

After Enlightenment Big Bucks

Ram!

Hello. How are you? Basking in success and such? Still in Europe or back in the ol' US of A? Either way I hope you enjoyed your travels and that you handed out many enlightenment certificates.

Ram: I am just fine. Not exactly basking, to tell the truth. Success is a pain in the ass. You have no time for yourself. Wealth is better. No, I am in England. I have shifted here. I have a room in a friend's house in Southsea. As for the enlightenment certificates, where do you want me to send yours? J

Pierre: I have a question. Or a set of ideas I'd like to throw your way. I realised today that I was always afraid of pushing myself academically because of fear of failure. Now, thanks to self-knowledge, this fear is nearly all gone, apart from the odd twinge which will disappear in due time. Instead of work, I would lay around and enjoy large quantities of *sattva*. Now I've come to realise that although *sattva* is good and great, I've achieved (or rather realised) self-knowledge, and I can now use this great knowledge to explode unto the world and become largely successful. The *rajasic* ambition I felt was quite a shock, largely due to the fact I've just been focused on myself for so long and could not care less about the outer world. I realise that lying around peacefully, living a quiet simple life would be great, but I also think it would be a waste of time. Life is a playground, and I can play to my heart's delight, so why not try to achieve success in the material world, as the spiritual work is pretty much sorted (although it's something I still have to think about quite a bit to remind myself who I am).

I know it may be shallow, but why not? I don't really feel like becoming a guru, and honestly with the amounts of *sattva* I was experiencing, any other profession seemed absolutely ludicrous.

So. Ambition. Yay or nay? I mean I feel the only way I am going to pass this degree is if I have some kind of drive to do it, and before today it was very near 0.

Looking forward to hear from you,

Pierre

Ram: Well, if you don't mind shallow, will not suffer the fear of failure, follow dharma and are inspired to succeed in the world (and will give 10% of the obscene profits you expect to reap to your number one spiritual mentor cum advisor cum the most amazing enlightened being you know, have ever know or will ever know...your good self included...) then I will sign off on this project. :) Enlightenment is the easy part. Being a proper guru takes forever and is nearly as much work as making millions so I suggest you go for it. Afterall, if you are enlightened it will not matter if Bhagavan sees fit to make you unsuccessful, right? You can blame me if it doesn't work, OK?

Love,

Ram