

Realization

Intelligence

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ABSTRACT

What is true intelligence? No one can really say, because true intelligence is non-conceptual, and so beyond words. What is the true source of intelligence? That too cannot really be spoken, because the true source of intelligence is also non-conceptual, and so also beyond words.

Key Words: intelligence, non-conceptual, thought.

When it is thought
that thinking
is the height of intelligence
then true intelligence is lost.

When it is thought
that the mind
is the source of intelligence
then the true source of intelligence
becomes obscured.

What is true intelligence?
No one can really say,
because true intelligence
is non-conceptual,
and so beyond words.

What is the true source of intelligence?
That too cannot really be spoken,
because the true source of intelligence
is also non-conceptual,
and so also beyond words.

And so true intelligence
and the true source of intelligence
are not two different things,
but are one thing
that is not a thing.

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And what is this one thing
that is not a thing
that is both true intelligence
and the true source of intelligence?

What sees when the sun rises,
and hears when the bird sings?
What feels love when the heart is open,
or hate when the heart is closed?
What knows when the mind thinks?

That alone is both true intelligence
and the true source of intelligence.

And that alone
is what you truly Are.

What you truly Are
cannot be known
through the intermediary of form.
But what you truly Are
can be Known directly,
as That by which
all form is known.

What is seen when the sun rises,
or heard when the bird sings,
or felt when the heart is open or closed,
or thought when the mind thinks,
are all forms.

What you truly Are
is not that,
is not a form.

What you truly Are
is the formless Consciousness
that knows all those forms,
and on occasion,
mistakes Itself
for the forms it knows.

What you truly Are
is not the word Consciousness,
for that too is but a concept,
and so is also a form,

and so is not what you truly Are.

What you truly are
is the formless Isness
that is pointed toward
through the use of the word
Consciousness,
and through the use of the words
formless Isness.

The formless Isness
that sees the sun rise,
that hears the bird sing,
that feels love or hate,
and knows what the mind thinks,
even when It does not Know Itself,
even when It has obscured Itself,
as a result of knowing itself to be
a form,
as a result of knowing itself to be
what is seen,
and heard,
and felt,
and thought.