

An Overwhelming Excitement

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Michael: Dear James, about five months ago I got in contact about your well-written book through your website. I wrote you then a thank you message filled with gratitude for your wisdom and the professional good work you made available to us all. I mentioned that I was offering *satsangs* to a small group of friends here and whenever I was in Sweden (where I was born).

Your offering of Vedanta had brought into my heart an overwhelming excitement at the time, and that excitement by and by turned into an intense passion for Vedanta which has taken over my life.

Before, I was happily but ignorantly running on my good-business *vasana*, promoting my *satsangs* on the internet hoping to grow the *sangha* and maybe one day to attain a certain recognition in the spiritual marketplace to produce a stream of income from *satsang* donations. What a trip! What a dream!

A few things started happening since my association with you and Swami Chinmayananda:

1. I had to revise most of all concepts I used to adopt to express myself in *satsang*.
2. I began losing the interest to reach out to others because I came in contact with impure motives yet to be seen and neutralized.
3. The people we had before in *satsang* by and by stopped coming once I introduced them to you and began sharing my enthusiasm for Vedanta. They mostly wanted to feel or experience something but the last thing they seemed to want is to think.

Now I find myself freer than ever before, with no *sangha*, no teaching, no goal to be achieved and freely open to whatsoever life brings my way. My wife and I are both looking forward to participate in one of your live classes, hopefully soon, once you are back in Oregon.

Also, I have no words to describe what Vedanta has done to me so far in these last months of studies but if I can I would steal your own words to say that the hard and fast knowledge "I am the Light" has grown deeper roots of conviction and wider wings of freedom to stand and fly amidst the uncertain weathers of life.

I enjoy seeing you sometimes (early mornings here) on the streaming videos in Spain, and I hope your body gets stronger by the day so that we can surely have you around for a long time to come.

~ With love and gratitude, Michael