

Pearls of Wisdom



One who wants to change the world to fulfill his own needs and desires is an egoist. If all that is needed is a change, change yourself. That has to be initiated by you alone, because the love for change is in you.

If the problem of seeing myself as a wanting person is centered on me, then the solution also must be centered on me. If the solution is within the problem, then looking outside of myself will not work, nor will any amount of effort produce the solution. Knowledge alone will reveal it.



Whether gaining self-knowledge is seen as a religious pursuit, a spiritual pursuit, or just a pursuit, it is an all-consuming pursuit. Self-knowledge is not a part-time effort, nor is it a speculative effort. It is an all-consuming effort with the knowledge of the self as its end. Therein lies the solution.



Knowledge is the only means to liberation or freedom. If bondage were real, there would be no release from it. If it were unreal, it would not be a problem at all. But if it is something in between – neither real nor unreal – it must be purely due to ignorance and error, and so knowledge is required to dispel it.

A knowledge gaining which all forms of knowledge gain meaning, and without which all of them are subject to perpetual correction and sublation is indeed pramana, which we gain through Vedanta.



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