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Before coming to America, he was the editor of the Vedanta Kesari, one of the journals associated with the Ramakrishna Order in Chennai, India. The more the shades around deepen and the more the ends approach, the more one understands the true meaning of life, that it is a dream; and we begin to understand the failure of everyone to grasp it, for they only attempted to get meaning out of meaninglessness. Desire, ignorance, and inequality—this is the trinity of bondage. Denial of the will to live, knowledge, and samesightedness is the trinity of liberation. Freedom is the goal of the universe. Only a mature person sees life for what it truly is.

Spiritual Maturity There are three kinds of maturity: The first two—physical and psychological maturity—generally occur with age, though not necessarily at the same speed and certainly the extent of maturity varies from person to person. But spiritual maturity is not a function of age or even of experience. It is possible to grow old physically and yet remain a baby spiritually. It is possible to have all sorts of experiences and yet never learn enough from them to grow spiritually. What are the factors necessary for spiritual maturity? At least four factors come to mind readily. The first factor is the ability to observe things without reacting immediately. It is easy to react, but difficult to withhold judgment and reaction. When we react to what is happening outside, we get involved in it. A detached witness sees things differently than someone who is involved in a situation. Sri Ramakrishna gave the example of people playing chess and others observing them. The observers can often see things that the players themselves cannot. But this ability can be acquired only when there is a substantial reduction of the ego, which is the second factor essential for spiritual maturity. When the ego is strong, it wants to get involved in everything. The ability to step back from the details does not come easily but without it one cannot view a situation on a broader compass. Micro-management is good but without a macro-view, it can lead to unintended and often deleterious results. Finally, for spiritual maturity we need the ability to learn from our experiences. Swami Vivekananda used to say: This can be a lifelong process. It is only a spiritually mature mind that can understand the significance of the trinity of bondage and the trinity of freedom.

The Trinity of Bondage The trinity of bondage is a chain: Something inexplicable apparently seems to have happened to this nondual reality. Since no one knows how, why and when it happened, the first link in the chain is ignorance. The infinite Being was somehow overcome by some kind of sleep, forgot his own infinitude, and in a dream saw himself as a finite being. The original state of fulfillment lost, the dreamer began to desire things which were believed to bring fulfillment. Desire coupled with will produced intention which led to action. The world of action is also the world of inequality: Death was no respite, as the power of unrequited karma led to another birth and more karma which, in turn, led to yet another birth. Every life is a new dream. Quite possibly, every day may be a new dream. The wheel of karma is relentless in its movement. At face value, karma produced both joy and sorrow. Good karma produced happy results and bad karma produced painful results. While this might seem to be a fair deal, it actually is not. There is no way to keep the joy and avoid the sorrow. There is no way to have only one and not the other. Worse, the dream seems endless: The trinity of bondage—ignorance, desire, inequality—remain firmly in place. The basic ingredients of human experience—namely, disease, aging and death at the physical level and stress, anxiety and alienation at the psychological level—are anything but fun. Which, in practical terms, means that life is basically suffering. All of this happens in a dream. We are in the dream even as we read this. Unless the dreamer wakes up, the dream is still real for her. Until then, the dream is the reality. It becomes a painful reality for those who have become sensitive to the defective nature of human existence. It is the truth of our present life, our present experience.

The Trinity of Freedom The trinity of bondage has to be replaced by the trinity of freedom. We have seen that it is ignorance which initiated the chain reaction that culminated in the painful, vicious circle of birth and death and all the mess that occurs in-between. The only way to overcome ignorance is knowledge. Predictably, knowledge is the first entity in the trinity of freedom. What

knowledge are we talking about? We need both knowledge of who we are at present and also the insight to realize that it is not who we really are. We wake up and discover our true identity of the free, immortal and divine Being. The will to live is a direct, if usually instinctive, response to the fear of death. Ignorance makes us cling to life with the hope of keeping death as far away as possible. One of the first fruits of knowledge is the realization that life is inseparable from death. We cannot understand life without understanding death, and vice versa. Life without death is impossible. Denial of the will to live implies denial of the possibility of death, since both life and death belong to the body. With the clarity of vision bestowed by the ripeness of knowledge, we are able to rise beyond both life and death. What lies beyond them is Being or Existence itself. We are same only at the spiritual level. As water, the ocean is one, even continuous, yet we divide it with names such as the Pacific or the Atlantic. The wholeness of the ocean is affected also when we recognize the forms of its waves. Yet it is easy to see that these divisions based on name and form are superficial. They may serve some useful purpose but basically such divisions are more illusory than real. It may be possible, even if superficially, to create divisions in the material world. At the level of spirit, though, division are impossible, because "as pure consciousness" spirit is immutable. It is also one and infinite. It is knowledge that endows the person with clarity of vision which is not hampered by names and forms. A spiritually free person sees through all names and forms, and encounters the undivided spirit everywhere. Samesightedness is the natural result. In his talks on Jnana Yoga, Swamiji raises these questions: From what does it arise? Into what does it go?

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