

# You Are the Magic Carpet

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**Joseph:** Greetings, Ram!! I want to say hello and provide an update. As you know, there is much change taking place here. Given my spiritual disposition and seeing that the major movements of life have all been in accordance with realizing truth, this change is necessary.

I must say that when we had the opportunity to chat you made the simple statement, "I am ordinary just like you." This stuck with me. In a general sense I get that, but something I said or implied must have motivated you to say that. I can see now how I projected that freedom equates to some kind of utopia or specialness in *samsara* (the mind can run on statements like "magic carpet ride").

Not the kind of "magic" or synchronicity associated with the intelligence in the field, but something special to you that would be lacking here. This came in part due to the memory of the rush that was experienced as a result of a non-dual experience and being in the flow for months. The sensations were (as best I can tell via hindsight) a psychological/physiological response due to a lightening of the load of false ideas I carried about "me," much of the story of me was just blown up. The elation was mistaken from the perspective of a person experiencing elation. The flow was simply being out of my own way like the athlete in the zone or as Vedanta would state, *sattvic*. Everything just happened with clarity, ease and efficiency, with little if no personal sense involved. I thought this euphoria and flow would/should remain, and thus consistent in some way with your experience.

The idea of some kind of utopia is gone, but I can see as the availability of a more *sattvic* lifestyle comes to be that more harmony and flow will be the case. As I write and life unfolds I can't say it is beautiful right now, but I can't say it is not either. For what is happening I don't know if it could happen any better than it is for all parties involved. By all accounts I should be a stressed-out, miserable bag of bones surrounded by unhappy people. That is not the case. Agitation and upset happens when it does, but analysis (Vedanta) puts these happenings in proper perspective, and issues come and go without too much trouble.

Bottom line: I am clear I am not what I am aware of, rather I am that by which an object or experience is known; therefore I am free from experience even if utopia in *samsara* were possible.

~ Peace and happiness, Joseph

**Ram:** I love you, Joe. This is so right on, so perfect in every way, that I need say nothing except "you are the magic carpet."

~ Ram