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Discretion between Beneficial and Pleasurable

Shlok – 1

<u>Introductory</u>

- * Yam after testing
 - Having determined Nachiketa is eligible to gain knowledge of the soul- Begins to impart knowledge of the soul
- Imparting knowledge of soul can start only if
 - No inclination towards the external remains
 - Readiness to go within only this one inclination
- * Yam boon temptation to a child
 - Established in dispassion No wish, desire arose
 - Desirous of liberation on a quest for the soul \mid_*
- * Had firm determination fearless
 - Wavering if doubtful resolute if doubtless
 - Incident dialogue shaken if immature
- * Believer Atheist
 - Insincere believer fears an atheist
 - Waves arise doubt, desire, curiosity
- If bad company influences you, realise
 - Influence of satsang is weak
 - Not a true believer yet
- Big obstruction soul's indecisiveness (Param Krupalu Dev)
 - So falters in temptations / pain
 - One with firm determination does not falter
- * Yam numerous efforts tried his best
 - If immature impurities will arise
 - Realised dispassionate firm determination fearless
 - Most eligible to receive knowledge of soul ready to go within
- * No request complaint fear
 - Eg. Chuangtzu was minister renunciation attitude towards king
 - Greed Greed No greed All By nothing therein therefore left same can it be lies fear king snatched
- * Start His preaching from
 - Preparation for the path Enlightened One glory of the soul
 - Spiritual practice state beyond thoughts (Shri Atmasiddhi Shastra: Verse 108 - 113)

Various Objectives

- All inclinations and activities for happiness
 - Purpose to gain more happiness activities
 - All activities according to outcome -
 - Classified into two categories (shreya beneficia
 - preya pleasurable)
- * Making right choice is
 - Fundamental for spiritual progress
 - Want worldly pleasures / spiritual joy
 - Then only can inward journey start
- * 2 paths opposed to each other binding to
 - 2 different goals
 - Objectives and goals are different / opposite
 - Choose beneficial = dedicate to higher purpose
 - Choose pleasurable = deviate from higher purpose
- * What is Shreyas Preyas?

	<u>Preyas</u>	<u>Shreyas</u>
	- Pleasurable - preya	beneficial - shreya
	- Like to do (you desire	e) right thing to do
	- Luxurious life - Becomes scoundrel	Self-realisation / liberation Becomes Sadhu / Sadhak
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	- Fetches world	Fetches liberation
	- Temporary happiness	Permanent happiness

- Downfall WelfareMind is happy Soul is uplifted
- Mind chooses pleasurable Intellect chooses beneficial
 - 3 combinations
 - 1) Both in same direction eg. seva eg. yoga
 - 2) Mind (no) Intellect (yes) eg. get up early
 - 3) Mind (yes) Intellect (no) eg. junk food
- Constant tug of war
 - Stronger wins
 - Make intellect stronger by satsang

Seeker of the beneficial - pleasure seeker want

- * Pleasure seeker wants
 - Sensual pleasures means of means of fulfilling desires - sense objects
 - Three types of worldly desires
 - Expectation / desire / effort / attainment in the non-self
- * Seeker of the beneficial
 - End of transmigration spiritual welfare
 - Eternal peace happiness that transcends senses
 - Spiritual bliss through knowledge of how to attain the soul
- * Pleasure seeker wants
 - External changes contacts
 - Wants to change world
 - Find solutions outside
- * Seeker of the beneficial wants
 - Internal changes no contact
 - State of mind by good thoughts
 - If mind pure, peaceful, joyous only then abidance in self
 - Find solutions inside
 - Environmental dependency decrease
- Goal of pleasure seeker → worldly acquisitions
 Goal of one seeking the beneficial → spiritual
 (self-realisation)
- * Check your choice
 - eg. When someone insults / hurts you
 - a) Work within or outside
 - b) Calamity into opportunity to grow or react
 - c) Bitterness for him or gratitude towards him
- Pleasure seeker = complain change
 Seeker of the beneficial = introspect improve

Different fruits - goal

* Both cause bondage (2 meanings)

pleasurable / remains deprived

- a) Leads (gets engaged) to specific goal / fruit Bondage – liberation
- a) Creates bondage pulls towards self
 Sadhubhavti = one choosing beneficial
 attains welfare
 Hiyate = downfall of one who accepts the
- b) Auspicious and inauspicious both are bondage because both are doings / attachment
- b) Auspicious path with desire for fruits is cause of heaven
 Meritorious karma is also bondage – cause of transmigration
- b) Helpful in upliftment so one's duty
- * What is the result of both?

Pleasure seeker

- Sensual pleasures temporary followed by misery
- Sinful inclinations crime downfall
- Cycle of birth and death transmigration

Seeker of the beneficial

- No expectation self-realisation effort moulding
- Supreme bliss spiritual welfare upliftment
- Liberation (impurities karma body)
- * Want both can't
 - Opposed to each other
 Eg. Light have to give up darkness
 - Eg. Ant grain of rice in mouth yellow grain of chana tempted but must give up one
 - * For some time both can stay
 - Finally need to choose one
 - Eg. Democrat Labour left
 Republican Conservative right
 materialistic chooses pleasurable
 spiritual chooses beneficial
 - Eg. staircase
 - Inclination towards only one other seems boring – can have association of wife, house
 - Be farsighted not impulsive
 - Eg. marshmallow discerning

Need to choose

- * Humans get beneficial and pleasurable both
 - Both good and pleasant approach the mortal men
 - Both paths come to all
- Events continually occur in life
 In the present situation
 - Should I do this or not
 - Retain or give up / grasp renounce
- Temptations will come decide using discernment
 - Not without thinking thoughtfulness required
 - In every situation eg. downwards pleasurable At every turning uphill – beneficial
- * Both come to humans
 - Both options come to all
 - Have to make choice 100 times a day not once
- * Deliberate choice needed
 - For spiritual progress
 - Clear about your goal
- * In your spiritual journey Eg. school
 - Primary = right choice
 - Secondary = knowledge of the soul
- Use your intellect in making choice
 - Eg. not what billboards say
 - What intellect says (nourished by Guru's teachings)
- Need to examine the fruits
 - Decide the way
 - Choose correctly
- * As the mythological goose
 - Discriminates drinks milk
 - Leaves water behind

Need discernment

- * Real test of man when
 - In the face of favourable unfavourable circumstances
 - How is his discerning ability?
- Should choose rightly
 - Eg. menu card many variety
 - According to what is pleasurable / beneficial
- * To become enlightened is more important
 - Than being Ambani Adani
 - Nachiketa chooses self-realisation
- * Discernment should be your Guru
 - Governing force
 - Important than bookish knowledge
- * In the light of discernment
 - Every decision action
 - Which is beneficial for soul
- * Discernment will tell you
 - What? when? why?
 - Thinks of the consequences
- * So Param Krupalu Dev has said
 - 'Kar vichar toh paam' if you think then you will attain
 - Discernment will lead to dispassion

Wise - foolish

- * Both paths come to all
 - But wise and foolish
 - Choose differently
- Wise man examines thoroughly (contemplates on its nature)
 Discriminates - chooses beneficial

But ignorant chooses pleasurable (means of sensual gratification) because impulsive

- Wise intelligent discerning 'dheer'
 - Thoroughly analyses chooses examines both situation / goal beneficial
 - Farsighted knows the chooses fruits the way
 - Eg. ant mixture of sand chooses sugar sugar
 - After contemplation stick to path of spiritual welfare
- Ignorant less intelligent foolish 'mandah'
 - Does not analyse (does not use discretion) reacts according to mood
 - Tendencies past impressions = without thinking
 - Choose short term happiness pleasurable can't choose correctly
 - Intellect captured by delusion gets confused
 - Attracted by external appearances
 - Wants wealth, status, family, resorts
 - Rejects internal growth
- * Every situation handled in 2 ways
 - a) Wise analyses pros / cons
 - Will help in spiritual growth / obstruct
 - Short term happiness / long term happiness
 - b) Foolish does not think of
 - Defects of sensual pleasures impermanent uncertain
 - Becomes dependent / slave
- * Foolish not bad people but
 - Overpowered by past impressions of sensual gratification
 - Want easy and instant
 - Satisfies the demands of the hungry senses
 - Reaches condemnable state

Why choose pleasurable?

- To attain bliss of soul choosing beneficial is must
 - Necessary to sever the bondage (attachment) of all relationships
 - For infinite give up fruits which have an end
- In worldly pursuits also
 Eg. education / career goes abroad
 household parents migrates from one's country
 Eg. marriage separation from daughter leaves home
- But we miss out on the path of supreme truth
 Eg. karma knowledge mind intellect soul
- * Why choose pleasurable majority do so
 - Majority are foolish
 - Have not received satsang have not made firm resolve
 - Ordinary people don't have capacity to think of spiritual welfare
 - Lack ability to discern between true and false
- * Everyone runs after majority
 - Imitate peer pressure
 - Eg. local train gets down pulled back
 - Need courage against public opinion
- * Only he can choose the beneficial
 - a) Who has divine wealth of discernment, dispassion, desire for liberation
 - b) Subsidence of passions etc.
 - c) Patrank-816: immense karmic merit / pure intellect / subtle intelligence / intense dispassion / association of Enlightened One
 - d) Past impressions learning's of the past Eg. fallen from practices foolish can't
- * Shlok = indication for spiritual aspirant
 - Shows ideal path
 - Do not get entangled in impulses and cravings
 - Adhere to the goal honest effort
 - Catch the best path for attaining the soul
- One choosing the beneficial will stay in world
 - Out of duty not out of desire
 - As a witness not as an enjoyer

Praising / complimenting

- * Deliberate choice needed
 - For spiritual goal
 - Foundation and clarity is very important
- * Yamraj is praising, complimenting Nachiketa
 - Thoughtfully discarded pleasurable
 - Chose beneficial over pleasurable
- * Disowned worldly pleasures
 - With perfect thinking
 - Analysing the nature of worldly objects
- Evaluated and rejected
 - All temptations offered
 - Understanding them as temporary worthless
- * In this shlok explosion of praise
 - Temptations of sons, celestial damsels, kingdom
 - Considering them as trifle and worthless
- * Resisted temptations
 - Passed the test
 - For Yam this became an occasion of joy / giving compliments
- * Says remarkable is your intellect
 - Though I tempted persisted
 - You held on to the path of beneficial
- * Where worldly people would
 - Cling indulge deviate
 - You rejected it
- * Entire human race easily
 - Would have fallen prey to it
 - You remained firm
- * Foolish indulge drowned
 - Eg. mosquito oversucking killed
 - Not went with public opinion

Thoughtfully renounced

- * You are a true spiritual aspirant
 - Because you have discerning ability
 - Discernment + dispassion = proved worthiness
- Foolish ignorant less intelligent
 - Indulge in that get trapped in it
 - Drown go into lower forms of existence
- * Where majority fall
 - You remained firm
 - Out of thousands only some can do
- * You are really deserving of accolades
 - Great are you
 - You will attain supreme welfare
- * Rejected thoughtfully
 - Or will come back again
 - Keep turning back and seeing
- Not rejected blindly
 - Renunciation from fire of discernment
 - Doubtlessly is eligible for self-realisation
- * Dispassion due to different reasons:-
 - (a) Out of ignorance

Eg. child – chocolate – 1 crore cheque

- (b) Out of dejection
 - Eg. sick Eg. death of near ones
- (c) Inspired by satsang
 - Eg. temporary dispassion
 - Eg. maternity ward
- * If renunciation is without contemplation
 - Eg. Washerman's dog
 - Eg. Like Trishanku
 - Not have worldly pleasures
 - or higher pleasures

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Shlok – 4

<u>Knowledge – ignorance</u>

- Showers more praise
 - Not shaken chooses beneficial
 - Desirous of knowledge to attain the soul –

true student

- * Earlier what was called beneficial and pleasant
 - Here that is sequentially called knowledge ignorance
 - Path of liberation path of worldliness
- Both paths are opposite
 - Taking to different goals
- Both mutually opposite in
 - Objective and results
 - Contradictory not parallel
- * Can't have inclination of both
 - Eg. watching TV sleeping
 - Eg. running standing
- Can't simultaneously focus on both
 - Takes pleasures from both
 - Believe both necessary
- Meaning of knowledge ignorance
 - Ignorance = not less knowledgeKnowledge = not more knowledge
 - Ignorance = Foolishness delusion
 Knowledge = Destruction / subsidence of delusion
- * Ignorance chooses the path of pleasurable
 - Wealth and sensual desires temporary happiness | *
 - Pursuit of pleasurable is due to ignorance
- Knowledge chooses beneficial path
 - Dharma and liberation permanent happiness
 - Pursuit of beneficial due to knowledge (discernment)

He is a true student

- * I consider you as
 - Desirous of (soul) knowledge / beneficial path
 - Aspirant of knowledge student
- As you were not deluded / shaken
 - By my offers of worldly enjoyment
 - Not tempted by trivial things
- * Did not deviate from path of righteousness
 - Eg. Father's charity of cows
 - Eg. my offers / temptations
- * Did not fall in the trap
 - Showing dispassion yearning for liberation
 - Courage bravery subtle intellect
- * Not desirous of sensual gratification but student
 - Want only knowledge to attain soul
 - By which can attain supreme welfare
- * Not becoming unsteady wavering
 - Remained untouched
 - Zeal and commitment remarkable
- * Did not choose circular route
 - Of material desires
 - Desirous of liberation Desirous of knowledge
- * Proved your eligibility by choosing knowledge of how to attain the soul
 - Sincere devotee worthy disciple
 - Proved eligibility for knowledge of soul
- Don't want less happiness
 - Nothing less than knowledge of soul
 - Proclaim you qualified student / having thirst for knowledge
- If you feel guilty after indulgence in sense pleasures
 - You are desirous of beneficial path
 - Makes you alert next time bounce back
 - Succeed

Dry intellectualist

- * Yam tells Nachiketa
 - You are desirous for knowledge dispassionate
 - Firmly determined not tempted by desires
- * But there are people in society
 - Who have lot of scriptural knowledge
 - Who think they are wise / smart
- * Scholars dry intellectualists
 - Who consider themselves learned
 - Intelligent well-read learned
- * But they are blinded by desires
 - Deluded by sensual pleasures
 - Roaming in circles desires
- * In midst of ignorance
 - Overwhelmed by ignorance
 - Wandering in worldly pleasures
- * Well-read but not awakened
 - Misled by attachments
 - eg. Duryodhan I understand righteousness
- Caught in the pleasurable (2 types)
 - Arth = wealth, power, status, prestige
 - Kaam = sensual pleasures
- * Fail to discover
 - True source of happiness
 - Accumulate karma are foolish
- * Seeker should be dispassionate
 - Eg. fruit tree gravity
 - When matures / ripens fall because of dispassion
- * If you want to prove God
 - Improve yourself
 - When qualified you gravitate so cultivate dispassion

Blind untrue Guru

- * When such people who are
 - full of ignorance + desirous of sensual pleasures
 - Ego unaware of self
- * Because of scriptural knowledge, they
 - think they are enlightened lead society
 - considered as leaders in society
- * Leaders drivers of society guides
 - Need to be detached alert
 - Eg. bus driver dozing
- * Will be like blind guiding blind
 - Eg. blind leading blind
 - Misled and mislead
 - Can't see still show
- Wandering in world
 - Eg. don't know diamonds –
 makes you collect stones by their
 - desires teachings acts = are wrong
- * Asurik = indulgence in sensual pleasures

Rakshas = harm others

Foolish = deluded

Wicked = use immoral means

- * Pull you back from spirituality
 - Discourages you by wrong advice
 - Does not foster inner growth engages you in the external
- * Causes downfall of oneself others
 - Pathetical ridiculous situation
 - Blind leads the blind falls in pit
- * If you are true does not happen
 - Dispassion / yearning for liberation
 - Eg. Jibran tells a story escape
- * Only greedy can be misled
 - Eg. miracle Eg. politician
 - Won't happen with Nachiketa as he is true

Indolent and foolish

- Indolent and foolish are those who
 - Ignore path of beneficial / knowledge of soul / self-realisation
 - Because they leave the beneficial, attracted by the pleasurable
- Wealth desires indulgence in sensual pleasures
 - Cannot think of anything but inclinations and activities
 - Lazy busy crazy
- * They are busy in
 - Earning acquiring hoarding
 Gross lowly intellect thoughtless decisions
 - No thirst for self-realisation
- Such materialist feel
 - a) Matter is only reality nothing beyond it
 - b) Want happiness from material objects
 - c) Life is only for sensual enjoyment
 - d) Whatever is evident, perceived by senses, that alone is true
 - e) No faith, interest in what happens after death, soul etc.
 - f) So not interested in spiritual means
 - g) Believe there is nothing after this birth
- Such souls are called childish
 - Not innocent but immature
 - Unintelligent foolish
- Higher truth not revealed to kids
 - Spiritually immature deluded by desires
 - Making same mistakes again and again
- Don't have farsightedness
 - Tempted by desires
 - Not capable for knowledge of how to attain the soul
 - Because of attachment and
 - Excitement of worldly pleasures

Repeated birth and death

- Because of their materialism
 - Do not attain purity of mind
 - Only purified mind can grasp
 - Impure don't get attracted to knowledge of soul
- Because of their inclinations activities
 - Do not attain higher realms of existence
 - Do not attain human birth, satsang
- * Undergo repeated birth and death
 - Repeatedly come under my control
 - Due of unfulfilled desires, those foolish ones
 - Are caught in my sway noose /are bound by me
- * Because of desires
 - Take birth and die again and again
 - Come to Yam take another birth
- * They come in my control
 - Die and be reborn again
 - Caught in cycle of suffering
- * Go on repeating like
 - eg. merry go round again and again
 - desires actions fruits desires go on and on
- * Do not believe in a higher ideal life
 - Ineligible of contemplating on fundamentals
 - Live worthless life dies takes birth again
- One should do pratikraman revisit the past –
 Review your childhood experiences (toys)
 - Will help in awakening of soul
- What actually gained by increase of wealth and status?
 - Analyse your effort gain
 - Pursue knowledge of self life worthwhile

Opportunity to listen is rare

- Listening about soul is rare
 - To get to hear rare opportunity
 - Not available to many
 Not easily available to all
- 1 First of all, you need human birth
 - From Sarvarthsiddh highest celestial abode,
 to Siddhashila abode of Siddhas
 - eg. plate to stomach via mouth
- Rarity through 10 examples
 - Eg. Turtle eg. Pacific
 - No time in hell, animal, plant, and celestial existence
 - (1-5) Lack power
- 2 Acquisition of senses
 - Eyes ears intellect to listen
 - Activity of listening impossible without a medium
- 3 Association of preacher
 - Association of satsang listening to knowledge of soul
 - Strong manifestation of meritorious karma Eg. if music then can dance
- 4 Opportunity but interest in listening
 - Interest past impressions need
 - Opportunity yet does not come to listen Has energy – uses to sin
- * Interest in listening
 - Eg. Bhagwan Mahavir Rohaniya
 - Eg. Jesus _ Those with eyes _ Those with ears see listen
- * Engrossed and busy in sense objects
 - No discernment dispassion
 - Worried about future no contemplation on soul
- Miserable restless stressed
 - Cannot do satsang
 - Interested in worldly talks not in spiritual talks Eg. cricket
- * If realise the value of human birth
 - Enthusiastic to listening engrossed in worldly matters
 - Lots of speed breakers / excuses

Understanding is rare

- Gets to listen understanding is rare
 - Not rightly taught or
 - Not rightly grasped
- 1 It is not easy to understand the soul
 - Formless imperceptible opposite qualities
 - To truly understand it and its profound essence
- (2) Purity required for that
 - Focused mind subtle intellect
 - inner purity quietened ego
- * If not detached from sense objects
 - Unable to contemplate revision go over again
 - No deep impact on mind
- * Unable to make time for contemplation
 - Busy with duties sensual pleasures
 - Unable to understand cannot remember doesn't understand its importance
- Mind is disturbed
 - Eg. traffic of thoughts Eg. if band is playing
 - So Eg. appears Greek and Latin
- (3) Subject seems uninteresting, dry
 - Looks only for entertainment in satsang
 - Wants arrangement of music food transport
- Where the intellect must be strained not interested in that
 - For or against contemplation inner questioning
 - Need subtle intellect or else disturbed
- (4) Knowledge understanding
 - Memorised belief with conviction
 - does not turn into conviction faith
 - Eg. memorise wedding card no attendance
- * For faith
 - Trust in speaker
 Eg. knowledge obstructing karma or faith delusion
 - Process of contemplation reflection

Qualified teacher Speaker – rare

- * Rare is the speaker who can explain the soul
 - Experienced is able to explain
 - Difficult to find
- ① One who is preaching abiding in self,
 has scriptural knowledge
 - Direct experience of soul (self-realisation)
 - Well-versed in the essence of scriptures (supreme knowledge of scriptures)
- Many scholars few are experienced
 - Scholars only studied scriptures -
 - Have not understood its mysteries ignorant about essence
 - Speech by the ignorant no impact
- (2) Experienced speak
 - Don't speak
 - Don't know
- * Ready to speak
 - Eg. Buddha = no cannot be Speaker no longer words remains
 - Eg. Kabir My mind is intoxicated with joy, why should I speak?
- Become adventurous have courage
 - Capacity of intellect capacity of speech = difficult in words
 - Tries to explain in words
- (3) Experienced and skilful
 - Matter and methodology
 - Way He imparts and conveys
- * Should make interesting / inspiring
 - Transfers knowledge subtle to grasp
 - Teaching style unprecedented speech elimination of all doubts
- Should be skilful
 - Eg. No clothes worn washerman's shop
 To bald person sell comb
 - Eg. Swimming against the current who desired pleasure like beneficial
- (4) Don't go on external appearances
 - Beard clothes etc. external signs
 - Should have 5 characteristics
 Eg. Guru Brahma, Vishnu, Mahesh

Qualified student <u>Listener – rare</u>

- Self-realised disciple is rare
 - The knowledge that was attained _ experiences it
 - Intense yearning for liberation is rare
- (1) Need worthiness
 - Thirst for knowledge needed interest in self-realisation
 - Disciplined and committed
- (2) Four means of practice
 - Discernment dispassion subsidence yearning for liberation
 - Purpose and passion
- 3 To entertain people to end transmigration
 - No desire to show off eg. why dieting?
 - Reason within or outside
- (4) Not copying one's own inclination
 - Eg. Bird chirps why?
 - Confused desirous of liberation
- True Guru true disciple
 - Both rare few
 - Association of both is rare
- Qualified teacher qualified student
 Proficient giver proficient receiver
 Rare wonder incredible event
- * Guru abiding in self worthy disciple
 - Listen faith realisation
 - Great wonder
- * Enlightened speaker true aspirant
 - Pair is very rare
 - Rarity of going deeper within you
- Vivekchudamani says
 - Human birth yearning for liberation association of Enlightened One
 - Liberation is easily attainable

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General

Beneficial - Pleasurable

- Two directions are open in life
 - a) Shreya = Which is beneficialPreya = Which is pleasurable
 - b) Shreya = By which passions get eliminated Preya = By which passions are enhanced
 - c) Shreya = Soul experiences bliss (consciousness)Preya = Mind feels happy (heart)
 - d) Shreya = Know things as they are (non-deluded perception)Preya = Know things coloured by passions (deluded perception)
 - e) Shreya = Knows it as mirage (not satisfying)
 Preya = Knows it as lake (feels satisfied)
- * Soul influenced by past impressions
 - Loves non-self no thoughts that it's not beneficial
 - Chases one pleasurable thing after another
 - Again and again yet does not change direction
 - Because of illusion
- On the pleasurable path, happiness at first then misery
 - Because it's projected happiness
 - Separation inevitable (feels joyous)
- Beneficial path gives misery at first then happiness
 - As not conducive to mind
 - Path of pain, austerity (finds difficult)
- * Pleasurable path
 - Eg. Sugar-coated bitter medicine
 Sweet in the beginning then bitter
 - Eg. Fish hook flour
 Gets cut
 - Eg. Like rainbow attractive but worthless
- * Beneficial path
 - Control of mind so difficult in beginning
 - But with faith, sincerity, patience, enthusiasm Connection with soul – Infinite bliss of self
 - Eg. Param Krupalu Dev: Infinite bliss namesake misery

<u>Transformation – Rarity of satsang</u>

- * Embark towards transformation
 - Through satsang understood will give misery
 - Realise own foolishness
- * More and more satsang introspection
 - Application of teachings in situations
 - Inner transformation occurs
- * 6 steps
 - 1) There is happiness in the world I feel it
 - 2) I feel it so may not be there my viewpoint
 - 3) No happiness my delusion
 - 4) It's only in turning within I don't feel it
 - 5) Feel happiness in going within
 - 6) Abidance within
- * Importance of satsang
 - Beneficial means to awaken / remain awakened
 - Eg. school classwork and homework
- Do constant satsang
 - Strong impressions of delusion need inspiration
 - One's awakening becomes cause of others' awakening
- * Importance of Guru
 - Guru's work is to awaken appears an enemy
 - Fell in love work accomplished
 - Eg. Ouspensky book offered to Gurdjieff
 One who awakened
 me from slumber
- * To listen is rare preacher listener rare
 - Experienced One preaches
 - Aspirant listens with interest
 - Wondrous when pair meets
- Invisible bond between Guru and disciple
 - Eg. Mother nurtures in womb dependency (initially)

Separation after 9 months – growth (not attached)

Less intelligent person

- * अवरेण नरेण प्रोक्त Avren naren prokt
 - Less intelligent / ordinary person by his teaching
 - Cannot understand soul
- * Soul described as wonderous previously
 - That less intelligent one without experience
 - Eg. thinks of himself as human how can he explain to others that is God
- * No self-realisation not abiding in self
 - To others 'I am Brahma' how?
 - Less intelligent / confused / full of doubt / no discernment
- * Knowledge given by inferior person
 - Devoid of clarity
 - Creates confusion and doubts
- * Listener will
 - Not understand or
 - Misunderstand
- * Not possible to learn from
 - Who is full of impurities-disturbance-ignorance
 - Body conscious no soul conscious
- * Bookish knowledge + speaks based on assumption
 - eg. blind speaking of elephant
 - Deluded not experienced
- * Only parroted imagination
 - Only memorised Eg. vomit out
 - Speaks from own imagination and opinion Eg. Hasn't attained himself, how will make others attain?
- * Inferior
 - Not caste but inner state
 - Enlightened needed
- * Swadhyaykars not enlightened are they inferior speakers?
 - 1) Talk what learnt from Guru who is enlightened
 - 2) Sincere sadhaks seekers backed by sadhana spiritual practices
 - 3) No inferior motives of gaining respect, comforts, services
 - 4) Not for showing off humble - credit to Guru (Have no right over it – all Guru's)
 - 5) Have clarity as remained in proximity of enlightened Guru
- So their talks are effective
 - Comes from depth of devotion and what they believe
 - Thus penetrate the hearts of listeners

Enlightened One

- * अनन्य प्रोक्ते गतिरत्र नास्ति Ananya prokte gatiratra nasti
 - If not preached by Enlightened One
 - It cannot be understood
- Eg. cook cook book
 - Has skills to help you come out
 - And reach your goal
- * Self-realised explains scriptural mantra
 - Sadguru who is competent / efficient
 - Clears your doubts no confusion
- * Can't learn from
 - Inferior ignorant
 - Need Enlightened experienced
- * Ananya prokte
 - Free of dualities
 - Established in self one with the truth
- * Then no doubt left / no confusion
 - Liberated from cycle of birth and death
 - Provided the student is qualified
- Brahmanishth (established in self)
 Shrotriya (using pointers given by scriptures)
 - Can transfer need to
 knowledge listen contemplate –
 in disciple meditate
- * Knowledge of soul attained from Enlightened One
 - Even if does not speak even if not asked
 Can understand get answer
 - Eg. wife knows husband's body language
- Doubts cleared in silence
 - Just proximity, eyes speaking is last resort
 - One who brings about peace is called a saint
- Explains non-duality realisation of soul
 - Doubts delusion annihilated understands importance
 - Cycles of birth and death end end of worldly wandering

Soul is difficult to comprehend

- अणीयान् अणुप्रमाणात् अतर्क्यम् Aniyaan anupramanaat atkaryam
 - Very subtle subtler than atom
 - Not subject of logic
- * This knowledge is subtler
 - Than an atom so cannot
 - Be grasped by logical reasoning
- * So subtle that

(sense organs – motor organs – mind – intellect)

- Senses, logic will not work
- Words can't express
- * Need energy of Enlightened Masters
 - When He explains becomes
 - Easy / effortless / enjoyable
- * Can't grasp by
 - Self-study and logic
 - Only by grace of Experienced Being
- * Knowing the knower is so complex
 - Even to understand because
 - Not like other objects
- * Subtle because no physical properties
 - a) Cannot be known by touch etc.
 - b) Not gross so can't be perceived by mind
- * Need awareness and focus
 - Not by good memory but
 - By being extremely pure
- * Pure mind can grasp it
 - Eg. polished in reflective glass
 - Reflection not on a stone
- Need purity
 - Cannot be grasped by
 - Logical analysis or arguments
- * Experience is necessary by purity
 - Develop qualities of true seeker
 - As this knowledge is very subtle
 - Eg. thread into needle should be subtle and straight

Not by logic - but by Sadguru

Truth obtained by

Scripture = Gives spiritual map (listening)
Logic = Logic for conviction (contemplation)

Experience = Favour of Guru – by purifying mind (meditation)

- * Soul substance
 - With mind speech senses
 - Is imperceptible incomprehensible cannot be attained
- Through senses cannot be seen
 - Through speech cannot be described
 - Through mind cannot be grasped
- Cannot be understood by research or intellectual exercises
 - Logic only in world of sense objects
 - Only in that boundary not in realm of truth
- Logic needed to know material objects, world
 - Have to go within to know soul
 - Eg. Eyes can see everything not itself
- * Truth cannot be known through mind intellect $\Big|_*$
 - Sleeps logic dies
 - Transcend go beyond then attained
- Impossible without help of Guru who abides in self
 - Purity of mind subtleness of intellect
 - After obtaining Guru's favour attained by Guru's grace
- Not by rote learning scriptures
 - Not by memorising discourses
 By repeating (by expressing)
 - Attained by straightforwardness
- In proximity of Guru
 - By attaining gift of knowledge one with pure mind
 - Attained by meditation
- Now Yam speaks
 - From depth of affectionate heart
 - His outpourings for Nachiketa

May I get disciples like you

- * Preshth addresses as beloved
 - Beloved dear one
 - Appreciates with affection
- You have attained purity of intellect
 - Because of your eligibility
 - Passed in exam proved to be eligible disciple
- * Satyadhruti = Are true and patient
 - Did not deviate despite many temptations
 - Discarded the world for self-realisation
- Desperation needed
 - Eg. as a drowning man
 - Purpose passion courage
- * No desires attachment of worldly
 - Weak-minded have expectation / desires
 - Yearning for liberation so eligible for self-realisation
- You are such a qualified seeker
 - Gaining this knowledge is like a
 - Eg. catwalk for you
- * Truth will reveal itself
 - Very easily as you are
 - Committed
- You are blessed worthy of appreciation
 - Should get disciples like you
 - May all students be like you
- Sadguru waits for such disciples
 - May I get disciples who ask questions like you
 - Want students like you virtuous
- Compliments and glorifies
 - His qualities
 - Shows readiness to impart knowledge of how to attain the soul

Fruit of meritorious karma is transitory

- Nachiketa compliments his discernment dispassion
 - By revealing his own past
 - By comparing foolishness
- Yam says that all I offered
 - Was temporary not permanent
 - Tempted to check your discernment / dispassion
- * All offers were time-bound
 - Separation was certain impermanent
 - Eg. Even 2 million lottery gets over one day
- * Fruit of meritorious karma is also impermanent
 - Fruits of yajna etc. is finite
 - because actions, materials are finite
- Can give only finite destructible fruit
 - Can't get infinite, endless fruit
 - I know this
- Limited actions cannot produce
 - Limitless result
 - By charity, austerity, yajna, etc. cannot attain indestructible soul
- * Can give heaven
 - After fruition of meritorious karma ends
 - Have to return to world of mortals because they are ignorant / egoistic
- * As a seeker
 - To attain heavenly bliss,
 - Chose fire
- In heaven, attained position of 'Yam'
 - But in reality that is also impermanent
 - Because of long lifespan it permanent from a certain point of view (Remains intact till the destruction of the universe)
- Position of Yam Not supreme state
 - One who attains supreme state
 - Transcends cycles of birth and death

I have attained the permanent (from a viewpoint)

- (I) I performed the sacrificial fire etc. auspicious activities
 - Accumulated meritorious karma attained
 - Heaven position of Yam
- But being fruit of meritorious karma this also is
 - Impermanent cannot attain
 - Permanent by impermanent
- I was tempted by pleasures
 - So I performed all this
 - Became celestial being which is finite
- * Unlike you
 - I gave in to temptations
 - So attained this relatively
- * Permanent birth as celestial being and
 - Yam Post
 - Congratulations to you
- (II) Eternal attainment of soul not possible
 - By doing meritorious karma auspicious feelings
 - Need purity of mind and awareness
- * Not by doing
 - But by being stable, peaceful
 - Pure remaining in soul consciousness
- * Through fire of meditation
 - I have attained the permanent
 - And will surely show you
- * Attained self-realisation
 - Have realised the permanent
 - I am experienced and will tell you
- * Happy that you didn't choose
 - Material offers or
 - Auspicious rituals but stuck on knowledge of how to attain the self
 - Disciple better than Guru in dispassion

Complementing Nachiketa

- * One absolutely worth complimenting
 - Seeing the virtues of ideal disciple
 - Guru is enthusiastically expresses His appreciation
- Yam extols Nachiketa's
 - Sacrifice dispassion detachment yearning for liberation
 - Blessed is he says so praises / extols
- Supreme dispassion firm detachment
 - Knowing him to be patient resolute
 - Announces him eligible for self-realisation
- Best you can attain in world
 - Eg. Sports captainship
 - Eg. Politics Prime minister
- * Greatest joy to ignorant heaven
 - Indra highest of celestial beings
 - Got with lot of meritorious karma by lot of rituals
- You have rejected
 - All offers even heavens
 - Want only eternal
- * Did not even
 - Hesitate or fluctuate
 - Easily courageously
- So you are dhrutya (resolute)
 - Committed to your goal
 - Right person eligible for self-realisation
- You have dhirah (discerning)
 - Have a discriminative intellect (beneficial-pleasurable)
 - You are praiseworthy
- * Giving up momentary for eternal
 - Shows your intelligence
 - Compliments his discerning ability

Easily renounced the transient / visible

- * You know truth is beyond heaven
 - Want everlasting happiness
 - Through subtle knowledge (knowledge of soul)
- Despite temptation of heavenly pleasures
 - Did not get tempted
 - Yam is impressed, astonished
- * Not tempted renounced all
 - Made visible invisible
 - Quest only to make invisible visible
- Your resolve was firm
 - Worthy of praise
 - Not iota of worldly desire in you
- * Yam compliments his dispassion
 - Dispassion is only praiseworthy
 - All description to glorify it
- Virtues of Guru
 - Sees and values virtues
 - Appreciates encourages
- * Virtues of disciple
 - Discernment _ dispassion
 - Yearning for liberation
- See a qualified pair
 - Sadguru true disciple
 - Event of self-realisation will certainly occur
- * Thus, in shloks 7 11
 - Soul substance simple by Sadguru
 - Importance of Sadguru
 - Acceptance of Nachiketa as disciple
 - In matter of dispassion, Nachiketa better than Yam
 - Can see this announcement

Nature of self

- * Nature of self shown here
 - Only wise (committed seeker) attain it
 - By path of spirituality go beyond joy and sorrow
- * 1 <u>Durdarsham</u> = far from sight
 - Subtle invisible incomprehensible
 - Cannot be seen Cannot be known Cannot be by eyes by mind expressed in speech
 - Grasped by worthiness + Guru's favour
 - Everything seen by eyes not the self
 - Soul sees objects through eyes
 Shri Atmasiddhi Shastra that which is the seer of sight...
- Gudhmanupravishtam = Unfathomable concealed
 - Hidden in body senses mind intellect
 - They are all inanimate Shri Atmasiddhi Shastra * only due to the presence of the soul, they...
 - It's profound and mysterious hidden in senses
 - Eg. Corpse has body, eyes, but no soul
 - Shri Atmasiddhi Shastra unobstructed experience... I am I am
- * 3 Guhahitam = Hidden in cave of heart
 - Is hidden in cave of heart
 - It's concealed, has to be manifested
 - Self-luminous ever shining
 - Lies within so search within in cave of your heart
 - As within cave of your being Eg. cave so first will

 experience darkness

 sustain find the light
- Gahvreshtham = Seated in midst of impurity / misery
 - Fire of desires, fire of anger, fire of sensual pleasures stays amongst impurities
 - Amongst inner enemies
 - Still untouched, unattached, detached
 - Will have to struggle to search it
- * (5) <u>Puranam</u> = Ancient, eternal
 - No birth no death
 - Does not become old or new not old or latest
 - Eternal never changing constant
 - Beyond time
 - Was always there and will be has been ignored

Path of spirituality – beyond joy and sorrow

- Such soul (concealed profound difficult to comprehend – mysterious)
 Can attain by path of spirituality
 - Association = To connect, to join
 - Spirituality = Soul
- * To move tendencies away from worldly objects
 - Controlling the inner tendencies
 - Renouncing focus on the external
- Turn towards soul
 - Fix it on pure self
 - Let it sink within
- * By meditation
 - Eg. screen movie can't see
 - Need to switch off (dispassion subsidence)
- * Deep awareness needed
 - Eg. Spot the object in picture
 - Hidden need focus
- * This way, when mind becomes calm pure stable Through contemplation and meditation turns within
 - Becoming devoid of tendencies desires disturbances
- Transcends joy and sorrow
 - Not entangled in situations, remains detached
 remains witness
 - Don't get affected delusion destroyed
- Realise all are just projections on screen
 - So false not react
 - No swinging now equanimity attained
- * No desires of non-self then
 - What joy? What sorrow?
 - Eg. not tossed like a football
 - Eg. Nanny no attachment, expectation, possessiveness
- * He becomes liberated while living
 - In fire of knowledge = Ignorance, karma destroyed
 - No birth / few births but no going into lower forms of existence

Process of self-realisation

- Soul subtle like atom (subtle not atom)
 - Can be attained by
 - Scriptures logic experience
 (Scriptural study) (reasoning) (abidance in soul)
 Listening contemplation meditation
- * Process
 - Read / listen contemplate reflect
 - Apply meditate experience
- Can't be rich by borrowed (loan)
 - Need your own capital experience
 - Understand the whole process
- Can see all objects not light
 - Can see the perceived
 - Not the perceiver
- Shravan (Listen about soul from Guru)
 - Listen Guides us in process understand of inner exploration
 - Gives provides spiritual map

information

- Manan (contemplate after getting rid of doubts by reasoning)
 - Grasped in comprehend gistbelief system by reflection contemplation
 - Absorb it reflect internalise
- * Nididhyasan (meditate on truths obtained)
 - Keep constant awareness
 - Increasing inner stillness for experience
- Listening to Guru's wisdom great teachings (central message)
 - 1) Assimilate incoming knowledge
 - 2) With state of mind
 - 3) Update upgrade with true knowledge
 - 4) Becomes conviction through logical meaning
 - 5) Eg. I am soul observer
 - 6) Keep constant awareness abide in

contemplation of self

- 7) Desires habitual tendency decreases
- 8) New habit created experience transformation

Revels - rejoices

Abode of Liberation wide open for you

- * Thus, through listening, contemplating, meditating
 - Listening contemplation meditation
 - Digesting conviction transformation
- * Wrong intellect destroyed by contemplation on soul
 - I am separate from body etc. (association of five elements)
 - I am separate from five sheaths, three states
- Through contemplation on soul remain engrossed in soul
 - Pure Peaceful Powerful energy
 - Eg. Like unbroken flow during Abhishek
- * With constant homogenous flow experience
 - No other thought Only one type of flow
 - By contemplating on nature of soul attain state beyond thoughts
- Revels rejoices delighted
 - Having grasped completely
 - Because that's true source of joy
- * Remains engrossed in bliss of soul bliss of self
 - Ever happy experiences fulfilment
 - Attained what's known what's to be attained to be known
- * Yam tells Nachiketa
 - Doors of liberation have opened for you
 - You have become eligible for self-realisation (are worthy)
- * Doors of inner mansion
 - Have opened for you
 - Eg. Airport automatic because of doors your worthiness
- You will attain self-realisation
 - Easy and effortlessly
 - Consider yourself capable for it (are ready)
- * All compliments paid by Guru to His disciple
 - Sum of all appreciation can be seen here
 - Has reached the highest level