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We are very blessed to have this opportunity. When a Master initiates us, and He looks at our face, and looks at our eyes, He's not looking at the body. He is peeping through the eyes, behind the eyes. He is looking at the soul, what the soul has gone through in the company of the mind and various incarnations. He looks at that. In one glance He can see your whole picture. When He sees the whole picture, He knows this is a good time to release him from such a bad, long prison, and He says, "Ok, your time has come, you are one of the marked sheep. This is my list, I check it out, initiated."

Once He has initiated, He is not that worried about you as you are. We are worried that, "Oh, we have to do so much work, we have to go ... " Nothing at all. He, by initiating you, has taken full responsibility from that moment to take you back home to get you out of this mess. But He knows our mind doesn't have that faith. Our mind doesn't believe it. Our mind doesn't see it, and therefore we still struggle. We are still used to working with the mind and the bodies, and therefore we keep on doing that, and He plays the game with us. Ok, but He's not worried because He has taken full control, and He will then adjust our karma, even the past karma and wipe out the Sinchit karma, change our attitude.

You'll feel a big change coming into your life as if suddenly a certain trend of living has been altered and you are now living somewhat differently. And then gradually, gradually you began to feel there is something more important than what I am doing. There is something more important than even my duties and my karma and my work here. And gradually you find that nothing matters more than the love and devotion towards a Master and receiving His love and appreciating it in any possible way. We get emotional. We get tears in our eyes. We get tears in our heart and we can't hold it, and it's all a response. And that change takes place because the Master is at work in His own way, in His final way of pulling us out from the mess with His love.

Nothing else pulls us out of the mind, let me tell you. The rest is all food for the mind, including meditation, including all that I have been talking to you these few days. This is to satisfy our mind to remove some of the obstructions to our experiencing the love of the Master. The love of the Master is always there. Once He initiates you, He settles Himself inside you. You can go and check it out that He is inside you, and He operates from inside you. Sometimes He operates as if it is you. He can merge Himself inside you without you knowing it and when you say, "This looks like Master's work," He has performed it through you. It's a beautiful relationship He creates inside you. When do you find out?

When you really make progress by defeating the obstacles of the mind and going within and finding it was the Masters hand all the time, and that He was doing all that what you thought

you were doing. That is when you realize that so called effort that anybody makes after initiation is all grace. It's all grace of the Master. There is no difference between the two. So this is something so unique and I want to emphasize this because I feel so happy and blessed to be in the company of so many of my co-travellers. We are all travelling on the same path. We are all going to the same destination. It happens, you know, when you travel in a crowd, some are little ahead, some are little behind. We are all travelling in the same direction.

Also, some of us have strayed away from the main road. This main road which leads to our own true home, which Master sometime called Camino Real, (He knew a little Spanish - two words, Camino Real), the royal road. This royal road that goes, it goes straight from behind the eyes all the way up to Sachkhand. Its description is the sound current. The sound emanates from Sachkhand, comes from there, descends into our consciousness. It is a manifestation of consciousness. When we say, "What is consciousness?" we don't know what is consciousness. We only know what we are conscious of. If I am conscious of my cane, I know, I can see the cane. I can't see consciousness. Just by being conscious of the cane, I know consciousness at work, but the way to see it is through the cane, through being conscious of everything that is around. Can we see consciousness per se without being conscious of anything? No.

What would be the nature of consciousness, the ability to be aware, without having anything to be aware of? What is its own manifestation? That consciousness manifests and can be seen, expressed, worked with, without anything around it to be conscious of? That's the sound current -- the sound current, the word, the creative power. That is consciousness. And that's the same thing manifesting as a sound, a kind of creative energy that looks like sound when it comes into the physical plane, becomes more refined when it goes into the astral plane, becomes totally refined and different from all sounds when it goes to the causal plane, and becomes a creative power, a kind of non-physical, non-mental resonance in the spirit, in the soul alone, in the higher regions. That's the word. That's the sound.

Therefore, the royal road which we talk of is that music emanating from ourself, from the totality of our own self. That music reverberates and changes its form as it comes down right up to this level. It's always connected. It never breaks. If it broke in the way, anywhere, we would be dead. Everything below it would die. Whenever the break would take place in the sound, everything below that would die. So, therefore, it never dies. It continues to function, and that is what gives us a feeling of self. It is that sound inside which is giving us a feeling we have a self; that we are an experiencer; that we can use consciousness to be conscious of things, of experiences, of events. It is that power, only in the very beginning we can call it a sound as we understand the word sound. After that, it's a creative power, but the power that continues. What does it do?

It makes each one of us, each one of us who is experiencing consciousness, have the feeling of a self; that we have a self. The self is experiencing everything. The same self will

continue no matter what your experience, no matter what your form. You go into a higher region, astral plane, it changes everything around you, but the self is the same. You go into a formless state, the causal and spiritual states. There's no form at all, but the self is still the same. You go to totality and merge with the total. Self is still the same. The self never changes. That is why they say the ultimate self, the basis of all creativity, is the only reality. Everything else changes. Everything else is created out of the self, but the self never changes. And if you take the definition of truth and reality to be 'that which never changes,' self is the only reality. And that is why the whole purpose of our meditation, finding a Master, being found by a Master, being able to do all these things to get out of this mess are to discover the self. When we discover the self, we have discovered everything. When we discover the full self, we have discovered the Creator.

They say God realization is just one short step from self-realization. Once you realize who you are, God is just your own totality. We have no idea what relationship we have with any other form of ourselves. We have no idea whatsoever what our relationship with this real self is. We are treating all relationships with the physical body. That is why this becomes the most difficult part of the spiritual path - to detach yourself from the identification with the physical body. Because when you detach from the identification with the physical body, you automatically will detach your relationship with the physical world. But this is where the obstacle comes in. We have spent millions of years in developing more and more relationships through the physical body with a physical world around us, and when we try to break it, they all pull us right here and keep us down here.

Meditation looks so difficult. Going within and finding our own self, which is the very self experiencing this world through the physical body. We can't find that even. It's amazing our own totality sitting inside, our own self sitting inside, the soul, the searching soul, the seeking soul, the loving soul, the soul seeking love, the soul wanting to love - that soul is sitting inside. The ultimate objective of that soul, the totality, God, Creator, sitting inside, both sitting inside, and we're wandering outside. Somebody asked Great Master, "Master, if somebody finds out that the real Master is inside, won't the outside Master become unnecessary? Maybe useless, because you found the real Master, that's inside?" He said, "That doesn't happen." "Why not?" "Because no matter how deep you go inside, you will always realize that what triggered all your inner experiences was the external Master and His form. Therefore you can never stop loving that Master, even though you find out that He was a projection from your own mind."

He gave a good answer, that the Master outside, physical Master, Who is constantly telling us, "Go within. Go within. Kingdom is inside. Reality is inside. God is inside. I am inside." He keeps on saying this. But the more He says that, we love Him more for telling us the real thing. We don't care how real or unreal He is. We know that He's the one, the trigger, that gave us all this wonderful ... not only insight, but the real key. He is giving us the real key to escape from the prison of our karma.

A living Master is the only one which can make you have the actual experience of loving somebody. Do you know there is no way a human being can love anybody unless it's a human being of the same type? We think we love God. We love things. We love nature. We love birds. We love trees. They're all attachments. It's not love. Love is a flow. Love is a drawing out of yourself by somebody else. Like the Persian Mystic says, "*Ishq awwal dar dile mashooq paida mishwar.*" Love is first born in the heart of the beloved and not in the lover. If the lover thinks I can love something, it's ego. If the beloved pulls you out, you can do nothing about it. That's love. And that doesn't happen except with a human being, a living human being. So that is why love has always existed in its purest spiritual form between human beings. Not necessarily Masters. Human beings. Human beings have experienced love for each other. The only thing that messed up that love was their mind, their thoughts. The thinking process came in the way, created doubt in the very beautiful experience of love.

People, between each other, have had moments when they felt so close, as if they belonged to each other, as if there were nobody else. They were each other. They felt like that, which was true love. And then the mind says, "Can you be sure? Are you sure? Does he love me as much as I do? Is it equal to me? Do you love me as much as I do?" "I don't know." "Ok, then I won't love you." True love, the sparkle of true love came between two human beings and the mind extinguished it. The thinking mind comes in the way all the time. And therefore, when a Perfect Living Master comes, the thinking mind is gradually overcome, because the thinking mind is interruption only on one side, not on both. In human beings who do not have that consciousness of a Perfect Living Master, when they love each other the mind is working on both sides. If one says, "I don't love you." The other one also says, "I don't love you." The mind is an obstacle both sides.

In the case of a Perfect Living Master, the seeker, the disciple may have doubts, but the Master has no doubt. Therefore, that love keeps on flowing, and although these doubts come in one way, the continuous flow of unconditional love ultimately dissolves the doubts. And eventually, the Master's love overwhelms you and you respond with love and devotion, and want to do nothing in the world except to please your beloved. This feeling develops in the very mind that at one time was creating doubts.

So this is the path which the Masters employ - the love - and we respond, and discover our true self. Because the love is always emanating, always coming out of the soul, never from the mind, never from the body, never from the senses. It's always a spiritual experience. People say, "What's the difference between spiritual love and other love?" There is no other love. I tell them there is no other love. There's spiritual love and there is attachment.

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