

The Western Path of Self-Realization.

I. Differences in the bases of human understanding.

- A. The common error of assuming that other men see and think like one's self.
 - 1. Individuals
 - 2. Races
 - 3. Cultures
 - a. Wide differences in fundamental outlook of cultures.
 - b. The self-evident of one culture may not be comprehensible to another culture.
 - c. Timelessness of Indian consciousness contrasted with the strong sense for time in the West.
 - (1) Ill. of Indian teacher asking for ink and western technique in fighting fire.

II. The common purpose of all religion.

- A. The common state of this humanity that of the orphan.
 - 1. Essentially an asylum problem, not a normal one.
- B. Primary purpose of religion the re-establishment of conscious unity between man and his Divinity, the Father.
 - 1. This known as Salvation, Redemption, Realization, Liberation, Yoga, Self-Realization, God-Realization, Unity with the "I AM".

III. The meaning of Self-Realization.

- A. Common state of mankind polarization in the personal self.
 - 1. Analagous to the geocentric outlook.
 - 2. Involves confusing complexity and restricted perspective.
- B. Self-Realization implies shift of polarization to the Divine or Higher Self.
 - 1. Heliocentric outlook.
 - 2. Clarifying perspective of superior level.
- C. This repolarization the first need of man.
 - 1. The problem of "Truth determination" follows rather than precedes.
 - a. Since only from the new base can dependable results be attained.

IV. The Path to Self-Realization.

- A. Any Path valid that either attains the goal or makes its attainment easier.
- B. As different races, cultures and individuals are different so are the Paths different.
 - 1. Man must start from where he is, and helped from where he is now.
 - 2. The Path that is effective, so long as it is effective is the True Path, however it may differ from the Paths of others.

V. The Western Way.

- A. The Western spirit dynamic and self-assertive.
 - 1. Not renuncatory nor capable of withdrawing into the inaction of timeless consciousness.
 - 2. Hence Jesus never really understood nor really followed in the West.
 - 3. Transplanted Hinduism and Buddhism equally ineffective.
 - a. Liberation from misery and apotheosis of Nirvana does not stir the Western imagination as a whole.

- B. Typically the West seeks to win, to Mater^s things.
 - 1. Hence Bliss not the goal.
 - 2. Spritual Knowledge not a western goal.
 - 3. "Power to do" the great value.
 - a. This implies strong development of egoism
 - (1) The Indian Path of negation of egoism fails at this point for the West.
- C. The West must attain the goal by the road of highly developed egoism.
 - 1. Primacy of the will and self-determination.
- D. The Path of Egoistic self-determinism is effective, provided action is viewed detachedly as though it were a game.
 - 1. This illustrated in the action of the highest type of American business man.
- E. The Western Saviour^{one} who carves out Destiny through the determination of his creative will.