

Right Implementation of Right Principles

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On September 17, 1976, Mr. Ronald Greenblatt, a student from the U.S.A., asked Revered Dadaji, Dr. Dinshah K. Mehta: -

“There are numerous spiritual principles and rules of conduct which one is taught here. All of them seem equally important. In a given situation, how does one know which principle has precedence over the other in application?”

The reply given by Revered Dadaji is reproduced below.

All principles, laws and rules are not applicable at the same time. At one time, one law, one rule is important; at another time another. It depends upon the surrounding conditions, the psychological welling up within and the physical conditions of the human being concerned.

Take the case of human beings whose physical condition is very poor. In ill health, the question of “Thou shalt not steal” does not arise. They cannot steal. “Thou shalt not kill” also does not arise. They cannot kill. “Thou shalt not commit adultery” also does not arise because they are not capable of adultery at that time.

In usual health, or what is known as average health, it depends upon the human beings concerned. If the human minds desire to take advantage of the conditions surrounding them, at one time there may be an urge to kill, at another time the urge to steal; the third time the urge to commit adultery. One has to manage as the situation arises.

All the Commandments, all the *Sheelas*, all the *Yamas* and *Niyamas* are important. Therefore, as the conditions arise, follow the rules, rules of conduct, rules of behaviourism.

One may behave in a seemingly correct way but do wrong things behind the back. That is very bad, particularly in a spiritual atmosphere. In fact, it is positively harmful. So many people behave in seemingly right way but internally have opposite thoughts. It is wrong. As is said in the Bible if one feels like

committing adultery, one has committed it even though one may not have done it physically.

From the spiritual point of view, even if one feels like saying a lie, or stealing or killing, one has done so. Why? Because that thought which arises has a certain pull of attachment. Unless that attachment is removed, one goes towards it. Even if one is not able to manifest it, what is known as the sub-conscious or the unconscious, seizes that thought. Through the unconscious, the thought sinks and gets impressed on the soul.

Whatever is impressed on the soul continues. It will come out, if not in this life or in some future life. So as occasions arise, Commandments, *Sheelas*, *Yamas* and *Niyamas* have to be followed not only in external behaviourism but in the very basis of the behaviourism, that is, the very thoughts behind the behaviourism.

The best of works in manifestation by any human being is an outside drama, a passing phase, if its basis does not have a link, if not the roots, in the spiritual. It may be the rulership of a country or it may be one's own individual life or anything else. It has no value.

A person may be in particular surroundings where nothing wrong should be done, yet inner urge to the contrary may be there due to psychological or physical habit or due to encouragement of psychological or physical habit in the surroundings. These Commandments, *Sheelas*, *Yamas* and *Niyamas* create a counter-thought such as "Thou shalt not kill" if one has the urge to kill because one is hit or because one has to get anything by killing.

It may be killing of another person or killing of oneself. There is a Commandment against self-slaughter in all religions. One who says: "Because I do not get this, I will commit suicide". For lives, such one is doomed. In most cases, these are only external threats. They have no value. Some stupidly commit suicide, but who is going to die? Soul positively not, the human body definitely. Those who are attached to the person who commits suicide may mourn; but those attached to the Truth will not mourn.

Most people threaten trying to attract attention, trying to satisfy their absurd, stupid ego. The Commandment says: "Thou shalt not kill". Do not kill another person, but do not kill yourself also. Yet, because the ego wants certain satisfaction, it says: "I will either kill the other man or kill myself".

Many students say: "If I do not pass the examination, I will kill myself". This is attachment to examination. In case they do not pass, and they have done the killing of themselves, the impress on the soul will go on for lives. Self-slaughter is against the spiritual Commandment or rule of conduct.

Therefore, never mix up what to follow and when to follow. As the occasion arises, follow. In the military way of life also, people follow. There, they have to obey because of fear. If they do not obey, they will be court-martialed. In most cases, it is the fear that makes them obey.

God does not look to what you say or do; He sees what is in your heart of hearts, that part of the heart, which makes the heart work. It is not only the physical heart; it is your soul. However, you do not know your soul. Till you grow to know your soul, you should follow the *Yamas* and *Niyamas*. You should follow them from the innermost out.

Many human beings behave in a way so as to excite, for their self-satisfaction, either compassion or fear in the other person. It has no value whatsoever in the spiritual life. Fear is so long as the human body is linked with the ego-consciousness. Who can kill the soul?

Can any human being, whether oneself or other than oneself, kill the soul? However, impresses of the wrongs done get embedded on the soul. They will take lives to work themselves off. Not only one life, not even 84 *lakhs* of lives. 84 *lakhs* are connected only with the earth-bound souls.

Those who commit suicide, their souls must go to hell. Hell is actual hell. It is not merely hell on earth as many think. It is hell in hell. Those who have experienced what hell is will welcome the worst conditions on earth as heaven. It is very different.

So, one should not mix up various issues with Commandments and *Sheelas* and *Yamas*.

Follow as the occasion arises. Follow from the innermost out and see the miracle of it. You will be able to not only control your behaviourism but will grow nearer the source of behaviourism, which is linked with your conscience at least, if not with your soul.

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