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For you, parents, life in the order of home, is a long and arduous penance, 'Tapascharia'. It is an adventure, a daring quest, and an experiment with Truth itself. This life of penance, as distinguished from indulgence, is a creative spiritual fire kindled in the bosom of a God-seeker. Where is beauty, where is the zest of life, if God has no place in your aspiration! It is this creative spiritual fire of tapas that will bring to you the purity of mind, clear-sightedness, breadth of vision and illumination of consciousness. It will release you from all kinds of bondage.

Your duties, responsibilities and moral obligations, as also your trials, tests and tribulations, all these are to be looked upon as various forms of tapasya. Through the flames of this penance, you should rise purer and stronger.

All know the intimacy, the felicity, the deep bond of affinities, the comfort and the shelter as well as the problems and the privations associated with the family life. For this no spiritual knowledge is required. But the factors that ennoble your life, your home and your own personality, are your quest of Truth, your love for God, your steadfastness in dharma, your capacity for self-abnegation and your immense strength developed through systematic adhyatmic disciplines.

The weak and the timid, those who have no spiritual stamina, those who falter, waver, doubt and weep at the sight of difficulties, cannot know the mission of a spiritual home and the message of the highest spirituality.

Home is not a temporary resting place. It is a liberating order. You should make it an abode of tapasya consecrated to the highest purpose. A member of such a spiritual order of home is a tapaswi. His goal is God. His Beloved is God. His Master is God. And he lives in inseparable identity with God.

With you, there should be a magnanimous vision, which can penetrate prakrithi and perceive the underlying Reality. With you, there should be a heart that can stand the shocks of life and the challenge of problems. Without these two, no one can live a successful life of Garhasthya.

Peace in the midst of strife, seclusion in society, a self-withdrawal in the thick of commitments, non-attachment amidst multifarious affinities and liberation in life itself, these are the ideals you have to strive for. It is for this purpose Mother has initiated you into the wisdom of the Upanishads.

Alone you came into this world; alone you depart. Stamp on your consciousness this stark reality of life. Then, non-attachment will grow. Even the whole world cannot give you a sense of security. Build your life on God. God is your home. To seek God, to find God and to serve God, is your duty. All other duties are aspects of this supreme duty. Whether you live in home or in a hermitage, whether you are a family man or a hermit in the Himalayas, the law is same. Without God as the support, no one can find happiness.

In this mundane world you cannot get real independence, unmixed happiness, lasting peace and eternal bliss. Objects perish. Attainments of earthly life are only for a time. External



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conditions change. But at the Feet of God you can discover the perennial fountain of bliss and eternal freedom.

Therefore, lead a God-oriented life. Grow through inward detachment. Your life should be all illumination. It should be a source of inspiration, not only to the children and other members of your family, but also to the surrounding society. Your conduct should be religion in practice. It should be pure love in constant action. It should reflect Knowledge.

The children have given you a high and noble status, the status of parenthood. This is a responsible position. It commands respect. It is a stage of growth towards spiritual fulfillment. You should be examples to your children. Your character, your personal magnetism is the force that shapes your children. They are your images. Your thoughts, aspirations, mental states and modes of behaviour are all reflected in them.

They have keen power of observation. They watch you with absorbing interest. How you speak, how you behave with each other, how you conduct yourselves in home and society, all these are subjects of their silent study. As a blotting paper absorbs ink, as a Camera captures images, so too these young minds absorb impressions, both good and bad. And, as they (children) grow, these impressions become powerful mental tendencies and traits of personality. You are their world. From the influence of this world, their character takes shape.

So you see, what a great responsibility it is to be a mother or a father. A hermit in a cave may live any way he likes. It only affects him. He has no contact with the world of men and matters. But you, parents, are a link in the social chain. Your mode of life affects generations, dynamically. There is nothing small, nothing trivial. Every moment should be an occasion for education and growth for you. The whole life is Sadhana for a true seeker.

As a farmer cultivates his crop, so should you cultivate virtues. Wisdom grows only in the soil of virtue. Practical efficiency and spiritual enlightenment, both should be with you. The qualities like love, kindness, generosity, patience, fortitude, capacity to suffer, a spirit of sacrifice, a constant smile, a gentle behaviour, a marvelous presence of mind and superior skill to rule the kingdom of home, should exist along with fiery aspiration for God, love for inwardness, introspection, inward attunement to the Divine and capacity to be alone and aloof inwardly for constant company of God.

Virtue and worldly knowledge help you of course to lead a successful life. But to get out of this cycle of births and deaths, which is the end of all human pursuits, you train your mind, cultivate devotion, practice meditation and win the Grace of the Guru.

Duty and dharma must point to God. They derive power from God. Where God is ignored, you cannot truly discharge your duty and fulfill your dharma. Without God, everything is hollow and empty. To keep the mind in tranquility and to solve the problems of life one needs the grace of God. Through faith in God you will perceive His guiding Hand in all events.

Desires are the chains around you. Let yearning for God replace desires. When a desire is fulfilled there is pleasure. When it is frustrated, there is sorrow. Both these, pleasure and sorrow are thus your mental states. They do not come from outside. Nobody carries them to you. When you are in tune with God, you are above the mental agitations. Peace sustains you from within.



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When you are in peace, Himalayan serenity, spiritual solemnity and divine holiness come to your homes. Observance of disciplines (anushtana), ideal conduct (acharana) and experience (anubhava) are the three ways by which God's powers become manifest in you. Experience is the last. To win experience, you should first have anushtana and acharana.

To guide you and your children correctly, you should have the light coming from divine grace. In the absence of moral and spiritual power no man can be a light unto himself. Himself in darkness, how can he lead the family and the society?

Seek not anything as reward for your maternal love, as fruit of your labour, suffering and sacrifice. Dedicate children to God. Possess a heart of motherly love, but think not that you are a mother. Take always the position of a child of God. Never bind yourselves to anyone, to anything. Dwell in Atmic poise. Take refuge in wisdom. Raise the sword of knowledge. Watch and pray.

When you are centered in the Self, your love will not have the stains of attachment and bondage. But to be centered in Self, you should surrender your ego and the cravings. Rejoice in duty. A mother, who discharges her motherly duty perfectly, does a yeoman service to the whole world. She serves herself, humanity and God.

You may give your children your love, bread, education, wealth and comforts of life. But only by giving these you have not discharged your parental duty. Help them to develop a strong and disciplined mind and to cultivate healthy moral habits. Let them have faith in God, reverence for moral law, respect for elders, regard for Truth and love for discipline.

Make them stand on their own feet. Having done all this, you should remain unattached. No personal love should be allowed to stand in between you and your God. No event should disturb your mental peace. This is the great spiritual strength, which Mother wants you to possess. Otherwise how can you claim that you have attained anything in life?

Cast your eyes around you and you will find signs of moral deterioration. Who is responsible for such a state of affairs? The answer cannot be found on the surface plane of events. The cause lies deeper. The cause is, lack of good training in home. Society is the product of home and not vice versa.

If parents are examples in moral purity, if homes are having an elevating and inspiring atmosphere, the generation that comes out of the homes will be strong, disciplined, and morally pure and spiritually sound. Spiritualized homes alone herald the advent of a strong nation.

Truth shines in every one. But so long as your mind has not been withdrawn from worldly enjoyments, you cannot rise to the plane of Enlightenment. But actually speaking who enjoys life? Is it the desire-ridden man, or the desireless man? The desire-ridden man has no time to enjoy anything. He is busy with desires, which are agitations only. In the midst of agitations, how can there be enjoyment? It is the man of serenity, who had renounced the desires, who actually enjoys the life. Enjoyment is experience of inward bliss of God.

Innocent children, newly wedded couples disposed to spirituality, and you, mothers and wives and the youth full of zest and zeal, who have received initiation into Wisdom from Mother, are the hope of tomorrow. God has given you a golden opportunity. Spiritual wisdom has come to your homes. The doors to deliverance have been kept wide open. Enter with faith. You have



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gained contact with Mother. That is an experience remarkable in your spiritual quest. Now, your self-opening, self-surrender, your aspiration, a little effort on your part: this is what is required.

Destiny and Deliverance primarily depend on you. When you imbibe Mother's message, destiny will be re-written. And about Deliverance? Well, to your rapturous astonishment you will find that you have never been bound.

(Brothers and sisters, here is a message that makes us smile even in the bitterest of life's trials. Our destiny is safe in the hands of our Saviour – Mother Divine. To live in Her, with our will fused into Hers, is spiritual life. Is there a Deliverance apart from this?)