## **Chapter 8. The Ultimate Service**

Human civilization consists of so many philanthropic and charitable services. But to serve the Philosophy of Nature is the greatest of all services. A person who can serve this philosophy with utmost clarity and sincerity is considered to be highly precious.

To start off with cow-donation, "Labsi" distribution, quilts or clothes distribution, rice distribution, and serving the nation are all valuable services. However, the charitable job of this world is limited to this boundary only. There are thousands of different kinds of services. No matter how many services there are, no matter how many great jobs there are in the bosom of earth, the greatest of all, the wisest of all is to know our own self, to know the deep profound theory of the Universe. What is the purpose of this birth, where from we have come and where we shall go? What should happen in between our coming and departing? What should we do? No one has ever been able to present this greatest service properly. All these services are available in the form of fables. These sorts of services will conclude within this limited world only. All these services are for self-contentment-"I have distributed 10,000 quilts, clothes, I have built so many schools and hospitals." As we are inhabitants of this world, all these services are necessary. But we should also consider the consequences. All these services are very temporary. The greatest significance of a hospital lies in how effectively it can treat a patient. Otherwise, there is no point in all such things. Here, we are busy serving all those people who are impermanent. What is considered as genuine service? No one has been able to provide the wise answer. Why have we come? Why are we here? Where are we all destined to go? What is the need of this creation? Is the purpose of this entire creation just to 'carry the baggage' of this world? So every form of service is similar to serving the baggage, or like services on the railway platform. All these are important, however all these are temporary. We need to focus on the consequences here after. How to acquire knowledge, how to gather wisdom? What is the mystery of the cycle of life? Is there anything beyond death? Till now no one has been able to answer this correctly. Millions of books have been published on this subject, but what is there beyond death or who is going where - the whole idea remains in imagination or in common belief. Imagination or belief can never be considered as service. It can only misguide people. Therefore, we need to find out the truth about ourselves. There is no value of verbal theory if we do not present evidence. We need to make this deep profound theory perceptible with clarity and evidence.

References such as, "this has been proposed in such-and-such philosophy or written in

so-and-so scripture, proposed by ancient saints or the greatest philosophers of this world"are all valueless. Every explanation has been stopped at a certain point where no one could
proceed any further as everyone has failed to answer correctly. We have to fetch that ultimate
answer; without which there is no purpose of life at all. Otherwise, it will tantamount to
leaving everyone in a state of confusion and vague notions. Hence, we need the ultimate
answer; we do not want anything short of it. We want that authentic perception, with which
we can realize where and how we were before birth, and where we all will proceed after
death.

Why do creatures come on the bosom of this earth? This remains as a greatest mystery till now. One needs to solve the mystery with utmost clarity. Every detail of this mystery needs to be disclosed to everyone. For this, we need to find out all the rules, regulations and formulas, so that we can understand clearly. We need to construct a mirror, so that looking at it one can understand the states before birth and after death, just as clearly as one can detect any spot on the face by looking at a mirror. Then there will not be any need for beneficial advice. If everyone gets to know about the consequences of every action then there will not be any crime committed. Out of fear no one will ever think of committing any wrong deeds.

People will follow positive advice like, 'do this, do that', 'follow this, follow that' if they are aware and can understand the resulting impact. Without practical demonstration, we cannot understand the resulting impact of verbal instruction. Many great scholars have appeared in our nation. Here all scriptures have been stuffed with lots of suggestions., but none successful in providing the ultimate wisdom. Hence, none is able to solve the problem mathematically. There will remain discrepancies in our services till the time the problem remains unsolved, till the time we truly reveal the mystery of birth and death with evidence. We need to find out the gap in our realization as a spiritual practice - the actual form of service. Time is passing so swiftly. This tick-tock is going lifelong, when the battery of this life will get exhausted -the tick-tock sound will stop. Then the arm of the life clock will never reach the 12 o'clock mark. But where will all go once our life-clock stops? What will happen next? We don't get any chance to meet those departed ones, hence, they are not answering our questions. Those who are answering are all anonymous personalities which do not work. We should check if the mathematical problem is demonstrating the correct answer or not. No one is trying to figure out the truth behind this, rather all are getting confused amidst the world of imagination and false notions. Many have scholarship in analysis as they

are erudite in aspects of grammar, poetry, literature, and vocabulary. But what is the gain if all this knowledge leads to vague notions? Starting from scriptures like Veda, Vedanta, and Upanishads we are equipped with so many philosophies, postulations and theories. None of these can actually respond to our soul's taste and sight. It seems like we are serving 50 delicacies to a person with digestive trouble, who cannot taste anything. So, there is no point in a feast. First of all, we need to discover ourselves. All scriptures are filled with so many discourses already and these discourses will not be working. The ultimate quest is "from where we have come, why we have come and where will we go?". If we can unveil this truth then the path will become much smoother and we can observe that none will be engaged in stealing, plundering, or robbery. So many suggestions, proverbs and doctrines are there, but none of these will be essential. The day we will become successful to solve this mystery of life and death, there will be no requirement of any doctrines. Each one of us will become great scripture without any external aids. The solution as it is embedded within us and the pathway for discovery is needed. The day that pathway is found, there will remain no confusion in our mind; the ultimate solution of this mystery will be revealed. Then none will oscillate amidst this confusion. Now we are all following preachings but these are all suppositions. Then everyone will realize that without knowing or understanding the truth, it is wrong to believe in all illusions. The basis of all criticism and discussions about any topic is perception and preaching from saints and godmen. Godmen are themselves entangled in their beard, moustache, and matted hair. Have they got insight into the ultimate truth to unveil the ultimate mystery. Our eyes, ears, tongue, nose all are conscious. Each and every organ in us will be supporting us once the ultimate mystery is revealed. Whenever we are committing something wrong, our conscience is not supporting us. Our conscience asserts, "You can make me do whatever you wish, but I will not support you." The day our conscience will support us, every organ will work in harmony with us, that day we will realize that they are indeed our best friends. We are committing so many misdeeds with eyes, ears and tongue. If no witness will remain still our organs will act as the witness of our misdeeds. In the courthouse of Nature when our case will be presented one day; they will record the statement; "I was made to commit such a misdeed, given the idea of looting, tortured with several body parts and organs." When these organs will record their statement against us in the Nature's court what shall we say then? Our conscience will be stating, "every time I have warned, but was not heeded upon." Have we ever thought about what we will do then? So, we do not want this. When we examine the body pulse with three fingers, the heart, stomach, liver, all

are functioning in their own individual way. This does not mean that all such supporting organs are functioning together. Eyes, ears, tongues all are individual conscious entities. As all these are within our body, which is why we think that they are under our command. These are all individual entities. Consider them as prime-ministers or chief-ministers. They are all working as our employees but when they will be summoned to Nature's courthouse, they will look away from us.

All these mountainous volumes of scriptures have been propounded to identify the purpose of this creation. But what will we gain through this? One will never get a drop of water out of this. All we need is that profound tune of the eternal, that one signature word which contains every word – 'word which contains all elaborations, explanations and clarification.' Then would we need any further commentaries of the scholars? The scholars here have knowledge, words for exposition, grammar and rich vocabulary. Today the container is well polished and attractive, but not filled with contents. The container is perfectly built but one cannot find genuine elements with content. Still a knot remains everywhere. If we can untie that knot, everything will get resolved. The way the sun, moon, sky, air, earth, water have been serving this planet since the beginning of creation, the service which we have discussed now is the truest and greatest. This is the biggest service of all with more clarity.

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Spirituality is not fanciful imagination. It is founded on the principles of science, reasoning, mathematics, and celestial tunes. Spirituality is knowing the eternal truth. It is always awake in every single creature of this grand creation. Each and every creature of this vast creation is actually the seed of this boundless Universe. The ebb and flow of life is abided by the law of successiveness of nature. Hence one needs to be engrossed in one's inner self. Every soul is energy, one day this energy will blossom with all its potential power. All we need to do is practice that process to unfold it. Every living being is born a hermit. Hence there is no need to accept monasticism separately. The appearance of the whole universe is an expression of the mind. Everything is created out of mind. The ice that melts into the water again floats on the same water. Being solidified like ice we are floating in the same mind. The infinite cosmos is the mind which becomes matter. The restlessness of the mind is due to its thirst for realization of the self and it rushes on to gain what still remains to achieve in its excitement. Its fleetness shows its vastness and this is why it is transcendental and also inexplicable.