

July 31 1993 Ramakrishna Loka

Present were Sanjana, Yogini, Phoebe, SadaSiva, Jai Narain, Sri Lakshmi and others. Some devotees had recently taken darshan of the 'hugging' guru, Sri Amritandamayi, or Ammachi.

Ambikananda told Jai Narain:

'Ammachi is not talking to you, she is talking grossly to your ignorance. You have to take word and comb your everyday life... Perfection comes from yogic state, mental cleanliness of mind, of nerves; the mind is pure, the heart is pure when the blood decarbonizes all these globules, these Angelina¹ clogging condition, it flows, and when the mind flows – as soon as you see the *partenaire* the mind recognizes.

'What is Ammachi's lecture, what did she say about the mind?

Jai Narain: 'She said it was very hard to tame the mind.'

Ambikananda: 'The mind alights everywhere; the mind is a fly² ...It depends who is there. For the indecent everything is indecent. The body itself is to be got rid of. Say, "O mind, thank you for ripping a bit, I can see now what was covered." You can see when this is ripped that it is flesh, and that's what the world is after, that bit of flesh. All this is makeup and cover-up, and the world is running after that bait....

'No man is greater than his teacher, until you also have got enough of the realization. What is this of miserable beggars always coming to beg? God is everywhere, visible, invisible, matter, spirit, beyond. That is to be taken with care, washed with care, wiped with care, handled with care. ... You want to be clean, be pure, be all this, but attraction baits you. Only in consequence of suffering and need do we learn a bit to make a great realization. The worldly-minded when they suffer and are in need then they say yes. But forgetfulness plus desires rips it back again. All this is *caricature* at most. You know very well the Bible says you are an image. Where does it come from? You know we come and go there.³ You like it or not, what is, is. When you come to know it might be too late. Better to abide sometime with one who has one eye – king among blind, it is said. But if you have no eye also, then faith is blind, with full open eye blindly to you... Meditation only opens the door. Meditation is a television, just to confirm. "*Know one thing and the rest shall be [added]*." Meditation is a wise child. Write it down! Where is this child? God is a child. The meditator seeks the child, and the child seeks the meditator when the meditator is ready from birth. That is the point...

'The formless is 100 percent condemned in name and form. If you have the love of "I", and the love of approach, and the love of conviction, what matters is not "I am God" fully, or "I am God" part and particle, it depends on your full conviction of how much intimacy, how much closeness will help you to be united with Him. Dealing with eternal union you cannot wait... you get the overflow here. He has gone beyond death,⁴ he lives like a dead, nothing affecting. Only he does not have the money fully to renounce even devotees and everything. Otherwise, goodbye, Jimmy! Bye bye, blackbird!

'You have to make a decision and you have to practise that decision, otherwise you go round the table of desires. You don't have to get up 4 o'clock or 3 o'clock, I will wake you up, will advise. Everything is supernaturally done. You have to have *daya*⁵ – that's Ammachi's word, isn't it? We don't go out, we don't preach, we don't want too many roundabouts. Those who come, fine... You can have a video, which is just as good. Due to the will you are inheriting, due to the signature, and what is written no one can erase.,,,

¹ Angina? Swamiji's cardiac condition was deteriorating at this time.

² Ramakrishna in GSR compares the mind to a fly that sometimes alights on a flower, and sometimes on excrement.

³ In other spheres and realms.

⁴ i.e. himself, Ambikananda.

⁵ Compassion.

‘...Birds of feather flock together. But if the blind lead the blind both will fall, and great is the fall. No doubt they are true in what they are doing, but it has to be within the law. It has to be blissful, it has not to be fraud. It’s not only the deeds but the words can also hurt a lot. Better to say nothing, better not to meet at all; if you know these are not ready they have to be put in a strait jacket quickly, right fitting. Make him a new man, as we said. That is called death: give him a new body. Then you come to know that there are two-three beings in you: you as you are imposed, supposed to come, a play of God, a picture of God for your friend. You are born to make your friend happy, because a companion is two. If I want to accompany I need two, from two I need six, it has to be tuned, not under, and together but a bit separate. Every string has its own quality of finesse...

‘If I was to be everywhere in the coach house, then I am settling in your house affairs, Don’t be bitter, all right I am not there in the business side so the mistake was the lady said yes, so don’t be bitter.’⁶ So all this is to be straightened, everything to be springy, re-blossoming. A yogi re-blossoms every day, he is not monotonous. I live now, I live anew, I live infinitely. I am one, but there is variety in me. Bliss is my pen, you are my ink. Therefore the pen must have a point, the ink must be of different colours: one pen but different inks. Colours mean beyond black. Otherwise I would say just black, not multifarious colours. The man cracks the cosmic egg when he cracks the body. Colours are coming through it, colours are dripping, flashes. Some appear just like that.’

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⁶ It seems possible that Swamiji was hoping at this time that the Narains would invite him to live in the Old Vicarage coach house, but this did not happen.