

Tightrope Walking

Wisdom and purity ward off all doubts and fears and help one see absolute reality. We must doubt our doubts before we doubt our beliefs. Often, many people fall into a web of doubt. We need to master the art of pulling ourselves out of the web of confusion between reflective doubt and harmful doubt. Reflective doubt is progressive in nature and helps to advance the spiritual journey. Harmful doubt is regressive and is generated from the storehouse of impurities that one has accumulated through many past births. This blurs one's vision, thus preventing one from having a glimpse of the eternally evident absolute. These innumerable sets of associations in one's innumerable past births only assure continuance in the cycle of birth and death, contributing absolutely nothing to one's advancement along the ultimate path. Wisdom and devotion help one to achieve vision with impeccable clarity by killing doubt, crushing fear, and never allowing doubt to enter one's soul or fear to creep into one's heart. By being aware of the ultimate reality encompassing us, looking closer, looking harder, and trying to look through our hearts, we see the consummate uncontaminated reality, the reality with no ifs and no buts, the neat, precise, and magical canvas of reality. Beyond the noise in the mind, doubt in the soul, fear in the heart, heaviness of one's instinct, and insecurity of oneself, there lies an exciting future full to the brim with peace that never ends and enlightenment.

Pain may be inevitable; however, suffering is optional. Pain causes unwise people to suffer and wise people learn. Every pain has a lesson to teach, and wisdom helps one find the teachings behind the pain. People with less wisdom calibrate others with the yardstick of worldly wealth. There is a higher form of hierarchy, the hierarchy of the spirit. There are magnificent souls in bodies possessing no material wealth as well as parched and shallow souls in bodies bathed in earthly riches. There are also wonderful souls in bodies covered in earthly wealth, as well as unbelievably low souls in impoverished bodies. The primitive materialistic form of hierarchy is unjust, primitive, devoid of logic, and evolves from a serious lack of wisdom.