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Creating a Stress-Free Mind and a Violence-Free World

Master is the Door

(Since June 1995, people around the world began to eagerly await for the weekly note of practical wisdom from Sri Sri. It started out as a simple exchange with people wherever Sri Sri was travelling. Later, people began to add a weekly “news flash” to convey the events surrounding Sri Sri on his extensive travels.

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You are lost on the street. There is rain, thunder, wind and cold; you need shelter. You look around and you find a door. You come to the door because it is more inviting, more charming, more joyful than anything out on the street.

When you enter the door of the Master, you come Home. You see the world from a new perspective. From inside you can still hear the thunder and see the rain, but it no longer disturbs you. Inside there is warmth and security. The world looks much more beautiful – not a nasty place, but a place filled with love, cooperation, compassion. Your fear drops away.

When you can see the whole world through the eyes of the Master, it is a sign that you have come to the Master; you have entered the door. This is the purpose of having a Master.

If you are still seeing the world as before, then you have not yet come to the Master; you are still standing out in the street, cold and wet; you are only looking at the door, you have not yet entered in.

What does it mean to “see through the eyes of the Master”? Just this: Every situation that you face, you are thinking If this situation comes in front of the Master, how would he handle it? If this complication comes to the Master, how would he take it? If someone blames the Master, what would he do?

The key is to feel the Presence of the Master. The Master is the Presence, not a relationship. Relationships can be broken, mended, and broken again. There is craving and aversion in every relationship. This is the wheel of *sansara*, the misery of the world. All relationships go topsy-turvy, whereas the Presence is vast, infinite, stable and centered.

Don't make the Master a worldly relationship. “Oh, he looked at me.” “He didn't look at me.” “Oh, he said this.” “He didn't say that.” “Somebody else is close; I am not close.” All this garbage comes into it.

Just enter the door of the Master and come Home. Only the Presence of the Master will bring fulfillment to your life – and to all your relationships.



**the full moon day in July when one traditionally celebrates and honors the Master*

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