

# A Giant Space

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**James:** Hi, Brian. Sundari is busy right now, so I will reply to your interesting letter.

**Brian:** It's Brian from Perth. James has said that God sees everything as himself (non-dual). If this is the case, does that mean that he cannot see the human person?

**James:** He can and he can't, Brian. If there is a human person, it is only seen because God is present. But as far as God is concerned, there are no human persons, only God.

**Brian:** I have another question. Recently I have been noticing a new sense of freedom like a giant space. Is this the true I, the non-experiencing witness?

**James:** No. The one who notices the "giant space," i.e. freedom, is the non-experiencing witness. The giant space is an object known to you, the non-experiencing witness. However, since you believe you are Brian, the answer for now is "yes." The "true I" is a "giant space," meaning limitless, when it is considered from the point of view of a human person. From its point of view there is no "big" and "small." You are lucky to have this experience.

**Brian:** Is the practice to stand as this and dismiss everything else as apparently real, i.e. to discriminate between the two?

**James:** Yes. Take yourself to be the one that knows the "giant space" and everything else, including the "giant space," as apparently real. The "giant space" is an object known to you, the non-experiencing witness. Right now you think you are the experiencing witness.

**Brian:** I already know the answer but would like some confirmation.

**James:** Well, your answer is almost correct. If you understand what I said in my last paragraph, you are in good shape. What's missing in your answer is a full appreciation of the one that knows the "giant space." The "giant space" is real with reference to "everything else" but it is not real with reference to the one who knows. Anyway, you are definitely in the Vedanta ballpark.

**Brian:** I can't believe that Vedanta is working! It's just incredible to have this teaching/knowledge that really does bear fruit. I found James' teaching around three years ago and have been a seeker for 15 years, and nothing comes close, as you know. Anyway, I know you're incredibly busy; thank you for your time. By the way, I have *How to Achieve Enlightenment* and have read it

a good few times slowly like you recommend.

**James:** Oh, it definitely works, Brian. It is an incredible teaching. If you are noticing the “giant space” the teaching is definitely working. It means that self-knowledge is setting Brian free. But remember to contemplate on “the one who knows the giant space.” Knowledge of that is freedom. When it is assimilated you will see that the “giant space” is you.