

A Feeling Based in Knowledge

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Ramji,

Thanks a million for the answers. Quite enough to chew on. I really wish I could just travel around with you and listen to Vedanta all day. Who knows maybe someday when life is simple enough? So funny I heard you mention Fredrick Lentz in one of your talks. One of my previous Meditation teachers was a student of his who provided me a free place to stay for 10 years in San Francisco while I pursued the peyote path. Rama, as Lentz was called, encouraged him to do computer work in New York so he was and still is quit wealthy. I guess indirectly I was a beneficiary of all that craziness. Lenz died naked in a swimming pool with a dog collar around his neck. Haha! Small world. Don't worry too much about responding to all my emails I'm sure others are more fucked up than me and require much more time. Still it's nice to stay in contact. All this contemplation has me feeling like everything is fine. God is handling the results and I don't need any recognition or attention. It's a great feeling. What's really even better is that *it's a feeling based in knowledge so if I lose it I can easily find it again.*

James: Lentz had one of the most advanced cases of enlightenment sickness in the last half of the last century until Adi stole the crown. I wasn't surprised by the circumstances of his death. Somebody told me it was a sex ritual gone wrong. Like Adi Da, he was desperate for attention. He had no teaching. It was all experiential. Or Andrew Cohen, the latest to embarrass himself. Funny, how it goes with those kind of guys. One day they are all the rage and before you know it they are completely forgotten. Crazy wisdom was popular in those days. It seems to have abated somewhat these days. I feel so fortunate to have found Vedanta. It isn't a flash in the pan. It's been here forever and will be here forever. I'm privileged to add something useful to the tradition.

In any case what I really liked about this email is that if you lose the feeling that everything is fine you can get it back instantly because it is "a feeling based in knowledge." Knowledge is the only access to something that you are and it is instant.