

Game Over!

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Inquirer: I am never going to leave Vedanta. It has become part of my identity. It is very practical. I have just an intense love for the self and the apparent reality. I can finally do other things, not making enlightenment the final stop, if you know what I mean. I love the self and the teachings so intensely, knowing I am free from the apparent reality, while giving complete love to the *jiva*. Life is definitely not what we think. I feel it's just a complete joke. It's so humorous, we simply run around not knowing what to do, while we have already completed our journey, which is loving ourselves, we just do not know it. And the irony is, even if we do know it, we still do not.

Okay, you are enlightened... now roar like a lion! You do not need to go back to your old *samsaric* life, and even though that is impossible, you should not try. You've got the knowledge, so you are good to go!

Unfortunately, this is most often not the case.

Life is fun and funny. We just appear here and do not know anything. If you can be comfortable with not knowing, then through your acts you will know yourself to be a light unto the world.

This apparent life can have its way with me. I know I am not in life, life is in me.

Daniel: Nice email. Let's tweak the first paragraph a little so we shift it from indirect knowledge to direct knowledge.

"Vedanta is just a reflection of my already-free identity. I have just an intense love for me, the self. I love the self because I am the self."

Your last sentence is perfect liberation.

Inquirer: I feel as light as a feather. Yup, that's more direct because the only subject matter of Vedanta is me, awareness.

Daniel: That's it. Game over!