

A Wise Man Stays Permanently in the Shade

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Inquirer: You told me to make Vedanta my 24/7 rock. I have to agree. Nothing sets one so free as the discrimination between me, the self and the not-self, the objects that appear in me.

The *jiva*'s not creating knowledge, but simply letting it do its work.

The rock-solid conviction "I am awareness" and the knowledge "the world is unreal" leads to "*jivo brahmaiva na parah*" (the individual is not different from awareness).

My jaw drops again. I'm literally looking around thinking, "How great is this teaching!" It's the complete knowledge of the knower (me), including everything that can be known.

What are *raga-dveshas* to me? The only knowledge one needs to have is that I, the self, am eternally free from the apparent world, including from this *jiva* typing this. Bliss permeates me, which is simply the grace that comes through *jnanam*.

The *jiva* has to keep contact with this knowledge, which apparently left it for some time.

Self-knowledge is the greatest purifier!

But I have got an option now. Either I choose to suffer apparent limitations or I abide in the complete knowledge, the knowledge which directs me to my already-free identity. The choice is clear.

Hari Om!

May peace be unto you.

Daniel: Ramana Maharshi, here quoted:

"Under the tree the shade is pleasant; out in the open the heat is scorching. A person who has been going about in the sun feels cool when he reaches the shade. Someone who keeps on going from the shade into the sun and then back into the shade is a fool. A wise man stays permanently in the shade."

Vedanta is the shade.