

The Shift Everyone is Waiting For

Greetings Ram!!

What was understood the moment before the awakening experience, and I then realized after the shift was not a result of a study or a pursuit. If anything, it is more accurate to say recognition and insight was accessed as my mind fell away for a time. I had no reference for this. But the insights were a bit like the acquisition of balance when you learn to ride a bike. Knowledge for how to ride can help you to testing out balance and riding, but it is not the same knowledge gleaned the moment balance is achieved and you are riding. You just get it.

Awake or not it is still there. In fact, burn the ships there is no going back! If I get distracted LIFE hits “me” upside the head.

The funny thing is I would not have defined myself as a spiritual seeker in pursuit of enlightenment. I have always looked at life and my relationship to it with peculiarity, and carried strong doubt that God would put “me” in a maze – blindfolded – and cut off. Honestly, I dare say it, I wanted nothing to do with such a God, and had many arguments with God on that account. Though I had times of depression, I did not dislike myself as much as I knew something wasn't right. Did that bring about the shift? Knowing what inquiry is, I have always been an inquirer. Only years later did Vedanta show up in my life as the only communication to clearly validate something that was witnessed and being revealed.

Truth is Truth. I assume the visionaries of the religions were standing in truth. My sense is their communications have been distorted by the unenlightened along the way. That is not to say there are not those who wake up. Vedanta seems less prone to this. LIFE on the other hand has a way of smacking a few into the Truth on occasion. The Vedanta shows up like a reflection for them. My experience of Vedanta is as a validation that describes what is being revealed.

I have been sitting at the ground of perception and the relationship to the content of perception since our last communication. Inquiry no longer seems to be a head thing, by that I mean about the mind. I have been looking at the relationship of

perception to objective world, but I don't own that the chair I am sitting on is Self other than knowing it is the stuff of consciousness or perception. I too have been reading the Gospel of Love. I must say I know more what Love isn't than what it is.

Much Gratitude!!!

Ted

Hi Ted,

I have been very busy lately and it is clear that the 'shift' is the answer to everything so I took care of other correspondence before I got to yours. I must say that this is a wonderful letter. I particularly enjoyed the idea that Vedanta just showed up to confirm and name what has been happening naturally in you for a long time. It works both to generate the shift and to confirm it. And its words serve to communicate it clearly to others should one so desire. But the big thing is that it removes any sense of doubt can arise from an awakening outside the 'spiritual' world...like yours. Yes, life sometimes just smacks us into the Truth on its own. This is how it was with me. This whole huge seeking scene that has developed in the last thirty years was nowhere to be found when I woke up in Waikiki in the Sixties and my journey was very much a lonely one, which in a way was fortunate. I did not get contaminated by the silly self conscious superficiality that characterizes much of the modern spiritual world. And I was lead quickly to Vedanta...which sorted me nice and easy.

Two small points. If in your statement "I have been looking at the relationship of perception to objective world, but I don't own that the chair I am sitting on is Self other than knowing it is the stuff of consciousness or perception" there is a doubt that the self is anything other than understanding, it is wrong. The chair and everything in the gross and subtle planes are nothing but perception. And perception is nothing but you, awareness. The non-duality of things is simply 'the knowing.' It does not change the experience in the transactional reality.

Secondly, love is you, awareness, willingly flowing as attention into the world. What you pay attention to you love. It is free of emotion. Like the word God, the

word love has picked up so much baggage over the centuries it has become so abstracted from what it represents that it is a source of great confusion.

Anyway, very nice to hear from you, Ted. All the best to you.

Ram