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Scholarship, academic education and intelligence, no doubt, command respect; but if they are not directed to the supreme purpose of life, namely, God-realization, they have no intrinsic spiritual worth. If they are not accompanied by humility, they do not take one to divine presence. The scholar has only shabda jnana. By mere pursuit of word knowledge, one cannot find freedom. He remains bound only. By realization of the Paramartha only one becomes really blessed and free. One can of course lecture on religion, if he has learning. But that is not the sign of knowledge. One should have anubhooti, intimate experience of God. Anubhooti alone makes one truly religious.

Inward pursuit of God is an esoteric technique which only Sadguru can teach. By too much of reading, confusion results, doubts go on multiplying. Life is not to be wasted in the wilderness of shastras. After knowing the truth through Guru's Upadesha, one should apply oneself to serious sadhana. Without systematic anushtana, purity of conduct and loving devotion to Guru, knowledge cannot dawn.

Think not that Bhakti is so easy to develop. Bhakti is the most superior and the choicest boon from God. Bhakti is pure and profound love for God. The love scattered on numerous objects of the world, when withdrawn from them and focused only on God, it becomes Bhakti. Mind dissolves through overwhelming devotion. Bhakti is the elixir of experience arising from Self-knowledge. Unless one knows one's relation to Isvara, this love for God cannot arise.

The worldly pull, the momentum of vasanas, becomes irresistible especially at the last moment, warns Divine Mother. In order to overcome this, Mother's prescript is to develop habitual devotion to chosen deity through constant remembrance and performance of all duties as an offering to God. The devotion which Mother wants you to cultivate is devotion associated with knowledge. To spiritualize life, one has to build life on the base of abiding faith in God and enduring moral principles.

Love for God was natural to Mother even from childhood. Sadhakas should have the idea of God imprinted in their heart so that they may have no occasion to slip into oblivion and tamasic stupor. For Mother, duty was the fascinating ideal. While ecstatic love took the mind to absorption, the idea of duty imprinted in the heart, brought the mind back to the external consciousness to the world of duty.

Whatever be the path you follow, be it vedantic pursuit, or devotional worship, or desireless performance of duty, remembrance of God and reliance on God should be there. You should build your life on faith and devotion. Then alone you get strength to face and solve the problems of life. Theories and doctrines of philosophy do not save during a crisis. Devotion alone saves.

The general attitude of the people is that God should come to their rescue as and when they call Him during calamities and crisis. Other times, they forget God. But a devotee's attitude is different. His heart is always with God. He holds on to God in happiness as well as in misery.

Faith in God lightens the burden of life. Faith should be like that of Prahlada. It was Prahlada's superb faith that made Hari manifest even from an inert pillar.



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Supreme is in the heart of every one. One should seek Him within oneself and establish contact with Him in one's heart and ultimately merge in Him. That is the fulfillment.