

Conditions

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We utter reality. All the possibilities that we can conceive and believe are the range of realities we can experience. Our divine power to name, define, determine, describe, and represent in sound, word and form are determining conditions by which we gain, sustain, maintain and transform our material experience. Breath and sound. Yahweh...Om...

Aristotle said if you can't explain something, you don't know it. While there seem to be many things people experience but cannot explain at a given moment, through time or sometimes through the experience of timelessness, we become able to name the unnameable, to give expression to the unutterable, to represent the formless, bring to consciousness the unconscious, make visible the unseen and, to a significant degree, know the unknowable. We celebrate breaking the silence; overcoming barriers, taboos and limits; and creating or claiming additional new forms and content, as a continuing drama of material experience.

By definition, material being is limited. Human being, to the extent that it is determined by material conditions and conditionings, is limited. Secular, materially-conditioned human culture observes that change is the constant in the universe. That universe is the material, conditional, limited one. For all its awesome splendour, ravishing power and humbling vastness, for all its searing energy, violence and allure...on careful examination, it is known to be conditional, limited, finite, and changing. Even those unseen spiritual powers, principles, and known laws of physics determining material form and the physical world we know through our mind and senses, by direct experience, through observation, and through search, research and reasoned examination, *all of these*—with one exception, are limited. All but one. That one is The one. CREATOR. Timeless being. Divinity. God.

Divinity is limitless, and unconditioned by Creation. It is timeless and present, simultaneously in all epochs. It is formless, yet present in all forms, including our own. We know this unconditional Absolute through

Love, Truth, Peace and all Rightness. None of these four words are separable in representing that Divinity, nor is that Divinity meaningful without references to the experiences we associate with, name and define by those words. These words refer to and gain their meaning from the Living Word of Divine Being. To devout Christians, they are the Christ Spirit, and the Holy Spirit of the Living God. To devout Muslims, they are the Vast, Merciful and Compassionate Allah. In Buddhism, they are the keys to Buddahood. To devout Jews, it is our very breath!

LOVE, TRUTH, PEACE AND RIGHTNESS

In the Non-Duality described in Vedanta, these four have always been One, as God has always been The One, without whom there is no other. In the most ancient Sanscrit text, Sathya, Prema, Shanti, and Dharma (Truth, Love, Peace and Righteousness) remain the measure by which human life can be known in its fullness and completion. But it is not these, or any other great spiritual tradition or culture which validates this knowledge, and those great traditions themselves are emphatic about this point. It is the direct personal experience of that Living Reality, which validates those great traditions, not the other way on!

So it is that in each generation and, indeed, in each and every human life, the changeless wonder of this Luminous Unconditional Reality must be realised, experienced and known directly and personally.

The Great Soul, Mahatma Gandhi, came to know this, and said, "I always knew God was truth, but now I also know that Truth is God." And how can we know Truth? Sri Sathya Sai Baba answers, "Truth is that which does not change."

By the Grace of God, I too, have come to know this. It is not new. It is the Good News.

"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." - John 8:32 □

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