

Trials and Tribulations

One may be a monk or a housewife, though having an altogether different approach toward the philosophy of life; both can claim the ultimate abode of peace and comfort in God. Despite his mastery of multifarious arts and technological sciences, the present-day predicament of mental discomfort in mankind is evident in every nook and corner of society. Neither our financial affluence nor our striking achievements in the fields of science and technology have been able to seriously affect our march toward absolute peace and contentment. The struggles and sorrows have meaning in man's life, so far as they make him dissatisfied with his present finite state and put him on the road to self-awareness. He may stumble and fumble on the way, yet the elevating goal of Infinity and Divinity, whether he is conscious or not, ever beckons him giving him renewed hope, courage, and strength. The man ultimately discovers a larger, greater, and permanent peace in associating himself with spirituality, where the small worldly joys and sorrows, the little tug for lust and lucre, the tantalizing hopes, and illusions of the world lose their significance. The message of God continuously leads us toward this abode of immortal bliss and eternal peace. Never was mankind in a more severe trial and test than it is today. Not being able to cope with the break-neck speed of technology, man finds his dignity diminishing in the industrializing and so-called socializing milieus. Humans are in danger of being reduced to a mere cog in the wheel during the process of civilization. Limited in scope, scientific inquiry, or reason, is deficient in delivering the necessary goods of wisdom and peace. Not being able to transcend the realm of his own accumulated knowledge, man has become the prisoner of his intellect. To get out of this vicious circle, the challenging task is to culture the heart, extend the emotional horizons, and love and resort to the Divine, the ultimate abode of knowledge and bliss. Scientific spirituality summons up infinite faith in God and ourselves and endows us with supreme self-composure coupled with potent dynamism to face the formidable problems and challenges of the modern age. Distinguished from the dogmatic, divisive, and morbid religiosity we see around us, scientific spirituality emphatically liberates us from narrowness and fear. Taking refuge in God, we should pass the days with unshakable faith and patience, as wherever He places us, there itself will our good ensue. Our only duty is to remember Him constantly. Where He will keep us or what He will make us do, that is His responsibility, our only duty is to remember Him with love and devotion in our every breath.