

## **A Vasana for Vedanta**

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Hi Ted,

Just a quick bit of advice. My question is an experiential problem, so not sure it can be resolved with the teaching. Thought I'd ask anyway.

I've developed a vasana for Vedanta, quite a strong one now and because I can see contradictions in other different teachings, listening to them, or being told that they are true annoys the subtle body. Sometimes a fair bit. Sometimes I laugh at these other teachings because I see the logic is flawed yet the person is believing in it, which appears kind of ridiculous. Sometimes it annoys me. I take it as prasad and immediately see that I've created a vasana for Vedanta

Is this desirable?

Many thanks

Iain

Hi, Iain.

A *vasana* for Vedanta is quite desirable. It is what will allow you to maintain a consistent focus on the truth and not get caught by erroneous arguments until such time as you have fully assimilated self-knowledge—that is, until such time as you are as convinced that you are limitless conscious existence as you once were that you are the limited apparent person you seem to be (i.e., the body-mind-sense complex with which you—awareness—are associated). It is wonderful that you are able to see the folly of erroneous arguments. Perhaps for a time they will annoy you, but eventually when you are so secure in the wisdom revealed by Vedanta that you are no longer “threatened by” these incorrect and/or incomplete notions of “enlightenment” or self-realization their power to annoy you will drop away.

All the best,

Ted