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Ambition can be a spiritual process

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Right now, the bane of the world is just that, human beings are working with limited individualistic ambition. Instead of working with ambition, if people work for a deeper vision of life for themselves and for everything around them then there is no need to scale anything down.

And also when you do this, your ambitions would never be in conflict with anybody else's vision too because fundamentally all human beings are working for human well-being.

It is just that the scale of how we handle human well-being may be different from person to person. For one person, human well-being may just mean his well-being.

For another person it may mean him and his family. For another person it may mean him and his community, or him and his nation, him and his race, or him and his religion or for another person it may mean the whole of humanity. There is nobody on this planet who is not concerned about human well-being; there is only the difference in the scale of concern.

So, if every human being instead of working

with an individual ambition, which is bound to be in conflict with somebody else's ambition, work with a vision for well-being as a whole then there is no need to scale down anything.

Either way you search for well-being; all I am saying is why you are stingy about your desires? Why don't you be magnanimous? Why don't you be infinite in your desires? It is not just about 'I want to be well.' I want you to be really greedy about your ambition and desire and say: I want the whole world to be well. I want the whole existence to be well. I want all life to be well.

Whatever is your ambition for yourself, extend that to the whole of humanity or to all life forms on this planet. Then there is no need to scale it down.

Ambition has become a problem only because it is limited. If you scale it up to its ultimate level then ambition is a spiritual process and a process of liberation.

Right now ambition is a process of entanglement only because you keep it small. If you take it up to its ultimate possibility, become absolutely, utterly ambitious, then you become spiritual too. ■

