

# THE GOAL OF LIFE

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Mahatma Gandhi has said "The pursuit of TRUTH is true Bhakthi; it is the path that leads to GOD. There is no place in it for cowardice, no place for defeat. It is the talisman by which death itself becomes the portal to life eternal."

**The pursuit of Truth is the goal of life!**

To know God, the Divine ground of our existence, we have to transcend the barriers of senses, mind and intelligence. We are continuously pondering to find the means for enlightenment without realizing that we cannot achieve it by any means. We cannot add anything new to the already existing. The problem is that we are completely covered with ignorance and the egoistic mental activity that we create.

The mind is very turbulent.

The possibility of it being silent seems remote. The more we try to silence it the more turbulent it becomes, that is because of its nature. Just like the quality of water is to be wet, the quality of mind is to be turbulent. We cannot silence it. We have to accept the natural quality of the mind. We cannot subdue the mind hence, we have to make friendship with it. The thoughts are nothing but mental images that come and go by the divine will. In order to regulate them we have to surrender to its essence. By surrendering we do not lose ourselves but we get to know ourselves. Surrendering the false image to its essence seems to give way to the likeness of the TRUTH. The noise surrenders to peace and there we perceive what lies beyond.

"Truth is one; Sages call it by various names." The Rig Veda declares so. It is true that we all seek truth. Everyone is doing so in their own way. Truth is one but it is filtered through our limited mind that records it according to one's culture, experiences and conditioning. The manifestation of Truth also varies from culture to culture and time to time. The forms might change but the essence remains the same.

If all the religions are true

then why should we fight over it! It is due to egoistic interpretations of the Divine Truth and distorted human minds. In reality the Truth has very little to do with real and genuine religion. Nevertheless; even in that genuine religion there is essence and non-essence. We should apply to the essence where we can really experience Divine Union.

Though every soul aspires for Truth, its experience and its realization lies in the hands of the Supreme Lord. Like a peasant who tills his soil in hopes of a harvest; we should do our “groundwork” to avail the grace of the Lord. This groundwork requires an attitude of “concern” as we seek to “surrender” to the very means needed to reach our goal.

Many times I’ve heard Swamiji mentioning this “concern” while doing Puja. I share this truth with Him because it is nothing else than experience that divine LOVE seated in our hearts and be aware of what we are doing at that time by repeating God’s names. It is like the peasant’s seed that swells to fruition at the Divine will.

Concern is a divine quality that has to be applied when we synchronize with the spiritual aspects of our journey. Otherwise we are just on a detour. And if by tilling that ground, God grants us one of His Divine messengers, an *Acha:rya* like our dear Chinna Jeeyar Swamiji, then we can realize what is to be blessed

by Heaven, what it means to be in a state of Grace.

The most powerful, translucent and wonderful mirror stands in front of us in an apparent human form. It is reflecting the every detail of our self with the most clear and precise images for our welfare. No ordinary human can do it without the divine energy that He is filled with. By the mercy of such an *A:cha:rya*, the path towards freedom starts! You begin to see it clearer and clearer and a deep feeling of peace reveals in you.

We knew independence but now we start to become free in the true sense and in the most fulfilling manner! We become free by interacting with beings that are already free! Here again each human being will make his own experience, each one will tell you a different story about their *A:cha:rya*. In the end, each of us is experiencing that unconditional love and joy that lies in our hearts and that is ultimately nothing other than God manifest in our heart.

The more we portray our sincere hearts to our *A:cha:rya*, the more will we be able to serve the Divine. The more we let Him help us to realize our true nature, the more will His goal on earth in the divine plan be realized.

