
AVATAR VS. PERFECT MASTER

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ADI: My love was the same. There was no difference in my love at all. But I think a deeper reverence, an awe-full reverence for Him grew much more than it was there when I believed Him as only the Perfect Master.

PILGRIM 1: Adi will Baba pass on spiritual [inaudible] like Maharaj did?

ADI: No. That is the difference. That is the main difference between the Avatar and the Perfect Master. You see the Perfect Master always. You see very conventional that he goes on giving his charge to his chagemen. The Perfect Master drops his body and another becomes a Perfect Master takes his place. He's also God-realized. He takes up all the functions and the duties of his Guru and it goes on and on. In the case of Baba in the Avataric period it is very different at all. He has no chageman. He does the entire work of the whole world.

And it is alone. He is the only link between God and the illusion. And Perfect Master when he drops the body he becomes completely disconnected with illusion. The Avatar when He's in body or without body He's always linked with the illusion. He's always linked with the creation. And the Perfect Master who does the work merely executes the plan that has been made by the Avatar during His lifetime and the Avatar comes every 700 or 1000 years every time He comes into the human form. What is it you asked?

PILGRIM 1: When will [inaudible]?

ADI: Hmm?

PILGRIM 1: When will there be more Perfect Masters?

ADI: Perfect Masters are there in every generation. Even during the lifetime of Baba there were 5 Perfect Masters but they were dormant. Because the whole charge of the functioning of the world was taken up by Baba Himself.

PILGRIM 1: [Inaudible] One guy will be the head and the Perfect Master?

ADI: He's a Perfect Master. That guy is the Perfect Master. He's the head of the other four.

PILGRIM 1: How did he get to be head?

ADI: Huh?

PILGRIM 1: How did he get to be head?

ADI: Well see it is going on for ages like this. We do not know because it is given to us by Baba Himself. The explanations about these Perfect Masters, the difference between the Perfect Master and the Avatar is only given to us by Baba. Because I heard many a discourses given by Upasani Maharaj. Nowhere has he mentioned anything about this at all.

And the Perfect Master when he functions into the world Baba said that he acts. He does not directly get involved into the world for the benefit of the world. But the Avatar becomes and the Perfect Master acts. There is another analogy Baba had given. That when the Perfect Master works in illusion and puts his hands in the illusion as if he puts on gloves on both of his hands and [inaudible] because he cannot stand the heat of the whole illusion. Of the whole

creation. But the Avatar Himself takes a plunge into the illusion. He does not act but He becomes and that is why He has to suffer tremendously. Christ had to suffer so much. Eventually He was crucified. He had to go through that suffering. Why? Because the Avatar becomes and the Perfect Master acts.

PILGRIM 2: There's a question over there.

ADI: Ramakrishna Parmahansa was a Perfect Master.

PILGRIM 2: And yet he suffered?

ADI: Yes Perfect Masters do suffer indeed. They do suffer. They do suffer. But proportionately their suffering is not as much as the Avatar. Because the 5 Masters put together they do look after the entire creation and the entire universe you see. Where when Avatar comes He takes the full charge. He does the entire work. And those 5 Perfect Masters you see remain dormant. Until such time that when the Avatar drops His body, the charge is taken by these 5 persons. And that main, the chief Perfect Master is not the. He's not the charginan of the Avatar in that conventional sense at all. And the conventional sense these 5 Perfect Masters are really not the Masters of the Avatar at all. Because Avatar. They cannot give anything to the Avatar. Avatar Himself God coming in a human form. The Perfect Master goes from down upwards. And He comes from above down.

PILGRIM 3: [inaudible]

ADI: Pardon?

PILGRIM 3: [Inaudible]

ADI: The manifestation of Baba?

PILGRIM 4: Through individual personalities. Other people. Will that result in [inaudible].

ADI: Well what is the word of paradise and what are the associations of the word paradise? Paradise is nothing but a mental state, that's all. Apart from that what you want to ask I have understood. You want to ask whether manifestation of Baba will take place through different individuals? And the whole world will change?

PILGRIM 3: [Inaudible]

ADI: Yes, yes. Baba's manifestation is going to come about whether that manifestation will take its form through individuals or through groups or through nations or through different religions we cannot say. Because the eternity does not confirm to our view of manifesting itself. It can manifest itself in numerous ways you see. But definitely a better world, a New Humanity has been. The seed of the New Humanity has been sowed by Baba through His intense suffering during His lifetime and it must come to fruition if the manifestation is going to take place and it's a question of time. It may work out slowly, imperceptibly we do not know. Just as a child grows. We do not know how it grows but we definitely know. When it grows we know we know it has grown. When the tree grows you see when we. When it has grown we know that it has grown but at the time of growing we do not know. So also His manifestation will take effect in the most natural manner unperceived perhaps but when the result is there it will become very obvious. And a time will come that humanity will come to know that it was Meher Baba who had done all the work and received the manifestation of Meher Baba in peace. In the happiness that, in the transformation. The transformation that has taken place in the entire world.

PILGRIM 4: How can the individual help?

ADI: Hmm?

PILGRIM 4: Help Baba's work? That mission, the New Humanity?

ADI: Well what are you doing now? Different centres of Baba which is the work of Baba that is being done. You of course give the ideas of Baba to them. You give Baba's love to them, you help them. This is the way already you are playing your part. Every individual plays his part. Now exactly to say that Baba will express or manifest Himself through individuals or through groups we cannot definitely say how He's going to come about. But individuals do have in their own way all Baba lovers coming together this is Baba work being done.

PILGRIM 5: [Inaudible]

ADI: No. All people at a time. There is no time is going to come ever that all people are going to be realised. You see they will. According to the law certain number will become realised and then the others follow and their time will come. But this intense chaos that is you find in the world today, I don't think it will be there at all. And the things will be smoothed out and it will be much more peaceful life in the world to live for humanity.

PILGRIM 6: [Inaudible]

ADI: Avatar according to Baba is one. There are no two Avatars. He was the same as Zoroaster, as Rama, as Krishna, as Buddha, as Christ, as Mohammad and as Meher Baba. He's the same Avatar. He takes up different personalities. Different bodies at different times, different circumstances and different places. Now if Christians say that this is the second Christ they may say so. But with us with Baba there is no first or second at all.

It is the same one taking [inaudible] of different times once between 700 and 1400 years takes different human forms under different circumstances at different times. That is all. There is no question about first and second here.

PILGRIM 7: What is the realization that [inaudible]?

ADI: Realization means to realize one's own self. That one soul itself Baba says is nothing but God, nothing but I that is Baba. Your own self whom you do not know.

PILGRIM 7: [Inaudible]

ADI: No but. Realize, realize the [inaudible]. I do not understand it. All humanity will realize God [inaudible].

PILGRIM 7: [Inaudible]

ADI: No. As explained Baba why [inaudible] never come. Because Baba says, "I have to maintain this illusion. The illusion goes on throughout eternity." And according to their preparation, according to the different times, according to the push that the Avatar gives to the whole world. You see so many [inaudible] go on realising and you see becoming universally conscious and consciousness. If they get the consciousness of I Am God state.