Better Be Yourself Than Willing to Be Anything

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When can you become willing? Only when you have no will of your own, you become willing. When you have a will of your own, you stand up like a stone, isn't it? It is just that this world, the people, your education, have always tried to teach you how to conquer. You can conquer stones, you can conquer patches of lands, maybe you can conquer physical bodies; you can conquer the physical to a certain extent. If you want to know the ultimate, the only way is to surrender; you cannot conquer. But in the logical mind, surrender is disgraceful; surrender is one thing that people do not want to do, because in surrender you lose. You have no will.

So, the whole need to conquer is coming from the fear of losing yourself. The very need to conquer something or somebody has come because there is a deep fear of losing yourself on many levels. There is a fear and because you do not know how to handle that fear, you want to conquer people, you want to conquer things, you want to acquire more and more because otherwise you feel inadequate. You feel so inadequate that somehow the way you are created is not enough, without all the things that you have gathered around yourself. Without if you are not enough, isn't it? You are insufficient.

This inadequacy has come not because that is the way you are made, but because you have identified yourself with little things. When you look at the vastness of the existence, you feel so small and lost. When your whole identification fundamentally is rooted in this little bit of flesh that walks on this planet, then naturally you feel very inadequate. You have to prove yourself every moment. People around you have to praise you, have to tell you 'you are special' and constantly boost you, otherwise you will feel lost.

To become willing means not to identify yourself with the limited, that is all it means. How do you do that? It is to handle this issue that they started talking about God. Drop identification with little things, and identify with something that you cannot see; identify with something that we are saying is everything. But now people have reduced God also to another physical form like yourself, and have identified themselves with that. And now, one person's God and somebody else's God are quarrelling and vying wars against each other, unfortunately.

Every device that is created needs to be overhauled periodically because it gets corrupted over a period of time. Once people realise, or once people start looking at the back of the device, the device will not function anymore. New devices have to be created, because the device itself is of no importance: how well it works is all that matters. So, I say, 'Look at the flower', but you got stuck with my finger, because I used the finger to point at the flower.

So, do not try to become willing; just stop identifying yourself with what you consider as yourself. But most people cannot simply be. Their mind goes on identifying itself with anything and everything. So then, it is better to identify with that which breaks you, not with that which breaks you.