

The End of Knowledge

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Seeker: Hi, James. I have spent this lifetime seeking the truth. Fortunately, I had a *vasana* for that, in the end to realize that I was seeking myself. What a humorous journey. With Vedanta it has been made possible to end the seeking. With Vedanta it has been made possible to recognize my self. The beginning of the journey always begins at home and ends at home, but to realize that one never left home in the first place and that no actual journey has happened is such a grand illusion. It is as though I am looking through a narrow pinhole camera where the images of the present pass by; there is neither past nor present there, only now, projections on the screen of awareness.

Vedanta is truly the end of knowledge, as with it all knowledge is known. With Vedanta it is possible to understand the basis of all world religions, all spiritual practices.

I believe I read in some Buddhist work at one time that ignorance was the source of suffering and the world. The thought that came to mind at the time I was reading that was, "Ignorance of what?" The answer: "Ignorance of one's true nature." Religions and spirituality are full of bits and pieces of the truth mixed with ignorance, which takes us back to the subject.

Vedanta is the Original. Here I use two of the definitions of original: (1) preceding all others in time, first, and (2) being the source from which a copy, reproduction or translation is made. It would appear that as we have moved further and further away from the source that more and more ignorance has crept in. Thankfully, a lineage of sages and seers have kept the truth alive and continue to safeguard its purity. We all owe them such a deep debt of gratitude.

I haven't bothered to ask any questions of you, as I have pursued my study of Vedanta with you as my teacher, because they have all been answered as I continued along. This is just a note to let you know that your student is grateful and appreciates your having made available such a wondrous and marvelous teaching.

~ Love