

The Joy of Vedanta

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Mario: I just want to send a gigantic THANKS to all of you, and particularly to James. It's not time for me to ask but maybe it will happen soon. But gratitude is never too early or too late, I think, and it just arose in me so deeply and naturally towards you and your service to Truth. So that's it. I'll keep going on reading, watching, contemplating and studying until I feel ready to ask a question or share something (following the *dharma* though) for being helped by you, in an appropriate way. In the meantime, again, thank you so much, from my inner side.

~ Mario from Italia

Sundari: *Ciao*, Mario! Thank you for your great email, much appreciated. I read it to James, and he says thank you too. Our reward is in knowing the truth works to set people free.

We are so happy that this great knowledge has brought you the happiness of knowing who you are. May all your life be unfolded with the grace and wisdom of truth, blessing you and all you meet along the way.

Please feel to write anytime.

Mario: PS: Not to seem anybody else: I'm still playing under the *lila* of *maya*. NOT ENLIGHTENED AT ALL!! But... there's such an "energetic" marriage between James' teachings and what I know of myself in this life (after so much suffering, loss and disillusion, but nevertheless, love and searching) that I would run out of my house shouting a full-hearted "yes!," thank you, great man, thank you to be so transparent, so clear, so vibrating the simplicity of the complexity, so generous, so close to the human wounds and at the same time so honest in not hiding the real causes, and so other personal stories of my long path that it jumped up my heart dancing for having met this limpid source of authenticity exactly in this fragment of my life that... again... my unknown friends... hug and love for you all. Really. The unenlightened Italian with no hope for hoping... and much gratitude for you.

Sundari: Ah, you made us laugh! And we are happy for you.

I know how you feel, I felt that way myself when I first came across James and Vedanta. At last, no more BS. It all makes sense now, no more seeking, only purifying the mind so that self-knowledge can "do the work" of removing ignorance – i.e identification and bondage to objects.

I especially liked you saying that you "don't want to seem like anybody else" – who else would that be?

There is only the self and that is what we see in you, and in talking to you we talk only to the self. Whether or not you are fully "there" yet, you know enough to know that this is a *lila* and Mario and his story is known to you, so he can't be you.

May all ignorance fall away and along with it, the suffering of the *jiva*.

Mario: "Love," so much. Yes, just a written word, but still I needed to write it down to tell you what I increasingly feel for you.

Sundari: Love is not a word or a feeling, it is who you are. We project love onto others, but the feeling of love is an effect of your true nature. We are only ever in love with love, the self.