

Free to Live and Free of Vedanta

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Marianne: Hi, James. I just wanted to let you know what is going on with me, since I've been pretty quiet. I guess you would say Vedanta worked and now I'm just really engaging in a fun, busy life, minus the seeking and minus the suffering. Vedanta continues to grow inside me, as I'm sure it will do for the rest of my life, but I no longer have a need to study it. I reached a tipping point in the work, the result of which was freedom, and I was surprised to find that my interest after that in continuing to immerse myself in Vedanta waned. What is engaging me now is this free life of the apparent individual, no longer in bondage, for the first time in my experience, and it's pretty great.

Maybe at some point in the future the urge will come to teach or to begin to learn how to teach. For now, when people come to me for help I enthusiastically send them to you. I tell them Vedanta worked for me, and you were the one who made it happen. People want to know if it's really possible to stop seeking, and now I know that it is. Living life free was the whole idea, and that's what I'm doing. My life is living Vedanta, and it is just becoming more and more so, if you get what I mean.

I am sorry to say I need to leave my relationship with you behind for now. You really were Mariano Rivera for me – it was the last inning and we got the job done. I know with complete certainty that I won't have any more questions for you. If it happens that the urge to teach Vedanta arises, you'll probably hear from me again.

Thank you so much for the greatest gift anyone could ever receive. Don't be surprised if you get student after student referred by me – I do a pretty good sales job on your behalf. I really think you are the only teacher who's effective right now, and I want everyone to benefit like I did!

Blessings upon blessings to you and Sundari. You are always in my heart.

~ Love always, Marianne

James: Hi, Marianne. It is very gratifying to get this letter from you, justifying as it does my efforts to teach Vedanta. I am so happy that owing to your dedication to self-inquiry you have actualized its fruit. Once Vedanta has done its job it is no longer necessary. When I first met my teacher, he said, "Sit down and shut up, and we will have you out of here in no time because you are using valuable real estate that others can also use." Vedanta is not about Vedanta, it is about freedom for the one who believed he or she was not free. If my blessings were needed I would give them, but there is no chance that you will seek or suffer again, so they are unnecessary. You have a long and happy life in front of you. Thank you for the contribution for the video editing and the ticket to Europe.

~ Much love, James