

After Enlightenment, the Boredom

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Kumar: Hello, James. Good to hear from you and thanks for the reply. Life is rather boring for me after enlightenment. Since I was kid enlightenment was all that mattered, and after finding it seems like “the wind is gone from my sails,” in manner of speaking. I keep thinking of the movie *Groundhog Day*: every day I try to do something different to keep myself from being bored out of mind. Something new is not going to help. Meditation sucks because I don't see the point of it anyway and I have given up trying to fix my life because I don't see the point. I am happy as I am.

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I had an interesting insight about *maya*. For a long time, I thought *maya* is separate from enlightenment and some how enlightenment will make *maya* go away. Unfortunately, *maya* is always going to remain whether one is enlightened or not. *Maya* arises in awareness and as long as you are alive *maya* will continue to be with you whether you like it or not. In a higher sense seeing *maya* for what it is would actually constitute enlightenment. Many people have this mistaken notion that somehow *maya* is bad or needs to go away but I think it is wrong. Because *maya* arises in awareness, without *maya* there would be no enlightenment. Actually, if you think about it, *maya* is what makes the world go around.

~ Regards, Kumar

James: Ha! You think you are bored, what about me? I've known who I am for 44 years. I used to long for endarkenment but *Isvara* won't give my ignorance back. Sad story. It taxes one's ingenuity to come up with something meaningful to do. Teaching makes it a lot easier.

You make a very valuable observation when you say that *maya* doesn't go away when you are enlightened. Only one's individual self ignorance (*avidya*) goes. It is eternal, like awareness. It makes the world go around.

I will publish this on ShiningWorld.

~ Love, James