

# I Have Nothing to Do with Enlightenment

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**Dwayne:** Hi, James. I cannot even begin to formulate the gratitude that I feel towards you, towards Vedanta.

I just woke up, I am lying in bed and I am whole.

And... at least for me... the click was also driven by the realization that not only I am all right, but that also the apparent "not-I" is all right.

The teaching on the "not-I," the "not-self," was really essential.

To quench the thirst of the ever doubting and questioning intellect who wants to understand the whole of existence, that is what Vedanta can provide. And after having searched in so many spiritual and also scientific directions, there was no other body of knowledge that was able to do that.

Enlightenment is simply for the intellect, knowing who I really am without a doubt. It is not some esoteric, mumbo jumbo, magical transformation.

I have never been enlightened, do not need to be enlightened, have nothing to do with enlightenment.

Enlightenment is in *maya*.

I am, and I am the only thing that is.

~ With gratitude and love, Dwayne