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The Soul Wants Freedom from the Mind, Part 4 of 4

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Welcome friends, to this afternoon session of our final day.

Some of you might wonder why I spend so much time greeting you when I come every time. I fold my hands. I look at all of you. I feel like personally saluting your souls. I feel like seeing each one of you separately, give you a hug. That's what I feel. But I know we neither have the time nor the opportunity. Therefore, I try to do my best, using my best imagination I can. So, I try to feel that I am that close to you, because you look so close to me. It's unbelievable. It's unbelievable what kind of friendship I feel with you. And that's my way of expressing my friendship to you. So, I can't help it but look at each one of you, every time I come. That's the kind of feeling one has.

At my age, I also feel you're all like my children. Some have got white beards also. Lot of my children with white beards. Only my Master was different white beard. You see his photo here.

This is a wonderful opportunity that you came here for a holiday party. If you want to have a holiday every day and every night, please follow a simple tip of mine. Every day spend some time inside your self as you spend time outside. It's as simple as that.

Try to understand where imagination comes from. Just because you call it imaginary does not make it imagination. What is the source of imagination? Look into it. It's not coming from outside. It's all coming from inside.

Just searching for this one thing can bring you closer to your self. When you imagine things other than what you're seeing outside, that means a fantasy, going to another galaxy, meeting aliens, for example... Just giving an example. You say: "I'm meeting aliens." What do they look like? What do they resemble? Do they have any resemblance with us?" Pure imaginary. But can you imagine something that you have never seen?

Does imagination function on memory? Does imagination only include what you've already seen that you can just remember and it becomes imagination? Or can imagination transcend that and give you experiences, visions which do not even exist here at all? When you look into that part you will find the power of imagination. And therefore, imagination is not imaginary as we always believed.

So, what is the help that imagination gives us in terms of effective good meditation? The help is that what we imagine, other than imagining things outside, which are attachments, our desires are attachments outside come up all the time. And we aren't imagining them, we are remembering them. Imagination is beyond remembering. We just remember what you saw outside. It's just a memory. But when you imagine something which you'd not connected with outside, you are actually entering closer to your own self.

So, imagine. When you imagine, you are inside. You are flying inside. You can't fly with this body. But you're flying inside. You're flying and seeing new places. That imagination which you feel that you can place your self, completely, forgetting what's happening to your body and the world outside. Just fly inside and you'll get so much closer to your self, and you can have a vacation, a holiday, every day and every night.

So, you can imagine how these enlightened people, how they say they have a holiday, every day and every night. Because they live in a world which exists in each one of us, but we don't enter it.

We are so consumed by our attachments outside, attachments to people and things who will never go with us. It's amazing and sometimes we feel: "Oh, these are very dear to us, these friends. These children are going to be very nice." One man tried an experiment. He told his doctor: "I'll pretend I am dead and you come and take my pulse and say he is dead. Then we'll watch what happens to my children around." So, all the children gathered. "Your dad is very sick." So, the doctor said: "I am sorry to say your father is very sick, so please come all over." So, all gathered around him. And he saw the pulse... "Sorry. He is dead."

"Oh, we are very sorry. We are crying." Somebody said: "Where is his checkbook, you know? Have you any access to his accounts? Where did he keep his keys?" The man heard all those things, and he woke up. He said: "Now I know what you're interested in."

We have no idea when we die physically, leave the body, then we watch what our children are doing. Big disappointment. We think: "Oh, they're ours." Nobody's ours.

Nobody's ours, except what is inside. We our self are our own, not anybody outside. They are short-lived. And the greatest surprise comes to us if we can go higher than just this inner body and discover: "We thought they were children there, grandfather. This man I thought was my wife was my mother. What was I doing?" When you discover such strange experiences, you discover: "What was I thinking of? This is just a rotation of forms and bodies that is taking place, and I was thinking these are mine like this form."

These are temporary forms created for a particular show. They will mean nothing to you when you go in. People have come to me: "Our child has died, and now where is he?" And I check up where is the child. I said: "Child is giving lectures to you." Because the child happened to be her father. "Child happened to be your grandfather who loved you as a grandchild, just became a child for this life, and left early. You're still alive."

There are so many cases like this all the time. So, what are we thinking that these relationships are all that relationship is? Not at all. We have had these relationships many times over. And they were all different, not the same they are having now. This is a game going on. Spend time inside. Some time. I am not saying all the time. I'm not saying leave your world and go away.

Some people say: "Is it necessary to give up worldly connections, worldly duties? Is it necessary to remain single? Is it necessary to be celibate? Is it necessary to do all these things to get enlightenment?" I said: "Not at all. I can tell you from my experience that those who do that never get enlightened." I find people tried to practice celibacy. Their mind is constantly on celibacy while they're having it. This is a strange game. We are trying to force ourselves to do a thing which is not natural. Our own stage is free and natural. We are supposed to be free people, free and natural. Trying to do unnatural things is going to bring you some peace? It only puts pressure on us. Be natural. Be absolutely natural.

There is so much natural stuff inside. Just go in and see. Imagination is natural to us. The sense of finding out: "Who am I, really?" is natural to us. The discovery of the truth. Truth is natural to us. We all want to know the truth. Why? It's natural to us. So be natural about these things. Not force yourself.

But, if naturally, you have created a show... You are a wife. You've got children. You've a job. You know, do them as efficiently as you can. Not: "Oh, I am doing my spiritual thing. I can't take care of you." A person who says that who has family will never get enlightened. Because this will bother him all the time, all his life. Do your duty as best as you can.

Lord Krishna says about yoga: "What is true yoga?" When he talks of the yoga of *karma*, yoga of *gyan*, yoga of *bhakti*, he said, "*Yoga karmasu kaushalam*." Yoga is doing your action with the utmost skill that you have. Perform your duties to everybody that comes in your life, set up by you, with the utmost skill that you have. Do your very best. And then, see who you are inside. There's no clash between the two. How are we creating a clash between a setup that we have come here in a physical body with outside obligations which we can easily fulfill? What has that to do with going inside and finding out who you are? There is no clash, at all.

I would be completely devoid of any knowledge at all if I count all the jobs I have done. I have been busy with jobs all my life. I have just told you the other day I am taking a new job again. Does it mean I give up spirituality to take a job? Not at all. Make your job part of the spirituality. It's part of the pattern. It's part of the package. Understand you have the awareness where these things come from. They are all coming from inside, including your obligations, including your karma, including your jobs. They're coming from inside.

Spend time inside and understand the nature of what you are doing outside. That's the beautiful thing. That's why I say I wish you all great vacations all year long: 2019, 2020, 2021. I can keep on counting, forever. You can enjoy yourself forever if you go inside. Outside, limited time. Unfortunately, outside very limited time. We are wearing bodies which are very limited time. Can't help it. Nobody has been able to help it.

There are some people who question this. If Perfect Living Masters really have that power that they can do anything, the first thing they should do should be—if they have come into this world to help us—to have a perfect body, never fall sick. For they have control. They should be absolutely healthy and live for several thousand years to help many people. Why do they die like us? They die like us with diseases like our diseases? Why?

They don't understand that if a person with a thousand-year life was alive today, he could never be our friend. We couldn't have the experience of love which we can have with a human being like ourself. We don't understand this, that if a Perfect Living Master is not like us we will not have the friendship that we ought to have with a Perfect Living Master as an ideal friend of ours. That's why Perfect Living Masters are completely like us. Ordinary persons. Extraordinary persons don't give us enlightenment, nor are they our friends. They can speak from a pedestal, and we can worship them from a distance, and go to square one again.

How many have not tried that out? That we go to very highly evolved people. They talk very high stuff. They quote from many books. They quote from many scriptures. We go there. We listen to them and we come back and have a fight with our wives and children

again. The same day. The same thing. Back to square one. Nothing happened. We don't feel the friendship and love for them.

Ordinary person coming, just like us, hiding inside what he knows, becomes a friend. Then suddenly we discover he is more than that. He is more than that and ultimately finding he is everything. The friendship never goes away. That is why they appear to us, these Perfect Living Masters who are very rare, very few, they appear to us as ordinary, completely ordinary people, like us, sometimes more ordinary than ourselves.

They appear as ordinary people and they never change their ordinariness while they're in the physical bodies. We see history sometimes and we wonder why Kabir—people are reciting his poems, almost worshipping him—why he could not give up weaving his cloth and making a small living. He could have done anything in his own life. He had opportunities. He remained a weaver. Why Ravi Das, a Perfect Living Master, remained a cobbler, a cobbler whose shop was outside King Pipa's palace. The king's palace... He was sitting outside and the king was a disciple. The king implored him so many times: "Please come and move to my palace and live there." He said. "No, my destiny is to mend shoes, to make shoes. I'll keep on making shoes." A Perfect Living Master. Why did he do that? Because he became a friend. He became a great friend. The king has some feeling: "If he's really that great, then I should get something really good people are getting from him. I seem to be too high for him. I am a king and he's just a cobbler, shoemaker, outside."

One day he decided, early morning, before anybody wakes up... Otherwise people wake up. They say: "What are you going to do?" "I'm going to see a cobbler." "Why? You are a king." The king ego was still in his head, but he decided anyhow, secretly, early morning, three o'clock, he should go and see this master and ask for his blessings and grace.

And he got up and he went to Ravi Das, who was by that time repairing a shoe. And he was dipping a piece of leather in water to make it wet before he can stitch it on. The king appeared. Ravi Das got up. "Your majesty, what brings you here at this time? Three o'clock at night? He said: "I have not come as the king now. I have come as a beggar for your grace. Give me grace." Ravi Das, eyes with tears of love for him said: "Here is some holy water, drink it." And that dirty water, with the leather in it, he just took it like this and: "Drink it."

The king was horrified. The kingship came back in him. He said: "This is the blessing I came for? A little dirty water he is giving me?" He tried to do like this, not to offend him, allowed the dirty water to go in his sleeve of his shirt. Ran back. Called his confidential assistant. "Look, I made a mistake today. I went early morning to that so-called cobbler,

that master, and I thought he'd give me some enlightenment, some grace. All he did was pour the dirty water from that bowl in which leather was there. And I was very careful. I didn't drink it. I allowed it to go, but I notice it has caused a stain on my shirt. Can you please, right now, early morning, go and wake up the laundry man, the washer man, who's on the premises of the palace? Get it cleaned right now. Dried. And bring it back to me in the morning so nobody should know what happened."

So, the attendant took that shirt with a little stain on the sleeve and went to the washer man. "Oh." He woke up sleepy. He said: "Yes, what early morning you have come, at three-thirty in the morning." He said: "There is a very urgent work. This shirt has to be washed, cleaned, immediately."

So, the daughter of that washer man, that laundry man, woke up. "Dad, what's going on?" He said: "I have to wash this shirt." She said: "Give it to me, you are old." She took the shirt and when she tried to wash it the stain wouldn't go. And she began to bite on it, just to squeeze away the stain. And as she did that her eyes opened up. She remembered her past life and she began to tell her dad things about other worlds. He said: "What has happened to you, daughter?" "That shirt contains something. Very strange. That shirt and that stain contains something I can't explain."

In the morning, the dad told other people. Other washer men came. Other people came in the palace. The little girl is giving spiritual talks. "How is it, how certainly enlightenment has come to girl?"

So, the king heard that the washer man's daughter has got it. He said: "Oh, my God, this must be my shirt. And I missed out the whole thing. My ego as a king did not let me realize what he was giving. So he went to that daughter in the washer man's hut. And they got up. The daughter bowed her head. King said: "Don't bow to me. I have come to bow to you." She said: "No, I'm not bowing to you as a king, I am bowing to you because you gave me all that I got. It was all in your shirt. It's all the sleeve of your shirt."

The king felt so remorseful, how he missed this great opportunity. He ran to Ravi Das again. "Please give me a little more of that water." He said: "It's not the water. There's nothing in the water. It's dirty water. It's only sometime these opportunities come. When your desire is strong to find the truth inside and you reach a Perfect Master, he looks at your desires. He is moved by it. He is a person, a human being with compassion and love of such an extent, he'll want to give you whatever he can at that time. That was the moment when you came to me at three o'clock in the morning. And this was just an excuse. Now you meditate and do the homework I'll tell you with your mind. In 20-25 years, you'll get exactly what you would have got in one second."

Such are the stories we hear. We don't understand these things. We don't know the whole wealth is already lying inside each one of us. We just need a little trigger. And who can give a trigger other than a human being who knows what is inside us and is seeing it already? That's a Perfect Living Master.

Take full advantage. I know many of you are initiated by Perfect Living Masters. Take full advantage. Don't lose time. Don't think this is just a side business and the worldly obligations are greater. Do the worldly obligations. Perform your duties as best as you can to your family, your children, your job, your boss, your employees, whoever is connected with you. With every person, do your duty as efficiently, as skillfully as you can and visit inside what's going on in the world of your imagination, the world of reality that you think is imaginary. And from there, move forward to the whole source of creation which lies in the causal plane. And if you have a Perfect Living Master in your life, which you can get by seeking that, to seek and search inside you, Perfect Master comes automatically. You can't find him. Ordinary person, how can you find? What is different about him? Just an ordinary person. But you will find as you associate with that ordinary person, you find more, and more, and more, about that person, about yourself. Ultimately, you start a journey inside, and you find that the Perfect Living Master was no other than your own highest self, your own truth.

Your own truth, of your own head, of your own self, appearing outside as a human being. What greater miracle do you want to see? What greater miracle have you achieved? Tell me something better. That you can find your own true self—the highest self, the creative power of the whole creation, universe, sitting not only in your own head, by your own planning, your own creation—outside in the form of a human being, whom we call a Perfect Living Master.

Such is the beauty of this creation, beauty of our own arrangement to go back home when we like. Very happy you are all on the same journey I am. I call you my fellow travelers. We are fellow travelers, same destination, to discover our true home where we belong. This is temporary. Take it as temporary. It is temporary. Nobody has made it perfect, or permanent. So, it's an imperfect world, wherever the mind has come and divided things. Mind's method is analysis, divide, separate, then see. And it creates all the experiences by separation, division. Soul wants unity, one. Let's get back to that one-ness. The big difference in the destinations. Big difference in the goals of the mind and the soul. Mind wants experience. Separate, further away. More travel, farther, fast, fast and away, and soul wants backwards, inwards, where your true home is. Go and find the truth about the self.

Two different goals. Be the soul in your physical life. Use the mind as necessary. It's a very good computer. Use it well. But don't get used by it. Don't let the artificial intelligence go to that level.

Somebody told me, in 30-40 years, artificial intelligence, AI, will become so strong they will tell us what to do. I said they are already telling us what to do. A bigger computer with greater AI is already telling us. We are... It would be no different. Now we are being guided by a computer in the head, then be guided by a computer outside. I was wrong when I said computer outside. They are telling me the computer will also be in the brain cells inside, in the future. So there is no difference at all, what we are doing now, and what will happen then. Only we'll think: "Now another guy has come in, is sitting inside. Now one is sitting already, the mind, a second mind has now come in to talk to us." We are slaves. Be free. Souls are meant to be free, not slaves. Why be slaves? When we discover we are slaves, get rid of it. Assert your spiritual self, not the ego of the mind. You'll enjoy your holidays.

I wish you all great holidays. Enjoy. We'll see you in 2019 and bye-bye, goodbye for now. Thank you.

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