

A System Reset

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George: Hello, Ramji.

I met you in Atlanta last November, although I read your first book a while ago. Since November I've watched the YouTube series on self-inquiry and am just finishing the 2012 videos series on the *Gita*. As for so many of my friends who are ex-students of Andrew Cohen, Vedanta and your clear expression of those teachings has been a godsend. In Atlanta I told you these were the teachings I've been waiting for my whole life, and you replied there would be no need to look elsewhere. With every video the inquiry deepens and I know without a doubt that you are correct.

I've been searching for my self my entire life, consciously since I was 19 years old, and have accumulated a huge amount of spiritual baggage. Vedanta is causing a "system reset," and everything is now in question. Today the image came to mind that ignorance is like a block of ice and Vedanta is the sun. My "job" is to simply stand aside and let the warmth of the sun do its job. There has been a longing for something that has always been interpreted in terms of some type of experience but slowly, slowly it's beginning to dawn on me that that longing has to do with knowledge, not experience, and if I simply expose myself, that block of ice, to these teachings, the ice will melt and dissolve, and my heart's desire will be realized. "I" am only a thought and "my life" only a dream...

Although we've only met once, I consider you my teacher and friend and I hope you will accept me as your student. Thank you for this gift and may *Bhagavan* shower you with blessings.

Ramji: Lovely to hear from you, George. Appreciation is always appreciated. I enjoyed your email very much, particularly the "system reset" and the "block of ice" metaphors. Vedanta is definitely a system reset. Very few "spiritual" people are interested in it because it challenges most of the popular assumptions about liberation. The modern spiritual world is all about changing one's experience rather than understanding why one is dissatisfied with one's experiences in the first place. Self-knowledge melts the icy block of ignorance that keeps spiritual *samsara* alive. Yes, I accept you as my student, assuming that I get all the credit for your successes and none of the blame for your failures. ☺ See you soon!