

A Blockhead Disciple Wakes Up

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Michael: Dear Guruji, I hope all is well in Portland. It must be business as usual for Guruji to continue enlightening many Americans, etc.

This time the reason why I am writing to you is to let me make an oath to whom I love the most (i.e. Guruji) for officially signing up to the practice of *karma yoga*.

In your teaching, I heard you emphasizing the importance of *karma yoga* over and over and I felt that it is essential for me as well to practice *karma yoga*.

After I came back to Japan, I thought I was practicing *karma yoga* but kept failing in a miserable manner, mainly due to the fact that (i) my lack of understanding on a gut level that the *karma yoga* is of an absolute necessity for me to purify my mind, a prerequisite to full realization of the self, (ii) my commitment to *karma yoga* was not strong enough and (iii) there was still a little hope in me that I might be able to skip the *karma yoga* process and go straight to *moksa* by studying the self-knowledge.

Three months have passed since I came back. Although I managed to physically adjust to the environment, my work situation has not been improved and my mind has been agitating with so much fear (but many thanks to Guruji that the degree of the agitation was always reduced dramatically to the manageable level whenever I studied your material!).

Meanwhile, I recently moved on to study your fabulous video on the *Bhagavad Gita* (last winter where Guruji is definitely in top form) following your introductory videos which was taken prior to that *Gita* course in January.

By intensely watching and studying your videos and reading the *Gita* text, I finally realized that unless I fully commit myself to the practice of *karma yoga* and start operating from a completely different platform (i.e. not based on my likes and dislikes, desires and fears) my mind would never get purified, which means that the self-knowledge would never stick in my mind.

I have decided that I would put aside *moksa* and totally concentrate on the practice of *karma yoga* until my mind gets purified to a certain degree.

It is a pity that it took this long for me to come to this point, but this must be my fate, to bang my head in such a wrong way for so long. No whining and complaining about anything, including my dullness and wrong attitude up to now.

My wholehearted gratitude to Guruji for showing us a road map which enables many people to make a course correction. My fancy for an easy way out from *samsara* has come to an end.

I will just stick to your teaching of *Bhagavad Gita* to guide me and purify my mind and nothing else.

Thank you so much for your love and not running out of patience. I know well that the breaking of an oath or betrayal by the disciple means excommunication and/or death.

~ With much love and gratitude, Michael

Guruji: My Most Devoted Blockheaded Disciple, greetings and salutations! I congratulate you on your recent breakthrough. This is the fruit of perseverance. Everyone wants the quick, easy path and therefore misunderstands the importance of *karma yoga*. The Guruji predicts that you will now make rapid progress to the goal. If the mind is too agitated by circumstances – read: work, etc. – it cannot assimilate the meaning of the teaching “I am whole and complete, non-dual, actionless, ordinary awareness.” The mind should be tranquil and dispassionate. It should not matter to your mind that you have the *karma* you have.

The mind should be cheerful that it has the opportunity to serve the self in this way.

Once there were two fellows who met God. They both asked when they would get liberation. God told the first one that he would get it in the next lifetime. The fellow got all upset and made a big complaint: “Don’t you appreciate how hard I have worked for *moksa* and how difficult my life is?,” etc. “You are definitely not a compassionate God. I am not happy with you. I want it now!”

God told the second one, “See that big tree over there? As many leaves as are there on that tree is the number of lifetimes until you get *moksa*.” The second man started jumping for joy. “How lucky I am,” he said. “It is a great blessing to be able to worship you in the form of *karma yoga* for so many lifetimes. It is even better than liberation because I will have to live here after my liberation and self-knowledge means that I can only live here with the *karma yoga* spirit. So *karma yoga* is even better than *moksa* because I do not have to wait to enjoy my life.”

Once again, you have proven to the Grand Guruji that his statement that you are Numero Uno is correct. Salutations over and over for making said Guruji’s words come true!