled coil condition on the lower pole, the eagle exists on the highest point called *Sahasrara*. In between the life principle travels up and down. Whenever the life impulse travels a little upwards, then the little fellow begins to feel that he knows some good things and whenever the life impulse gets a little down, once again he feels his indulgences.

He likes to discover himself only as a habit bound beast because it is his pleasure. Once again, when he gets a little bit above, he understands the nonsensical game of his own existence and then he feels himself pious, away from what he has, nearing to what he is. This is called the eternal enmity between the eagle and the serpent. This forms one of the major symbolisms of the scriptures, the eternal fight between the serpent and the eagle. The serpent wants to enroll the eagle and kill it and the eagle wants to kill the

serpent always. The scriptures which we call the *Puranas*, all of them have the story of the serpent and the eagle.

One interesting thing is the point of serpent, the point where we locate the serpent is astrologically called the sign Scorpio; and the point where we find the eagle is called astrologically the Bull. So, the evolution is a game between the serpent and the eagle. In the body, the serpent or the Scorpio indicates the sign of the genitals and the Bull indicates the inner contents of what you call the brow centre or Ajna Chakra. So, the impulses of life that exist in the lower centres, they are cursed to exist for some time in the lower centres because the Creation is to go on. Bodies are to be prepared and the species of every living being should be multiplied. For that reason, the instinct of sex should be there for every living being for some period. Nature has allotted the instinct of sex to everyone to preserve the species. Then, the impulse of life should begin to travel upwards.

Gradually it begins to travel until it reaches what we call the Ajna Chakra. So, the serpent and the eagle are standing below and above the indweller of our body. The eagle every time descends to the heart centre and again ascends to the brow centre, the process of which is called the respiration. So, the process of respiration has a wonderful symbolism with the wings of the eagle that comes down. The Lord omnipresent is said to come down into bodies on the back of the Eagle. He travels down on the eagle to establish an equilibrium in the heart centre of the living beings. You know according to the science of

yoga, the heart centre is the centre of equilibrium and the Lord who is the indweller of everyone exists in the centre as the consciousness of equilibrium. It is due to this equilibrium, that the respiration takes place which is compared with the coming down and going up of the bird.

*So, when these two mutual enemies come together in the heart centre, they meet at the heart centre. That is, the serpent nature of man and the eagle nature of man, they meet in the heart centre. The instincts that travel upwards in man and the instincts that travel downwards in man, they meet in the heart. The lower and the higher principles meet in the heart. The individual consciousness and universal consciousness meet in the heart of man and is experienced as love, not the love towards any one person or any one thing but as 'love as experience' in which everyone can live and have protection. **It is called Universal Love by those who know it and hence in the scriptures, it is described that the serpent serves as the bed of that Lord and the eagle serves as his vehicle to travel.***

So, whenever you have the symbolism of the Lord of the Omnipresence in the scriptures, you see that he sleeps on the serpent coiled. Some of you might have seen pictures of a big serpent with coils floating on the ocean without any shores that is the Ocean of Existence and the Lord sleeps within the coils of the serpent. You can ask, 'can the Lord sleep'? Yes. But his sleep is different which I will explain. In some pictures, you might have seen that the same Lord sitting on the back of a big eagle and coming down to earth. That is, the symbol of the indweller existing

as respiration and heart beat in us and coming out in the form of what we call self-expression. So, we have two symbols that have grown friendly to each other. The serpent and the eagle left their enmity towards each other and became friends in the magnetism of the One Lord in the heart centre.

Now about the question, if God sleeps, the God is pictured as sleeping on the coils of the serpent. Is it possible that God sleeps? There is a sleep which we do not know, which is quite different from what we call sleep. That is what is called the yogic state of existence. Whenever you forget yourself, you are in that state. Whenever you have an occasion, which is happy enough to make you forget yourself without losing your consciousness, then you will be in that state of consciousness which is called the 'fourth state'. It is called the conscious sleep.

The Lord who exists in all of us, he exists in conscious sleep. That means, he sleeps as God and we awaken in him as living beings. Or in other words, he loses his existence into our existence and we awaken into our existence because he lost his existence into us. We exist in him just as the characters in a drama exist in the mind of the playwright. Suppose an author is going to begin the writing of a drama, there are characters. They are already talking in him. The drama is going on. He was in a foreign place and he could not get the required paper and pencil. But the characters began talking. It takes some time for him to get proper paper and pencil. Until then, where do the characters exist? They exist in his mind. Similarly, we

all exist in the mind of the one who exists in us. Therefore, he sleeps in us and we awake in him. We are awakened in him.

That is how the scriptures use their symbolic language about the existence of God and the existence of man. In every Indian scripture, it is described that the Lord goes into himself or yoga state or *Samadhi* state and as the result, the planes and the *Lokas* of existence will be born from within him. The living beings begin to feel their existence for themselves. The living beings begin to live to themselves on the background of the sleep of the Lord. This is the symbolism of the Lord sleeping in us on the serpent with the coiled body. It is said that, we are indebted to the Lord for our existence because he has slept into us and he has offered his presence to us. We live because he has offered his presence into our existence. Unless he permitted us to live, we could not have lived. Unless he vacated his existence from his own existence, we could not live.

Therefore, we are indebted to the Lord that much. To repay this debt, we are expected to do one duty. That is, offering our existence to the Lord because He has offered His existence for us to live. We have to offer our existence to Him to live as ourselves. Then He begins to live in us instead of our living our own life. Then it is said that the debt is repaid. So, this is something about the serpent and the eagle symbolism of the scriptures.

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The Lord is said to have four hands in the Indian scriptures. What does it mean? Why four hands? Are not two hands enough? Why not six hands? We come to that point. But, before that we now take up a minor symbolism that the Lord has two peculiar symbols in two hands. It is, the Lord is said to hold the *conch* in one hand and the *mystic wheel* in another hand that is the rotating wheel. He puts ring finger in the middle hole of the wheel. The two symbols represent the two forces that are acting from the same centre. One is starting from the tail of the serpent when it begins to uncoil itself and it works from centre to circumference of every point in space. The other thing works from circumference to centre. The first one is called the conch shell because it starts its spiral in the centre and radiates towards the circumference.

The second emblem is called the wheel of rotation because from circumference to centre, the wheel of the year rotates, the cycle of the year and the cycle of the month with the Moon and Sun as the indexes and the cycle of the day with sunrise as its index and the bigger cycles which are called the Great Ages. All of them revolve around the same centre which is called the observer of time who is the living being in a physical body or a vehicle. Whenever there is the birth of a person in a physical body, there is the existence of what we call the cycles of time. Whenever there is no one in the name of living being, there is no time and there are no cycles and these cycles exist to created entities. ***Time exists to someone created and it never exists to Creation or the Creator. It exists to the created being as a dimension of observation.***

For every one of us, there is time. But to itself, there is no time. When there is only space and when there are no planets or solar systems, nothing like time exists because what we call time is only duration which is nothing but the reflection of our own consciousness. Duration never exists to space. Duration exists only to a consciousness and whenever a consciousness is created, there is duration. That is what we falsely called time.

But time is a truth in its own plane because we have to prepare the implements to measure. Though they are false, they are parts of truth that serve the purpose. So, time is also a conditioned truth which has its existence only on the existence of the created beings. So, this is represented as the mystic wheel at the centre of which the finger of the Lord exists. That means, the 'I AM' in you or the consciousness in every one of you. That is called the 'finger of the Lord'. That points out everything in black, white. It is the fixed point around which everything rotates and it never rotates. That is how the mystic wheel is represented.

The conch and the wheel put together form the two emblems in the two hands of the Lord. They represent the centripetal and the centrifugal forces of Creation. So, we have understood why the Lord takes a bed on the coiled coil of the serpent and why he travels on the back of the bird and why he has the conch shell and the wheel as the emblems in his two hands. The next and a little more complicated symbolism is about the four hands of the Lord. We should know why the Lord requires four hands and his madam also represented with four hands and his son

is represented with six heads. We will take up these three steps of the symbolism in the first lecture tomorrow and also about some numbers and the cycles given in the scriptures.

Question : *Can you explain about the difference between time and number consciousness in an elaborated way?*

Answer : Time can exist only when there is a created being exists. Number exists when there is no created being at all. What we call numbers, they are among the properties of space and properties of space mind, whereas time is the projection of an individual in the process of his observation of the universe. It is the projection of the individual in the process of his observation of the universe.

So, time owes its existence relative to the observer whereas numbers exist irrespective of the existence of the observer. You know how the number 32 works in the embryo to form the set of teeth even though the embryo does not know any number at all. There is a *Deva* of number or number intelligence working in the embryo who takes a seat in the brain centre of the individual after the preparation of the physical body is complete. So, numbers work irrespective of the individual mind. We know that the embryo develops only two lungs, only two eyes, two nose holes, two ears, two hands, and two feet unless there is a deformity. So, number works irrespective of the individual existence. But time cannot work if I do not know how to know the time. The watch owes its existence to the person who uses the watch. Otherwise, to a boy who does not know time, it is not a watch but it is a toy. That is the difference.

Duration is what actually we experience and time is with the name we give to it. Along with the succession of incidents, duration and succession put together we call it with a blind name called time. So, time is the name given, whereas duration is the action that takes place. It exists in all the planes because every plane is a plane to the dweller. Wherever there is a dweller, there is time except in the *Maha-Para-Nirvanic* plane, what is called the supra cosmic plane which is the highest and which has no bounds or no boundaries. Boundaries are prescribed by the human mind; the highest plane cannot have any boundaries. In that plane, no time exists because there is no indweller in that plane. The indweller and the plane are one.

I will explain how time does not exist to the seventh or the highest plane. But to all the other six planes, time exists because there are indwellers in each of these planes.

Question : *How the planets work on different planes?*

Answer : Only in a particular plane of existence, it is symbol of attachment because astrology is applicable to human beings of three planes of existence. For people of one plane, it is attachment; for people of the middle plane, it is the plane of enlightenment; to the plane of the third or the highest plane, it is the symbol of the divine fertilization called epigenesis. That is, the soul is taken as the virgin and the spirit or the Lord consciousness is taken as the father and the living being is incubated into the divine kingdom. This divine process also takes place in the bull.

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The symbolism of the scriptures also includes the symbolism of the seven planes of creation. Let us take it up with the yesterday's explanation to know what *Para-Nirvanic* plane is and why time cannot exist on that plane. I will try to explain with the help of a little example. You take an example that there is the statue of a human being made up of a block of ice and some magician could make this block think and understand and speak. Now we have the concept of an ice man and there is an ice block before him. Suppose he throws the ice block with his hand into space, then he can calculate the speed of the ice block.

He can give you the calculations. This fellow can calculate the volume of the water in the cup and a tube through which steam is passing; this fellow can calculate the volume of the steam, the temperature of the steam and the pressure inside the tube. Now, if this fellow is converted into simply a block of ice, by the same magician, he has nothing to calculate about the ice block because he is the same. If this ice man is fused into water by the same magician, he has nothing to calculate about the water because he is already water. Further, if this ice man is made steam and sent into this barrel where this steam was, he has nothing to calculate about the temperature or the volume of the steam.

See the differences between any two states. The state of ice man and the state of ice block are different from each other and the state of ice block and the state of water are different. Ice block floats on water. But when the ice block is made water, it cannot float upon itself. So, the

difference between ice block and water is one thing and the difference between water and steam is another thing. These can be called the various states of matter. Matter being the same but the states are different. You can call this ice; you can call this water; you can call this steam. But, all the three contain the same content.

So, you can call the content only by a fourth name X. That is the better truth of the three states. These three states are not absolutely true, but they are relatively true to each other. And, the X is more absolutely true than all the three states. So, you have only two steps of truth here. One is the relative truth which makes you understand the water, the ice block and the steam and one step better, truth which makes you understand the common content of the three states. Just as there are states of matter, there are also states of what we call power or energy. We have potential energy and kinetic energy. When we are sleeping, our energy is potential and when we are awake, it is dynamic.

Similarly, we have different states of mind. When we are sleeping, it is called sleep state of mind. That is what we call the absence of mind. It is absent to itself. When we are awake, it is another state of mind. When we are in dream, it is a third state of mind. So, we have some states in matter, difference of some states in force and difference of some states in mind. As you just try to understand yourself, you are a unit of three different entities - the matter which forms the tissues of your body, the force which is moving the parts of your body which we call vital force or *Prana* and the consciousness of which your mind

is one state. Without these three, there is no existence. You are existing as a unit of the three entities. Any atom on this earth should be an existence of these three entities.

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Now, let us go into the sub-divisions of these states that are the divisions of matter, the divisions of force and the divisions of consciousness into different states of existence.

We have some scientists who symbolized the different states. The classification is as follows: The first of the classification is called physical plane where we exist with our bodies. When we stand here, we stand on the physical plane with our body and the same physical matter you will find in this earth. The same minerals from the earth are made into our body. So, as long as we are people on this earth, we have the physical existence made up of the physical matter of the earth. The next is called astral plane. They are called planes of existence. In Sanskrit, they are called *Lokas*.

The first is the physical plane, what we call the plane of matter. The second is the astral plane, the plane where forces work in our body. We have the astral plane, where the *Prana* works. It is functional and conducts the functions of our body. If we are respiring, if the heart is beating, if the blood is being circulated, these are all due to the second plane or the astral plane, that is, forces moving units of matter because matter state cannot move itself. If you place the piece of chalk on the table, it cannot move by

itself. Similarly, your fingers do not move by themselves. You should make the fingers move and also make the piece of chalk move with your fingers. Then, you are entering into the plane of consciousness where there are subdivisions; here you have your mind. Here you have your body.

On the second plane, you have your vital force. So, for everything that you have in your body, you are having an original and corresponding existence outside yourself because you are like a vessel placed on the table in space just as the vessel contains in itself the same space where the vessel is placed. *Or if you throw a vessel into the river and get it immersed, the vessel exists in the river, but part of the river exists in the vessel and also in the form of the water in the vessel. Similarly, you have the same things outside yourself and same things inside yourself. Similarly, you have mind in you because there is mind in space around you. This is called the mental plane of the space around you.*

Generally, we have no educational institutions that teach us about the mental plane outside. Therefore, we are new to the idea that space has mind in it. Though there are religions that used to teach this ancient wisdom in the ancient days, gradually the people of religions also stopped teaching us these things. Now-a-days, they teach only about religions and the differences between two religions but not the wisdom that is being taught in the religions in old days. Otherwise, the institutes of religions used to teach these secret sciences in the ancient days. People of every religion

used to teach these things and learn these things. Later, there was an unscientific age to the religions also just as we have an unscientific age to science today. Because of the unscientific age to the modern science, man is using science for war and destruction, because man remained unscientific though he is discovering things in science.

If man had developed scientifically along with the discoveries he had done, he could have understood what man could have been and he could have understood what science had been and he could have understood the science of using sciences. Now there is no science to teach us how to use sciences. The result is, the human being is most unscientific in using the sciences. Even though he is a great professor in science, he can teach and learn sciences but he cannot teach us the science of how to use the science. So, when we go into the scriptures we find how they taught us the real science, which they called the 'science of the human being', that is the science through which the human being should be understood. *Unless the human being understands himself, he cannot use himself. Unless he knows how to use himself, he goes into the unscientific ways of what we call competition, commercialization, war and destruction.*

That's why the modern man is most unscientific in his approach towards science. With all his intelligence, the modern man is not able to understand how to avoid the beastly instinct of competition and how to avoid conflict and how to avoid destruction and war and how to avoid the evils of commercialization. Unless man knows these

things, we cannot boast that the human being is scientific. The ancient scriptures of all nations, they used to teach the real science of the human being. The result is the human being used to live more peacefully than we live now. In fact, the ancient human being did not know so many things, as many things as we know in the present day. But he knew what the science of man was. The result is, even though the modern man is more informed about the secrets of Nature, he is still savage enough not to save himself from his lower instincts of competition, jealousy, conflict and war.

So, these states of existence belong to a classification which is part of the science of man. This belongs to the ancient scriptures. The more we try to understand them, the more we will be able to understand ourselves and make a valuable supplementation of what we know in the modern age.

First of all, let us make the first discovery that there is mind in space. The result is, the living beings have mind in their heads. One, two, three planes of existence we have seen. Then beyond mind, you have another plane which is called 'Will'. So, you have 'Will' in you which is different from your mind. ***What is the difference between mind and Will? Mind is the screen where the impressions from outside are received.*** So, it is an information centre. You can know who is there around you. You can know what is there around you. You can smell and you can taste. You can hear sounds and you can find heat and cold. Like this, you can know what is there around you and how it is affecting you by way of sensations. That is the purpose of what we call mind.

Then, you want another capability which makes you choose what you require and what you do not require; to know what is desirable and what is not desirable; to select what is desirable and leave off what is not desirable; to distinguish between what you need and what you want; to differentiate between what you need and what you desire; what you need and what you wish; when to eat and when not to eat.

You want another faculty to decide if you are to eat or not. That is what is called the 'Will'. The Will is creative by nature and as long as you use your Will, you can create your future. You can change your present. You can make changes in the routine and you can be in the direction of what you want to be. That's why it is called the plane of creation. On that plane, you are a creator. But, as long as you are on the plane of mind only, you are only a child of habit and a child of routine, responding automatically and this response is compared in the Indian scriptures with a bull that is tied to a go round machine where sesame is crushed and oil is taken through the mill.

In India, we have what is called the oil machine. In the centre there will be a round basin and in the basin, there will be a big rod rotating and the rod is linked with a bullock at a distance and the bullock is made to go round. Then the sesame is crushed with the rod and oil escapes through a hole. This is what is called the oil mill. Is the bull responsible for the direction it is taking around the oil mill? From morning to evening, it makes hundred or two hundred revolutions in the mill and it has not gained

any distance. According to its own will, nothing is achieved. Similarly, the human being who uses his mind only receives impressions from outside and behaves according to instinct and habit. The tongue reacts to the taste and the mind works with the tongue. The eye reacts to shape and light and the mind works with the eye.

So goes the daily routine. He goes to the school and college and gets his education in a routine way and he gets married and begets children in the routine way. He learns to go to the office not by intelligence but by habit. He works in the office or in the business, responds not with intelligence but with habit. He is busy from morning to evening and becomes old and dies. This is called the oil wind mill of the bull. It is called the routine activity which is non-creative. It is called in Sanskrit *Samsaara*. So, when you rise above that level, you will understand you are different from your mind. You know what is good and what is bad. You know where you get pain and where you get information.

If you use the black board with the chalk piece, you will get information. But if you dash the black board from the other side, you will get pain to the hand with the same black board. If you use the chalk piece and look at the black board, your eye helps you for the information. But, if you dash the chalk piece into the eye, the eye gets the pain of the chalk piece. In the same way, there exists for everything what is called the right way of doing and the wrong way of doing things. You are expected to maintain right relationship with everything around you- with your

father and mother, your brothers and sisters, your wife and children, your neighbours, your profession, your food, your sleep, your work. With everything, you are expected to keep up right relationship, avoid wrong relationship, if you want to avoid pain in life, suffering and misery in life. Then the experience is what is called happiness.

So, 'Will' is the instrument or the implement for you to know things and to change things whenever needed, to make a change for a better rearrangement, not a change for craze. So, in space, there is what is called the 'Plane of the Will'. It is called *Buddhic* plane. So, it is the fourth plane of existence in Creation. Above 'Will', you have what is called happiness, 'the Plane of Enjoyment'. You will come to understand that your understanding is not your enjoyment. Your understanding leads you to an experience called enjoyment. Understanding is only a change, a degree of illumination. The next and another degree of illumination is called happiness.

If you prepare a pudding or a sauce in the right way, you will enjoy the taste of it. Taste is not in the process of preparing it. Taste is not there in the physical cells of your tongue. Taste is not there in the nerve which works in the tongue. Taste is not there in anyone of the articles you use for the sauce or pudding and even when the sauce is complete and ready to eat, taste is not there in the sauce. It is not there in your tongue. It is not there in your mind, but when the tongue and the pudding come together and the mind comes to work there, there is the point of contact which we call taste. So, when three factors come together,

there is instantaneous existence of the fourth factor which we call taste. But this factor is only instantaneous. It has existence, but it has no duration.

The other things have existence and duration also through time. By understanding in this way, you will come to understand that happiness is something different from what you have. You will have a sense which gives you the enjoyment or happiness. You can call that instrument, happiness giving instrument because you have no name for it till now. Modern psychology has no name for it till now because modern psychology does not know that such an instrument is existing in you.

A little further we will try to know what its real name is. So, here it is called *Nirvanic* plane. It is the fifth plane of your existence. Gradually, you will come to understand that your tongue does not have that plane. The pudding does not have that plane. Your mind does not have that plane. But when there is a right contact of the three together, there is an instantaneous manifestation of that plane. By habit, we try to search for that plane in one of the three existing factors with us. For some time, we try to search for it in the tongue and before that, we try to search for it in the puddings, in all the tasty things, we have in the world and for some time, we try to search for it in the mind. The result is a thorough failure. Your tendency to search for it in one of these three things should take a turn into yourself, should take a course of withdrawal towards the real existence.

That process is scientifically called Detachment. Detachment is not leaving off home and children or

deserting friends and those who love us. But it is the scientific and artistic way of withdrawing from the instruments so that you may handle the instruments with care that is the process of not identifying yourself with the instruments. In Sanskrit, it is called *Vairagya*. Some of you know what *Patanjali* says about *Vairagya*. ***The reaction of the mind towards the environment can be suspended by a process of Vairagya. Then, the nature to react to environment will be stopped in you. You will stop reacting and you will begin responding.*** You will know the difference between reaction and response. So, here we have a plane which is called the plane of withdrawal into which you have to withdraw.

So, this is called the plane of *Nirvana* or the *Nirvanic* plane. Above that, there is another plane, the Plane of Absorption. You will come to understand that when you experience real happiness. The difference between the experience and yourself is gone after a stage. The difference between yourself and the experience is gone after a certain degree of intensity of experience. You will know that you are the experience and the experience is yourself. That is a thing which is to be experienced and which cannot be much explained.

For example, when you sit in the opera, when you find the music and the dance quite in tune with your liking, what happens? After a few minutes, the musician will not be seen by you. The dancer will not be seen by you. There will be only yourself and music. After a few minutes, you will not be known by yourself. You will be totally absent

to yourself and there will be only music. See how the three become one. In the beginning, you have the musician sometimes with a funny face which you will be observing. You are there and the music produced is there. There are three things existing. After a few minutes, the musician is not there to you because you liked the music. Only music is existing to you. After a few minutes, you are not existing to you. Only music becomes the duration of the time. Then, it is called the absence of the one who enjoys the happiness. That is what is called the next plane where the person enjoys is absorbed in the enjoyment.

Such a plane exists in space around you and it is called *Para-Nirvanic* plane. In Sanskrit, the prefix *Para* means, what we call *para* in English. Just as you have psychology and *para*-psychology, we have the Nirvanic and the *Para-Nirvanic* planes. That is exactly the meaning of the word *Para-nirvana*. Then you have the seventh plane which cannot be explained because you can experience it, but you cannot explain to anyone. I can experience it. I cannot explain to anyone. Why? The instruments we have at hand are not adequate to explain it and also to receive it because explanation pre-supposes two poles, the person who explains and the person who receives the explanation. Here there is no medium of communication between the two, just as we can explain about magnetism and we cannot explain magnetism.

We can demonstrate magnetism. We cannot explain magnetism. But we can explain about magnetism which means nothing to magnet. Even though I explain for three hours in this room about magnets, no piece of iron in this

room becomes a magnet. But the moment one big magnet is brought here and placed somewhere, the pieces of iron around the magnet begin to feel the magnet. So, this plane is there which we experience some day. But many times, you have experienced during your attendance to dance or music or opera. One thing we can say about this experience. In the sixth plane of experience, you have music but not the person who is enjoying the music.

In the seventh plane, there is no music also, because music is a word used by us. But it is not the thing that is there. The musical notes are also absent because the musical notes are only suppositions in the minds of the musician. The production of the musical notes has nothing to do with his idea of musical notes. So, here we do not have the musician. We do not have the person who is enjoying the music. We do not have the concept of music. The concept is also fused. There is only one thing which we call the Background Consciousness. It works as the circumference of our consciousness and also the centre of our consciousness. Those who experience this, they give out a few sentences about this. But since the sentences are made up of language, they are produced by the mind and received by the mind; they cannot convey the experience. *When Shelley expressed that **music is the centre and circumference of life**, it means that. Someday you also may mean that. You also may experience what Shelley experienced. Until then, you cannot pretend to have understood Shelley's poetry.*

We can have a good idea about the poetry of great poets. That has nothing to do with the experience of their

poetry. Just as a beautiful photograph of a sauce or pudding arranged on the table has nothing to do with the experience or the pudding or the sauce. You find the poetry of great poets printed in books like the pudding or the sauce well arranged on the table. Your intellect and your mind can take a nice photograph of the meaning of their poetry. But that never means that you enjoy that poetry. You have to approach through the fifth, sixth and seventh planes. Poets like Shelley or Keats, they live on the fifth, sixth and seventh planes. When you know how to ascend to those planes with the help of the words and the meanings they have used in their poetry, then only you will experience what the poet experienced.

So, you have what is called the background of yourself, background of the musician who has produced the music and the poet who has produced the poetry and also the background of what produces the design of the flowers in Nature. You see how each flower has its own pattern and design which means something regular, not irregular like the human mind. You will find the combination of colours in flower petals which mean something regular and not irregular like the human mind. You find how Nature produces thousands and thousands of designs in the name of the different species of flowers. See how different butterflies have different designs upon their wings. See how different birds have different colourings upon their quills. See how different birds begin to chirp and sing in different seasons of the year. See how the year is a flower like design being produced with its wonderful repetition of the fauna and flora of the universe.

What must be the background of such regularity, such harmony of colour, sound, number etc? When you observe the petals of the flowers, you find that number works with greatest accuracy. You cannot find an irregular number of petals on the flower of the same tree. When the atomic number of the atoms of a substance is constant, when the number of petals in the flowers of a species is constant and when the anatomy of human body is constant and quite different from the anatomy of a cow or dog, you can understand how creative the Background Consciousness is!

You can understand how the 'Will Plane' or the *Buddhic* plane of the space is working. You can understand how it is making you experience what you call happiness, how at times it is making you absorb in your own concept of happiness. It is that background from which we are all born. Upon that background, we are all existing and with that background as the centre of our consciousness or what we call the 'I AM'. So, it is upon the background of that consciousness we are existing and into that background, we are once again disappearing, not only ourselves, but also all the atoms of our earth globe; all the planets of our solar system that are working as the isotopes of one atom with the Sun as the nucleus of the atom. The whole atom which we call solar system makes its appearance on this plane, operates on that plane and merges on that. Not only one solar system, but the galaxies of stars which mean the millions and millions of solar systems that are described as the hair pores of the Lord of Space in the scriptures.

So, this plane is called the seventh plane and it is called *Maha-Para-Nirvanic* plane. In you, it is called *Ananda* in

Sanskrit. It is equivalent in English is what we call Bliss. *The fifth, sixth and seventh put together are what we call the Soul. When our consciousness begins to awaken to that particular level of consciousness, it is called soul consciousness. In that plane, we do not exist to each other like the different physical entities but we exist to each other on the background of the soul. Instead of each having a mind and a body, we will understand that the one person is existing, having so many bodies and minds. We will come to know that the 'one existence' has so many bodies floating in him. That is what is called 'group consciousnesses'.*

The differences between the individuals exist in that plane also. The temperamental differences of the mind and body exist when we are in that plane also. But they do not exist just as they exist to us now. They exist like the differences of the various strings of a musical instrument in the idea of the musician.

You see the musician has his own musical instrument with many strings. Is it possible that he arranges to see all the strings of the same size and same type? If he tries like that, he must be a stupid. He should change the thickness of the strings. The metal also he should change and the length of each thread should be different from another thread. Then only each produces a different note from the other. That is what the musician wants, not to discover the differences.

Suppose the instrument is given to a fellow who does not know what music is, he finds everything different, everything disorderly. He breaks all these strings and brings one wire which is quite uniform and fixes the wire with

uniform similar lengths and in the same way thinking that he is making the machine better. He makes it regular and the result is no music because he never knows how to use this instrument. But the musician is careful to see that the differences in the strings are maintained. See how the non-musician sees the differences and the musician sees the differences. Just like the non-musician, we are noticing the differences between each other. The result is having as many opinions about other people as the number of heads are.

We find each different from the other to notice only that I am more intelligent than you and that my wife is more beautiful than your wife. So, like this we notice the differences on the mental and the astral plane. But to the musician who has entered into the fifth, sixth and seventh planes, the difference is to enjoy the music. The temperamental differences of the various persons around him make him enjoy the music of one great musician who is the Creator of the Background. Just like the characters in the drama exist in the mind of the author of the drama, the temperamental differences exist in the person who enjoys the higher planes. Then he can discover who exists on the seventh plane. When this fellow begins to exist on the seventh plane, he discovers that there is no difference between himself and the Lord of that plane.

This is the plane where the ice block is fused into water, where the Lord of the plane and the plane are not different from each other. The plane is one with the Lord of the plane and the Lord consciousness of the plane is one with the plane. There are no two entities or two existences. Then there is no existence of what we call time because the watch

and the owner of the watch have become one. There is no one to watch the watch. So, there is no time.

This is one presentation of the symbolism of the scriptures. I think for some of you, it is a bit easy because some of you are familiar with the works of the Tibetan Master who is called Master Djwhal Khul whose works are transmitted through the works of Alice A. Bailey. You will find this classification in almost all the works of Master Djwhal Khul. The classification is taken from the ancient scriptures. Because the Master D.K. is one who has experienced all the planes, not only experienced but also discovered an alphabet to transmit it to us and a method to transmit to the 20th century mind. But that is not all. This does not mean that he is successful. His success is only fifty percent. He is successful as an author. The other fifty percent, he can be successful when we are fit to read and understand his books. Otherwise, he may be very sad about his attempt. He should wait until a better humanity is once again on.

We should know how to enter into it, how to climb up these seven steps of our existence. But each step requires the preparation of the same step in ourselves because the whole universe includes ourselves also. I cannot observe the whole universe and say that I know the universe. Only when I include myself also in my observation, I can say I began to observe. I can't say that I am working for the humanity if I think of humanity without myself because I may think myself a big Master who is superior to the ordinary humanity and the others are humanity and myself

the Master. Then the Master is gone. Because I have excluded myself from humanity, the whole book is a waste and each step I want to climb up, I will experience a slip and a fall.

See, how the steps in old ponds and rivers are full of moss and slippery? Every time, one wants to climb up one step, the foot receives a slip and at the same time the tooth will be hit. For every attempt, we receive a hit to the tooth that for every seven attempts, we may lose one tooth. We should be careful of this slippery ground. They are the steps of an old temple. The temple is very old and there is moss on every step. We are expected to climb up the steps of moss. Unless we clean the moss on the step which is not outside but which is inside, unless we begin to clean the instrument of the moss, unless we have detachment towards everything what we have, everything which belongs to us, we cannot understand what we are.

When we carry what we have on our shoulders, we cannot pass through the gateway to kingdom of God. Sometimes it may be possible to make an elephant pass through the hole of a needle. That is what the Lord says. But it is not possible to pass through the customs gate that exists between our country and His country. The check gate is very severe and it cannot permit even a garment with us to pass. We have to pass quite nude, not in the physical sense, but in the mental sense. We should be divested of metals and valuables before we have a true initiation. Of course, we had many such symbolic initiations whenever we enter into a society of Freemasonry. They will make

all our metals and valuables divested from our body. The coins of money are taken away. Any metallic thing like the watch is taken out and then we are asked to pass the gate of initiation. But after coming out from the temple of Freemasonry, after finishing the mock ritual, then we will take our own watch once again, our own coins into the pocket once again.

This is only an imitation initiation, a mock initiation or what they call the substituted word. Many times, it is substituted before we receive the genuine word. But, before we really enter into the temple, we should divest ourselves of what all belongs to us. Wife, children, husband, friend, neighbour, parent and brother- all these relationships should be cut off. But our duty to all these people should remain. That is what is called Detachment. All our ties with our property and money should be cutoff. We should stop to be the owners of our property and begin to work as the servants and the stewards of the property.

Unless we try to see the total man of seven steps, in others, not in ourselves, unless we do it, our steps cannot be clean. As long as we find something defective in others, we have to wait and wait and wait. As long as we have fault finding nature in us, we have to wait. As long as we comment about others, especially in the absence of others, commenting about a person in his absence, unless this nature is totally eliminated from us, we can't escape from the risk to our tooth. This is about the seven steps of wisdom called the seven planes of existence of the Creation, the seven planes of existence to yourself and myself also.

This is part of the wisdom of all the scriptures of the ancient days. Every scripture teaches us about these seven steps and also it gives us the practical guidance and training and it gives us the required psychological study of the man- 'I AM'. With the help of this psychological key which has nothing to do with the modern science of psychology, we know automatically about ourselves and the universe around us because we are only like a vessel placed on the table in space. The same universe exists around us. The same universe exists within us and what we call our existence is only vessel like existence.

So, each scripture has its own symbolism about these seven steps. Rome is called the city of the seven hills, not only about the physical and geographical sense because every ancient nation had its own city of seven hills. In India, in the South India, we have the city of seven hills where the Lord is located on the top of the seventh hill to which place we are expected to make a pilgrimage, the physical pilgrimage meaning a symbol of the real pilgrimage we have to conduct. In the North India also, we have a temple of seven towers. All the ancient nations had their city of seven hills and the temple of seven towers or the temple of seven gates. The Buddhist teachings teach us about the temple of seven golden steps which means only the temple that is inside ourselves.

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We continue with the subject of the concept of the temple. The seven planes of existence in us and in the universe made the human being understand that there was a plan in the universe and there was a continuous

construction of something going on. There is order in the architecture of the universe. When man understood that every atom is guided by a number and that the interval between sunrise and sunrise is governed by arithmetical and geometrical precision, that the astronomical year is in itself a structure which contains the numbers and forms as its components, just as the production of the flower in Nature proves the creative talent of Nature and the aesthetic sense of Nature's intelligence. How each flower has a pattern of its own, how each atom has a structure of its own and how the solar system has a structure of its own - the scientists and the seers of the ancient ages, they could understand that there was architecture in the whole Creation.

Whenever man tried to create any architecture, any beautiful design in Nature, it is only a rediscovery of a lost beauty, a design which he lost sight of and which he found once again. That's the reason why through thousands and thousands of years, the architecture of the temple in any nation has one catch word as its *Mantram*. The catch word is, when translated into English, like this: ***'long lost but now found'*** and also, ***"A secret lost and found"***.

That means, when man takes his birth on this earth, he develops his individual mind in such a way that he loses sight of the 'background mind' in space. He forgets easily that space has a mind of its own and he remembers that he has a mind in his little head only. The result is, his ugly reactions towards others in the universe in the name of individuality and in the name of what he calls push and

dash, that is his own angularities on the plane of emotions and on the plane of intellect, both of which belong to the lower aspect of the human kingdom. It takes a long time to recapitulate once again that there is a ***'background mind' working, a part of which is his individual mind.*** The scientific truth, that there is space mind, is forgotten.

Then, gradually, he begins to recognize once again by seeing the so many mysterious creations of Nature. When he sees the flowers produced in Nature, having definite designs, which show aesthetic sense and whenever he sees the beauty of the sunrise and sunset and the seasonal affects that are dispersed in the year, again he begins to understand that there is an order in the universe. But he begins to understand only unconsciously and that understanding he calls appreciation. *What we call the appreciation of the beautiful, is only a recollection of what we forgot, a beauty about which we lost sight of and once again recollecting into our unconscious and sub-conscious mind.*

Since our conscious mind is not enough to fathom this fact, to measure, to comprehend this fact, what we call our conscious mind is only a little window into the known and the unknown. Even the known things are known limitedly with the conscious mind. Just as if you look at the sky through the window, you can see the sky to the area of the window only. That is the nature of what we call our conscious mind. It cannot understand what is happening in the unconscious and the sub-conscious. Then how can it understand what is happening in the supra-conscious? That's why the conscious mind understands that

he is appreciating the beautiful things. He is appreciating the harmony of colour and the harmony of shape and form and sometimes the harmony of sound in the form of music.

When he appreciates the harmony of the form, he calls it art. When he appreciates the harmony of colour, he calls it the aesthetic sense of the paintings. When he appreciates the harmony of sound, he calls it music. When he appreciates the harmony of thought and expression, he calls it poetry. The basis of all these things is only one; the harmony that is there in Nature and the harmony that is lost sight of by the human birth. As plants and animals, we were continuously enjoying the harmony, because we had no much conscious mind. Since the plant has nothing of what we call mind, it experiences the happiness of the harmony of Nature and it experiences the happiness of the flowers produced through it because it has no mind to question what harmony is. The animals also are a little better than the human beings in enjoying the harmony of Nature for the simple fact that their mind cannot travel into the remote past also.

If someone gives a blow with a stick to an animal, for example a cow and the next day if the same fellow gives some food to the animal, it eats ungrudgingly. But if you do the same thing to the human being, what happens? If you give one blow today to a boy and tomorrow you call him, 'How do you do?' he says, "You fool". That is the difference between the human mind and the animal mind. The animal mind cannot have the continuity of emotion and concept either into the past or into the future.

It has the mind only that is required. Therefore, it also enjoys the harmony of Nature. But the human being has many obstacles to enjoy the harmony of Nature. His intellect is the first obstacle which makes him question what harmony is. Either he should get a satisfactory answer to this or he should be born once again as an animal. Otherwise as long as this question is in his mind, he never permits himself to enjoy the harmony of Nature. There are many such obstacles that man is expected to remove before he can enjoy life, at least as much as animals.

To enjoy more, there is a definite path of the seven steps which we talked of previously. Through the bottom most corner of his consciousness, the human being could suspect that there was a basic unity and harmony in Nature. Through ages and times, there have been some seers and people, some scientists and philosophers of Nature who probed more than what we the average human beings do. They went a bit deeper than what we do into Nature. They understood that everything in Nature is regular and systematic. They understood that the whole universe is built upon a model.

When man could understand the seven planes of existence, immediately he could understand the lower four planes different from the higher three planes. So, the lower four planes he could differentiate in the form of the objective planes. So, the first four planes from the bottom are- the physical, the astral, the mental and the *Buddhic*. They are described as the lower four and the remaining three are described as the higher three. So, it is symbolically

expressed in the scriptures that man is a quaternary in the base and a triangle on the top. This gave the first idea of the construction of a temple.

The human mind has two mathematical dimensions which belong to him even from the pre-historical ages. In the language of the ancient initiates, pre-historical ages mean, the pre-natal period of man that is after the fertilization and before his physical birth. This is what is called the pre-historical period. After the birth and before the physical death, it is called the historical period. Before the destruction of the temple means, before the physical body is destroyed. This is the mystery language of the initiates which they used in their books to be given to their students.

For example, if you go through the "Secret Doctrine" of Madam Blavatsky or the "Isis Unveiled" of the same author, you will find these terms used in a mystic and veiled sense. Whenever she uses the word pre-historic ages, it means the period after the fertilization and your birth. That is what we call the pre-natal epoch. Whenever she says, "The one manuscript that is there in the cave temples"; it means the 'I AM' in you. She says, there is only one copy of it now in existence. That means, 'I AM' always exists in singular number and that the same One exists in all these bodies.

Like that, there is a mysterious language just as the French people have a French language, the Flemish has a Flemish language, the Germans have the German language and the initiates also have their own language.

This language is kept constant through thousands and thousands of years. It never changes from century to century. In the language of the scriptures, man knows mathematics even from the pre-historical ages. That means, long before the physical birth, the indweller of the body knows what number is and what shape is when you observe the fact that the fetus develops only according to numbers, in the mother's womb that you have your two eyes and two ears, two holes of the nose, two hands and two feet, two lungs.

Like this, everything is according to number. The number of bones in your body is constant and the number of teeth is constant. When you observe all these things, you will easily understand that you know mathematics even from the pre-historical period that means, the pre-natal period. There is a number-consciousness working in the foetus, a *Deva* of numbers who is working. There is a shape-consciousness also working, that is, a *Deva* of shape working in the foetus; so that the seed of man cannot by mistake produce a pig or a dog. The seed of man produces only the human frame. The seed of a pig produces only the body of a pig. The seed of a dog produces only the body, physical frame of the dog.

See, the seed of the banyan tree produces only banyan tree. See banyan seed is the smallest of all seeds. Banyan tree is the largest of all trees. But the seed contains recollection of every part of the tree. This proves that two *Devas* are working in the seed of every living being. One is the *Deva* of number and the other is the *Deva* of shape.

In the ancient Indian scriptures, the *Deva* of number is called *Kapila*; the *Deva* of shape is called *Viswakarma*. They work out the shape and the numbers in the foetus. When the construction of the physical frame is complete, they enter into the physical frame. They make their own abode in the physical frame and exist along with the indweller as long as he lives.

What are they doing in us? They are counting numbers in us. We think we are counting numbers. They are recollecting the shapes in us. We think we are recollecting the shapes. When I see you after one year and say 'hello, how are you', they are recollecting your shape and they are recollecting your existence and then mind receives it and then the idea comes to us that this is Mr. Prabhu. Like that, at every step we believe that we are recollecting, but these intelligences that are working in us, the intelligences that belong to the pre-natal period those who framed the whole physical frame, those who had a design with them in the form of the blue print of the whole structure, that is the graphic representation of the structure to be made, that is, the plan of the future building is there with them.

The construction of the building is made according to their plan. They have a correspondence of numbers and shape. According to this science of correspondence, the number three and the triangle are the two different presentations of the same truth. Number four and what we call the square are the two representations of the same truth. Same consciousness is presented in two different ways.

The centres of this consciousness are kept as seeds in an important portion of our body by these two *Devas*, the portion what we call the cerebro-spinal system, our head and the vertebral column. After constructing the whole constitution, after the anatomy of the body is finished, these *Devas*, they take a place within the vertebral column. They live with us in it. Each of these intelligences has a place, a centre from which they operate.

Similarly there is a speech centre from which the intelligences of speech work in us and begin to translate our thoughts into speech. They are called the wisdom bearer intelligences. In Sanskrit, they are called *Vidyadharas*. *Vidya* means wisdom. *Dhara* means bearer. That group of intelligences who are called *Vidyadharas*, they operate with the thoughts and the translating mechanism of the thoughts, translating the thoughts into our known language and then transmitting the translated sentences into syllables and sounds, so that they form the sentence. The sentence contains the subject, object and predicate, not as grammar but as a thought. Whenever your thought is to be transmitted, these people workout the form of thought and they translate it into a sentence at first.

The sentence is then translated into three different parts. Then the ideas of subject, object and predicate are separated and then the words for the subject, object and predicate are used. So, they are called the group of *Devas* called *Vidyadharas* or wisdom bearers. That is why, in the symbolism of scriptures, all this group of *Devas*, they bear in their hand a musical instrument which is called *Veena*

which contains two bigger parts and a beam that connects them and some wires that give the music and some little wooden steps across the wires. I think some of you might have seen the musical instrument *Veena* in India. This is a symbol from the scriptures which represents the vertebral column.

The one big part of *Veena* is representing the head, another representing the base centre or *Mooladhara*. The wires representing the self-proposed intelligences that are working in the vertebral column, the supra-conscious intelligences about whose existence, our conscious mind does not understand till today and any branch of the modern sciences could not enter till today for simple fact that all the branches of the modern science are learnt only with the help of the conscious mind. We do not still have the mastery over the other layers of mind. Sometime in the middle of the 21st century, there will be the method of teaching through the supra-psychic mind which is a little bit discussed by the Master Djwhal Khul about the advanced education systems of the future.

The method is called teaching through impression. When the student is sleeping, the teacher sends a seed of thought into the mind of the student. The seed begins to germinate in the mind of the student and gradually the whole subject will expand in the student without the universities feeding the information and the student without wasting his life energy in reading thousands of pages and feeding information in the false name of education. Now, the educational system of the present universities is much

backward and much painful and much un-psychological, so that every student who has successfully gone through the university education, let it be medical course or engineering course, he has the bad impact of the strain he has undergone. We can read it on his face. He loses the freshness which was there before he entered the universities.

You find on his face the stamp of a stunning effect, a fatigued face and a softened mind, a mind which is made soft which proves that he is educated in the modern university. But after 50 years, the case will be different. A real university will feed only seeds to the student. It never throws upon the head of the student, volumes. So, seed sowing is a process. During sleep, the seed of a subject will be thrown into the mind of a student. Within a few weeks, the student begins to feel the subject in his mind. New thoughts and new dimensions begin to germinate and gradually, he receives the whole subject within one or two years. That is what the Tibetan Master calls the method of impression or teaching through impression.

This instrument *Veena* indicates that there is an instrument in us that has the process of impression through which you can impress one total subject in a second. The wires that produce music are the lines of consciousness that are running through the vertebral column. There are three main wires; the wire on the right side, the wire on the left side and the central wire. The wire on the right side is called the solar string of consciousness. The wire on the left side is called the lunar string of consciousness.

In the centre, it is called the string of the fire of consciousness. In the yogic symbolism, the right sided line of consciousness is called *Pingala*. The left sided is called *Ida* and the central is called *Sushumna*. Remember that they are not nerves. But they are lines of consciousness that are left free from the time of fertilization.

There are many thousands of lines of consciousness, so that, the human being fills up the gap with his evolved consciousness which he calls the 'consciousness of the All Presence'. So, these lines that are left as missing links, they are called Nadis in Sanskrit which are wrongly translated as nerves. They are not the nerves, but they are the lines of force along which the nerves are formed in the pre-natal period. There are some lines of force that are left without being filled and they are called the Nadis in the vertebral column. These Nadis work as lines of consciousness in us and under certain conditions, a line of consciousness makes its presence felt. The moment it is present to us, we will feel the many things in Creation. We will feel the many truths in Creation without the necessity of the process of teaching and learning. Things will dawn to your mind, just as there is light at the time of sunrise.

So, these strings in the *Veena* symbolize the supramental consciousness working along the vertebral column inside. All the *Devas* that work with our intelligence and that work with the translating apparatus, those intelligences who translate our thoughts into our words and into our sentences and our utterances, those are called *Vidyadharas*. They work out the numbers and the shapes in us. Therefore,

the process of the construction of the body in the mother's womb is called the construction of the temple. The seven planes of our existence are understood and expressed as the square and the triangle, the lower four and the higher three and this gave the idea of a building with a tower. It is irrespective of religions because this is a pure science that exists in Nature which has nothing to do with religions.

The temple is symbolized as the abode of the living being and the body with all its functions is compared to the temple at first. In Sanskrit, you have one *mantra* about the temple. The translation of that *mantra* goes in the following manner. "Your body is the temple and the living being in you who is newly born is the ancient one who was already living there. The one who was there before your birth is the same who is there after your birth in the temple of your body. Therefore, break the walls of ignorance and worship the Omnipresent within the four walls of your constitution". This is one *mantra* given about the temple.

Whenever we go to the temple, we are expected to utter this *mantra* and think, meditate upon the meaning of this. That this is the temple and the indweller who is there from my birth is the same as the one who was there even before my birth. That is the meaning. Therefore, let me break the walls of ignorance and meditate "I AM that I AM". In Sanskrit, "I AM THAT I AM" is called *So-Hum*. So means He, Hum means 'I, I AM'. So, *So-Hum* means, "I AM that, that is I AM". Put together "I AM that I AM". The same thing you find in the Old Testament, in the book

of Exodus. The same *Mantram* heard by Moses on the Mount. So, this is called in Sanskrit, the *Mantram* of the temple.

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Now a few details regarding the ideas of the temple: Generally, in many cultures, the temple, inner most part is constructed as having only one entrance. There are exceptions, no doubt, but universally it is accepted. But the sanctum sanctorum, the inner most part of the temple should have only one passage that is to enter and to come out. Inside, you will find the installed God, the most sacred. Every religion has its own most sacred thing installed in the centre. It may be the image. It may be the Cross. It may be the word. It may be the symbol or it may be the space that is understood as the content of the space, because what exists there in your heart in the form of the speaking 'I AM' in you is nothing but space in your heart. When you enter the space towards the right hand, the old space that is speaking through your body comes out and the new space enters into your heart and begins to speak. This is what is explained in the science of the temple.

What we call the indweller of the body is nothing but what we call space outside. Space created all the beings so that space wanted to speak in the form of many beings to each other. Therefore, the temple of many ancient nations contains only one entrance and the same exit without having a second entrance. This indicates the passage of air into the lungs and coming out in the form of exhalation. Inhalation of air and exhalation of air taking the same passage through the nostrils or mouth represent the outer

God entering into the inner 'I AM' making the inner 'I AM' live or working as the inner 'I AM' and then coming out as the outer air. So, we are praying and speaking about Him but also we are speaking to Him. That means, with the air we breathe in, we speak out our speech. What we call our speech contains only the air that we have borrowed from outside. So, this is the 'borrowed robes'.

To remind us of this, the central most part of the temple has only one entrance and one exit. This is also understood as the Almighty or the All Existence preparing a temple of number four existing outside as the cosmic 'I AM', entering inside as the vital 'I AM' and working inside as the personal 'I AM'. Once again, the higher triangle, that is, the three higher principles working as the one who comes, who works inside and who goes outside. We speak that we are living. But in fact, the one who lives is always coming and going. That is why the pilgrims come and go into the temple. They create the presence of God in the temple, whereas the gross minded people think that the God is there in the centre of the temple. This is also one of the prayers about the temple in Sanskrit. That is, God is continuously entering into the temple and coming out of the temple in the form of pilgrims. This is one secret about the temple construction.

Generally in many temples of India and also in ancient Chaldea, you find a lake before or behind the temple. That is, to receive the reflection of the temple. When you sit on the bank of the lake, you will receive the total reflection of the temple in the water. Unless you sit down there and observe the reflection in the water, it is believed that your

pilgrimage is not complete. That is because of the fact that you should understand that there is a reflecting principle also in you. The phenomenon of temple is reflected on the lower principles so that the lower organs of the body are also constructed in the same fashion for the purpose of installing the God in the form of the 'son to the father' installing the same God in the form of the son by the father with the help of the mother.

It is said to be the place of pilgrimage where the animals of wife and husband will be converted into the angels of father and mother. That is a sacred *Mantram* about a temple. That is before the fertilization of a child, they are husband and wife. But from the moment of the fertilization, they are no more wife and husband. They are father and mother. So, it is said that the life is ennobled because their lower temple is consecrated to God. This is the reason of the ennobling aspect of the temple worship. The concept of keeping the sex life pure and pious is considered to be a part of the temple worship. So, in almost all the scriptures of the ancient nations, you will find the following ideas about the reflecting temple.

One is the differentiation of the male and female bodies are for the worship of installing the image, that is, for the multiplication of species in Nature. Therefore, sex life should not be polluted. Purity of sex should be maintained, so that pure bodies are produced to install the deity and keep him pure. So, what we call the sex life is called the reflection of the temple in water. There are some nations which understood it in a different way also. There are

nations that understood that the very concept of the temple is a symbolism of sex. Those nations went into phallic worship and what we call the worship of Baal and Bacchus and what is called the Venus worship. They went into sex and wine and the nations went into degeneracy and decay.

So, there is the right understanding of the symbol of temple and there is the wrong understanding. To keep up the purity of the understanding of the temple, there are what we call the mystery temples and the secret societies; for example the society of Freemasonry and the ancient Egyptian ritual. But even among them, we have the genuine ones and the foul ones. In the name of Freemasonry, we see people gathering in halls, drinking and dancing in the name of rituals. But at the same time, there are the pious temples and the pious societies existing. But many people do not know the existence of the real pious societies because unless we are permitted, we are not informed of the existence of those societies. The societies which invite us to go into them in the form of esoteric societies and ritualistic societies, remember that they are all fake societies because real wisdom never makes an advertisement of itself. It never invites you into its hall just as the proprietor of a big restaurant invites you politely.

Always wisdom is there for you to seek. You are expected to go for wisdom. Wisdom never comes to your feet. So, the real societies are there existing through thousands of years. Even today they are filled with most pious men who want nothing for themselves except the wisdom. Only those people are admitted into those

societies. The others cannot seek admission because they are not informed of the existence of such societies.

So, among the temples we have the noblest and the meanest concepts of the temple. We know the concept of the temple in the form of phallic worship. That is man worshipping the physical and astral woman and woman worshipping the physical and astral man. It is called the left-handed magic by the ancient scientists of the temple. But even the highest secrets of temple, they indicate the male and the female worshipping each other but not in the way which the emotional fellow knows.

You know RamaKrishna Paramahansa? He worshipped his wife as Mother Goddess and used her body as the temple to install the most sacred concept of the temple and as the most sacred concept of the deity. That is something which generally people cannot understand.

It is enough to remember that the seventh plane of consciousness in man and his wife are worshipped by each other. That is the Maha-para-nirvanic plane of consciousness. That is the soul consciousness of man is essentially feminine by nature. The soul consciousness of a woman is essentially a male by nature, not in the lower sense, not in the sense of the square but in the sense of the triangle. So, the man is expected to worship the woman and the woman is expected to worship the man above and beyond sex. So, this is expected to be practised by husband and wife. In the course of their practice, their sex life will be gradually eliminated and the inspiration is purified from emotion and a type of distillation of the consciousness takes

*place and the pure male consciousness and the pure female consciousness are worshipped in each other. This is something which is to be studied slowly. **It is enough to remember that man in his inner most consciousness is feminine and woman in her inner most consciousness is masculine.***

Another aspect of the temple is, you know that the earth is revolving upon its own axis producing day and night. The four corners of the day when seen from upon the earth are considered as the base of the temple. The sun rise, noon, sunset and midnight- they form the four corners of the earth in the mystic language of the initiates. When you stand at your place, when you mark the four timings, they are called the four corners of the temple. So, the day is to be meditated as the base of the temple. It is called the temple of clay, that is, the temple of the earth, the revolutions of the earth. You are expected to install God from the corner of the midnight which is called north. The noon is called south for some astronomical purposes. Sunrise is called east. Sunset is called west. Noon is called south and midnight is called north. The Lord is said to enter from the North into the temple to the centre. You see this point of the day denotes zero time or midnight. You are expected to be in sleep during that hour.

When you are sleeping, who is there existing ? It is the Lord who is existing. Who is looking after your heart beat, your respiration? It is the omnipresent one. Therefore, he is expected to enter into you through your sleep. That is the reason why in some ritualistic halls, you will find an officer in the East representing the *Deva* of the sunrise,

another officer in the West representing the *Deva* of sunset, another in the South representing the *Deva* of mid-heaven and the Northern chair is kept vacant. It is called the chair of the Lord or the chair of the Master. So, this is one of the concepts of temple.

There is another concept which is a little bigger than this. You see the earth going round the Sun making the solar year. The sun appears to go round the earth which makes the Solar Year. If you stand on earth and observe the solar year, which is only a reflection of the earth's path around the Sun, you will find four points. The one is called the vernal equinox, the day on which the night and the day are of equal duration when you measure from the equator. That is called the beginning of Aries. That takes place on March 21st and gradually from that date onwards, the duration of the day increases, the duration of the night decreases so that after three months, you will have one day with longest duration of the day and the shortest duration of the night. That is on 22nd June. Again, from that day, the duration of the day begins to decrease and gradually decreases until on September 21st, it becomes equal to night once again. Again, the duration of the night goes on increasing and the duration of the day decreasing until December 22nd on which day there is the longest night and the shortest day.

So, these two are called the two solstices. These two are called the two equinoxes. So, once again you will find the same square and the Cross within the circle forming the base of the solar temple. It is called the temple of the

astronomical God or in our own words; it is the graphic representation of the solar year. Therefore, it is called the base for the temple of Solomon because there were three nations having three groups of initiates in olden days. All the three nations worked it out and they used to meet to confer initiations of the wisdom of this temple. The people of one nation had one word 'Sol' as the name of Sun God and there is a second group of people having this as the name of Sun God, 'Om' and a third group of initiates who have 'On' as the name of Sun God. All these three nations, the initiates gather together and gave birth to a solar king who is called 'Sol-Om-On' whose temple is built in all the scriptures. This is the undercurrent history of the Solomon's temple.

Now, you see many Freemasons toiling very hard to build the temple. Many Freemasons struggling very hard to build this temple but they have long lost these secrets but not yet found. We hope that they find sometime in the future, from the time they begin to keep their temples pure and behave like true ritualists in their ritualistic temples. We hope so. This is one aspect of the temple.

In another language by the ancients, the square was called 'templa' and circle is called 'cone'. The present word 'contemplation' comes from the concept of squaring up the circle. That is what we call the contemplation. That means, the four corners of the day and the four corners of the year when meditated upon as the four petals of the same flower, the flower which forms the base of a temple, then you will understand what contemplation is because contemplation

or meditation are the stages which cannot be achieved through trying very hard. It is by your behaviour of the twenty-four hours and the way of your life during the year and the arrangement of your annual work, you enter into a state called meditation and another stage called contemplation. But by trying hard, no one can succeed in entering into it.

Many people ask how to meditate. We should start it with our living, not with closing our eyes but with opening our eyes and beginning to do our duty, fixing up the place and time of our work daily, keeping up the regularity of our routine and the fidelity in our behaviour and the reliability in the mind of others.

It is called the '**tongue of good report**' that is required. It is wrongly understood as others speaking good about us. See, the candidate will be questioned when he comes to enter the temple, "How do you hope to enter?" The candidate is prompted to answer that he tries to enter with the help of the 'tongue of the good report'. The meaning is wrongly understood as others speaking good about us. No doubt but that gives entrance to others, not to us.

When others speak good of us, they are fit to enter the temple. That does not mean that we are fit. So, the original meaning of the 'tongue of good report' is our tongue and then gathers those good things, glorify them by using the tongue. Use them wherever they serve the purpose of constructing the temple. Narrate the good deeds of anyone and the good behaviour of any person wherever the narration serves a purpose of purification. This is the process of installing God presence in human bodies. This

is what is called the 'tongue of good report' which is called the key of the temple in Freemasonry.

Let not the key be rusted. So, this is one aspect of the temple concept. Finally, one aspect I will touch now. In Indian temples, you find an arch around the God, around the head of the God. You will find an arch with the mouth of a crocodile starting and the tail of a tortoise ending, they both put together forming the arch. In temple science, this arch is called the '*crocodile arch*'.

In Sanskrit, it is called *Makara Torana*. *Makara* means crocodile and *Torana* means arch. This represents the Northern half of the zodiacal signs. That is the six signs beginning with Capricorn which is called the crocodile and ending with what is called Cancer- the beginning of Cancer, which is called the tortoise in the scriptures. So, the northern signs, six signs of the zodiac, they are called the arch around the head of the Lord. This means, that the northern half of the year is favourable for the practice of spiritual appliances and the temple construction within yourself. This is because the water on the earth will be distilled and purified and taken in the form of clouds. That is the water is liberated from all pollutions of the earth we make and pure water is lifted up from the pollutions and they are gradually made clouds and then they are allowed to come down to earth once again in the form of rain.

This forms one of the major symbolic keys of the ancient scriptures. The upward path of water and the downward path of water put together form the one arch of the upper hemisphere. That is the water from the time

it left the earth to the time it once again touches the earth, it forms the upper half of the solar temple. It is called the brilliant arch around the head of the Lord. During that period, the subtler principles of your constitution that is the higher three are more alert and awakened than the lower four. So, that period is more favourable for spiritual practice and the initiation for the construction of the temple that is the inner temple.

That is the reason why these signs, the six signs are arranged around the head of the God in the Indian temples. These are a few interesting points of ancient symbolism regarding the concept of temple. Of course, the concept of temple is very vast and we can go on giving information and narrating new things at least for thirty lectures. Therefore, it is only by way of introducing the subject to you, I made this introduction. Sometime in the future, if we will be able to plan things, we can have a regular course of symbolism arranged at the same time and the same place for about ten days or fifteen days. Then we can do some justice to the subject called the temple.

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Now, we will enter into our subject. We take up the most popular symbols in Indian scriptures today. They are called Shiva, Vishnu and Brahma. They are called the *Trimurthy*. The word *Trimurthy* in Sanskrit means, three manifestations. You might have seen photographs of a sculpture in India which is taken from the caves of Elephanta and the sculpture belongs to third century B.C., with one bust and neck and three heads. That represents

the pictorial presentation of the Indian concept of the *Trimurthy* that is the trinity that was conceived in India. It belongs to the thousands of years in the past. It is as popular now as it was in the ancient days. Ninety percent of the names of persons in India today belong to one of the three names or their synonyms.

We find the name *Shiva* to many people. *Vishnu* is also a common name. *Brahma* is also a common name. You will see that in Belgium itself, there is one *Brahma*. In the scriptures, the name of the wife of *Brahma* is *Saraswathi*. Now the Belgium *Brahma* has his wife with name *Saraswathi*. He comes from a country side called Koksijde. I make a fun of him by always calling him *Brahma* the creator. The three represent the three aspects of Creation; *Brahma* is creator, *Vishnu* is the Lord of existence, therefore he is the Lord of preserving, *Shiva* is called the destroyer. Actually, he is not the destroyer, but we have to understand the three aspects correctly.

You see how the ocean manifests waves. There is the emerging of one wave and there is a merging of the wave. That means in the ocean. So, *Brahma* represents the emerging of the wave of our creation and *Shiva* represents the merging of that wave of creation into that ocean. Therefore, it is not actually destroying. But on the physical plane, it is observed as destruction because living beings who take a physical body are bound to have an end to the physical body. *This is because physical body has no independent existence. It is only equilibrium of many millions of forces which I compared with the shape of a*

tent. What we call tent is not an item in itself. The real items are the cloth, the wires, the pullies and the pillars. All these when they are arranged in a proper model, we will get the new item called the tent. But the tent never indicates an independent existence of something different from the parts.

Therefore, the physical body is not an item at all. It does not indicate an independent existence. When the other forces are under certain conditions, they set up an equilibrium which we call the physical body and when the equilibrium is disturbed, the forces are distributed into themselves. They have not gone anywhere. But the physical body is not there. Therefore, existence in a physical body has a beginning and an ending. Similarly, all the physical matter in this Creation has its beginning and its ending. That is why, our earth which is on the physical plane had its beginning and it will have its own dissolving, dissolving into the original component. Same thing with other planetary bodies also; same thing with the total solar system also; same thing to every solar system in this space.

So, it is understood that there is an intelligence which is gathering forces into the creative activity and that force is called *Brahma* the Creator. The intelligence that gathers forces for Creation is called the *Brahma*, the Creator. Then intelligence is working for the distribution of these forces in the end, just as when we take a journey somewhere, it has its own beginning, a programme for the journey. After finishing the journey, we will also have a programme for returning home. We will be as busy with our tickets

and baggage to end the journey as we were in the beginning of the journey. So, it is also an equally important programme and the programming director who programmes for the end of things is called *Shiva*. He is wrongly understood as the destroyer. But when, if we speak with the physical plane under consideration, it is what we call destruction. But if we take the whole plan into consideration, it is not destruction.

If an artist is working with his plaster of paris to make a sculpture, he is the creator. If a more beautiful structure comes to his mind, he can once again make the plaster into a ball to be used for the new sculpture. But while he is destroying the first sculpture, he is making it possible for the better sculpture. So, we can say, he is the destroyer of the first sculpture. So, if we take only the first sculpture into consideration, it is destruction. But if we take the creative art of the artist in totality, you will understand that it is a game for pleasure and the game includes a beginning and an ending, a better beginning and a better ending and again a better beginning and a better ending. See how the child is playing the same game again and again. See, how with the same fifty two playing cards, we again and again play the cards game finding something new in the new game.

Finding something new is the quality of consciousness. The consciousness is compared with a child playing with his toys for his pleasure. The third one also we have to understand. Suppose the first one is a sculptor, he makes a beautiful head of a great hero. An artist makes a beautiful picture on the canvas. A colour painter makes a beautiful

colour combination and a landscape on the canvas. Is he making the picture by doing it or does he have the picture before he is doing it? There is an engineer who constructs a big building. Is it by building something he is making the building? Or is he having the whole building in his mind before he started the construction? If we go on building some walls, it cannot be a building. We should have in our mind the whole building with all its details, windows, walls and the lids and the bars.

Every small part of the building, we should have in the mind beforehand. The plan of the building should be there on the paper before the building. Then only the building is constructed. Before coming upon the paper, where does the plan exist? In the mind of the craftsman who makes the building. At first, he looks at vacant space and he looks to the location of the space, the street and the other houses and then finds a house in his mind which is to be established in that place. That is what is called creation. The rest of the work that is done is not creation. It is called construction.

So, creation is the previous state of construction. Unless the creator has creation in his mind at first, he cannot create the building outside. Unless the sculptor has the picture in his mind, he cannot make it upon the hill. Unless the painter has the landscape in his mind, he cannot make the landscape on canvas. The same is true with everything. When the artisan prepares a cup or a pot with clay, he has the pot in his mind at first which is called the pot of creation and then he begins to make the pot on clay. So, the creator

should have the whole creation in his mind. Before that it should come to his mind. You see, where from the potter is getting the shape of the pot in his mind? Where from the sculptor is getting the picture into his mind? It is called his '**background mind**'. It is not his mind. 'The Mind', from 'the mind', he is getting it into his mind. So, what we call the 'background mind' is the third aspect *Vishnu*. He is the Background upon which the Creator awakens and then has the plan of Creation in his mind.

So, from the supra-mental state, it enters the mental state of the creator or the creator awakens into the picture. We say that it strikes him. We say that something suggests to my mind. Even before suggestion, our mind is there working, but we get the suggestion after some time. So, there is a 'background mind' where the suggestion was already existing. Then it is coming to our mind. That 'background mind' is called *Vishnu*. So, he preserved the whole Creation in the 'background mind' and then the Creator came out from him and into the mind of the Creator, the whole Creation came as the idea. Then he began to work it out. That is the reason why the symbolism is described in a peculiar way.

Lord *Vishnu* is said to have his repose in space. He is described as blue coloured God because what we call the sky or space is His body. So, He is lying expanded with his body as space. From His navel, a lotus comes out. That is how it is described. This is all *Vishnu* that is space and time unbound. There will be a centre forming in Him. From the centre, there will be an extension of His own

awakening in the form of a lotus stalk and then there is the process of expansion in all directions. Therefore, it is described as the lotus. Not only that, it expands with awakening. What we call awakening or awareness is described as light.

The whole lotus awakens with light. In the tropical countries, especially in India, we have one particular form of lotus. That lotus begins to move its petals when the beginning of the sunrise gives the first rays. When the Sun comes up, it blossoms fully. In the evening, when the Sun begins to set, gradually it begins to come together. That is the reason why this is described as lotus. Then it is said, this receives the rays of its Sun. Remember not our Sun because the creation was not yet there to have our solar system. There is a Sun who exists in every part of the space who is called the Spiritual Sun in the scriptures.

He is also called "The Spirit" in the Roman Catholic symbolism. That is the Lord in the highest concept a man can conceive. That Spirit gives its awakening to this lotus that works as the Sun of this lotus. Gradually the petals blossom and within the lotus, you will find *Brahma*. He is described as seated in the lotus. That means, the Creator Consciousness was sleeping in the Background Consciousness. Again, and again, it awakens into self-consciousness. Then it knows that it is existing just as when we wake up from our sleep. We once again know that we are existing. We may sleep many thousands of times, but we do not know that we are sleeping. But the moment we wake up from sleep, we once again know that we exist.

Similarly, this fellow in the lotus awakens and learns that he exists and then begins to do his work just as in the morning we wake up and begin to attend to our routine once again.

So, the Background Consciousness is called Vishnu. The word Vishnu means pervasion. That is, if there is a vessel, there is space outside and space inside and also there is space between two atoms in the vessel and there is space within the atoms of the vessel also. Ultimately, we find nothing but space in everything because space has its own vibrations just as milk when boiled has its own cream crusting on the surface. Similarly space has its own cream crusting on the surface. The cream is the formation of the Creation. Like that, we find the Lord as the pervasion. We can know him only as space and we can know that the Brahma is made up of space, just as all the atoms of every substance are made up of space. Within the atoms, there is only space. Between two atoms, there is only space. Outside the atoms, there is only space. So, the atoms are only ideas in the Cosmic Mind.

So, this Lord is the Lord of 'cosmic idea of the whole creation'. The idea comes to his mind again and again in the form of creator or *Brahma*. Then, there is one stub which is called his navel and there is the sprouting of the Creator Consciousness. That is why it is described that *Brahma* is the son of *Vishnu*. Because *Vishnu* is the Background and *Brahma* is the one who comes out of the Background. So, the word *Vishnu* means, filling in everything as the content of everything and existing as everything. So, this

is the concept of *Vishnu*. Then, the whole creation of *Brahma* can be compared with a house of cards, because it is only a packing up of atomic matter. He has his own planes of consciousness preparing and then from him all the worlds come out. He is set to create seven planes of existence which are described by the Tibetan Master in all his books.

The first plane which we know is called the **physical plane** or the material plane. The second plane is called the **Astral plane**. It contains subtler matter. All the forces work in that plane and that is the subtler plane which we call the second plane of existence. So, the first is the physical plane from bottom. The second is called astral. To do this, he should have a mind. Therefore, the third is called **Mental plane**. To strike some idea to his mind, there should be a bigger mind. That is called the **Buddhic plane** for his *Buddhi* to work. He should feel it happy to receive the suggestion. That happiness is the next plane. It has three sub planes. One is called **Nirvanic Plane**, the plane upon which we experience happiness. The next one is called **Para-Nirvanic** plane which means the happiness of a higher octave, happiness beyond our understanding. When we say we do not remember ourselves; whenever we have a very happy experience; whenever there is best music; sometimes we say, we do not exist, it is *Para Nirvanic* plane. We do not remember ourselves. We will be in the *Para-nirvanic* plane when we are enjoying it and the next is called **Maha-Para-Nirvanic**.

So, these seven planes of existence are created by *Brahma*, the Creator and these planes exist in us also. The more we are tuned to them, the more we are able to experience them or in other words, they become true with us. Otherwise, only the lower three planes will be true with us.

Many people live only in the first three planes. We live in our physical body because we have it. We live in the astral body because we have hunger, appetite and taste. Unless these appetites are given to our nature, we do not care to protect and feed this body. Unless hunger is given to our mind, we do not feel like eating. When this body requires food, hunger is suggested to the mind. Similarly when this body wants water, we feel thirst. Unless we are foolish, we do not care to supply water to this body. Therefore, Nature makes us feel that we want food and we want water. Therefore, we feel the foolishness to protect this body.

When we can understand this, we are lucky not to get stuck up in it. Otherwise, we are tied down by our appetite. So, this plane of appetites is called the astral plane and we begin to live for them. That is a greater foolishness because they are only created for the maintenance of the body and not for us. But because we are feeding the body, the appetite and the taste are given to us as gifts and presentations and souvenirs by Nature. Otherwise, we would not have cared for this body. But what happens if we think that these gifts are the ultimate ones? It is like a child who received a souvenir in his school for getting a first mark in the class. The fellow thinks that it is for

the souvenir that he is making his studies. But that gives him an incentive to conduct his study. Similarly, as long as we are foolish on this earth, we are made to progress in the direction of evolution with the help of the foolishness that is presented to us.

When once the teaching is complete, we will understand that we have a mind and that the mind is receiving impressions from outside and then we come to understand that we like this taste and we do not like this taste. I like him, I do not like him. For some time, I like my wife. After some years, I hate my wife. This is because we are living only as mind. The mind is the director. We do not understand that we have a mind, but we understand that we are the mind. So, we suffer. Many of us are living in these three planes and dying with those three planes without making use of the other planes.

Suppose you give me a wonderful instrument as a presentation, an electronic camera or a well-equipped computer machine, the use of which I do not know. What happens? I will carefully take it to India and I begin to examine it and then take it out of the case and think that the case is the thing presented to me. Then I will use it to place my letters or some papers or to purchase some covers and put it in it and bring home. Similarly, many of us are not using the higher mechanism that is there in us. We are dying after using only the outer case. So, we have the body and we have the tastes, likes and dislikes. We have the understanding of what we like and what we dislike. We like and enjoy. We dislike and weep. So, we experience enjoyment and weeping mixed and we die.

But there are people who know that there is something else. Because whenever we know that something is good and something is bad, it is not the mind that is able to give us that information. It is the higher mind or Buddhi that is giving us the power to discriminate, the power to know what is desirable and what is not, to select what is desirable and reject what is not desirable. Then every day we feel the existence of the fourth item also.

Since we are too much attached with the first three, we are not able to take a leap into the fourth one. Because I am very much after my appetite, I do not use my *Buddhi* to know if it is time for me to eat or not. But when I begin to use the *Buddhi*, I can know when I eat and when I should not eat. Even though the dish is very tasteful, my mind learns not to care for the taste. Because I come to understand that taste is only to feed the body. Then, gradually through a peculiar process, we learn to know the higher three principles also. That peculiar process includes two attempts.

One attempt is to have a repeated idea that we are something more than what we understand, that we have some higher side in ourselves than our likes and dislikes about people and things, by proposing to the mind again and again that there are greater values than food and taste and relationships and money and property and possessions and the ideals we make. Because our ideals only indicate our creation, they cannot be higher than ourselves. We should remember that there is something higher than our ideals.

Then, we begin to grow higher and higher by the simple proposition that we are more than what we understand ourselves. Year by year, you will know what you are. You will understand you this year more than what you know about you last year. You will know next year what you do not know about you this year. In this way, you will grow into your higher self. This is what is called the process of repetition, repetition of the proposal that you are higher than what you know about yourself.

The second thing that is to be used is, have a higher taste and drop off the lower taste gradually. For some time, as children we can rejoice the taste of our food. After a certain age, we should know how to allow our children rejoice the same taste. As a boy, I was rejoicing what I was eating. What happens if it is the same thing after the birth of my son also? Then I will fight with my son and I eat for myself. It is not the case with majority of the fathers or mothers. When we grow up into a father or a mother, we learn how to enjoy the child enjoying, learn how to enjoy seeing the child enjoying. Even then, you have a taste, but not the same taste which you had as a child. This is the higher taste which makes you enjoy the child, eating. Without this taste, you are sure to fight your child and take it away and eat for yourself.

So, this higher taste and our proposal to have a higher taste and not to care for the lower taste make you grow. This second aspect is called detachment. The first is called repetition. With the help of these two things, you will be able to grow into the higher four mechanisms and you will

be those powers. You will live as the higher principle. Then, on the seventh plane, you will know what the Creator is. You experience what the Creator is because you will live as all Creation. Since the Creator is in no way different from his Creation, you will also be in no way different from the Creation. That is an experience in itself.

It is not a thought to be explained. Can you explain taste? You cannot. Just as you cannot explain what taste is, you cannot explain what the Creator Consciousness is. But one day you will experience the Creator Consciousness. But when we are on the lower planes, the Creator is different from the Creation, just as a cup of water is different from the ice block floating upon it. We find others different from ourselves, just as the ice block feels the water foreign to itself. The very fact that the ice block is floating, it proves that the ice block is objective to water. It is not one with the water. But what happens when the ice block becomes water? It does not float on water but it is water. Such a change takes place in your consciousness when you experience the seventh plane. But from the beginning of the Creation to the end of this Creation, the Creator exists always in that plane. He is one with his Creation. He lives omnipresent in his Creation but his Creation floats upon him. Therefore, we, his Creation, think we are different from our Creator. But remember the Creator is not the highest God. He has his Background Creator called *Vishnu*, from whom he has come. Only when we are existing in the consciousness of the Background Creator, we can know what God is.

But, as far as our little understanding goes, we should begin to live as one with Creation and Creator. Until then we are existing as many; each different from the other; each having his own way of doing things; his own likes and dislikes; his own happiness and misery. But when once we reach the plane of consciousness where Creator exists, we know that we are in the Creator. We are the Creator just as one drop of water knows that it is the total water in the cup. That much we can explain.

These seven planes of Creation are created by *Brahma* the Creator. When once he wakes up and finds himself existing, he begins to create these planes. So, his existence is not anyone of these seven. It is the eighth in number. This is the reason why in the *Puranas*, whenever the Lord comes down to earth as an incarnation, he is described as the eighth child of his mother. Some of you might be knowing the story of the birth of *Krishna* who has initiated *Bhagavad Gita* to *Arjuna*. He was the eighth child of his mother. This may be or may not be physically true. But the principle is that the World Teacher comes as the eighth child.

Whenever he comes down to earth with his original consciousness with a body like us and with mind and all the instruments of a human being, he is never conditioned by anyone of these things. He exists as the eighth principle and he leads all the seven principles in him. It is the same with Christ. It is the same with Buddha. It is the same with Krishna. It is the same with Rama. Whenever the Lord comes down into a body, he is called the eighth child of his mother. The mother means Nature who is always a virgin

or pure in his case. This is a part of the symbolism of the world scriptures.

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Now, we will understand another aspect of *Brahma's* story. *Brahma* is said to have four faces. In some pictures, you might have seen a little child in a lotus with four faces. That means, his Creation of these seven planes comes into existence in four stages. Let us know what these four stages are. It is said that the whole Creation is uttered out by him as his word. Now let us try to understand in how many stages we utter our word. Then we will be able to understand his word. We see.

I say, "This is a tube". Like that we utter the word which we want. But let us see in how many stages we utter this. If I say, 'this is a tube', it is in English. So, we can call it the 'language sentence' and we spoke it through the vocal cord. So therefore, we call it, 'vocal sentence', 'vocal language sentence'. Before I utter, 'this is a tube', I should utter the sentence in my mind. Otherwise I cannot utter through the vocal. So, before this sentence, there is the, 'mental language sentence', no vocal sentence. So, we call it the 'mental language sentence'. So, before the vocal language sentence, the 'mental language sentence' exists in us. Without that, we cannot utter the vocal sentence. So, first in my mind, I should utter 'this is a tube'. I am uttering in my mind in English.

Suppose I do not know English, I utter in my own language. If you know only French, you will utter it in

French. If you know only German, you will utter in German. If I utter, I utter in my own language. But before uttering it into my own language, I should utter it as a sentence in idea. Then only my mind translates it into the language known to me. So, I should have at first a sentence which has no language, rather a mental sentence without language. We call it 'concept sentence'. So, let us have the concept sentence. So, we have three utterances for each sentence. Without these three utterances, we cannot utter any sentence or a word. Do all of you accept or any doubt about this? Everyone knows because it is true. But before having this sentence concept, what was it that was existing?

Suppose, I got the idea, 'this is a tube'. I translated it into English in my mind and then a third time I uttered it into the vocal English sentence because the concept came to my mind to utter that this is a tube. Before I got the idea that I should utter, what was there? That was 'myself'. I was there, the concept was not there and the concept came out of 'myself'. It is compared with the wave in the ocean. Before the wave, what was there? There was only ocean. The wave came out of the ocean, taken three steps and again disappeared into the ocean. So, before the first step, we have only the 'I AM' as my own word. That means, 'myself' and my future word was one.

That is why the *Mantram* in the Gospel says, "First there was the word. The word was with God. The word was God". These are the three stages before it came out as the word. So, we have four stages in Creation. Creator himself is not different from his Creation and the concept

coming to his mind that he should create and the whole shape of the Creation in his mind in all its seven planes and then the Creation coming out into the objective world.

Just as we have the four stages for every word we utter, the Creator has his four words to utter. These are called the four faces of *Brahma*, the Creator. This is the reason why the child in the lotus is described as the four faced God. In the pictures also, you can see a child with four faces. These four faces are nothing but the four stages of the Creation coming out. According to our simile, the ocean was there and the wave was there, not different from the ocean and the push for the wave came from within and the wave began to roll, the wave came out.

In four stages, the *Brahma* creates this Creation. That is the reason why we utter our words also in four stages because we are part of the Creator and we are in no way different in structure and anatomy from our Creator. We are not away from the Creator, but we are with the Creator in the Creator, one with him. Whenever we feel our existence separately, we are different from the Creator. We are separate from the Creator only because we want him. But once again, whenever we feel the oneness, we are one with the Creator. So, between these two stages, it is a child's play. We live our life as the play of a child.

Sometimes we want to be like ourselves, quite independent. We do not want any Creator. We want to do what we want to do. So, the Creator is smiling from the background. He says, "You fellow, you want to do what you want to do. But you cannot do otherwise because what

you want to do is in me. Therefore, it is what I want to do with you." That is, the grandfather of the Creator smiles whenever we begin to live independent and whenever we begin to feel the pain of our independent existence. Because we are living different from others, we are forced to like some people and dislike some people; like some persons for some time and dislike the same persons after some time.

So, we have to live in pain and pleasure. We have to put up with willingness and unwillingness. We have to live compromised with sorrow and suffering because we want to live for our self. Then, the grandfather smiles and says, "How is it?"

We say, It is "pain".

He asks, "How is the pain?"

We say, "It is suffering".

He says, "Is this suffering happy?"

We say, "No".

Then he says, "I like it".

We are angry with him because he likes our suffering. But when once he wants to give his experience to us, it takes no time for us to live one with him. Then we understand that there is no pain and pleasure, that there is only existence and experience. That is the touch the Creator gives us whenever he finds us helpless in our pain, sorrow and suffering. See how the grandfather allows his grandchildren play in the garden.

But the moment the grandson goes to a reservoir of water or a lake where it is dangerous, the grandfather pulls

the string back and the grandson feels like this and goes back and back. Until then, the little fellow does not know that the grandfather has tied a string around the neck of the grandson and has the string with him. Only at that juncture, we understand that we have our own likes and dislikes. But the fact is we are not independent. We cannot like what we dislike. We cannot dislike what we like. So, we are kept as dogs of our likes and dislikes and that is the string he puts to us.

To make us understand this state, you see an initiation in the ninth chapter of *Bhagavad Gita*. There he says, 'all this creation is in you'. He asks you to meditate upon a particular *mantra*. That is to meditate upon an idea, close your eyes and feel that the whole world is in you; everyone including your friends, your wife or your children etc. Each of them say, 'I am myself', I am Krishnamacharya, I am John, like that. Then talk to him, 'who I am'. Each of them should feel that "I am that, he is the 'I am' because all of them are in you.

Suppose you are getting a dream in which you find millions and millions of people in yourself, it is not impossible because we get crowds of people in the dream. Sometimes we find five, six, seven or ten people in our dream. They are all made up of our mind. So, they are all in us. They are within us, from us, playing in us. That is what happens in your dream. Imagine that in your dream; you see millions and millions of people; whenever you say 'I am', they all say 'I am'. Because if you have a thousand amplifiers in this street, and if you say at the microphone, "I am", all the thousand amplifiers say, "I am".

Similarly in your dream, whenever you say, these millions of people also say, "I am". Then tell them, "I am in all of you. In the same way, God is in all of us", then tell them that, 'I am not in you, but you are in me', one step after another step. First you talk to them and say, "I am in you". Then you say, "I am not in you, but you are all in me". It is also true. Then you say, "I am in all of you because only you are all in me." This is the initiation given in the ninth chapter of *Bhagavad Gita*. When he asks you to make your meditation like this, then you will understand the Creator and his Creation and the Creator Consciousness one with the Creation Consciousness. So, that is how *Brahma* exists in us and that is how, *Vishnu* exists in *Brahma*. This is one aspect of symbolism.

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We are said to be the grandsons of the blue grandfather because he is described as one having a blue body. That is what we say, space or sky. So, *Vishnu* is blue in colour. *Brahma* is brilliant or white in colour because the sunlight represents the externalization of Creation. What we call sunlight is only light to our eye. But, in itself it is consciousness and not light because in all the seven planes, the sunlight exists. We know it as heat to the body and white light to the eyes and the seven colours also. But we do not know what light is to the higher planes.

The Sun is light to all the seven planes of our existence. To our body, he gives physical light. That is what we call the heat received. To our eye, he gives us the optical light; to the mind, he gives us the activity of the mind which

is mental light; to the *Buddhi*, he gives us the activity of discrimination and then gradually the other planes also. Finally, he gives us the seventh plane of consciousness, one with the Creator himself which we say 'I AM' in us. That is what they call the Soul. The Sun's light has Soul Light also. It has the light of the Soul which came to earth, shaped itself into the living beings.

Therefore, we are able to say 'I AM', that is what is called Soul Light which knows itself. Because every one of us knows 'I am existing'. The moment we wake up from sleep, we remember that we exist. No one need come to us and say, "Oh fellow, you are existing". ***That is called self-proposed awakening or self-proposed awareness.*** That Soul Light is from sunlight and the *Buddhic* light is also from sunlight. Mental activity with which we know things is also from sunlight. The sensory activity which we call the object light is also from the sunlight. The physical body has the physical sunlight with which the physical vehicles are purified and kept healthy. Whenever we are unhealthy, health is regained when we expose ourselves to the sunlight.

So, this is about the Creation of the Creator and about his Soul which is in no way different from our soul. Our mind is different from his mind. Our senses are different from his senses. Our bodies are different from his bodies. But our soul is not different from his Soul because there is only one Soul. Sometimes we use the word souls. It is meaningless. It may mean something under the boot because we have soles under the boot. But in the original sense, which we call soul, we do not have your soul or my soul. We have only Soul.

Our bodies are existing in the Soul. That is why it is foolish to say I have a soul. The truth is we should say, 'I am a soul and I have a body'. We should not say, 'I am a body and I have a soul'. We can say, 'I have a mind', 'I have a *Buddhi*', I have intelligence, I have reasoning, I have logic'. Everything you can say. But you cannot say, 'I have a soul'.

We are related to our grandfather. Because of this soul, we are his grandsons. So, this soul which we call 'I AM' links us with our grandfather and it links him with his grandsons. That's why in the *Bhagavad Gita* he says, 'I am the grandfather, the father, the mother, protector and the child'. Take it as an initiation and meditate. That is what he says. This is a part of the symbolism of the Indians.

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Suppose there is a piece of cotton. There is some fabric from cotton. There is cloth made of cotton. Then a coat made of cotton. So, the first step is cotton. Second stage is the strings or the fabric made up of cotton. The third step is cloth. Fourth step is coat. Fifth step is your coat and my coat and his coat. See, this coat is cut. What is it? That is dying. Coat is dying. Cloth exists. But suppose if we cut the cloth, what is dying? Cloth is dying but the strings are not dying; but the strings are dying if you burn cotton; but the atoms are not. If we destroy the atom, atom is dying but the isotopes are not. The electron and the proton, they go into their native places called vacuum that is what we call space.

So, this physical body is made up of physical cells. Physical cells are made up of mineral atoms. Atoms are made up of electrons, protons and the neutrons. So, what we call the living person inside is only the resultant or the combination of the totality. The finest existence which we call space that begins to vibrate. Vibrations are framed into patterns which we call atoms. Atoms are made into matter. Matter is made into earth matter. Earth matter is made into earth atoms and the living beings are made.

Then what we call death is nothing but a chemical change, unscientifically understood as death. It is only the change of state of existence. But, whenever the death is complete, there is nothing to take another birth or reincarnation. Just as when there are ten ice blocks in a tumbler, the ice block which completely becomes water gets mixed with the water in the tumbler. There is no question of itself reincarnating into another ice block because any part of the water is the same. When you make it in the Frigidaire any part of the water becomes an ice block once again. You can't say it is the same water which came from that particular ice block. Again, it is becoming ice. See any part of water can become an ice block once again, but there is no reincarnation into an ice block.

It is only a new incarnation and no reincarnation. But, if the fusion of the ice block is not complete, suppose there is a little ice block left, once again place in a cup of water in the refrigerator. You will find a big lump of ice once again forming. Then you can say that it is the same ice block. So, here also, if the death is complete, there is no

reincarnation because we will go into the Background and once again it is the Background that comes out into the front. But many times, we do not die completely.

We have the above said seven stages in us. Sometimes, we die physically, but emotionally we are still suspended. Then it is said the physical death has occurred. But the person still lives for some moments in the astral body. Sometimes, after the astral body is gone, there is the suspending of the personality that is the likes and dislikes of the person. He exists as a mental point in space. Once again, he can be gravitated to the astral and physical matter and enters into a father according to the law of magnetism and then he will be fertilized into the mother. So, the death is not complete. You can say, that the same person has reincarnated.

It is often due to our strong attractions towards our previous associations to the lower three planes of existence, that is the physical appetites, the astral likes and dislikes and the mental associations, we are once again gravitated down without the death becoming complete. Then we will take a reincarnation. That is one alternative. A second alternative is, when some noble souls have evolved into the seventh plane of existence and they have learnt how to live in all the seven planes simultaneously. This practice is possible only while we are in the physical plane because the physical plane existence is the only complete laboratory with all the equipment available. The instruments and the laboratory are fully at our disposal. So, if such a thing were to be practised, it can be practised only when we are in the physical.

When such people who have attained mastery over the simultaneous existence in all the seven consciousnesses, they find that the whole thing is a game. It is like a child playing and a joy and a pleasure. Then when they see people making themselves miserable, swimming in likes and dislikes, they take pity over people. They refuse to get liberated. They want to keep their death incomplete for a very long period of time. They want to keep their death incomplete for thousands and thousands of reincarnations for the mere fact of helping the younger brothers of humanity.

Those whom we call the Masters. That means, they have done the greatest sacrifice. For example, Lord Buddha has accepted to get himself to stay on this earth globe to work as presence in all the living beings until every atom of this earth globe is illuminated. That is what we are told about Buddha. He does not prefer to go back though we live in his presence and commit many crimes and blunders in him causing pain to his presence with our presence. Same is the case with the Christ. So, in such a way, they exist. This is another alternative of the possibility of reincarnation. These are the two cases where reincarnation takes place. Since these two alternatives form part of the *Karma* of our earth globe. Here *Karma* of the earth means the great plan of the earth. We cannot help either having a reincarnation or avoiding reincarnation. Reincarnation is a fact. In some cases, it is an imprisonment for those who live in the first three planes of consciousness. In others, it is part of their plan. Out of their sweet will, they get reincarnated.

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Let us know about some unnatural deaths like sudden smash in train crash. It causes a shock of unexpectedness and unpreparedness. Immediately the fellow can be seen by one of the people in the house because suddenly, instantaneously he comes home with his astral body and this shock remains with him because of his great attachment to his home and wife and children, because he has not crossed the lower levels, that are the first three planes of existence, he is forced to get stuck up for some time in that condition. Then, the Law of Nature pushes him upwards and the shell is burst. If it is still not possible, the whole shell gets reincarnated with all the memories of the relatives in the previous birth. In such cases, we find people who can recollect their previous relatives and go to their houses also.

But, in the case of those who have crossed the first four planes of existence, they enter into the *Buddhic* plane, the type of death makes no difference whether it is an accident or a plane crash, water accident or a fire accident. To him, death is not an incident. To him, death never exists. Just as we have seen that to the cotton, death never existed when coat is cut. Suicide becomes possible only for those who live in the first three planes. After he enters into the fourth plane, his evolution never finds the necessity of suicide because he has no jealousies, no sorrows, no likes and dislikes. To him, life is a game.

When once you know that death is not a fact, but it is only a chemical change, no fool accepts to commit suicide because the necessity is not there. When emotion is not

there, when anger is not there, when sorrow is not there, when fear is not there, when jealousy is not there, where is the necessity to try to commit the suicide? When the actions are guided by emotions and strong impulses, such a fellow many times gets stuck-up for some time on the second and third planes. Then most probably he may be reincarnated only in that state.

If the personality feels that it is for a higher cause, for example, for his country or nation or to save a group of people; if the motive happens to be such a one, the fourth principle elevates him at the point of death because the motive is elevated. It elevates him into the spirit of sacrifice. That is what happens with the average military man also who dies on the defence line. The fighter in war who dies for a cause provided he has the motive in his mind, he is automatically elevated without any yogic training or anything; without any scripture or without any teaching. The process is automatic. The weight of the motive lifts him up because for a vast group of number of people, he wanted to make a sacrifice. But if he has no such motive, he joins war only for his livelihood; again the same thing happens what has happened to a suicide. So, in such cases, the motive decides.

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The creator consciousness is called Brahma. The merging consciousness is called Shiva. The preserving consciousness is called Vishnu. They will be working like two forces counteracting each other and the third force is only a force of equilibrium. Just like if you place a pulley

and place the string over the pulley, it gives the shape of a triangle. So, the third one is only a pulley like principle which we can call the force of equilibrium. In fact it is not a third force, but it is the equalizing force of the other two. We have understood some stories and their symbolism of *Brahma* yesterday. These three *Devas* are called the *Trimurthy* in the scriptures. They produce three types of forces. The force the creator produces is dynamism. It produces atoms from the space. In the language of the scriptures, we can say that it makes the passive space active. These atoms work out to produce the whole universe up to the physical plane.

There are seven planes of creation. Atoms also exist in many of these planes. Not in all the seven planes, but in the lower planes, they do exist. On the first plane, which we called the physical plane, the physical atoms exist; those atoms which we know in the present chemistry. In the second plane, called the astral plane, the astral atoms exist. The difference between the physical atoms and the astral atoms is, forty-nine astral atoms make one basic physical atom, for example, the helium atom, which we call the base atom of the physical principle. For every substance on the physical plane, there are separate atoms of that substance which form into molecules and these molecules put together will form the element. We have the various compounds of these elements in the mineral kingdom.

In the mineral kingdom, there will be an activity going on which is called the respiratory activity or the activity of the reversible reactions. That is what is called in the

scriptures, the activity between the organic and the inorganic mineral kingdom. Whenever a living being is fertilized, there will be the formation of the organic atoms from the inorganic atoms. For example, when a seed is beginning to sprout and come out into a plant, it takes the minerals of the earth from the inorganic kingdom and transforms into the organic minerals. Like that, every birth causes a change from the inorganic to the organic kingdom. Every death causes the reversible change. That is from the organic kingdom, the minerals are decomposed into the inorganic kingdom. This is called the respiration of the mineral kingdom.

In the language of the scriptures, it is called the respiration of the earth planet. This respiration depends upon what we call the cycle of the year. Because the earth is going round its own axis and going round the Sun, describing cycles. Each cycle produces the seasonal effects along with the fauna and the flora of the creation on this earth. Hence, the respiration of the earth depends upon the activity of earth's double rotation. That is rotation around its own axis which we call the diurnal rotation and the rotation around the Sun which we call the annual path or the ecliptic. So, this activity is continuously going on in the physical atoms. But activity is not possible in the physical matter. Therefore, the activity is going on in the astral plane. The changes and their effects are observed on the physical plane.

In our body also, the fact that the tissues are maintaining the consistency depends upon not the physical matter of

the tissue, but the astral matter of the tissue, a part of which is called the etheric body. This etheric body is directly received from the Sun's rays because a part of the Sun's rays that reach the earth form the layer of etheric substance around this earth. In fact, at first these etheric particles made a whirlpool before the earth was born and then they caused the physical atoms form to make up the physical earth which we see now. What makes the earth preserve its form is not the physical matter, but it is the etheric body of the earth. Similarly, what makes the shape of our physical body consistent and protects the tissues from going away is our etheric body and not the physical body.

The moment the etheric body leaves this physical body, the physical body begins to degenerate each into its own basic substances. So, we understand that the astral atoms are continuously pouring into the physical state of atoms and the physical atoms of the earth are continuously disappearing into the astral atoms. So, you find this triangle in the earth's chain actions also. When the astral atoms are being poured into the physical state of this earth, you will understand that the creator is exercising dynamism. Then, when the physical atoms are being degenerated into the astral atoms, you will find that *Shiva* is working and making another force exercised.

You can call this inertia. That is how it is explained in the scriptures. In between there is what we call the existence. Just as while you are throwing continuously balls to another friend, when the friend is catching the ball, in the middle you will find a continuous row of balls. That

continuum is worked by the third *Deva* who is called *Vishnu* who exercises a third manifestation of force. It is called poise. *These three are called the three qualities of basic nature because the content of space is called the base substance which the theosophical scientists call ether. This triangle occurs in the base substance wherever a creation awakens. Then we say, it is called an awakened unit of space.*

So, in the space unbound, we have globes of awakened space. It keeps awake as long as the game of creation goes on. When that spell of creation is completed, this triangle goes into disappearance and the space becomes passive space. In the meanwhile, there are many active centres in space. Each centre manifesting the same triangle just as each seed of the same plant is manifesting the same plant. These three qualities of basic nature are called in the Sanskrit scriptures like this. Dynamism is called *Rajas*. Inertia is called *Tamas*. Poise is called *Sattva*. These are called the three basic qualities. So, the Lord *Vishnu* produces *Sattva*. *Brahma* the creator produces *Rajas*. *Shiva* the destroyer produces *Tamas*. This is one basic formula given with a symbolism in the Indian scriptures.

The content of space on which this occurs is called *Prakriti* which means Nature. What we call the content of space unbound is called *Prakriti*. So, there is the passive or sleeping *Prakriti* and the active or working *Prakriti*. So, *Prakriti* has alternation of its behaviour. That is passive for some time and active for some time. When it is passive, we say that it is dissolution. In Sanskrit it is called *Pralaya*. When it is active, it is creation. Then it is called *Srushti*

or creation in *Sanskrit*. To distinguish between the two stages of *Prakriti*, the active *Prakriti* is simply called *Prakriti*, the passive *Prakriti* is called *Moola Prakriti*. The word *Moola* means base or basic just as *Mooladhara* means the base chakra.

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Now, we will proceed into another step of the creative symbolism. You have understood that every atom of the physical matter and the astral matter also is built up of units of this triangle. Triangle means only in principle, not in shape. You can say a set of three forces and the third state which you call mind has also this triangle. It has its own atoms. When the mental matter is in dynamism, it produces a space mind which wants to create and then after some steps, it produces another space mind dissolving. That's why you have the law of action and reaction.

Whenever a unit of energy is produced, there are other units of energy that absorb and make it zero. The moment the production of energy is there, there is also the absorption of energy. So, two *Devas* are working. One is the *Deva* of inauguration of anything. The other is the *Deva* of closing anything. So, as a deputy of *Brahma*, there is one *Deva* working to move the energy into creation with the help of this energy centre *Rajas*. There is another *Deva* who is working to close or make the energy zero. In the scriptures, they are called the twin *Devas*. They are described as the twin horses. In Sanskrit, they are called *Aswins*. *Aswin* means horse. The horse is a symbol of force and its manifestations.

On the mental plane also, the space mind manifests mental atoms which are 'thought units' of space. Those thought units are called numbers. That is the reason why we do not know what numbers are, though we use them for our calculating purposes. Everyone knows what numbers are, but no one knows what numbers are. If you bring the greatest scholar, greatest professor in arithmetic in all the universities of the world and make a seminary of all the greatest professors in arithmetic in the world, and ask them to explain you what numbers are, the attempt is only silence because anyone can explain you something about numbers. If you ask what 'two' is, I can say this is two, this is not two. But this is a diagrammatic or symbolic picture of two. You can say two. Even that word is not true, but it is the name given to a number.

So, we know the names of numbers and we know the symbols of numbers. We use the numbers. We do not know what numbers are. I told you how numbers exist in space and how they go on operating continuously and how they operate in the embryo also long before the child has a brain at all. When we had no brain or body, when we were developing in the mother's womb in the form of an embryo, see how number is constantly maintained. Two hands, two legs, two eyes, two ears, thirty-two teeth, same number of bones, like that. So, numbers are existing as intelligences in space and this is the theory of the ancient scriptures. These numbers are continuously operating as thoughts of space. They are called number Gods or number *Devas* in the scriptures. In Sanskrit, they are called *Prajapatis*.

The word exactly means the same as the word 'Patriarch'. That is one who produces us as our father and one who protects us as our ruler. The word 'Patriarch' exactly means the same. Pater means father. Arch means ruler. Patriarch means father-ruler. You see the word patriarch used many times in the Old Testament. The same is meant by the word *Prajapatis* in Indian Scriptures. If we read the stories of Abraham, Jacob, we think that they were people who lived in the ancient days because we are not trained into the science of the symbolism of the scriptures.

Without knowing how to study a technical book, if we begin to read that book, we understand some nonsense. Suppose, a language professor like me takes a book of architecture or engineering directly, and begin to read it, what can I understand? I can understand the alphabet of it as I know alphabets. But I find words whose meanings I do not know previously. Then, what should I do. I begin to interpret them in my own blind way. Similarly, many of us read the scriptures: for example, Old Testament and read words like Patriarch and interpret that they were kings in the ancient days. So, the word Patriarch or *Prajapati* means numbers who are preparing cycles.

When they make cycles in time, they make little circles in space and they produce units of space. That is, what we call the atoms on the mental plane. They are equal to the thoughts of that space mind. Then, forty-nine atoms of the mental plane make a set of seven-pointed star and this forms a unit of astral atom. So, one astral atom is made up of forty-nine mental atoms. Similarly, forty-nine astral atoms make one physical base atom. From this physical

base atom, we will have the evolution of the physical atoms of all minerals on this earth.

Beyond the third plane of existence, which is called the plane of will or Buddhi which we explained previously, there are no atoms. There is only pre-atomic substance, similarly on the fifth, sixth and seventh also. In what state does this pre-atomic substance exist? It exists in the form of what they call light. What type of light? It is not the light which can be seen through the eye. What we call light is only optic light. This light is called pre-mental light or supra mental light.

That is what we call understanding. Whenever this light and whenever our mind is exposed to that light, we say I have understood what you are saying. When two people are talking, whenever the one says, yes, I understand, that means his mind is once again being exposed to the pre-mental light. That much we can explain. So, the first three stages are called in the scriptures, atomic stages of existence. They are called *Rajoloka*. *Rajo* means atomic. That is dynamic units. The remaining four are called *Virajaloka*. *Viraja* means pre-atomic. *Loka* means plane of existence. The above four are pre-atomic planes of existence. The lower three are atomic planes of existence.

So, these three *Devas*, *Vishnu*, *Brahma* and *Shiva*, they exist in the pre-atomic stage of existence. *Brahma* exists half in the atomic stage and half in the pre-atomic stage because he is producing atoms from that light. On the other side, *Shiva* also exists in the half atomic and half non-atomic state, whereas *Vishnu* exists purely on the pre-atomic state,

whereas his reflection centre exists up to the purely physical state of existence. This is called the phenomenon of inverted triangle. You will find this, represented by a symbol in the books of *Tantra* which are often misunderstood. So, this is called the first Tantric unit. *Tantra* means fabric. That is also a fabrication.

So, first *Tantra* unit means the first unit of the fabrication of the universe. Of course, there are many details about these triangles in sub-divisions. There are nine sub-divisions in these triangles into which we are not going to enter today. But it is enough to remember that there are four upward triangles and five downward triangles which complete the working of the universe. That means, on the inverted plane, we have five triangles; on the pre-atomic plane, we have four triangles; put together, there are nine triangles. If these triangles are arranged in a beautiful way one upon the other, it is what the *Tantras* say '*Srichakra*'. You will find a beautiful geometrical figure which requires a separate explanation when we go into the science of the *Tantras*.

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Yesterday, we understood what they meant by saying that Brahma is four faced. That is, the creation occurs in four stages of externalization which takes place in the form of the utterance of a word. His wife is called the Goddess of Word. She is called *Saraswathi* in Sanskrit. In the scriptures also, it is the same. But here in the scriptures, she is the wife of this wonderful four faced Brahma. Do

you know where she lives? She does not live in his house. In the scriptures, this *Saraswathi* is not going to live on the earth. She is living in the four mouths of her husband. That is how the scriptures describe. It is described that there is a square shaped house with openings towards the four sides. That is, the house has entrances and exits towards the four sides. This lady lives in that house coming and going through all the four entrances. They are his mouths and she walks on his tongues.

We will understand what it is. When we utter a word, what does it contain? It contains air coming out and the second one, sound. There are two items of utterance. First let us understand with ourselves. Then we can understand with *Brahma*. When we utter out, we utter air. It is exhalation. Then we utter sound also and this is uttered only through the fourth face because the fourth stage of our utterance is vocal language sentence. That is what we have seen. Then before that, *Saraswathi* exists as only language sentence, no vocal.

We have seen the four stages of the sentence yesterday. So, in the other opening, she has no sound or air. In the third stage of utterance, she has only sentence without language which is called concept. So, first sentence comes to our mind as concept. Then we translate it mentally into our known language. Then we speak it out. In the previous stage, she exists only as the 'I AM' of the creator. So, there is only creator and *Brahma*, two in one. This stage can be compared with your consciousness before the concept

comes to your mind. You feel like speaking. Then that feeling separates. Before that there is no feeling coming out, but the feeling is only one with you.

That does not mean you are existing. But feeling is also existing in you. The whole word is existing in you as 'you'. See, take some water in a glass and some sugar in a paper. Now the two are existing. Place the sugar in water. Now also the two are existing but closely. Wait for some time. Only water exists. No sugar. That does not mean sugar is not existing. But sugar is existing dissolved in water. Similarly, here his wife is existing dissolved in himself. This is one aspect about the creator. Then, and the fourth stage when the sound and air come out, the third word enters into it. That is the language. The language comes out as an expression. Language is not the air you speak out or the sound you produce, but it exists in your mind. Language is something mental though it is vocally uttered.

So, she comes out with language and then the other, the next form also comes out. That is concept. The three put together come out. It is called the river. It is compared with the birth of a river. If you go and see, actually the birth place of a river, you will be disappointed. You do not find anything there except some water coming out. You can never imagine that it grows into a river. If you begin to walk along with it, it becomes bigger and bigger and finally you are afraid of getting into it. You want a boat. That is how a river comes out.

Similarly, if we go through meditation to the birth place of our word, you will find nothing except yourself. From yourself, just a drop of yourself will be coming out. You will never suspect that it will become something different from you. How can a drop of yourself become something different from you? But always it happens. The drop of yourself which is your word, when it comes to your mind as a concept, it is already something different from yourself.

It is objective to you. See the mystery of objectivity and then all the details of the objectivity will be worked out. Previously when the word was subjectively existing with you, you cannot examine it because you are that. When purely you are that, you cannot observe it. You can ask me 'why I am observing my body?' It is because your body is not yourself. But it is your outcome. It is yours but not yourself. You can observe anything which is yours. But you cannot observe yourself. You can observe your mind because it is yours and not yourself. You can observe your intelligence because it is yours not yourself.

So, in the first stage, it is the utterer himself and all the other three stages come out as river. That is why it is called the river of three flows. In Sanskrit it is called *Tripathaga*. *Tri* means three. *Patha* means path. *Ga* means go. *Tripathaga* means that which goes in three-fold path in three streams. So, the river *Saraswathi* is described as a big holy river. And in the *Rig-Veda* text books, you will find many *Mantrams* describing *Saraswathi*.

Many great professors of history have mistaken to understand it as a geographical river. They had many discussions about the location of it. Some located it in the extreme North of India; some in the middle of India. But all those people could locate it only in their poor brains as their own imaginations. It is described in the *Rig-Veda* that three parts of the river flow underground, whereas the fourth part comes out as the three streams. So, there were some excavations also going on to find out where this river is going undercurrent. We hope someday they can find it under some stones.

It flows undercurrent in three stages, but becomes externalized only on the fourth stage. That means the vocal stage. Only when the word has become vocal, it comes out. All the other three stages are worked out undercurrent in us. Each of these three streams is described as having seven branches. That means, you know the seven musical scales of the gamut and the three stages of your voice. That is your normal voice, your lower voice, your higher voice. I think it must be the same in every nation about music.

The division of voice must be like this. I do not know how it is in other nations. But in the Indian scriptures, it is like this. The voice for musical purposes exists in three stages. It is called your normal voice; your sub-normal voice or low tone; and your supra-normal voice or your high tone. So, each of these three streams comes into these three voices and each has seven branches. Then it disappears into the ocean. That is how it is described. That means the ocean of sound in space, what we call the sound principle. So,

according to Indian music, there are seven scales of musical sounds to each of these three tones, so, in all twenty one. This is one aspect of the creator.

Now apply these stages to the creation. You will understand how creation comes. The law of correspondences tells you that your voice and your expression are also arranged in the same way. This is what is called the law of correspondences. The same tree is potentially existing in its seed. It is what is called the law of correspondences. Each living being is a seed of creation. He has in him the epitome of all the creation just as you have a small photograph of the landscape in your room. That is what is called the law of correspondences. According to this law, you are making your own expression into your voice and utterance; according to the same stages of the creation through the creator and according to the same divisions of everything. Then it is said that the drops of the river will get separated and they will become more and more minute and they will disappear into the vapourization of space. So, some of the water goes into the ocean. That is the space. Some of the water ascends into small particles into air and becomes filtered and distilled to form clouds.

What does that mean? Many of the sounds we utter, they go and join into the sound principle of space. So, like the sounds which mean nothing. But such sounds are sometimes produced. But some sounds carry yourself in the form of syllables, words and sentences. That is the small droplets. What do the syllables and words and sentences

contain? They contain you as your concept and idea to be conveyed to others. What do they convey? They convey what is called knowledge. That is what is happening when two people are speaking. This is one description about the symbolism of the wife of *Brahma*. She is therefore called the Goddess of Wisdom, *Saraswathi*. The word means a goddess who flows. That is a river goddess. It makes you exist in the form of the syllables and words and sentences. That part of yourself which you call your idea and concept, exist in the sentence you utter and it will be conveyed to others and that is what is called knowledge. So, she is the Goddess who conveys knowledge through the living beings.

She is described as seated in a milk white lotus. So, to those who have studied the Indian scriptures, the milk white lotus is a very sacred symbol. It is a symbol of wisdom and the joy that is felt through wisdom. A meditation of the milk white lotus in mind purifies all the mental vehicles within a short period. If you are lucky, within a shortest period, this is three years according to the Masters. The meditation of the white lotus opens up the gates in your personality, so that your Master makes a contact with you. You cannot make a contact with your Master.

Master does not mean any name we think of, which means someone who knows us, whom we do not know. If we think that we know our Master, he is only our idea but not our Master. So, the fact is the Master knows us. We never know who the Master is. That is how it is described in the scriptures. *But a meditation of the white*

lotus daily for a few minutes opens up the gates of your personality that are working as barriers between you and your Master in the form of your belief and your own valuable concepts which you are not ready to part with. So, it is a healing from self-conditioning that we get by meditating upon this white lotus. To make us meditate upon the white lotus while reading the scriptures they have described the Goddess of Wisdom sitting in a white lotus.

When the author of the scriptures begins to describe, he describes the white lotus in all its detail and describes how the Goddess is singing in the midst of the lotus, during which you will be reading the poems and picturizing to your mind the meaning of the poems, during which period there is automatically a meditation. Otherwise what happens, if we are asked to meditate, we ask how to meditate? The answer is, there is no answer. We have many advices from many pseudo Masters about meditation. But any advice about meditation is a failure. Because advice is objective and meditation is a subjective process. The only method to make you meditate is to send you into the subjective consciousness and making you aware of your subjective consciousness. That's why I always translate the word meditation in the following manner.

That is, subjective awareness. So, when we become aware of our subjectivity, we are already in meditation because the environment does not exist to us because it has no effect upon us. Even though there are motor cars going on the street, they do not exist to you. That's why an expert, who sends you to meditation, sometimes uses

beautiful music and he never uses the word meditation. Sometimes, he takes you into poetry describing the beauty of something like the white lotus and you are already in meditation. If he then remarks, 'see you are in meditation', then you are immediately disturbed. That is what is called meditation. Therefore, the word meditation objects anyone to go into meditation. So, the poet gives us a description of the white lotus as she is sitting in the lotus with a face having a peculiar smile.

Here a symbolism is used in the smile. It is called subjective smile. How can you smile subjectively? You have to smile to yourselves, even then it is objective smile. Because in your mind, you are separate and your smile is separate. When you are smiling to yourself, two of you are existing. It is not subjective smile. But what we called meditation is subjective smile. It is symbolically described like this. Suppose there is one young fellow sitting, let us call him Mr. Solay and his young wife is sitting beside him and they are talking to each other. There is no one there except these two. See his rays go and reach her and then reflect only upon himself. Your earth is in darkness separated. This is what we call New Moon. Therefore, her subjective smile is described as the New Moon of the living beings. It means symbolically, the fourth stage of the word.

Mr. Solay means the 'I AM' in you. Moon means your mind. This young couple is sitting on the mountain in you. He sends his light towards Him. He smiles and in reflection, she smiles and again he receives. The smile is only between the two, no third fellow knows it. That is how you have

to smile to yourself. Of course, we can explain this symbolism. But we cannot convey the process one to the other unless we live together for a few weeks and have some time in the night or morning to make a practical experiment. But you might have just understood what it is. It is also described that this young couple had many conversations between them. Many secrets whispered between them. Because there is no third person there, they had many confidential private things talked. Mr. Solay says to his sweet wife. That is, the 'I AM' in you says to your mind. He says, *"We are the two eternal entities and see how these living beings are created by us. Some people worship me and some people worship you, but both of them are liberated"*.

So, worship is of two types. One is those who worship the mother God and the other is those who worship the father God which means the two counter halves of the same, counter parts of the same. So, he says, 'some are worshipping you, some are worshipping me and both of them are liberated'. What does that mean? Some people look at the objective world and practise seeing God in others. Some people go into the 'I AM' of themselves and begin to practise the God existence in meditation. Again he says, 'those who worship you are born as ladies and those who worship me are born as males. See we have to decide'.

It means, that those who worship the objectivity, they are receptive of the presence of God. Those who worship the subjectivity, they are the radiating centres of the presence of God. Some people are receptive centres, some

people are called radiating centres. The receptive centres are called ladies and radiating centres are called males. He says, 'we get these people married in couples and then they get liberated'. That is how these two people sit down on top of a mountain and conduct these conversations. This is a part of the symbolism of the scriptures. So, this conversation is called subjective smile. The whole description is given because, it is arranged in such a wonderful way that when someone who is an expert in the scriptures narrates us the meaning and significance and gives a proper type of recital of the whole passage, we go into the experience called '*subjective smile*'.

It is only by following the description we can go into meditation. But no one can go into meditation if he closes his eyes and says to himself, 'I must meditate'. Because what he meditates is only the idea 'I must meditate'. It is shouting like a dog in the house again and again, I must meditate, I must meditate, I must meditate. Then how can you meditate when the dog is shouting in the house? That is what we get if we try to propose to ourselves to meditate. It is a very artistic process and the scriptures will give us a process to meditate. Our duty is only to just follow the process. That is to have an expert who is an adept and then have a recital from him. It is enough if we just have the devotion to listen to it, just mentally tuned to him. The same thing happens if you attend a recital of the Old Testament or the New Testament or the Indian Scriptures or the Buddhistic scriptures or the ancient Hebrew Scriptures or the Egyptian scriptures.

It is enough if you do not find a difference between two scriptures. As long as you find a difference between any two scriptures, that means as long as you believe in the differences of religion, you are not yet matured to receive the meditation of the scriptures. So, this is one aspect of *Saraswathi*. It is also said in the description of *Saraswathi* that she smiles silent. That is what they mean the subjective smile. She travels on a milk white bird which is called in Sanskrit *Hum-so*. The bird is called *Hum-so*. It is translated as the bird swan. That is a milk white bird. This means, only a peculiar poetic way of expressing what you know as *so-hum*. That is your respiration. So, this goddess of word, utterance and learning, she travels upon the bird of what you call respiration.

Where she is travelling to? She is travelling to her birth place. Where is her birth place? It is on the first one fourth of *Brahma's* mouths. So, she was born in the mouth of her husband. She is travelling there. What is there in it? The vocal language sentence is not there and the language sentence is not there. The concept sentence is not there, but the original word which was with God and the word which was God. It is the birth place. So, it is poetically said. When she goes to her birth place, she has to leave her physical belongings outside and go to him single that means, it's our respiration at the time of our birth and continues to vibrate as long as we are permitted to respire.

The moment the 'Om' is withdrawn into the space where you live, then your lungs stop even in the presence of expert cardiologists and pulmonary experts. Even though

the lungs are mechanically made to work once again, they do not function at all because the sacred word is reabsorbed into its birth place. This is one of the stories of the symbolism of the *Saraswathi*.

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I told you yesterday that *Vishnu* has a blue coloured body. That means, the content of the space is his body. He has his wife who is called *Lakshmi*. She is also called the Goddess of Splendour and Wealth. Here, wealth does not mean Gold or packets of currency. Wealth means, the wealth of creation. The wealth of the creation exists in existence or span. Wealth of the creation is in its span. Wealth of creation is in its existence. Otherwise if one fellow is producing and the other fellow is destroying, there will be a continuous birth and instantaneous death of beings and worlds.

What happens when one fellow is busily creating and immediately the other fellow is destroying? It will be an abortion of creation. No existence. So, what for is world created? It is for a new fellow who is called the guest. It is to invite the guest that the world is created. That is how it is described in the scriptures. Who is the guest? He is considered to be a foreigner to creation. That is, for an Indian to invite a Belgian or for Belgian to invite an Indian. The creation is like that to invite a foreign guest.

I will explain you what it is. If you take three different items- the sugar, milk and black coffee and when you mix up, it is not anyone of the three items. It is a fourth item.

Like that, when the components of the creation are mixed up, when the seven planes of existence are compounded properly in the technological laboratory of the four chambers, that is the *Brahma's* faces, the four stages of utterance and then there will be the eighth fellow coming into existence. That is called the birth of the individual. Previously, he was not there. Even when you count the items in the combination, there are only seven. But the whole combination makes a manifestation of eighth fellow who is called the guest. If anyone asks you who you are, you can't say that you are one of the components of your body or mind. You are yourself and you exist as long as the combination exists. Once the combination is taken away, the guest disappears.

He has a takeoff to his native land by a beautiful aeroplane called disappearance. That is how it is described in the scriptures. I will give you also another example. Five people started in a little aeroplane, from Liege to the United States of America. To cross the ocean, there are many hours of duration. In the meanwhile, what to do? They are experts in playing cards. So, they took out the higher bridge from the lower bridge. That is, from the cassette of the playing cards, they took out the beautiful packet of the playing cards. They wanted to play a game. So, there were only five. But when they began to distribute, they found six. They had to distribute the cards to six people. For about thirteen or fourteen hours as long as the journey was taking place, six people played the game. When everything was finished, they got up from the plane and discussed how the game took place among six people.

When they got up, once again they were only five. You can imagine such a story. This is what happens in creation. The number of components made up into an individual will have $X+1$ number, that one being the guest who is called the individual. He is a temporary existence who is depending upon the *Vishnu* principle. That is the equilibrium of all the other forces. That is why, this *Lady of Vishnu* is said to invite the guest. For that reason, she is the Goddess of riches and splendours. That is how it is described.

The word *Lakshmi* indicates symbol. Exactly the word *Lakshmi* means symbol. What is it? If I meet you in the street and say hello Marcel, how could I recognize that you are Marcel. It is because of your face, nose, body, etc. But do you accept if I say your face is Marcel, certainly not. If I say your skirt is Marcel or body is Marcel, or that nose is Marcel, or those two humorous eyes are Marcel, you will never admit. They are symbols which are intended to make me know that you are Marcel. That is how she forms the symbol of everything in this universe. If I say you are Marcel, you may say, yes. But you are absent minded because Marcel is only a word and not the person.

So, it is another symbol. So, it is also among the wealth of *Lakshmi*. If I listen to your voice from the other side of the wall, if you are talking to another friend and I say, here is Marcel. Does that mean that your voice is Marcel, not at all. But it is also another symbol. Like this, this Goddess of splendours and wealth produces millions and millions of symbols through which the same fellow plays,

looks to himself in the form of the millions of persons because now he has many mirrors with him. Two mirrors opposite to each other and the fellow is standing between the two mirrors. He can have any number of images. So, he likes to play like that.

The one 'I AM' of existence existing through the many wheels of symbols. He calls himself in the form of two persons. One person says, 'hello Marcel', another person says, 'hello Master', but the same person in two bottles, two sets of symbols. One group of symbols is the face of Marcel, the eyebrows of Marssel, etc. Another group of symbols is the skirt of Marcel, the pants of Marcel, etc. Another group is your voice.

So, you have many hundreds of groups of symbols to make me know that you are Marcel. But the only one fellow is talking to himself in many thousands of forms. That is what is called *Vishnu* playing in the splendour of *Lakshmi*. That is how it is described. For this reason, she is called *Lakshmi* or the Goddess of symbol. He is always playing, and his play is to exist as the many thousand little beings and each little being is trying to understand the other as a different one. In that lies his pleasure because you know how the boy plays. For hours and hours, he will be playing his own game. If you call him and ask, 'why do you play, he says, 'I play'. The same answer we get from God also. Once again if you call the boy and ask, 'tell me the reason why do you play?' What is the answer? He laughs. The same answer we receive from God. If we question God, 'why this creation', with the face of a philosopher,

we many times question Him. Why all this creation? What for has He created?

He laughed, because He is a boy always playing. It is a game. He has no answer because yours is not a question. When you question the boy, 'why do you play', to you an elderly brain it may be a question. But to him, the fresh brain, it is no question at all. To him, it is nonsense. So, goes the creation between *Vishnu* and *Lakshmi*. *Vishnu* has two phases of his existence; the passive phase and the active phase because the space unbound has passive and active phases alternating and space unbound is his blue coloured body.

So, he has two stages of existence. In one stage, he is passive. Say he is sleeping. In fact, it is not sleep because sleep is the quality of mind and not the quality of space. We can compare it with what we have. Therefore, the scriptures compare it to his sleep. They call this 'conscious sleep'. They describe, he sleeps because he wants to sleep. When he wants to sleep, that means he is not sleeping. In our sleep, you cannot want to sleep. You do not know because you are sleeping. But he sleeps and he knows that he is sleeping. It is false sleep or the boy playing the game of sleep. While sleeping, he will stretch his body on the coiled serpent and the serpent floats upon the ocean having no shores.

The serpent represents eternity and its name is also eternity. In Sanskrit, it is called *Anantha*. It means Eternity. The name of that serpent is eternity. It exists in a coiled

condition or a potential state. The ocean is called the background consciousness, the content of space. His wife, you know where she will be? She is on his chest. You will find his wife described on his chest. That means, when the whole creation goes into the passive state, whole creation means, one unit creation; when it goes into the passive state, which we call Dissolution, because we will not be there. Just as in our sleep, we are not there. In the passive state we are not there. Therefore, we call it destruction or dissolution. In that state, all the symbols go and they take their seat in his heart which exists everywhere in space with its centre everywhere and circumference nowhere. So, she is in his heart.

Once again when the time comes for the active phase to alternate, she makes the first manifestation in the form of his fancy to create. He thinks, he recollects, how it is if I play in the form of thousands of living beings. That is how he begins to feel it at heart. So, in the form of that feeling, she comes out from the heart. In the meanwhile, she sleeps in the heart. That is why in the pictures, you will find *Lakshmi* sitting on his chest. This is one aspect of *Vishnu's* symbolism. Then he immediately gets up and then he sits upon his vehicle. Do you know what his vehicle is? It is called the Grand Eagle. He comes down to earth on the wings of the Grand Eagle.

What does that mean? The grand Eagle signifies the respiration of the creation. Then immediately the lotus comes from his navel and the four faced creator comes out of the lotus and he begins to utter the four words into

the form of creation. Then on the seventh lowest stage of these four words, which we call the physical existence, there will be the living beings in physical bodies and into their lungs, the Lord enters on the eagle and exists in the form of Om. Then, the bird is moving its wings, which we call our inhalations and exhalations.

This is a part of the symbolism of *Vishnu*.

Thank you all.

True Purpose of Astrology

Thank you all for creating such a sweet evening of audience. Today I am asked to speak something about astrology and its true purpose. There are many views about astrology and I am not going to enter into the various arguments for or against astrology. We find many people doubting the scientific nature of astrology. Somehow it is unscientific that a person, who does not know a subject, doubts the subject. Very recently in the United states of America, we find a group of scientists who are nobel prize winners and having great experience in various branches of sciences gathered in a group and expressed that astrology is not a science. But none of these scientists belonged to astrology and they didn't find it unscientific to express their opinion about subject to which they do not belong. But we will proceed direct into the subject, the various purposes supposed to be the purposes of astrology and the true purpose of astrology.

First of all, astrology is approached by the common people with a spirit of curiosity. On the lower side of the human mind, there is always a desire to peep into the future and it is called the prying mind. Prying - that is to peep in. When something is not easily known, everyone is interested to know what is there in it. Such an interest is

commonly found about astrology and as it is found among the allied subjects. For example, about ghosts, about God, about acquiring powers, about communicating with the dead, about knowing who I was in the previous birth! The first cause which makes us interested in these things is the prying nature of the lower human intelligence.

People believe that through astrology they can know what is going to happen tomorrow or the next month or next year or after ten years or after twenty years. Of course it was to be really true, if we can know what is it that we are going to do? If people can believe that future is created by himself or herself individually and the part we dread and the programme we chalk out will be later called the future. But by that time it becomes past. First of all, it is against the Law of Nature that the future is written somewhere. But, by knowing the very nature of Nature, we will be able to know certain facts by which we will be able to understand certain things.

All of you very much know that within a few weeks it will be very chill and there will be ice and snow on the streets. If this can be called reading the future, astrology reads the future. You can also predict that the next year in 1976 November and December, once again there will be snow and ice. If this is possible to understand, and if you are pleased to call this reading the future, in that sense only, astrology can read the future. The actions of Nature are always cyclic and what we call time exists in spirals and cycles and there is a type of repetition which is always novel. A repetition is not at all a repetition actually, but it is new type of approach every day. You know that there

will be a Sunrise tomorrow, but no two Sunrises are alike to the observer. So, there is something which can be predicted, along which there always exists something which cannot be predicted.

That which can be predicted is like the Sunrise of tomorrow and that which cannot be predicted is like the novelty of the Sunrise tomorrow. You have to understand each bit of our life like that. At best, you can know certain things and plan for yourself through astrology. If you attempt to plan for mundane things, it will fail. But, if you go on planning for something which is more and more important and which belongs to the core of yourself, then you have the real use of astrology. How can the Sun and planets influence us individually is one of the questions that confronts the average commonsense of the human individual. This is because the human intelligence receives knowledge piecemeal and is a bit lazy to edit the knowledge received.

To arrange the knowledge received, to make an editing of the known facts, Nature is full of knowledge like the pages of a book separate in loose sheets. You have to know the numbers of the pages carefully and gather the pages in sequence. Then only, you can read the consequence. Otherwise instead of reading the book, we can read the paragraphs only. And instead of reading the paragraphs, we can read sentences only and sometimes instead of reading the sentences, we can read the words separately or even the alphabets separately but very accurately. The alphabet has no meaning except representing the vocabulary. Vocabulary has no significance of its own except their presentation in the sentences. Sentences by themselves are

not much important except their representation in the paragraphs of it. The paragraphs and subjects and chapters have no importance of their own except to convey the import of the whole book.

Generally, we are in a stage of learning alphabets and vocabulary. We will do it accurate. Astronomy knows about the Sun, the Moon, the planets and its speeds, the distance between one planet and another, the weights of planets and their volumes with stunning accuracy. Of course you can know very accurately the distance between one bone and another bone of the skeleton. That doesn't speak of the person whose skeleton it is. Only when there is flesh and blood, the skeleton becomes a person and a personality. Similarly, a science like astronomy is a skeleton of astrology and you should feel it with flesh and blood of knowledge and make a living science of it.

Now you remember the structure of the atom. It has a centre, some counterparts revolving around it and the outer most walls which are only imaginary. The whole thing is equilibrium of millions of forces at work. Now the astrologer understands the whole solar system in the same light. If you magnify the atoms, so that you can see the picture of the atom, you cannot say that one part of the atom is not related to another part. In the same way, you cannot say that one planet of the solar system is not related to another. So, commonsense teaches us the whole solar system is a person and a personality with a consciousness like that of our consciousness, a mind like that of our mind, a force like that of the force that is in us, units of matter like those which are there in us. The harder and the softer

and the lighter tissues of the solar system, which we call the solid and the liquid and the gaseous matter of each planet in the solar system just as you have the physical matter in you and the vital force in you and the mind in you. So, there is the Law of Correspondences which is one of the seven master keys given by the ancients and we should be trained into the theory of correspondences.

Then only we can open up the secrets of Nature and know the true spirit of sacred sciences like astrology. Now, you know that the atom has a nucleus. Similarly, you can know that the solar system has a nucleus that is our Sun. You know that a molecule has more than one atom. Similarly, you know that there is more than one solar system in this universe. You know that the biological kingdoms contain cells which are units by themselves. And also, you know that each cell contains some thousands of millions of atoms. Similarly, you should understand that there are clusters of thousands and millions of solar systems, each cluster working as a separate unit for a higher purpose just as each cell in your body is working for a higher purpose which is your life itself.

Similarly, there is the life of a person for which these billions of solar systems are contributing. Knowing like this is called using the theory of correspondences. Now to understand how the planets work upon each individual separately, it appears impossible. Is it the function and the purpose of each planet to know each one of us separately? And is it possible that each planet writes the script of our life separately in its own file? Once again use the Law of Correspondences. There is the government and there are

the people in a country. Do you find a ruler for each individual living among the population of a country? If not, is it possible that the group of rulers come to each one of us separately and find out what we want? Are we not getting what we want when there is a good government?

There is another dimension in the creation which we are using but we are not conscious of it. It is called the power to arrange the secret of arrangement. There are two methods for me to speak these few words. I can come to each one of you in your house and speak out the same lecture as many times as there are among you. But is it not easy and convenient that all of us gather here in this hall with chairs arranged, not only for our individual lecture but for many thousands of lectures that are going to be conducted in this hall, and at the same time each one of us being benefited by the arrangement? *This much commonsense is enough to prove that the few planets going round the heavens have their own way of arranging things so that every one of us is affected and influenced by the planets individually and separately. So, we have to use the theory of correspondences.*

Once again take the history of any plant or a tree. There is the full-grown tree and there is the seed. Don't you understand that every seed has all the parts of the tree concealed potentially in it? Do you understand that each seed when it is being formed in the fruit is at the same time influenced by all the parts of the tree so that a photograph of all the parts of the tree is printed in the seed and that print is not at all in the dimensions of the space and not at all on the plane of matter, but in the dimension

of time, on the surface of potentiality, so that the seed germinates the whole tree in time.

In this way the planets are influencing each one of us. Understand each one of you as a seed of the whole universe and each one of you as being influenced by being given a photograph of the whole universe in every birth. This process is going on, though the surface mind is not able to receive it, but Nature knows that the surface mind cannot receive it until it is highly evolved. That is why Nature has not left anything important to be conducted by the surface mind. For example, our respiration, our heart beat, our circulation of blood and our digestion. There is a layer of mind to each of these things that is conducting in us, but they never consult the mind which we know, which is only a child mind. This mind is fit only to receive repetition and reception of the existing knowledge and having some advantage of some mundane things. But, for these very simple things, this mind is not fit to do the higher duties.

Suppose the duty of respiration is given to our surface mind, what happens when we do not remember it? Suppose one day we are a bit agitated, we do not remember respiration. Other day we are a bit irritated because our mind is foolish enough to get irritated everyday not less than hundred times, because it does not know what is useful. It knows only what is astral and emotional and lower. If things were to be entrusted to this dirty type of mind, the result would be, we would die. Therefore, nature is merciful to us not to leave the higher duties to the conscious mind. It left it only for education and getting jobs.

So, we again come to the astrological truths which are a bit subtle and which are a bit impregnable to the normal mind. If you remember the relationship between the tree and yourself, and if you understand the correspondence and if you remember that you are the seed of the solar system, then you will understand how the planets are giving their print upon your layers of mind and also upon the shape of the frame of your body.

This is the fruit of astrology and then a few words about the science and the details of astrology. I am not going to enter into the technical details, because this is a public platform and not a technical school. I don't want to test the patience of the common public, but I will give some information which is non-technical as far as possible. Try to understand the powers that are working in you and find out the correspondences in the planets. That is one of the purposes of astrology. I will now try to enumerate the main powers that are working in you. *You have a mind in you. You have a force in you. You have intelligence in you. You have the power to arrange things in you. You have the power of judgment in you. You have the power of choice in you. You have the power to love. You have the power to experience things and wait until things are done.*

If there is a flower on the tree, if you want a fruit, what is that you have to do? You have to wait. There is inevitability when you have to wait. So, there is the element of inevitability. All these powers are there in you. You are a seed and unless they are in the tree, the seed cannot contain them. In the tree, you have the Moon. Moon corresponds with your mind. See the Moon is not constant any day.

See the mind. It is not constant any day. The Moon is increasing and decreasing and the mind has moods. This is on the surface level.

Then there is **Mars**. There is force in you which is called the vital body. It is working in you and making the pulsations in you. It is causing your respiration. It is causing the heart beat and circulation. And some more force is left and it is travelling from head to foot and sometimes it is entering into the nerve and travelling along the cerebrospinal nervous system. Sometimes it is coming into contact with mind. When we experience that we have to do something and that we cannot wait, that we want things to be accomplished, it is called emotion. So, when these two fellows shake hands in us, there is emotion. If they do not shake hands in proper direction, there may be explosions. There may be short circuits. There may be sparks between person and person, between husband and wife, between father and son. After all poor human creatures, we are also animals, but we do not remember it when we are angry. Once again when we are human beings, we remember it. That is what happens when these two people shake hands in us.

But there is another force, the planet **Mercury** who comes to the aid and asks them not to be in conflict. The mind need not be in conflict with force, so that two minds need not be magazines of gun powder. He says, you can keep the gun powder for a better use. So, we have intelligence sometimes working. Then comes an angel with all these three poles put together. This is called **Jupiter** because he has these powers with him and he is essentially positive by nature and he is called the major benefic by astrologers.

The astrologers are thoroughly wrong in the sense to think that force is malefic and some other aspects malefic just as the child who hurts his hand with a knife, calls the knife bad. If the child is hurt with the knife, it means that the child is not able to handle the knife and that never means knife is bad. You see astrologers saying Saturn is a bad planet. Mars is a bad planet. That means they are poor children. That means they are not able to handle with Saturn and handle with Mars. Not with the Saturn and Mars in the sky, because they can never handle with them, but with the Saturn and the Mars in himself. That is in the seed, not on the tree. Now, Jupiter gives the arrangement to these three people.

Mercury says, 'I will give them intelligence, to the mind and force'. Then Jupiter says, 'mere intelligence makes people kill one another. It gives the power to keep his identity separate. Every one of us is intelligent. Therefore, every one of us can remember how he is different from the other people. That is called the power of identity. If the power of identity were to work single handed on us, we live in a world of the Babel's tongue and hence we perish separately because each has no power to understand the other. I can know only how I am different from you, but I cannot know how I am similar to you'. That is the advice Jupiter gives to Mercury. And then the Jupiter arranges the first three factors and produces the fourth factor which was not there before.

You bring some black coffee. Bring some sugar, some milk. Mix. You will get the fourth factor, which is not one of the previous three, which is called in Sanskrit, '*the factor of never before.*' That power is called *Apoorva* in Sanskrit

language. *Poorva* means existing previously; *Apoorva* means not existing previously. So, the arrangement of two things produces a third thing just as the father and the mother produce the child. The arrangement of three things produces the fourth. This is the formula of plus one. This is worked out by Jupiter. It is a separate power by itself and it is called by a special technical term known as the Seventh Ray activity. In the wisdom of the Seven Rays, this is called the activity of the Seventh Ray which is called the Ritual. So, Jupiter is the Lord of the rituals. Not only the religious rituals where we bell things and bell the candle to give us rain but also to fertilize the earth germinate the seeds and make matter food for the beings in the matter to eat. That is what Jupiter does in us.

So, according to him, all the particles of matter will be arranged in particular arrangement of pattern in various designs so that the whole thing is manifest as a magnet. All the lines of force make their manifestation and the total is a universe and not at all a bundle of unit. *What is the difference between the bundle of units and universe? Universe is Uni-verse i.e. Unity in diversity. The difference is like the bundle of petals of flowers thrown at a place and from the same bundle of petals arranged as the flower by Nature. The arrangement makes it a flower and the lack of arrangement makes it a bundle of petals. That is what the Jupiter does, so that the mind works out the thoughts. When it is arranged, we get thoughts and when the force is arranged in according to the thoughts, and then we get what is called creation.*

Our thoughts will become creative. We begin to handle with the matter and force in the world and make discoveries

for the benefit of the world and the betterment of the world. And there is the power of judgment in you. With that you will be able to judge your own actions and the actions of others. Before you do a thing, you will understand if it is useful either to yourself or to others. Such a power is given by Jupiter as to which one to choose among the alternatives. Am I to choose to eat for taste or am I to use taste for eating? In the first case, I will be a lifelong patient. If I eat for taste, I am a patient. If I use taste for eating, I will be a yogi. The same taste is used by the patient and by the yogi. So, the power to choose should be exercised and the patterns produced by mind and force are worked out. Therefore, Jupiter gives us wisdom and happiness. Neither wisdom nor happiness is possible if there is no power of choice and if there is no discrimination and if there is no arrangement. So, Jupiter is the Lord of all these three aspects in us.

Then there is the love in us. For a long time, during thousands and thousands of rebirths, we will be able to feel love but not realize what love is. The mother feels love to the child; the brother to the brother; the wife to the husband and vice versa. But what love is cannot be realized. A thing towards which our love is working can be known and yet love cannot be known. Therefore, often love is coloured by the thing upon which it is working. If love is working towards a thing which is dirty, love is understood as something of a dirty nature. When love is working upon the magnetism of matter, it is understood as sex and its attraction or money and its attraction or valuable things in the world and their attraction and our attachment to them.

But, beyond the objects and things, we are not able to experience love. It is the duty of another planet called **Venus** to filter the love of all the material upon which love is focused; to filter the love of all the forms and shapes through which love is expressed and to filter the love of the emotion which is a bundle of mind and force. So, through lives and births, through births and rebirths, Venus makes the process of filtration and distillation. He is the real alchemist and he purifies with the help of one wonderful metal and the metal is mercury. Just as the alchemist uses the metal mercury, the alchemist in us, who is Venus, uses the Mercury in us to filter and to distill so that pure love is taken out, extracted out of the minerals and the ores of the matter in us, and out of the filthy water which we call the astral plane or animal emotions.

So, Venus is, whenever there is a spirit of sacrifice and happiness felt by giving and by not judging and then we understand that there is the experience of love. People generally try to possess things they love through the failure of the experiments of many live. *The attitude to possess is emotion and not loves at all, because the nature of love is to give, not to possess; to give and not to judge; to rejoice in giving. Venus gives all these aspects to us.*

Generally cheap astrologers say that Venus gives us romance. But, confusion between force and love is understood as Venus by cheap astrologers who try to predict marriages by the progression of Venus and fail miserably. Sometimes they succeed because when the incident may happen or may not happen. When it may happen, they succeed. When it may not happen, they will not succeed. This is the percentage of success in predictive astrology.

Excuse me, I do not deny the possibility of a science which predicts, but there is no promise of any part of nature that the realization of the progression of an aspect in the horoscope may take shape in the incident which you expect. When you predict marriage, some other thing which is equivalent may happen, which is not at all called marriage by the human being. So, the language of the planets is far more comprehensive than the language of the poor astrologers. They try to pin point the incidents on the material plane, whereas the planets are privileged to do on any plane they like. According to the need of the occasion and that need belongs to the hierarchy of forces and not the prestige of the astrologers. So, Venus is the planet of liberation that liberates the realization of love from the bondage of matter and the bondage of emotion. And now, to know all these things, to experience all these things, to understand all these things and to arrange all these things, what is that we have to do? We have to experience life!

How long will it take? You say 50 years. Can you teach me experience in seven days? That means I have no experience to know what experience is. You cannot have a shortcut. This is the one thing which has no compromise with anyone. If you place something on fire to cook, you should wait until it is cooked and you can't demand. Is there a shortcut in cooking? There is only one shortcut and that is to eat unbaked food. So, there is the element which has no compromise. Whenever we try to transgress, we are asked to pay and pay.

Whenever we try to postpone, we are asked to pay simple interest, cumulative interest, compound interest and the penalties. We are asked to go and be present along with

our accounts in the taxation office, whenever there is an attempt to evade the taxes, there is that wonderful officer who is called **Saturn**. Many people say Saturn is bad. We hear criminals saying, the police is cruel. So, whoever criticizes Saturn can be understood as an instinctive criminal because to you and to me the police are a symbol of protection; whereas to the criminal he is the symbol of cruelty. Similarly, Saturn is understood according to the light of the person. The boy asked the father, "Father I want to shave my beard like yourself". Then what to do? The father asked the son to wait until he is grown up.

That is what Saturn asks us. Those who wait will eat the sweet fruit. Here you should not forget Mars. You should not wait when you are to act though Mars warns that, those who wait will miss the plane. So, in between there is the chart of time table. The plane leaves Geneva by 5:30 PM. Saturn asks you to wait until 5:30PM, not to jump into the air in the airport. Mars asks you to be punctually in time and Mercury asks you to search for your ticket in time and Moon asks you to be quick in your movements and you can step into the plane and that is the physical body. That occasion is called fertilization in the mother's womb. When you have to change the plane in Paris and that is called the physical birth.

Again you have to go on changing your planes in the course of your Trans world trek from continent to continent, from country to country, from ocean to ocean, from mountain to mountain. That is what we are doing in all births and rebirths. Suppose we didn't want to wait, we took a plane a bit early, which we were not authorized to

take. There is a bundle of confusion in the journey. You would be charged by the new airlines and again sent back to Geneva to take the right plane. Sometimes that also happens during our journey. And sometimes we sleep when the plane is ready. Then we have to wait until the clock turns twice to the same place. That is 24 hours. That means one life wasted. We have to wait until a new birth. Then we have a tender body once again.

In the 60th year or 65th year of age, if some Krishnamacharya asks you when to start the practice of Yoga, because he is very sick in body, because he is coughing, because his heart is palpitating, because he is not able to sleep in the night, then what is that you have to reply? You can ask him to wait safely until a tender body is once again presented to him. That is what Saturn asks. Some people question why life is like this? The answer is the third round of Saturn. Some people ask, 'I am very careful in my food, in the timings of my food and I am within the limits of all the rules of hygiene, but for the past eighteen years, I have been suffering from gastric ulcer'. Then they come to the conclusion that the rules of health and hygiene are false.

They try to transgress and they die only to get a tender body. So, there are people who question creation itself. Someone asked me, "Is not the Law of Evolution doing injustice to others? If some souls are going advanced in evolution, is not nature unjust"? But unfortunately the creator did not know how to take our opinion before he started creation. That is the only answer possible. Had he taken our advice, we would not have allowed this injustice

to take place in creation. That is those who took the plane in Geneva yesterday are already in New York. Krishnamacharya who wants to take the plane today is still in Geneva. Is it not injustice? The question itself is foolish.

Because I did not take the plane yesterday, I came to the human kingdom only today, whereas you came yesterday. Both of us are existing as contemporaries on this earth and so the differences in the evolution exist. These are the lessons Saturn teaches us. When these people are working within themselves, they find that they are working in a house and that house is what we call the unit existence. There are many scales of units. One is the atom. Another is the cell. Third is what we call the mineral. Next is what is called the plant. Next is what is called the animal. Next is what we call human. And next is the planet, for example, our earth. Next is the Solar System. These are the units on various scales like the meter scale, millimeter scale. Each unit is being worked out by the same forces. One gentleman asked me earlier if they are working in one unit, how they can work in another unit at the same time? Then I asked him, "If the postal department is working in a post office, how can they work in another post office?" The whole system is only an organization where intelligences are appointed and trained after recruitment in groups and groups and training them, they will be appointed again and again.

We are among those who are to be recruited. And we are to be taken into the recruitment. We are going to receive our own training for such a work. Before that we are allowed to toil with our own individuality. We are left

in the prison of individuality which we call our own constitution. And just as the untamed animal is left in the cage, the dangerous untamed animal is kept in a cage. Similarly, the primitive human individual is kept in a cage in the body. He cannot have any independence to act anything because he is from every side controlled by horrible forces which are his own emotions. So, he is a prisoner on the mountain of contagion, Prometheus unbound, Prometheus bound before he is unbound. So, he is a prisoner with many chains of iron which are his own likes and dislikes and his own emotions. And these forces are not cruel to him, but they are only saving him until he gets the realization.

When the animal is a bit tamed, then he is left out of the cage with a rope in his neck and tied to a peg in the centre but not at all independently. He has his own independence to go around the peg. He is free to move when compared to the life of the cage. Then there will be some more training through some more rebirths. Then that animal knows to understand human language and when the master calls it, it learns how to approach, learns to obey the master. Then the rope is taken away from his neck, but he is kept amidst the four walls. He is allowed to go round as he wishes. Like this through slow degrees, we are given independence by the same forces called the planets.

When we are crude and we are primitive, these planets govern us and they never allow us to act independently, just as the servants of a house will never allow the child in the house to go out. The relationship between the child and the servant is no doubt the relationship between the

Master and the servant. Similarly, the planetary forces that are working in us are no doubt servants which are working for us. But we are only children in the eyes of these servants. When the child grows into a boy, when he goes to school, the same servant carries the books with him. Similarly, when we grow in wisdom and know how to obey the Law of Nature, and understand that it is the Law of the Lord, then these planets are there to help us, to guide us and to carry things for us.

They make us understand everything. For example, they make the human being understand what electricity is. So, they give us light. They give us sound. They give us music. They give us the power of the machines which lift weights. This is what the planets do for us. They are working in each and every unit and all of them are there, present. They find that the unit is their own house.

There should be an owner in the house and the owner is called "I AM". Under him, all these forces work. And he is called the Sun. In the human being and in some forms of living beings, the Sun is called the Ego. In the liberated human being, he is called the "I AM", "The Lord", "The Master". In the atom, he is called the nucleus. In the cell he is called the nucleus. In the mineral also there is the atom, there is the nucleus, and there is the counterpart. In the plant he is called the ego. In the animal, he is called the animal ego. In the human being, he is called the human ego. Like this we understand the principles working in us which are different from the person whom we call Man. Each person is nothing but a unit where all these staff are

working. So, from understanding the persons, we travel to understand the staff. This is one of the true functions of astrology. The more you try to understand this, the more your life becomes meaningful and your life ceases to be your life and it is transformed into The Life.

It is already The Life, even when you are thinking that it is your life. But there is a struggle of your mind and your duty is what you have to do. That is called bondage. Whether you have to accept or not, you have to do something to the world. By this glorious approach of astrology, we will be able to appreciate our Lord and we will understand how sweet the work is. We will come to a stage when our duty is not a conditioning to us. If the sportsman understands that the game he has to play is an inevitable duty, it ceases to be a sport and a game and it will be a work of a prisoner. So, from the stage of conditioned working and imprisonment, we will come to a stage of working it as a game. When every atom is playing the same game, where every Solar system is playing the same game, when there is no conditioned meaning in what these solar systems are doing, when there is no localized purpose in our limited sense, and when we understand that what we call purpose is nothing but the result of our conditioned logic, and what we call utility is a limited sense of individuals, we find that there is no purpose except a purpose of its own, just as to the child, the play has no purpose.

Therefore it gives him relaxation. If he has a purpose to go to cinema also, it fails to give him relaxation. If a poet composes a poem, if he has a purpose of money or fame or name, it also conditions him and ceases to be

archived. Similarly, an entertainment ceases to be an entertainment when we attach a purpose to it and we experience only the prisoner's life in the entertainment also. If we enjoy the weekend according to our own freedom, then it is sweet and it can be called enjoyment. But when we fix up a plan to go to a distant place, and enjoy only at a certain spot, and at any cost even though when there is snow and when there is ice, because we wanted to go there on Saturday. We go and sit on snow though we get sick. We wanted to spend our holiday. So on the Monday we go sick of enjoying holiday. So, a localized purpose makes the individual sick because it has something which is selfish in it.

The child is not tired of his play because he has no localized purpose of his own, except enjoyment. It is the same training that these staff of officers of intelligences is giving to us. This is one of the most useful purposes of astrology. When you stand on earth and look at the space around you, to you it is like an arch. It is like the inside of a fruit. Now you look to the point where the Sun rises and trace the path of the Sun and where the Sun sets. The Sun completes one round in 24 hours and rises almost at the same point the next day. Now, there is another such globe around you. A globe in miniature, where you existed before you came to this earth.

That is also the same globe, but the scale is different. It has your own East, which is not East in its true sense, because there is nothing like East there, except to you. So, understand. Place your photograph on it in a position that you are inside this apparent globe, with your head just from

the eastern horizon down, with your feet just above the eastern horizon distributing all the parts of your body into 360 equal parts. Since it is difficult for all people to distribute into 360 parts, gradually people prove lazy to divide into 36 parts of 10 degrees each. Then people have grown lazier enough to divide them into 12 equal parts of 30 degrees each. They call this zodiac but the division of 360 degrees also is the zodiac. If you go into the astrological science of the Vedas, you have 360 signs as 360 degrees and 720 signs. i.e. half a degree a sign. i.e. from Sun rise to Sunset, one sign. From Sunset to Sunrise another sign; 360 degrees having 720 signs.

So, any division which is of an equal nature along the zodiacal sign will give you a functional distribution of the zodiacal arch. Do you remember where you were like this before you came to this earth? It is called the egg, which you call the ovule in mother's womb, where you spent 10 lunar months from the time of your fertilization, until the time of your birth. Astrological science gives a special study of the correspondences between that egg and this egg. This is a science which is conveyed from man to man, through thousands of years. This is part of what is called "The Secret Doctrine" and handed down to us partly by Madam Blavatsky in the book called "The Secret Doctrine". Unfortunately the theosophical society members are not accustomed to read it just as our Hindus feel lazy to read the Vedas and Christians feel lazy to read the Holy Bible.

Of course in India I know, not even two percent of the theosophical society elders and grey hairs are not kind enough to open even the cover pages of the "Secret

Doctrine". I think that in the occident, more people have read the book because the Occidentals are more advanced than the Orientals in scientific nature. Or can I understand that Occidentals are also as lazy as the Orientals. I will not know the theosophical society members in the occident, but I think they are not as lazy as the Orientals. "The Secret Doctrine" of Madam Blavatsky has given a part of this wisdom. To her, this wisdom is given by an 'intelligence' who was among the staff of the forces whom we enumerated. The second item, whom we call force has his planet as Mars and on this earth; there is one Master who represents this planet; one Master who is steering this aspect of our constitution. He is called Master Morya and he has imparted this part of wisdom to Madam Blavatsky. We can't boast of having understood it, because Madam Blavatsky herself accepted that she could not understand it, except through two and a half of the keys to open it out of the Seven Keys to be used. But it is our duty to make our attempt to know the astrology in that direction and to understand this aspect of Secret Doctrine also.

Do you know that the Moon takes 28 days to go round the Zodiacal cycle of 360 degrees? Do you know that the healthy woman's constitution shows cycles of 28 days unless they are tampered medically by the beastly desires? So, the generative system of the pious woman who never permits any medicine to tamper the generative cycles, called the Ark of the Covenant, by the ancients. That is the seed where the Lord is worshipped. Out of the twelve months of the year, nine Solar months are required, and nine multiplied by twenty-eight days are required between the

fertilization and the birth of a human individual. And the remaining 90 days, plus there are five days because it is not 360, but there are 365 days in the Solar year. And when the child comes down to earth from the mother's womb, each day is magnified into one year of his span, and there is the average span of the human being and when there are plotting points on this, where there is the influence of either Saturn or Mars, he kills in that year.

He kills the physical body during that particular year because of the Karma he has done in the previous birth. Of course this is another dimension of astrology, which is quite new to the occidentals, but I do not test the patience of the audience, because it is to be learnt gradually through slow degrees. But I wanted to point out only one thing to you by mentioning that astrology is not what the occidentals know now. It is not the Sun sign prediction knowing their Date of Birth, between 21st of which month and 20th of another month and calling himself the Lion or the Ram or the Gemini and trying to understand some fake readings, some supposed readings. All the repetition that is being done in the occidental books of astrology which is repeated and the same matter is repeated by various authors for money making and that is not true astrology. It has a pious purpose.

In ancient days, this astrology was at beck and call of many people. It is on the fingertips of many people. And in India, China, Japan and Ceylon, this branch of astrology was popular where husbands and wives used to mate only in the required days only to beget a child. After which they lived like brother and sister and the mating and

sex act being sacred worship and sacrament. Woman was called the temple and Man was called the messenger of God, and the germinative tissue is called the ark or the boat of Noah where all the seeds of the whole constitution are concealed and the angel travels in the Dissolution only to establish the ark once again and there is the beginning of the creation once again. All the formulae that we find in the "Old Testament" and all the formulae we find in the Vedas and the *Puranas* are only keys to real astrology. Once again the world's scriptures are to be taught in the light of astrology. Then you will be able to know the correspondences in the space around you that are working in your body from your head to your foot and also the correspondences between the fixed stars in the sky and the physical body of the human being.

For example the seven stars of the Great Bear called the Seven great sages of wisdom, have their correspondences on the seven spots from head to the tip of the nose, and the six stars of the Pleiades and the seventh which is invisible. They have their correspondences also in the same place, and they play a great role to practise the art of knowing oneself; as the unit of the whole creation and to stimulate the pineal gland and the pituitary body which are called the star Aldebaran and the Pisces the holy fish. They are called the star Aldebaran and the holy fish; the stimulation of which is easy by knowing these things. The more you know the correspondences, the more you will be able to stimulate those centres in you and keep tune between your consciousness and the consciousness of the planet earth.

This is one of the real purposes of astrology. Apart from it, there are many purposes which are useful for medical and higher purposes and by knowing the correspondences between the stars and the parts of our body, we can examine the horoscope and spot the centre where the disease lies. Long before the disease starts on the physical body, we can read also the causes which lead to the disease, the causes which lie in our daily routine, the way to neutralize the causes and purify the physical, the etheric and the mental and make the whole unit a tuned unit to the universal unit as pure as the Solar system and live in complete tune with it.

This is one of the master keys to attain Liberation. The astrological wisdom contains in its folds all the branches of wisdom. The subject is rather technical. Excuse me, if I have tested your patience, but in fact a lecture on astrology should not be allowed on a public platform because it will be a bit burdensome. But the scope of the application and the function of astrology should be known. Time, I have taken is too much today, but at the same time, the time is not at all sufficient to give you an idea of the scope of the subject. So, we will wait until the stars permit us again to sit for a second session. Once again,

I thank you all.

Concept of Astrology

In the year 1910 May 29th, one of the Masters has externalized his process of initiation. From that year onwards, the disciples of that particular Master celebrate this day as the day of May Call initiation. His initiation was to neutralize karma and link up the individual *kundalini* with the planetary *kundalini* of this earth and the planetary *kundalini* of the Solar system and through that the Cosmic *Kundalini*. I belong to the discipleship of that great Master. That Master is invoked as Master C.V.V. That is his spiritual name. That is my *Mantram* of daily meditation.

With these few remarks, I come to the topic of today's lecture. It is about astrology. The word means a science of the stars. Every nation has a tradition of astrology. Through thousands and thousands of years, astrology was practised by all nations and much good use was derived through it, besides much bad use. It is the case with every science.

Even the most modern man is making the good use of the atomic energy, but still he is primitive enough to make the bad use of the atomic energy also. The defect does not lie with any science, but the defect lies only with the primitive nature of mankind. Even in the twentieth

century there is primitive nature in mankind. The international wars are good proof enough for the primitive undeveloped nature of the most modern man. So, without being ashamed, we have to remove the primitive nature and make a good use of the sacred sciences. Astrology, as all of you know teaches us about the influence of the planets upon the beings on this earth. Some people doubt if the planets influence us. It is a matter of simple commonsense. When the Sun rises, we understand that it is day. When the Sun sets, we understand that it is night. No other proof is required, but we can have another proof also. Every student of botany knows that the plants create their own food with the help of the Sun's rays. Every professional fisherman knows what influence the Moon has upon the tides in the sea and also on which days of the Moon, the fish come to the shore in a large scale. There are many examples, but these are enough.

Man used astrology for certain purposes. The first is the idea of prediction. Everyone has a wish to know his or her own future. Some people wish it for a serious purpose. That is to have a better plan of their own life. But some people have only a idle curiosity to know. For the second set of people, astrology is of no use. What is the use of my knowing that my marriage happens in such and such a year? There are many people who go to astrologers and tell him that his wife is pregnant for the first time and ask him whether the child will be a male or a female. Such questions are idle questions because the answer is very simple. If he waits for a few months, he can know it. Or if he knows it before, what is he going to do? Is he going to change it? So, there is no use of using

the astrology in such a manner, but astrology carries some serious purpose with it. It gives us an understanding of our personality. It indicates us our strong points and our weak points. After knowing these things, it is our duty to follow in the line of our strong points and to avoid the line of our weak points because man has a confused way of doing things sometimes.

For example, I am a professor in a college. Suppose I get 5,000 franks a month, a businessman who is living by my side is getting millions of franks a month. Suppose I want to give up my job and become a businessman, I will be a thorough failure. I should know what my work is. In the Holy Bible, it is said that 'God has left His seals and marks on the face and hands of men', so that man may know his works. It is wisdom to know and follow it.

The working of the planets in the horoscope indicates the proportion of the composition of our personality. Every one of us has a personality. Those things that are there in the personality are always the same. It is the same anger with an English man and the same anger with a Switzerland man and same anger with an Indian. So also, avarice, hatred, understanding, thinking, misunderstanding, wrong thinking, emotional nature, intellectual nature, getting irritated, again getting into imbalance. All these things are common with all personalities. But there is a difference in the proportion. This proportion gives us a change from man to man. It gives us our own individual pattern, just as we have our own hand writing, just as we have our own signature which is different from others. We have our own

pattern of emotions and instincts, and the components of the personality. And the horoscope helps us in understanding this pattern. It gives us the understanding of the individual values. Then we have to apply them to the universal values. If we can fit in, our life will be happy. If we cannot fit in, our life is unhappy. So, astrology gives us a key to be happy, to give off points of unhappiness.

Suppose I have very irritable nature. What happens? When I meet you, I behave nastily. You can be tolerant for the first time. But a second time, you will give me an intellectual kick. Instead of getting kicks again and again, if I can know from my horoscope that I have greater irritability, then I can sit down in my leisure hours and try to rectify myself. Some people question, is it possible to change our horoscope? There is very much superstition about this. We cannot change the planets, but we can better ourselves because planets are not cruel Masters. They are our helpers and indicators. Suppose it is unbearably chill, we cannot control the chill, but we can have the better coat. The effort will be like that. It is possible.

It is not possible to change the planets, but it is possible to change yourself. Astrology gives us this secret. Now I will tell you how the ancients advised us and have shown us the way how to change ourselves. They said that man has two parts in him, two natures in him; the lower nature and the higher nature. The lower nature contains emotions and the mind that is attached with the emotions. It is called the lower mind. The science of theosophy calls the nature of emotions by the technical name 'astral plane'. *The mind that is connected with this lower nature is called by the*

technical name lower mind. These two natures put together, that is the emotional nature and the lower mental nature form the lower nature of the man. It is called the individuality and the personality of man. *Now there is a higher nature. It consists of the higher mind that is the mind which is not influenced by the emotion and above that there is the power of discrimination.* That is the power to know what is good and what is bad and the capacity to select the good and reject the bad. These two natures put together form the higher nature of man. What is the difference? Planets influence these two natures of man, but they influence in two different ways.

In the lower nature, the planets stimulate our past habits. They stimulate our reaction. In the higher nature, the planets stimulate only action. So, on the lower nature, we have the nature of reaction to our environment. On the higher nature, we have only action from within ourselves and no reaction. Reaction is from outside to ourselves; from environment to mind; from circumference to centre. Action is from centre to circumference. That is from yourself to your environment. Take the example of a chariot with horses. The horses can be influenced by some grass. Suppose they run after the grass with the chariot, the chariot is in danger. Now the activity is from outside. Suppose there is a good skillful driver to the chariot. Now the activity of the horses is from the driver to the horses. Now the chariot is safe. This is the formula given in the sacred book *The Bhagavad Gita*.

It was said that there was a battle field between the sons of light and the sons of blind. That is the forces of

light and the forces of blindness in us. The body is compared to a chariot. The senses and the working of the mind through the senses are compared with the horses because they contact very speedily. Suppose my eye is attracted by an external thing; suppose the driver does not want it, the eye may lead this chariot to the unnecessary thing. Life will be a waste. So, we have two different modes of action in us. One is from circumference to centre. Another is from centre to circumference. The first is our reaction to our environment. The second is our action to the environment. Unfortunately, in the modern psychology much importance is given only to the environment and its influence upon man. In fact it is only unimportant. It is secondary because you are more important than the environment. So, this part of information should be supplemented in the modern psychology very soon.

The planets will influence the lower nature of man and stimulate them into the reaction. Why? Why do the planets have enmity towards us? No. Our reaction is only the result of our habit. Suppose I am the worst addict of coffee. When I am giving a lecture here, somebody gets a very good flavoured coffee, and then it stimulates my lower nature into reaction. It cannot stimulate others. Why did it stimulate my lower nature? Why has it not stimulated others' nature? Because in my nature, there is much of coffee habit stored. So, it is not the defect of the flavour of coffee that stimulated me. It is due to my own coffee nature, I am stimulated. The planets do the same thing. They stimulate our lower nature to bring out what is there in us in the form of tendencies, habits, instincts, reflexes

and emotions. This habit is called a habit, if it is for ten years or twenty years.

If it is a habit from my past birth or a habit from my childhood till today, it is a stronger habit. That has a technical name. That is called our past karma. So, past karma is nothing which we cannot understand. We all know that it is only our own habit. The planets stimulate our past karma into our reaction. Then suppose we react, what happens? Everything has got its own result. Every cup of coffee I drink has got its own effect upon my heart. So, if a planet stimulates my irritability, if I react irritably to any person, it has its own effect. The effect can never be removed. The tendency can be removed, the habit can be removed and the effect cannot be removed. So, past karma can be removed. Past karma can be neutralized by knowing the skill. *Lord Krishna defined yoga as skill in doing things. Yoga is nothing but a skill in doing things.*

Now how can we stop reacting? Some people begin to fight with their weaknesses and try to conquer them. They try to fight out their own bad habits. It is a wrong way because the bad habits have a nice way of deceiving us. They belong to our lower nature. They have the art of deceiving us. Suppose I want to fight out with my irritability and send it out. What happens? I am thinking of irritability. So, I am living with irritability. The more and more I think of irritability, the more I am habituated into irritability. So, the more and more we try to fight with our lower nature, the more time we spend with it and the result is like getting into a dispute with a person who is

habituated to go to the court of law very frequently and unnecessarily.

Suppose we get into trouble with a man of a lower nature. He will never allow us to come out because he wants a dispute with us. He wants to extract something from us either prestige or money. So, if you fight with him, it is what he wants. You are defeated. Many people while trying to practise yoga or practise meditation, they try to fight with their lower nature. For years and years, they will get defeated by their own lower nature. Again, and again the planets go on stimulating the lower nature. The people react to the lower nature and while reacting, they do new things and these new things increase their habit of doing them. See how deceiving the method is. Astrology gives us a good solution. It is here where astrology is really valuable for us.

I will give you an example to make you understand the advice. Suppose you have placed here a good dish for me to eat. Suppose I am hungry. I feel as if I am going to eat. This attracts me. My eyes and my mouth react to it. Suppose just before sitting there at the dish, I get a telegram from my native place that I was ousted from my job. Tell me what happens? This food never stimulates you. The appetite disappears. No appetite. The food is there, your eyes are open, it smells, but you are not reacting. This is a process. In short, I will explain what happens.

There is a centre of attraction here. Now there is a centre of attraction in the telegram. The centre of attraction in the telegram is more powerful than this centre. Therefore, it has drawn me that side. I am being drawn that side and

this is becoming distant. So, astrology teaches you, you have before you a good dish of your past karma and get a telegram, of course not a bad telegram. I don't wish to know that anybody would lose his job. I don't mind if it happens to me, but I wish that a good telegram comes to you, that suddenly your sister is going to be married. Like that we have some motives of attraction towards the higher side. Know your behaviour, know the nature of your lower reaction and also know the nature of your higher reaction by understanding the planets of your horoscope and create a satellite; create a centre which is full of things, which attract you to the higher nature. Here the astrologer should advise us. The duty of an astrologer is very pious.

He is almost equal to a Guru. He should be able to give you the items which attract you most to the higher side. He should give you the method of making a very good combination of those things. For example, in your horoscope Venus is very strong. That indicates that your emotional side is responding to beauty. But at the same time, suppose in your horoscope another planet called Mars is afflicting your Venus. That is attacking Venus in a wrong angle. So, the Mars tendency in you influences the Venus tendency in you in a wrong nature and tries to stimulate you to react to the Mars objects of the world. What is Mars nature? It is the animal nature in man. Strong anger, strong sex desire, strong hatred and strong desire to fight. These animal desires or the tendencies are stimulated by Mars. Mars wants to purify you from those bad effects.

Now in your psychology what happens? Whenever you try to react to beauty, the animal nature in you pollutes

it. Whenever you see beauty, you see only with a motive. For example, you see a beautiful lady, you cannot have pure idea. You can have only a Mars idea. That is the animal physical nature. Now you have to save your Venus from your Mars. You have to overcome the reaction of your lower nature that is stimulated by this Mars. Now in your horoscope, you find out which planet has good influence with your Venus. Suppose, planet Saturn is in a very good angle with your Venus. What does Saturn indicate? Saturn indicates difficulties, troubles, sorrows and worries. When you are in lower nature, when you react to the Mars nature, immediately Saturn punishes. That is, you will get into difficulties. Society will imprison you for the dirty things you do, and you will be punished and made sorrowful day by day. So, Mars stimulates the lower nature. Saturn punishes and you will be forced into wisdom. They are our teachers. They are not our enemies. The planets are trying to help us. See, Mars is trying to remove your animal nature. Saturn is trying to give you the experience.

Suppose you begin to join as a faithful nurse in a hospital and begin to nurse the sick people, suppose you see women dying on the operation table, suppose you see women with small pox with cholera or suppose you see a woman delivering on the table suffering the pains of delivery, how will you react?

These are all about Saturn nature. Disease, suffering, pains - all these are of Saturn nature. Suppose you apply this to human service, human service is also governed by Saturn, then after one year what happens? A change comes in your mind. All the animal nature will be washed off

or neutralized because after one year, you have all the memory of the sufferings of all the ladies you have seen. Then your attraction is translated into sympathy, from animal attraction to sympathy. What a wonderful translation! What a wonderful alchemy? What a wonderful filtration of emotions! What a wonderful distillation of our consciousness! This is what is wanted.

Your service is the centre of attraction towards your higher nature. The beauty of a woman is the centre of attraction for a lower nature. This centre becomes possible when you apply yourself to service. Then gradually the lower centre loses its influence upon you. So, it is from reaction to action. In the lower nature, you have reacted to woman. In the higher nature, you have acted towards a woman. So, in the lower nature, you have insulted a woman. In the higher nature, you have worshipped woman. Same thing you have used as God to elevate yourself. This is the method of getting rid of the lower nature of man. It is not a process of driving out. It is not a process of fighting out. Because driving and fighting belong to the animal nature of man. They cannot save us. So, from this nature, it is a process of magnetizing your nature.

When I touch like this, electric current passes from this wire to this wire. That is conduction. But suppose I place it like this very near. The electricity in this influences the neutral electricity in this and prepares good charge in this. This wire is not sending anything outside. But it is inducing it. So, conduction is a wrong method. Induction is the right method.

My experience and the science of astrology also tell us that we miserably fail when we want to pour our knowledge into the students and push our beliefs into students. I should work only as a magnet. The student will have his own beliefs, his own misbeliefs, his own understanding and his own knowledge. Teach him only to have a better arrangement of his belief. Then you can bring out the best of others. What is the use of my trying to enforce my religion upon you? Suppose I want to put this religious mark on the faces of you all. You will react wrongly. The planets know good method very well and teach us the method of induction.

Get yourself magnetized by higher pole. Always man has two poles. The lower nature has two poles. The higher nature has two poles. What is the total number of the poles now? There are two in lower nature and two in higher nature, four. That is not correct. The Total is three. I will tell you how. Past karma, our mind is the higher pole. This is for those who react to the lower nature. This telegram forms a higher pole. Your mind becomes the lower pole; only three poles, two poles at a time. Pole A and pole B working or pole B and pole C working. This is the process. *(Here Master explained with a diagram. We could not get it.)*

The planets induce us, give the induction into the magnetism of our higher nature. Then the prediction goes wrong. Suppose if you pay 100 Franks, I can promise you 8,000 Franks job next year. All these predictions go wrong because the person stopped reacting. The astrologer

predicted that the person will be winning in the next elections. So, the politician stood for the elections. What happened? Miserably defeated. What happened to astrology? For this reason, people think that astrology is wrong at times. Suppose the astrologer predicts that the patient will die in 1978. But the patient goes to a higher astrologer, who is also a doctor and gets a good advice about his diet, his habits, hours of work etc. and strictly follows it and stopped reacting, then prediction goes wrong.

So, it is utterly false to think that something is cruelly written there in the astrology and that it is going to take place at any cost. *The science tells us that the stars condition us. They do not compel us. When they condition us, if we are in the reacting nature, we will react. If we are above the reacting nature, we do not react. When there is no reaction, condition does not result in an action. When there is no action, there is no fruit of an action. When there is no fruit of action, there are no results suffered. The Lord Christ says, "As we sow, so we reap". If you sow a seed of barley, barley comes out. If you sow a poisonous seed, poisonous tree comes out.*

So, whenever we sow the seed, there is the germination of action. The danger lies in the motive. Suppose you have educated your son. I also educated my son. We are neighbours. I am an Indian. You are a Swiss person. I educated my son thinking that he should become a great officer. He should earn good amounts of money, should have a good building, should have good cars and other things and I should be happy in my old age. But you also

educated your son because you thought that it is your duty to educate your son. What is the difference? I have a seed in me. I have sown a seed of motive. What happens? After my son becomes an officer, when his friends come to him and ask him who this old fellow is, the son tells them that 'he is my butler, he is my cook'. If I listen to it, what happens? Suppose your son also says like that, you are the least worried because you expected nothing from your son. This is the difference.

Whenever we do a thing with a motive, the planets indicate the prediction. The prediction definitely happens. The astrologer is correct but whenever we do not have a motive for our action, the prediction goes wrong. The astrologer should be wise enough, not to predict but to help people to drop off reaction and live in the plane of action. This is the sacred purpose of astrology and the same purpose is there for what we call the practice of spiritualism. So, astrology is really a spiritual subject. That is why all the spiritual books have astrology in them. Without astrology, you cannot understand any scripture of any nation; for example, the Holy Bible of the Christian. Always there is a prophecy in it, always it is fulfilled. ***That is the only one prophecy that is sure to be fulfilled. What is that prophecy? Lord coming down to earth. That means the divine nature coming down to help man. Then the other predictions go wrong.***

We have the story of the twelve traits in the Holy Bible, in the Old Testament. We have the story of the Patriarch cutting the head of a Ram and offering it to God. We should not think that they offered animal. Gods are never hungry

and expect any food from man. The meaning is involved in the pious story of a patriarch who had only one son. God demanded that the father should kill the son and offer to God. The father took the son to the altar and prepared everything. He lifted the knife. Then there was the word of God. "Strike not your sword upon your son. He is no more your son. The moment you have prepared in your mind to kill him for my sake, you have let this being as offering," he said. We have to read the Bible for ourselves.

Don't leave the child completely to the teacher. Don't leave the patient completely to the hospital and don't leave the Holy Books completely to the Church. You have your own reading of the scriptures. They are reading books. They are about you. They are in you. They are yourself. We should offer such an attitude to scriptures.

The head of a Ram means, the Lord of the year, the first sign of the Zodiac as the head of a Ram. That is called Aries. The father God asks us the head of a Ram to be offered. The mother Goddess, according to Indian *Tantras* asks us to offer a bull. That is the second sign of the zodiac, Taurus. What is it? According to the science of astrology, this part of the head is called the Ram. (The two eyebrows and nose) The first month of the year is called the Ram. The second month of the year is called the bull. This part of the head (Lower part of the head and neck) is called the bull.

Don't count months from January. It is a wrong calendar. The calendar is right, but the fool of a king has changed the beginning of the calendar. March is the first month. What does the word indicate? It indicates march; it indicates 'proceed'. March on progress. Please count the

beginning of the year from the month March. March, April, May, June, July, these are the names of the kings. Out of personal vanity, the kings named the months in their names. They do not indicate any signs. They indicate only royal vanity. July, August, now September, this is a scientific name. What does the word indicate? September means seventh month. October means eighth month. Octa means eight. November means ninth month. December means tenth month. Like that March is the real beginning of the calendar. So, know the beginning of the calendar, know the beginning of the parts of the Man.

Remember that the Sun passes through those portions of the sky, which directly control these portions in the body. By knowing this, meditate upon those portions of the body during those months. That is the indication given by the astrologers. The result is neutralization of reaction and magnetism into action, a creative action. Then man nature becomes God nature. Man ascends to God and God descends to Man. God walks with man on earth. This is the prophecy of the Holy Bible. It is the only prophecy of all the Bibles of all the nations. That is the purpose of astrology. Let us all use it for that purpose. Let us all study it with veneration. In ancient days, astrology and medicine are put together formed one science. This you can know from the sacred books of Hippocrates, the father of medicine. All the ancient scientists used like this. Let us also try to use it like that. So, the Lord who prophecies that we should meet Him, descends in all of us and walks with us all.

Thank you all.



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