

Being Human

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When we use the word human in terms of our language, it's synonymous with love, compassion, gentleness; but the most inhuman acts on the planet are not committed by some other creatures. They're always committed by human beings.

So why does it seem to be so difficult for a human being just to be a human being? If I ask you to be a tiger, it should be difficult. If I ask you to be an elephant, it should be difficult. If I ask you to be a grasshopper, it should be difficult. Why is it so difficult for a human being just to be a human being...not something else?

If, whatever is beating in the human heart, whatever the core that beats within him, if that quality could be made into every cell of his body and his mind, it wouldn't be difficult for a human being to be a human being. It's not natural that a human being should struggle and strive to be a human being. Whichever way he is, he must be human. There should be no difficulty in expressing our own nature. If we are required to be like some other creation which we are not, then there is difficulty. If you are to ask an ant to be a human being, it must be very difficult for him; but he has no problem being an ant. He's a perfect ant, but human beings are having problems in being human.

So the whole effort of Yoga is just that; so that a human being can just be naturally human. He doesn't have to struggle to be human. He doesn't have to work hard to become a human being that — the way he breathes is like human being. The way he exists is like a human being.

If this fundamental nature of what it means to be human finds a natural expression in one's life, one need not go in search of divine. The Divine will come behind you. Wherever you go, the divine will chase you like your servant. Generally, most people have been taught to look up to divine, to plead for the divine, to beg the divine, to pray to the divine. I think you must keep the divine as your servant, not as your master. You must live in such a way that divine should be a willing servant in your life. Only then this life is really worth it.

If you live in such a way, if you make yourself into such a beautiful being, the divine should crawl behind you all the time. 'Where can he find a man like you?' That's how it should be! This is not out of ego. It is just that when the flower blossoms, the flower does not go in search of the bee, though the flower's existence and the flower's future depends on the bee, the flower does not go to the bee. It exudes such fragrance that the bee has to come. Even though the very existence of the flower is dependent on the bee, still it is the bee that comes to the flower.

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