

Nearer than Known

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Tom: Daniel,

As you know I have been contemplating (*mananam*) and applying (*niddisyasanam* or however you spell it ;-)

I have watched that great Treasure Video several times recently. I realize in moments of clarity (most of the time) that I really am not my thoughts or emotions, body or anything I can observe.

Daniel: "I am not anything I observe". Boom! When this knowledge is firmly grounded (reflected in the intellect), it's a wrap. And it's through constant *nididhyasana* that grounds this sweet truth.

You're right on track, Tom.

Tom: I saw not long ago through the clever "trick" of the ego/mind masquerading as an "entity" when in fact I believe it is just a hub of thoughts, memories, and habits. Compelling, even earnest, but ultimately insubstantial.

Daniel: Yup. Totally compelling yet totally insubstantial. *Maya*; "that which makes the impossible possible". What a trip!

Tom: But today I saw that the ego is insentient altogether, and that thought seems really important. I can't remember it being put this way exactly. If the ego / subtle body is insentient, then ... (fill in the blank). For one thing, this thought seems like it has the power to turn my world upside down.

What do you think?

Daniel: The thought that the ego is insentient *is* the most important thought in the world. Why? because it's based on rock solid knowledge and *does* have the power to turn your world upside down. Or more accurately, it turns your attention back to yourSelf and frees you from the limited world altogether.

What do I think? I think that your thought that all thoughts are insentient is brilliant. ;)

Tom: So even these two most brilliant thoughts (that the ego is insentient and all thoughts are insentient) are just thoughts and therefore do not have knowing power?

Daniel: The ego is just a thought. And vice versa. No difference between the two terms.

Thought/ego/Tom is an object known to you, awareness. Objects are insentient/inert and only **seem** to be alive. These objects dance in your light. We call this dance 'life'.

Exactly. It's not the ego/thought that has knowing power but rather you, awareness, who knows of the ego/thought.

In other words, it's not Tom (object) who knows awareness (subject), but rather you, awareness,

who knows Tom (object).

Tom: And yet these insentient word/thoughts can take us home by applying them correctly, to where we've always been, is that about right?

Daniel: Yup. It's like using a thorn to remove the thorn. We use knowledge-based thoughts to expel ignorant thoughts...i.e...thoughts that cramp our limitless mojo.

Welcome home, dear Self.

Tom: *Namaste* and yes, Nearer than Known.

Daniel: "Nearer than known". Love it.