

The Blossoming

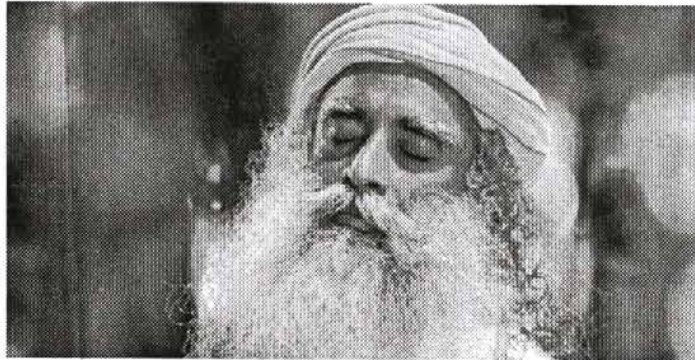
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“What happens after one dies? How long does it take to get enlightened?” These are the routine questions I get asked.

It is not a question of time; it is a question of when. There is no such thing as how long, because you're here, if you want to realise yourself, should it take time? In reality it should not take time, but it takes time because you don't give in all at once, you give in instalments. So whether you want to go by small instalments and take a 100 lifetimes, or you want to do it today, is your choice. How long it takes simply depends on how intense your longing to know is.

Everybody would like to know about what is there after death, if they could get it on the Internet, if they could login and find out. Everybody would like to know, but how badly do you really want to know? If you can sit here and casually ask, “What happens after death? What is the source of my creation,” that means you don't know the enormity of the question. If you burn with the desire to know to such an extent that you can't utter a word, then knowing is not far away.

It's very simple. The reason it is so far away is because the longing is still lukewarm. It is still not killing you. It's still on the side. If you want to know the truth just like as if were some entertainment,



then it won't happen. Don't have such hopes. If you want it in such a way that that's all you want, then the truth is just a moment away, because what you want to know is within you.

What is within you cannot be denied to you by anybody except yourself, isn't it? So you just have to get yourself out of the way.

Enlightenment need not always happen with a bang it can happen quietly it can be like a flower blossoming. The greatest things happening on the planet do not make any noise. Take for example a seed becoming a plant and a plant becoming a tree. It is not a small phenomenon, but does it make any noise? But the little achievements make a lot of noise.

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You know the cock gets up in the morning and makes a lot of noise. The big things happening in this world don't make any noise. They happen quietly. So also enlightenment happens quietly, without any noise, no big firecrackers, very quietly from one dimension to another. In the garden the flower blooms. No noise, no fireworks, nothing, but once it has bloomed you can't ignore it, it's significant, and the fragrance and the beauty of it is undeniably there.

Similarly with enlightenment, blossoming from one dimension to another happens very quietly, but when it happens, you cannot ignore it.

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