
SEPARATION

GR: You know this airlines strike has spoiled our program because we were supposed to leave about 4:20 I think it was, but with the United Airlines strike we had to keep on changing planes and hopping around. I remember when we went from Chicago to Vancouver and Victoria we had to make five stops going right around Canada and changing about three planes. Oh well, these things happen. It's all fun, isn't it? Regard it to be fun and will be fun! Good. What shall we talk about?

CHETAN: Beloved Guruji, what is the relationship between non attachment and union of subject and object?

GR: The union of subject and object can be non attachment itself, for when there is union between subject and object, then separation would cease, and when separation ceases, what are you going to be attached to because you have become one. Attachment only comes about when you have the subject and the object. Otherwise when you find yourself in that unity consciousness then all attachment disappears.

Now there are three things you must take into mind. Attachment has built in it desire any kind of desire where you feel attached, even to a chair. So you desire the chair. You feel attached to your father, mother, son, daughter, wife, husband, whatever and there is attachment. There is some form of dependency, and that dependency is mostly of an emotional nature. That forms attachment. Now, we have detachment which means escapism where you detach yourself from things and go and sit in some Himalayan cave. You're escaping the world because you can't face the world's troubles or the problems that the world might inflict upon you and you run away. That is detachment. And the third is non attachment which means that you can live in this world and yet be non attached to the world. Like the scriptures would say, to be in the world yet not of the world, that is non attachment.

Now when you live in this state of non attachment, then you will find yourself in total peace and freedom, because it is only attachment that causes all the problems in your life. I've told the little story in some talk somewhere I can't even keep track anymore where I said a woman of 85 was on her deathbed and she was attached to some antique chair. She was so attached that although while she was dying she could not leave her body because of that chair. And it went on she was suffering for about eight or nine days. And then the son came to me and explained to me what was happening, that she's 85 and suffering, having become a kind of vegetable, but she just does not want to let go. And that was half past three in the morning when he knocked on my door so I just chucked over my gown and went to her. I put her head in my lap and started explaining things in such a way that she could understand. I explained to her because

she was a semi vegetable so I had to make it very simple for her. I told her that you're not losing this chair. So you go now and you'll find the chair on the other side. I said sometime ago I don't know if it was on this course but you can take everything with you because everything exists as an illusion. Everything exists in your mind creating that illusion. So in the other dimension you can re create the same illusion of the chair or the motor car or the house or whatever. And even loved ones you conjure them up in the other dimension. The reason being this, that the other dimension is composed of nothing else but your mind which are just thought forms, of course energized by divine energy. So if you could have these thought forms here you can have those thought forms there. So therefore there is an old Persian saying that, what is below is up there, and what is up there is down here below.

Now, to repeat, non attachment is the secret of all joy and happiness. The scriptures also say Jesus said, Leave your mother, leave your father, leave your daughter, son, wife and follow me. What did he mean by that? He meant become non attached so that even the moneylender left his money lending job the tax collector rather and followed Jesus as his disciple.

Now that was at a certain time when these things were possible. Today I would say that live in this world; enjoy the joy of life, and yet do not become so attached to it so that you suffer. For attachment can only bring suffering. Attachment in its wake will bring about possessiveness. Attachment in its wake will bring about envy, greed, jealousy, and all the negative things you can think of. So, by being non attached you get rid of the greed and the lust and the jealousies and the possessiveness. It does not mean that you must not possess anything. Why not? You have a beautiful dress on, good! Lovely! Get a more beautiful one, but do not be attached to it. Say for example your maid or whoever scorches it while ironing it. Don't feel hurt about it, but "Oh, my beautiful dress is scorched and I'll have to throw it away." Don't feel hurt by it because in the first place, is that dress really yours? You might have paid some money for it, but do you know how much went into making that suit or that dress? You start from the beginning when say, a cotton dress summer weather you plant a cotton seed. Then all the energies in the ground, all the minerals come together. Rain and sun is required all these various elements of nature have to come together to make that cotton grow. Then you need the cotton picker that picks the cotton. Then after it is picked it's made up into bundles and sent to a factory that makes yarn from the cotton. Then it goes to a weaver that weaves it into cloth. Then it goes to the dressmaker who makes the dress for you. Now just imagine how much effort of how many people has gone into the dress you are wearing or the suit you are wearing. So how can you say it belongs to you? It belongs to them all because they have put effort into it. You've only just purchased it. That's all that you've done forked out a couple of bucks over the counter and you got your dress. That's all you've done. But look at the amount of effort that went into it by others for you. And you still call it mine? So even if the dress is scorched, you say, "Oh so what? It's scorched, it's scorched. Let it go. I might get another one."

Now that is non attachment. And to repeat again, when you are in union with the subject and object it means unity consciousness that has no division. People have so many kinds of beliefs. I think we discussed some Biblical injunction yesterday. It was something to do with what was it? I think Hoopa has a question. Now, as I explained yesterday how these things are so misinterpreted. For example, in the Puranas, which are Hindu scriptures written a few thousand years ago, the sages said that there are three hundred and forty million gods. Three hundred and forty million gods. What the sages meant was this, that that was the population at that time of India. Today it's nearly eight hundred million. But at that time when the sages wrote this the population of India was three hundred and forty million. And what was meant was this, that you're all gods. But people take things literally and believe that there are three hundred and forty million gods. So here there was this man drowning. So he wanted, of course, to save himself. So he prayed to the god Vishnu. And then a moment later he prayed to the god Brahma. So Vishnu thought that seeing he's now praying to Brahma I'd better stay behind, Brahma will go to save him. And then he started praying to the god Shiva. So Brahma thought that seeing he is praying to Shiva, Shiva will go so I will stay behind. And like that it went on. You see how literally people take things, and then the man drowned because none of the gods went.

These things are to be understood in its proper context and its proper depths. Now, unity consciousness is that where you feel totally unified not only with human beings or the little ants that might be crawling on the floor but feel unified with the table, with the chair, with the stool and even with the tape recorder feel unified with it. And when you feel unified you will realize that there is no difference between you and the chair because you merge into the chair, not only just sit in it. You become the chair and the chair becomes you and no difference is felt. That is the final goal. The final end of life is to find that unity consciousness. And when you find yourself and the chair am I, and I am the chair, then you will know the meaning that I am God and God is me.

So forget the three hundred and forty million gods. But say that there are four thousand million gods, because that is the world's population today. And worship them, love them as if they are divine, for in that state of consciousness, not finding any separation, you only see Divinity; you only see yourself and love thyself. For in loving thyself you are loving all and everything. Half past eleven. Got to catch a plane. Start packing bags and things. Let's see if there's something here. You know, a man with no arms went to the church to apply for a job as a bell ringer. So the priest thought he didn't know what to say to the man he was a good priest. He says, "But look, you have no arms, how can you ring the bell which is from the belfry three stories high?" So this man without arms said, "Look I will show you Father." And they went up and this man banged the bell with his face. And the bell rang. And he said, "Look, I'll do it again for you." And when he tried to do it again, he bypassed the bell and fell out of the window down there dead, three stories, three floors. So a whole crowd gathered around and the priest heard this commotion and he also went down of course. And so a policeman turns

up and he looks up at the priest and he asks the priest, "Do you know this man?" He says, "I really don't know him, but his face rings a bell." [laughter]

And this other guy like me went to a psychiatrist and after a whole hour of consultation the psychiatrist told him that "You're crazy." So this man got angry. He says, "What! You're calling me crazy? I must have a second opinion." So the psychiatrist says, "You're ugly, too!" [laughter]

Well beloveds, I do hope to see...

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