

The Click of Knowledge

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James: Dear Daniel, it is great to see how the knowledge is working. Your mind is nearly always clear. You just flicker a bit between indirect and direct knowledge.

Let's look at your statements.

Dan: After I finished writing my previous email to you – later that evening – my mind “clicked.” Below I describe what I meant by “clicked” as best as I can. Please keep in mind that I may not be using the correct descriptions and that even though it sounds like a statement, it's really a question to you. What was/is this “click”?

Anyway, that evening, as usual, the mind was doing its inquiry. In a “timeless” moment – something clicked. Not good. Not bad. Not an experience either. It felt like a “lock” being opened in the mind. It felt like a calculation had just been answered in an easy, neutral and tranquil way.

James: Yes, the mind is expanding through inquiry and the mind becomes vast and peaceful. A doubt got removed and you finally took a stand in yourself, awareness. It is a switch in perception from the doer, the individual to your self, awareness.

Dan: The “click” = this “thing” that has been there since I can remember – without changing – documenting the life of Daniel (awareness, or a what feels like a “consciousness fluid”??).

James: That is right. The self has been there observing Daniel's life since he popped out of his mother's womb. But may I ask you a question here? It seems there is still some duality in your thinking. If the “thing” has been there since you can remember, who are you, remembering and observing this thing?

Dan: What was realized is that Daniel/mind exists within it – not the other way around. Simply put, the two have switched positions – or at least the mind as worked that out?

James: That is correct. The mind exists in you. You are the one seeing the mind. But what do you mean when you say the two have “switched positions”? The mind and who? And what would be the third factor seeing the two switching?

Dan: Daniel feels happy, but at the same time this “thing” carries no feeling?

James: True. The self is beyond any feeling. It is the witness of the feeling. But is it a thing or is it

you?

Dan: What is clear to me is that I am not anything that appears in mind or thought, the self is existence itself?

James: Correct!

Dan: It watches Daniel. The watcher is me (the self), not the watched (the one called Daniel).

James: Very good, Daniel. Yes it is you. You are here prior to Daniel.

Dan: I have no desire to chase it, as it has no desire to be chased. I now see why you can't get happiness through obtaining "things" – as all that doesn't matter to this "thing"/awareness.

To realize this is actually quite funny, freeing. It's like feeding an ocean more sea water??? The sea is full and does not care for or want anything.

James: Great observations, Daniel. It is funny. I am having a good laugh all the time. But think about who is seeing this "thing." The self is full. Nothing can be added and nothing can be taken away. The bliss comes from you. You are awareness, Daniel. It is not a thing observed by you.

Dan: Is the purpose of birth to realize the above and allow this body to experience and enjoy this world fully? It's all about being happy.

James: Got it, Dan. Good for you. The purpose of this dream is to realize your true nature. If this is fully seen, then "GAME OVER." ☺

Dan: Ram, is this "click" the mind's answer to this SIMPLE but complex quest/realization? Or is it just further "enlightenment sickness"?

James: It is the mind's answer to the quest for self-knowledge. It is not enlightenment sickness. Enlightenment sickness is when Daniel starts making a big story about how the "click" happened and how he is not Daniel anymore and how free he is, etc. The click is just knowledge taking place.

Keep on inquiring. You will know when the knowledge takes over and becomes firm. There won't be any doubt and you won't need confirmation. From whom would you need confirmation when you are all that exists? You are definitely on the right track, Daniel. Keep it up!

~ Blessings, James