

The Higher Aspect of Libra

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One day the question came up if there is nothing else in Libra than the passion?

Yes, there is something profound and sublime in relation to Libra, the sign of Libra: its beauty, its passion, and its ability to manifest and de-manifest. Every sign is spiritual. Libra is as spiritual as Aries, because Libra represents the counterpart of Aries. It is therefore a sign of great importance. As much as Aries is seen as the sign of commencement of the solar year, Libra is also seen as the commencement of the solar year, because it is as much a cardinal point as Aries. The other two cardinal points are Cancer and Capricorn. Aries and Libra represent the equinoxes, Cancer and Capricorn represent the solstices. The very term 'equinox' gives us the principle of equilibrium which is the other name for Yoga. So, the equinoxes are considered of great importance.

Normally, I emphasize upon the fix cross, because it is the cross of the disciple. Mutable cross is the cross of ever-changing energies – swinging. Gemini, Virgo, Sagittarius, Pisces – these are the four pillars of the zodiac, where changes happen, either from subtle to gross or from gross to subtle. In a world of change it is the mutable cross that keeps changing things through fire. In an ever-changing world we have to find balance. That is where we need to find something to hold up, so that we are not effected by the ever-changing currents of life. It is like trying to float on it than to swim and sink in it. In a river that is flowing with great current swimming is difficult. One needs tremendous effort. Sinking seems to be inevitable. So, you need to build a boat, so that you can float on it. The currents of life are such, you cannot decide its speed and its strength, nor can you control it, much less you direct it. So, what can we do? Build a boat, set a sail, and than keep moving. Then it is joy, then change is joy.

That is what the Spanish did centuries ago. They where everywhere in their boats floating not in the mere rivers but in the high sees. That is the message of fixed cross. That is why the Hierarchy works in the present time with the disciples through the fixed cross, so that you survive the change instead of sinking through the change. That is the beauty of the fixed cross, as compared to the mutable cross. Then we have the cardinal cross which is divine That is where you have the signs Libra, Cancer, Capricorn, and Aries. This is the basic triple cross that conducts the creational activity. Cardinal cross conducts the divine activity. Mutable cross and the basis of the divinity conducts the changes. Fixed cross tries to find a balance between the constant and the change. That is the beauty.

In that function of the creational activity, Libra has a great role to play. Passion, no doubt, is its keynote. Passion can be for wisdom. Passion need not necessarily be for food, drink, sex, and comfort. Passion is an important quality in creation. Don't think passion is dangerous. Nothing is dangerous in creation. It is all how you visualise and use it. If you know the right attitude, it is the passion that helps. Then the passion is applied to the right things. The mother of the world is also passionate. Out of the passion she created such a huge creation. There the passion is for the love and the well-being of the beings. That is how you see a mother engaged with her children. If the mother is not passionate towards her children, how can the child grow? And than there is the passion for penance.

Now you understand the word 'passion' in its different dimensions. It is the passion for truth that made Moses, Jesus and Pythagoras to ignore the rest of the life and then run after it. There can be passion for truth. There is passion to conduct penance for the truth. There is passion for wisdom. Great civilisations conducted great activities on account of the passion for values, the passion for noble things. If we have all come from various parts of the globe to gather here – what is the passion behind? It is a passion for wisdom.

Libra speaks of passion for wisdom and love of beauty. These are the two characteristics that made Greece so great a nation. It is that passion for wisdom and its love for beauty. What is the

difference between passion and love? Love is the principle of unity. It says: "The other is no other than you." There is no other. It is me only in the form of others. That is love. Love cannot be conducted as an act. Love is a happening. Love happens. It is because of the feeling of oneness. Love flows from unity. Love is not an act. Love does not think of possessing. Love gives freedom. Love is the other name for friendliness. Today passion for beauty is understood as love. Passion for beauty was not the weakness of the ancient. Passion is for wisdom. 'Love of beauty' means: if you see anything beautiful, by seeing it, you enjoy, by hearing it, you enjoy. There is no instinct to possess that which we love. Possessiveness is passion. Apply this possessive instinct upon noble things. Be passionate about truth! Be passionate about wisdom! Be passionate about service! Be passionate about self-study!

When passion is applied to the nobler aspects of life, you will walk nearer to beauty, through love. Love of beauty is not everyone's cup of tea. Only passion for beauty is everyone's cup of sorrow. When you look to beauty and feel the passion, you are only landing in sorrow. If you see that which is beautiful and be happy without any further instincts to possess, which is a higher quality, you will enjoy better. So, we should know how to apply passion. One should be passionate to do things. It is the other name for devotion. Unless you are passionate, you cannot arrange the altar like this. Indifference does not give the experience of beauty of passion. Unless you are passionate for wisdom, you will not write notes. Wisdom is always enchanting, ever enjoyable and can engage a person beyond all personality thoughts.

What is discipleship? To be passionate about wisdom. Are we passionate enough about the wisdom given by the Hierarchy which is not only global, but also universal? The wisdom of the Hierarchy is not limited even to this globe. It is not local, much less national, or continental, or even global. It is universal. Unless we are passionate for wisdom, the lift-up does not happen. Such is the passion of Libra which helps us to relate to the lower planes of existence, and also to the higher planes of existence. The ladder is not only for coming down, but also to go up. We only see one side. There are people who see only the side of the fall, and there are people who see that all that is in the lower planes is to be denied. The incomplete spiritualist lives by denial. He denies the world. The incomplete materialist denies the spirit. Denial is not spiritual. To be able to see the One in many varieties of manifestations is spiritual. The religions have denied certain basic personality comforts. Hence, there is an upsurge now. It has a boomerang effect. This is because not all religions could propagate truth in its completeness. Denial of wealth, denial of comfort, denial of sex are considered spiritual by some people even today, and they think that the people of wealth and of comfort have no entry into the heavens. It is not like that. That is where the balance is required. That is where *Yoga* is required. You can neither deny matter, nor can you deny spirit. You have to be equi-distant to both and see the work of spirit through the matter, and the work of matter which has a hidden program of spirit. Nothing is divisible like matter and spirit. It is an apparent division. People who deny are incomplete.

Sri Aurobindo says in his book "Yoga of Synthesis": "Those who have relinquished the world are those who are deceived by nature." They do not experience the love of beauty of the creation. The creation is splendorous, is beautiful, and is arranged for the joy of the beings. If you deny what is given with love without comprehending what it is, you can't be joyful. And you should also see the basis of all this love and splendour. Standing in spirit, you can experience the splendour of light and its networking of the worlds. That fulcrum is called 'the state of *Yoga*'. Libra gives that state of *Yoga*. It is a point of equilibrium. If you are in equilibrium, the left and the right are equi-distant to you. The above and the below are equi-distant to you. It is a beautiful situation. You are related to the above as much as you are related to the below. You are related to the left as much as you are related to the right, because you are in the central point of the four-armed cross, with all the four arms being equal. Be in that centre, where you are linked to the Father, and keep relating to the universe. This is the message of Libra.

This point of equilibrium exists at every threshold. That which is beyond the creation is a state of perfect union. The spirit and the matter are together. It cannot be called spirit, it cannot be called material. It is both. That is the perfect state of *Yoga*. It is true, because the two exist as one. Then

one manifests from the other. Unless material exists beyond, how can it come to existence? How can anything that is not existing come to existence? You can ponder upon this sentence. That which is not existing can never manifest. That which is existing can never non-exist. All that exists exists eternally and it may change states of manifestation.

So, matter and spirit, father and mother exist as One beyond creation. That is the perfect state of *Yoga*. That is what we call *Samadhi*. Then from out of THAT, the two emerge, spirit and matter, father and mother. So, the source of the father and the mother is One. When they are in manifestation, one takes to the principle of constancy. The message is: Do not swing! Be – in all situations. If you wish to be, nature will put you out. So, you have to try again to be. If you take it as a game, it is a game. If you take it as a fight, then it is a fight to you. Being children of the nature, we cannot decide what we wish to be. That is why we require the grace of the Mother, so that she leads us to the Father. That is how the worship of the Mother has come to be.

“Mother, you only have to pull me through, I can’t meet your illusions. Your illusions are impossible to be crossed even by the best of the seers. Only those who have your grace can be led to the Father.”

Without the grace of the Mother, without the permission of the nature, no man can reach the Father. That is why she is called the threshold. The Mother is the threshold. The Father IS at all times. So, it is the network of the Mother with Father as basis, with spirit as basis. To be equidistant to the Mother and the Father becomes possible, when you gain the grace of the Mother. The grace of the Mother cannot be gained, unless you respect the nature. Man can never gain the truth, unless he gains the friendliness of the female nature. The female nature encounters man through the mother, through the sister, through the wife, and through the daughter. These are the four, whom a man has to ensure that he has done his duty well. Any act of indecency or insult done to one would not allow a man to proceed further. This is the secret *Libra* gives. *Libra* says: “Be friendly to me! Be respectful to me! Understand that I am as much as the Father. Don’t deny me, and don’t try to possess me.”

That is why the equinox of *Libra* speaks of the work of the Mother. It is the counterpart of the equinox of *Aries*, where you see the work of the spirit. The *Aries/Libra* axis is one of the most important axis. In *Aries* you meet the Father. In *Libra* you meet the Mother. In *Aries* the Mother is in the Father. In *Libra* the Father is in the Mother. So, it is a state of being, and no one is superior to the other. This equanimity has been the approach of the ancient wisdom, but as we enter into the Age of *Kali*, there is the superiority complex man dominating woman and thereby causing suffering to himself. Today if this humanity is suffering, it is mostly through lack of understanding of the feminine nature and womanhood.

The law of nature is what the conscience in you accepts. Your attitude may differ from it, but you learn through pain the consequences. There are periods of retribution, there are periods of repentance in everyone’s life arising out of acts of ignorance, indifference, negligence. The law of *Karma* is conducted in *Libra*. The judge is in *Sagittarius*, but the judgement is in *Libra*. *Sagittarius* is a self-conscious man who tries to set target after target and keep reaching them. He is like an arrow who reaches the target, and the shooter is the judge. Hence, he never fails in hitting the target. But the judgement is in *Libra*. So, the law is ruled by *Libra*. Since *Libra* is disturbed vis-à-vis the humanity, the law is also disturbed. The human consciousness is also confused. To please the confusion, we go through the process of trial and error and experience the consequences.

From out of monarchism which had its consequences of suffering to humanity, human brain invented communism and capitalism. Some believed that communism would give freedom to humanity, and some others believed that capitalism would give us freedom. Also there are others who believe that socialism will give the freedom. Any ‘ism’ has no value, unless your conscience has improved. If we carry the right degree of conscience, through every means you can work out the freedom. That is another aspect of *Libra* – judgement. The judge never fails, and the judge

judges you at every point of speech, action and thought, and causes retribution and repentance for you to enable to gain the equilibrium. It is a function of Libra.

When the passions are applied more to the essential values than to non-essential values, the maid in you rises. The lady of passion of Libra rises to marry the king of Aries. This is an allegory. You have to balance both. Otherwise, the one which you neglect will hold you. This you can see in your own life. That which you have neglected will hold you by the neck. If you neglect health, you are held by disease. You are not able to work, because you did not give adequate attention to health. If you neglect to sleep at night, you are made to sleep during the day, during the hours of work.

If you don't want to work, you are held by every problem in life. But people who are too much into work, are also in problems. Too much of anything is bad! Too much sex is bad. No sex is also bad, because sex will be in the head. If you have aversion to money, you are held by poverty. Don't have any aversion for anything, be in the middle-point. Then there is a higher step in balancing the outer and inner life – to retreat and again to come out! This facility is what we understand during the process of meditation. That is also the work of Libra. Be modest with everything in the outer life. Find out the golden middle point! This kind of balance in the outer life will enable you to think of inner life. A modest outer life will help you to look into the inner life.

Then balance the values. Very few people know about balancing of values. Excessive orientation to a value to the extent of being stupid puts you out of balance. You should work out a balance of values. I have a value to get up at 4 o'clock in the morning. Supposed, I am in the house of another person, where there is only one bathroom, and to that bathroom I have to go through the bedroom of my host. Should I insist on my value to go through the bedroom of my host who is sleeping with his wife? Is that a value? Is it not stupidity? Likewise many of us have certain values which cause discomfort to us. A value is no value, when it is discomfort to someone. According to time, according to place, certain values have to be adjusted. There are certain values which cannot be compromised, and there are certain values which can be compromised according to time and to place.

So, we should see what are essentials and what are non-essentials. People are generally fussy about non-essentials, and they are not focussed upon essential values. For example, if there is no picture of the Master, I am disturbed. But the Master is more important than the picture. A picture is the means, the Master is the reality. A Master can give his presence with or without the picture. In case you don't find the picture of the Master, you need not be disturbed. Likewise, if there is no candle, still you can pray. But if there is a candle and you don't light it, when you pray, it is indifference. If you have a picture of the Master and you don't put it in front of you, when you pray, it is indifference. Indifference does not enable us to relate, but at the same time, when you don't have them, you need not feel disturbed.

So, we have to see the essentiality of values and non-essentiality of values. A prayer is essential. For whom is it essential? If I think it is essential to you, you may not think so. There is a very small section of humanity who feels that prayer is essential. But don't try to rub your value on others which is religion, missionary, militancy. There should be balancing of values, so that we don't apply a right value in a wrong way. There are people even in our groups who strongly advocate about vegetarian food. You can inform your value, you cannot influence. You can express your value. You should not impress. The ancient teaching was very delicate. There was no brain washing. You should have a sense of values, balancing of values is the next step. Whatever you think a value, you do it. If others follow, because they feel it is good, it is okay. Your demonstration may enable some to follow, but you cannot live your life on the basis that someone should follow you. So, have a sense of value and a balance of value!

Then balancing the pairs of opposite. When you think one way, you also should think the other way. That is what they say 'the pros and cons'. Think both ways! Then you can strike a balance. Normally we do not. Our desires are not balanced, emotions are not balanced, thinking is not balanced, wisdom practices are not balanced. They always turn up and down. Wisdom tells us

consistency of vibration. One month excessive service, another month no service. Some times excessive study of wisdom books, other times no study at all. That is no balance. Libra tells us: Whatever you do, do it in balance. If you wish to study, study moderately. Master Djwhal Khul suggests not to study more than 10 pages, not more than half an hour, and assimilate what you have studied. Why do you eat away book after book without understanding? It does not lead you anywhere. A modest prayer, not three hours, four hours, the Master says 10 to 15 minutes. Also 10 to 15 minutes meditation, but do it regularly. Continuity of purpose results in continuity of that consciousness. The whole purpose is continuity of consciousness. Unless there is consistency, uniformity, the continuity of consciousness does not happen.

If you cook food, there should be continuity of heat to the vessel. If you switch on, switch off, switch on, switch off, you can't eat that which you have cooked. That is the case with most of the aspirants. They are neither with wisdom, nor with the world, unfit both sides. It is a very peculiar situation. You cannot relate to the world, you cannot relate to the inner world, and much less you can balance. That is why you have to balance the opposite. Don't go too far with anything! Did you see the movie 'Enter the dragon'? Many people think that going to movies is a sin. For me – no! If you see, there is a spiritual value in everything. In that movie one man, the second hero, says, "I do not go beyond a point." It is an occult statement. Don't go too far with anything! The one who remains like that will be able to ascend. So, consistency, uniformity, continuity – these are the words which you have to apply to every activity of your life.

Libra can be seen originally as the principle of emergence. From out of seeming nothingness there is the emergence of a centre. That centre expresses in 360° around the circumference. The point in the centre is not a static point. It is indicative of emergence. As it emerges, that which is seeming non-existence becomes awareness. That awareness expresses a triangle quality. You may call them the three Logos. You may also call them the three qualities. You can further qualitize the cosmic triangle, from which further expressions happen. All expressions are triangular, even the original emergence of a point from seeming nothingness is triangular. From seeming nothingness, when there is emergence, there is emergence of triplicity. It expresses as awareness, matter and time. That awareness through time and with the cooperation of nature further expresses a triangle, and those are the three qualities, the three Logos, the three rays, the three colours, the three sounds. That is how there is an expression and succession of expressions. In this manner broadly seven expressions happen causing the seven planes of existence. And the creation can be understood as a septenary creation.

This emerging principle has two functions in it. Firstly, it expresses that which is subjective into objectivity. And hence, this principle holds the balance between that which is and that which will be. Secondly, it also has the status of being the interlude between the subjective consciousness and objective consciousness successively. That which is permeating all over expresses itself in *Sahasrara*, and that which is in *Sahasrara* expresses into *Ajna*, and from *Ajna* into the other lower centres. That is why all the centres are centres of balance. They are the centres of balance between their higher energies and manifest energies. For instance, the heart is the centre that expresses the human nature through the body. *Ajna* is the centre where divine expression is expressed through human. In throat thought is expressed as speech. The solar plexus expresses the *buddhic* plane thoughts of the heart centre through the mind. So, all the centres in the body and the related lotuses they form the fulcrum between the subtler and the grosser activities, and all the seven centres are expressed through the column. So, the column of *Sushumna* from where these lotuses are expressed are also the fulcrum points. The fulcrum is like a threshold between the hall where we are working and the hall outside. At the threshold you can experience the energies of the outer hall and the inner hall.

To be able to balance two different varieties of energies you have to be in balance or in the centre, and that centre can also be seen as an interlude between one plane of awareness and the other plane of awareness. If you see the human being, you can broadly see him in his triplicity: the divine part, the human part, the animal part. So, there are centres which give you the state of *Yoga*, the state of balance. Such centres exist as between the divine and the human, as between the human

and the animal. Animal means the vehicle, the body with its flesh and blood, its mechanism of senses, its ability to receive and reflect through the mind, the senses and the body. They form the vehicle.

The man is one who stays in the *buddhic* plane, expresses through the mind, senses and the body, but he himself receives from the higher planes, the divine planes. When the equilibrium is between the human and the animal, in ancient time the centre was seen as the solar plexus. Now it has shifted to the heart. The junction point between the divine and the human is seen as the area between pineal and pituitary, and even in divinity there are gradations according to which the centres are located. So, in *Yoga* we are required to work with the centres. But *Raja Yoga* generally recommends us to be balanced in action, in speech, in thought, in the discrimination of *Buddhi* – at all planes balanced in the daily way of living.

Why I speak of all this is: Libra principle enables us to gain balance between personality and the body, and at a higher dimension, it enables us to gain the balance between the soul and the personality. In an advanced state it enables us to gain balance between the super soul and the soul, and still in advanced state it is the balance between the super soul and that which cannot be defined. That is where the Mother is, and in all these states of balance the Mother exists.

Each one of us shall have to work out with our passions with patience. Don't be in a hurry to marry someone who is highly qualitative, then you may not be able to hold. The consequence is divorce. The message is clear in Libra: Overcome the passions and do not be in haste to reach the spirit without experiencing the futility of the worldly attractions. The place of Libra in human body is solar plexus. Staying there, we experience the world. In fact the connection between us and the mother in the womb is through the solar plexus. It is the mother who delivered us into the world.

So, you are connected through solar plexus to the mother nature surrounding you. Hence, we are linked to the world, and we need to work it out to raise from the attractions through a modest experience of them. That is where Libra tells us: Do not try to resist me. Do not try to negate me. I am impermeable. You need my permission to get into the hidden side of my being. The nature veils. The veils are as many as seven, if you speak broadly. All these veils, the nature only shall have to lift through your right attitude and right action. You can please the nature to lift a veil. When you don't have right attitude, you cannot get lifted.

You see the labours of Hercules. In Virgo he fails. He hurts the lady to gain the girdle. The teacher of Hercules, Jupiter, was very unhappy. He said, "You have done great insult to the lady. She is displeased with you. Therefore you will fall. You have to re-work to gain the favours of the lady. Only then you can get into the next labour."

All these stories give us one message: Have the right attitude towards every aspect of nature which is female in its characteristic. That is where the importance of respecting and gaining the favour of the feminine nature is given paramount importance in spiritualism. Only then you can accomplish, not by condemning. The scriptures tell us that those who condemn the woman will be condemned. Don't think otherwise. In future it is going to happen. The very nature which is the basis of all this creation is represented by the woman. She cannot be condemned. As much as you condemn the woman, so much you get condemned and even damned. That is why the suffering is so much today to humanity.

Durga says: "You cannot pass through me. I stop all your movement. I just arrest you, until you gain the right attitude. Develop right attitude, please me and pass through."

Then we come to an aspect of Libra as it was in the past. In ancient times, when the creation was not up to its 12 zodiacal manifestations Libra was the mid-point. There were five sun signs preceding Libra, and there are five sun signs succeeding Libra. The first sign is Aries, the second is Taurus, the third is Gemini, the fourth is Cancer, the fifth is Leo/Virgo. Leo/Virgo was one sign. That is how you have the symbol of Sphinx: the lady with the lion body. The Egyptian's Sphinx

gives the message of the ancient zodiacal energy, where the virgin is not separated from the leonine energy. The Virgin and the Leo were together. The anterior is the lady and the posterior is the Lion.

The same symbol in the *Vedic* times was the lady on the lion. That is *Durga*. The lady on the tiger is *Durga* of Libra. In India you have the two symbols. There is the lady on the lion, and then there is the lady on the tiger. The lady on the lion is Virgo mounting the lion. The lady on the tiger is the lady mounting the tiger, meaning the tiger of passion. You see the passion of a tiger. Its passion has no nobility in it. The lion has nobility. The tiger has passion without nobility. Acts of attraction, in so far as they are noble, they are conducted by evolved men. Nobility is in preference to attraction. But in Libra attraction is in preference to nobility. So, to master the attraction is like mastering a tiger.

In ancient times, the objectivity is from Aries to Leo/Virgo. Then there is the junction point in Libra. It is followed by the subjectivity of five sun signs, from Scorpio to Pisces. That is how there is manifestation and de-manifestation, and the manifestation transforms into de-manifestation through Libra, and the other way the de-manifestation transforms into manifestation. That is how Libra conducts subjectivity into objectivity and objectivity into subjectivity.

Aries: In Aries the energy is an out-going live. That is why Arians are ahead of others in doing things and reaching.

Taurus: As you go out with the Arian energy, Taurus conducts a directed desire. Buddha had a directed desire to reach the truth. The Taureans have a strong will to conduct the decided desire. It is the bull power. 'Come what may' – it has to go ahead.

Gemini: In Gemini there is dual consciousness. Already the out-going life and directed desire think of pros and cons.

Cancer: In Cancer there is incarnation – manifestation.

Leo/Virgo: In Leo/Virgo there is the dual development of consciousness: the soul consciousness and the personality consciousness or the personality consciousness and body consciousness

Libra: In Libra the balance is accomplished.

Scorpio: In Scorpio there is the reversal of direction of life. The life takes a new turn. Enough! I shall now return to my Father. That decision is made in Scorpio.

Sagittarius: In Sagittarius there is discipline and regulated life. Arjuna is an excellent example of Sagittarius. He was born in the month of Sagittarius, and he has conducted completely in tune with the energies of Sagittarian: living, working and serving the fellow beings, setting goal after goal and reaching them, ultimately resulting in the Lord deciding to reside in his vehicle. That kind of regulated disciplined life, after one has taken a new turn, is represented by Sagittarius.

Capricorn: In Capricorn you reach the mount to gain the initiation.

Aquarius: In Aquarius the individual service of Sagittarius transforms into the world service. That is how the world server happens.

Pisces: In Pisces the transformation is that of the world saviour.

Then in Aries again there is the pass-over. You complete a cycle and then pass over into higher circles. That is why all initiates pass over into higher circles in the month of Aries. That is how a cycle is conducted. But for others again the same cycle starts, again into Aries, Taurus, Gemini, Cancer, Leo, Virgo, Libra, etc., and again into it, and again into it, until one is fed up. How many times you can move in the wheel, the Wheel of Vienna? If you are a child, you say 'once again, and once again' till you get the reeling sensation in the head. Once you get the head ache of it, you say, "No more, I want to get away from here." This reversed direction, when it happens in man, it means, he has entered in spirit into Scorpio. Enough is enough, please let me get back! That is the work of the first five sun signs and the second five sun signs with Libra as the fulcrum.

The zodiac has to be understood in many ways. That is where you get the message of Sphinx. The Sphinx has lost its meaning, because the lady of values, the lady of nobility of Egypt has fallen into the lady of passion. When passion took over, the civilisation of Egypt disappeared. It is a story of every civilisation. Since we speak of Sphinx, we have to speak of Egypt. It almost disappeared. So,

through passion all values will disappear, and hence the fall is considered to be in Libra, but Libra also can give you the rise. The source from which you fall is also the source from which you rise. The means of fall is also the means of rise.

Libra is a sign of values, balancing the inner and outer life, balancing the values, balancing the pairs of opposite, balancing the personality and body, balancing the personality and soul and balancing the soul and the super soul. The objectivity and the subjectivity are conducted by Libra. Libra is the radiating force. It radiates from centre to circumference. It is also the converging or blending force, from circumference to centre. So, from centre to circumference and from circumference to centre Libra permeates. It means Libra is total. That is why Libra is said to be the counterpart of Aries, the feminine aspect of Aries. The masculine aspect of Libra is Aries. Libra is the lady in expression, and Aries is the male to remain subjective. All the six centres of the body exist in Aries and also in Libra. That is why it is a complete sign. It can cause radiation from centre to circumference causing the necessary manifestations of the creation.

You all know that the total wisdom is the relation between the centre and the circumference. It is called Pi. From centre to circumference the relation is that of Pi. It is the radius that conducts the individual soul to the universal soul, and also relates the universal soul to the individual soul, and it also the path. That is why Libra forms the very vertical being of the creation and also of the human being.

The twelve sun signs they are all nothing but pairs of the six signs representing the six centres, and all the six centres are presented in Libra. You can ponder upon this. The twelve sun signs are the polar opposites with

Aries/Libra as the axis,
Taurus/Pisces as the first pair,
Gemini/Aquarius as the second pair,
Cancer/Capricorn as the third pair,
Leo/Sagittarius as the fourth pair,
Virgo/Scorpio as the fifth pair.

The six pairs meet in their equilibrium on the axis Aries/Libra. If you take the six pairs as the six flowing rivers – with Aries/Libra as the vertical and the five pairs as five rivers flowing horizontally – then you find all the points relating to the centres in the vertical column. That is the beauty of Libra that it contains in it the entire universe in its seed form and also in its manifest form. That is why it is called the fulcrum.

It is also called fulcrum in another dimension. Libra is an airy sign. If you count the zodiac in its clockwise or anti-clockwise direction, it is the second airy sign.

The clockwise direction:

The first airy sign is Gemini,
the second airy sign is Libra,
the third airy sign is Aquarius.

Libra is the mid-air as between the three airs.

The anti-clockwise direction:

The first airy sign is Aquarius,
the second airy sign is Libra,
the third airy sign is Gemini.

Either way Libra is the second airy sign.

Likewise, if you take Libra as a part of the cardinal cross, it is the third cardinal sign either way:

The clockwise direction:

Aries is the first cardinal sign,
Cancer is the second cardinal sign,
Libra is the third cardinal sign.

The anti-clockwise direction:
Aries is the first cardinal sign,
Capricorn is the second cardinal sign,
Libra is the third cardinal sign.

So, for various reasons Libra is considered to be the fulcrum. That is why it is said to be the complete sign. If you take the five airs of which I frequently speak to you in relation of practice of *Pranayama*, you have the five pulsations, the five *pranic* principles. Even in them Libra is the centre.

There is inhalation – *Prana*.

There is exhalation – *Apana*.

There is the third pulsation – *Samana*.

There is the fourth pulsation – *Udana* which remains in the upper part of the head, and the fifth pulsation – *Vyana*. It is the *pranic* principle which permeates the entire body.

Even among these five *pranic* principles, *Samana* is the middle principle. That is why it is considered to be the fulcrum. *Samana Vayu* exists as between the solar plexus and the heart centre connecting the soul and the body. In the vital body Libra represents the heart centre which is the centre of the being. So, we are discussing such a sublime sun sign.

The judge in you is the higher consciousness which observes and gives you the fruits of your action through time. Each one receives the fruits either ripen or rotten according to his thoughts, speeches and actions. That is how we keep receiving on the basis of the quality of the seeds that we have sown. We cannot expect a beautiful garden of fruits, if we have sown seeds of poor quality. If we wish to have a better individual life, we should individually take to qualitative thinking, speaking and acting. If we look for a collective upliftment, there should be a collective adaptation to noble values. Then collectively we raise. The time is such that it pulls up. If we also cooperate, the lift-up is easy. The work has to be done in both ways. It cannot be one way. There should be the effort of the personalities to reach the soul, and there is already the effort of the super soul to function through the individual soul for lift-up. That is the new age. From higher circles the new age is ready to lift-up. From lower circles there has to be the effort to raise. The super soul is willing to enter into and function with the individual soul and cause the necessary magnetic attraction.

That is where the Aquarian energy is transmitted to Gemini to lift-up this humanity from Libra. The lift-up is to the throat centre, because Gemini stands for the throat centre, and the throat centre relates to discipleship. That is why the humanity is targeted from higher circles to enter into the path of discipleship. The lift-up is from Libra to Gemini, and that is a subjective work. That subjective work is called 'building up the *Antahkarana*'. *Antahkarana* relates to the internal implements. The very work *Antaha* means 'internal'. *Karanas* are the implements. So, we have to ally the internal implements. The internal implements relate to *Buddhi*, to noble thoughts, which are expressed as thoughts and further express as speeches and also as actions. This is the work of the throat centre.

The function of Gemini in the vital body relates to the throat centre. The function of Libra is as between solar plexus and heart centre. If we function more through the body of light, the vital body, it is the heart centre. Libra functions in the heart centre, but in the physical body Libra functions in solar plexus. So, the path of discipleship which relates to subjective development for objective manifestation is raising from solar plexus to the throat centre, where we would have harmonious thoughts, speeches and actions. That is the bridge we have to build which is called *Antahkarana*, and from throat to *Ajna*, the higher bridge is ready to be built by the higher circles in us provided we have reached up to the throat centre.

In “Mystric Mantras” we have the *Mantra* ‘Higher bridge beginning’. The Master of Aquarius is willing to come down from Aquarius. The point of Aquarius is the Eye of *Siva* in us, the divine will. The *Ajna* is our third eye. So, the Eye of *Siva* in us is far superior to our third eye.

So, from the Eye of *Siva* which is our superior *Ajna*, there is the bridge built up to Gemini. That is from the Eye of *Siva* in us to our third eye, and from our third eye to our pituitary body which is called the eyebrow centre – please remember the eyebrow centre is different from *Ajna* – and from pituitary via the upper palate / lower palate up to the throat centre the Master descends and pulls us up from Libra.

To cooperate with his work, we say in the invocation:
From the Avatar of Synthesis who is to come,
let his energy pour down in all kingdoms,
may he lift up the Earth to the kings of beauty.

We have to cooperate for the lift up which is being offered in the new age, and the energy can lift us up into the *Akasha*, because the throat centre relates to *Akasha* ether. That is why he promises etheric existence, contrary to the mundane existence. That is the beauty of the work on hand, and hence we have a responsibility for our throat. We have to be careful in our judgements. We have to be very careful in our criticism, and we shall be very, very careful in passing opinions about others, because the use of the throat centre is the most important responsibility of a disciple.

To clean up the throat centre the disciple should utter sacred sounds, seed sounds, mantras, prayer at least for one hour daily. Do you know the meaning of *Visudhi*? *Sudhi* means purity. *Visudhi* means extremely pure. If you can utter only pure sounds through your throat centre and not utter sounds which are not pure, in twelve years time the alchemy happens. That is the beauty of the throat centre. It can purify all the lower centres and put you in the throat centre. The master consciousness can only come up to that point of purity, and from there he sends his rays for shift up.

If the disciples wish to cooperate with the Hierarchy, and if the aspirants are aspiring to do so, they must hold themselves responsible for all that they utter through their throat centre. You can judge ourselves, instead of judging others, how we are using our throat centre. If the throat centre is well regulated through right speech, discipleship is possible. If the throat centre is not well used, whatever practices you do in terms of discipleship, they are destroyed by yourself. It means, we clean up the room and again make it dirty. We clean up for some good activity to manifest, but then we ourselves spoil that which we have cleaned.

The scriptures say, “It is like the elephant’s bath.” If the elephant takes bath in a lake, it totally cleans up the body with its trunk. When it is on the land, it picks up with the same trunk a lot of dust and puts it all around its body. For us it is the same organ, the tongue. It is that tongue which utters forth the sacred sounds, and with the self same tongue you pick up dust and put it all around inside the body.

When the meditation is over, people must speak. There is a compulsion to speak. After the class, immediately we have to speak, and generally we have to speak. Please, remember, sound is the key. The Aquarian energy is invoked by Master Jupiter, and he channelizes it to the planet and this humanity, and the principle quality of Jupiter is sound. That is why in the books you find that sound is the ultimate key for transformation. Through sound only the Aquarian Master has planned to transform, and the centre through which sound is worked out is the throat centre. That has to be kept clean. It means that we have to speak clean. Today people are generally manipulative in their speeches. There is such huge manipulation of speech. Then being critical, judgemental. Apart from that there is a general huge waste of the faculty of speech. This is what delays the humanity’s lift-up. In any work of the divine plan there is a part to be fulfilled by us, while there is a part that will be worked out by the divine. The divine energy relating to the new age already arrived. We are not yet

ready, because we are not cooperating to raise to the throat centre. That is why the books say, "The throat centre is the centre relating to discipleship."

Rising from Libra to Gemini through *Antahkarana* is a subjective work, a hidden work, and hence the path of discipleship is said to be governed by Scorpio. Scorpio stands for **silence, service, sacrifice and secrecy**. These are the four pillars of Scorpio. A noble Scorpio has these four qualities. These four qualities are also the qualities relating to the 7th ray activity. The 7th ray always speaks of masonry. Masonary means 'building the inner temple' on the basis of which work can be carried out in the outer temple.

This is how Libra, Scorpio, Gemini, they are all connected with the 7th ray, and Gemini has its opposite in Sagittarius. These are the related signs of masonry. But today masonry is in conflict. It touched the bottom of its consciousness and is trying to revive. Today masonry is affected by money. People who have money and power are occupying the masonic groups. They don't have the attitude to serve and sacrifice. Without service which leads to sacrifice masonry has no meaning. That is why it is said: "A mason builds his temple in pitch darkness." **Silence, service, sacrifice, secrecy** – these are the qualities of masonry.

Masonry went into alcoholism, lavish parties and showy regalia. That kind of a situation led to a lot of passion, and they have become slaves of alcohol, sex, money, and comfortable life. From that state now the 7th ray is re-emerging. The 7th ray Master also cooperates with the new age energy, and with the help of such energy, he intends re-structuring masonry for the benefit of the humanity.

The message of today's masonry is:
to cut the throat – stop speaking all kinds of nonsense,
to pull the tongue out – to change the tongue,
to throw the body to the vultures – sacrifice.

If we are willing to work with sacrifice, if we are willing to restructure our throat and our speeches, we are fit to be with the work of the 7th ray, whether or not we are a member of a masonic lodge. Today there are many masonic temples working with the inspiration of the 7th ray Master, and these groups are not members of the masonic lodge. There is a new beginning of masonic order. It is happening in South America, and it will very soon start in Europe, and slowly get into the United States, and their headquarters are in Asia. The headquarter is shifted from London to a centre in North of India, nearer to Himalayas. This is of course a side-issue, but a related issue.

Today the whole humanity is conditioned by Libra, in the sense of money, sex and comfort, and for personal aggrandisement. That is why you have to relate the Lady of Libra to the Lady of Virgo/Leo. Please, remember the Sphinx, the Lion Lady. Leo/Virgo was one sun sign. Slowly Virgo separated from Leo. If it separates from Leo, it is not such a danger, but it associated with Libra. The Lady who associates with Leo is a noble lady. The Lady Virgo is a virgin lady, a pure lady. But she degenerated from nobility to purity and from purity to vanity of Libra. She is the human personality. The human personality is the feminine. This personality in Leo is associated with the lion in Leo. Now the lion is caged in the cave. The personality has arrested the soul and moved into passion. That is how Leo/Virgo degenerated into Virgo/Libra. This is how astrologically it is explained. That is why there is the need to worship and to meditate the lady mounting on the lion, Durga. The lady with the lion body, the Sphinx, disappeared, and today the personality relating to us is like the tiger.

So, remember Leo/Virgo as the soul infused personality, Virgo as the pure personality, and Libra as the passionate personality. If Virgo is related to Leo, or Virgo is related to Scorpio, Libra remains a fulcrum. Leo/Virgo was the past. Virgo/Scorpio is the future For the present we are in-between. That is why for us duality is a recognised fact.

A short recollection:

Libra divides the zodiac into five pairs of signs with Aries, Taurus, Gemini, Cancer and Virgo as the five expressive energies, the characteristics of which were given with Aries as the out-going life, Taurus as the directed desire, Gemini as dual consciousness – male, female Cancer as incarnation, manifestation, and through that to Virgo/Leo – the soul and the personality.

This is the expression into objectivity through five sun signs. Scorpio is marking the reversal of the direction, Sagittarius is marking the discipline of discipleship, Capricorn is marking the initiation, Aquarius is marking the world service, and Pisces is bringing out the culmination into the world saviour.

That is how the zodiac was worked out of five pairs of ten sun signs with Libra as the fulcrum. In this zodiac Virgo was associated with Leo. Libra was only functioning as the fulcrum, but was not carrying out the function of passion. Through time, where there is the symbolic fall, humanity entered into Libra, and there is passionate life. Desire by itself is not sin. Inappropriate use of desire causes passion. Desire is essential divine. But when the desire is abused, then passion raises. When a child is born, Libra is not yet formed. Libra is formed between the 7th and 14th year, because during that time the generative organs are being prepared.

In Kali Yuga, the Yuga of passion, the Yuga of fall, the so-called dark age, in the zodiac it is represented by 15° Virgo, 30° Libra and 15° of Scorpio. These parts are 60° together. The child before 7th years has no passion, has no male-female interaction. Even the voice of a boy and a girl remains the same. The male voice changes between 7th and 14th year. The resultant effect is the throat centre. That is why the throat centre of the lady is related to the female organ, the breast. All breast problems are throat problems. That is why there is so much of breast cancer among ladies, and also throat cancer among males and females arising out of excessively passionate living.

So, when Libra is formed, it separates Virgo and Scorpio, and the perfect zodiac of 10 sun signs becomes an imperfect zodiac of 12 sun signs. The consequent effect in the human body is a modification in the sacral centre by the throat centre. To regain the perfect zodiac we have to renew the sacral and the throat. Throat is the superior aspect of the sacral. If we work with adequate responsibility vis-à-vis our thoughts, speeches and acts, we can gradually overcome the passion.

When the passion aspect of Libra disappears, the unfolding faculty of Libra, from centre to circumference, happens. The *chakras* in the body transform into flowers, and you become eligible to gain lotuses in the place of *chakras*. For example the lotus between the sacral and the base centre, which is called the higher *Muladhara*, it unfolds. Then the next lotus happens at the higher heart centre which has eight petals. The heart *chakra* has 12 petals, but now you have a higher heart centre with 8 petals of lotuses. The third lotus is *Ajna*, and the final lotus is *Sahasrara* with the thousand petals.

These are the four lotuses, when Libra disappears and Virgo/Scorpio become one sun sign, and the higher *Muladhara* lotus takes position in Sagittarius. The higher lotus of heart takes position in Capricorn. Capricorn is the higher heart centre, where you have the 8-petalled lotus. Aquarius is the higher *Ajna*, not even *Ajna*, and in Pisces you have the 1000-petalled lotus decorated by the gem – *mani padme hum*. That is how the transformations happen via Libra.

Libra can cause instant formation of the *Antahkarana*. You can overcome passion, but not when you suppress passion. That is the difference. You should be informed about the consequences of passion and you should be allowed to rule yourself. This is the way of wisdom. Through you own

functioning you find the consequences of being passionate which is conflict. You also find the consequences of not being passionate, which is harmony. At every level there should be information, not imposition. Even the Masters of wisdom inform. They are not influencing. They express, but they do not impress. It is for you to get impressed. This is the respect for a co-being, where there is freedom, but not possession. That freedom is an aspect of friendliness.

Today we are in dualism, in the pairs of opposite. The personality says something, the soul says something, and the body says something else. You are pulled in different directions. That is the state in which we are. Hence, we are trying to get out of the whole thing in a process of experimenting. Man is trying to make many experiments to see how he can live in harmony. He is trying to break traditions. The impulse to break traditions is coming out of the urge to gain freedom. The tradition is the value of the past, but the value of the past also gets distorted through time. Consequently it is more superstition than science. The belief does not enable any reasoning out, and the belief is degenerating into superstition.

The Aquarian age which is an age of science will put everything to a scientific test. All traditions that stand the test of science will survive. Others will go. The science of the past gradually became tradition. Tradition became a belief, and belief degenerated into superstition. So, the tradition has something relating to truth and something relating to the untruth hovering it. That is why the humanity is at experiment risking itself in the experiment. There are many lives that are burnt in experiments, but then each time you experiment, you gain the related experience. Don't blame those who break the tradition. Unless you give them the science behind the tradition, they are not willing to follow. This is because man is able to think by himself today. He can no more be a blind follower.

Right from the beginning of 20th century, there is the disturbance to the balance, and through the disturbance through scientific pursuit there will be a new balance found. This new balance is what is to be achieved through knowledge, and that knowledge put to experiment is transforming itself into wisdom. Breaking the tradition of sex regulations has become a big activity, because since about 2000 years sex has been misinterpreted as sin. Just like desire is divine, sex is sacred. Anything you abuse has its consequence. The theologies that promote physical celibacy and declare that otherwise there is no way to reach God are not true. All the Masters of the 7th ray live in families, and they give birth to children. How can be given birth to children without physical sex?

How much damage has been done to the sacred act of sex by labelling it as sin! It is a great insult to the energy of sex, and hence there is a revolution, an instinct to break it. When you break it, you break with vengeance. With what vengeance was the Berlin Wall broken! Everyone felt proud of breaking a piece of the Wall. If you build walls, contrary to the laws of nature, through time, the nature will spring back and hit those who built the walls. That is the law. That is why there is so much of sexual breakage which releases people from all physiological and psychological inhibitions. Until people find the right order, they keep breaking it. That is why you see so many children breaking so many things relating to the old order. Don't blame them. It is part of the change to find the new order. If three, four or five incarnations are burnt in it, the soul gets liberated faster. The kind of inhibitions that are built into people through superstition will bury them in the Piscian energy. They have to be lifted into the Aquarian energy. Those who are continuously suppressed through certain Piscian religions, which are excessively martial, people revolt and try to find the path to light, the path to freedom. That is an aspect of transforming Libra.

The present state of law is such: If there is more law, there is more crime. Just like when there are more medicines, there are much more diseases. There is a competition between the diseases and the medicines. The diseases are progressing at the speed of the rabbit. The medicines are progressing at the speed of a tortoise. So, the rabbit is far ahead, and the tortoise is far behind. Likewise you see the social laws of the various countries: There are more controls, more regulations, more exercise of power, authority, restrictions. The law is building prisons around people, and the governments have not found the clue. Today the governments do not represent the people. The conscience of the humanity is far superior than that of the governments. The

governments are occupied by that little part of humanity who do not represent the humanity. Today the humanity does not want wars, governments still! Tell me which nation did not demonstrate peace and still the governments are at war. So, can we say that these are governments of the people and for the people? It is only the glamour of democracy, but there is not democracy. Are we democratic? Can any ruler put his hands on his heart and say that he is representing the people? People everywhere say: no war, no nuclear weapons, no bombing, no occupation of other's land! But the governments promote laws, international laws to suit them, so that they can put guilt on people. For nothing people can be made criminal. The number of laws that you promote promoted more crime. Do you see this kind of crime 50 years ago? Did we carry in our conscience the term 'terrorism' 50 years ago?

The law making energy is in Libra. The law is formed in Libra and administered by Sagittarius. Sagittarius carries the judges. Libra holds the law. You see the Lady of Libra in every court of law. That is the symbol of law. She holds the balance. She is blind. She listens and decides. What is she listening today? Manipulative arguments! Many judges are not happy today, because they feel that the law is weak. The innocents are convicted. The manipulative are escaping, and they are causing havoc to the social order. This will be put to change in future. That is the work of Aquarius via Gemini to Libra. Uranus is today the ruler of Libra. The cardinal rulers have been Saturn and Venus. To start with it is Venus, and then for discipleship it is Saturn, and in advanced discipleship it is Venus again. But now it is Uranus. When Uranus enters, it causes such a huge disturbance until the non-essentials fall. Essentials only remain. Essential traditions that carry harmony remain. Non-essential parts of the tradition will be wiped out. The essential, natural, sacred law of sex will remain. And the aberrations of sex will slowly disappear. Likewise, the law. It will be thoroughly washed. Do you know how in olden days the washing was done? You took the cloth and hit it hard on the stone.

Now the law is in the hands of the terrorists, the criminals. They know how to manipulate it and they keep hitting it. Governments have to find more sensible laws to develop human values. Through just one act of crime you cannot make one a criminal. The real criminals are outside the prison. We all know that: the Mafia gangs, the drug gangs, the gangs that supply arms everywhere, the gangs which create conflict in other countries. They enjoy the best of the privileges of the society. So, the law is causing more negativism than positivism.

You see the life of Christ. A man of high awareness does not put guilt in people. The religions put guilt in people. The rulers through law put guilt in people and then punish them. Let us tell two incidents from the life of Jesus:

There was a servant maid in the house of a rich family. You know in a rich family, how much is wasted? If 10 % of the wastage is properly used, they can feed a family. If they don't waste, 10 families can be fed. This servant maid was working in the house of a rich family, where a big party took place. Parties are very common in the houses of the rich. After the party the maid was cleaning the plates. From the thrown-out food she collected some bread for her hungry children. She prepared a small packet of it, and late in the night she was going home with that packet. The man and the lady of the house they saw her taking the packet, and then they started following her until she reached the road. When she was moving on the road, they called people from the colony saying, "This lady is a thief, and according to our law we should stone her to death."

The servant was running out of fear and people were following her calling her a thief. From the other side came the Son of God, Jesus. He held her by his arms and said, "Don't you worry. I shall protect you." The group came. They told Jesus: "This lady is a thief. She should be punished." Jesus said: "What did she thieve?" "Bread from our house," the lady answered. "Why did she thieve?" Jesus asked. They had no answer. Jesus said, "She thieved for her hungry children, and what she thieved are only things you have thrown out. Whatever you have thrown out, she has collected for the sake of her hungry children. You should have been generous enough to offer something to her after such a party. You have not done it. At least out of the things you have wasted, you should have allowed her to take them. You have no comprehension. You don't have

loving understanding. You waste the resources at the cost of those who don't have. She has not done anything wrong. It is you who made her a thief. She would not have thieved, if only you were generous. Unless you as a community develop this loving understanding, such things happen, and you come up with your crude law to easily judge people on a very superficial basis and then go to the extent of punishing her. Do you have conscience?" – The people were silent. They left.

Similarly with Maria Magdalena. She came from Magdala, a suburb of Tiberias. When she was to be stoned, Jesus appeared on the scene and said, "If the men of the city of Tiberias are all righteous, are all gentlemen, how can this lady become a prostitute? Who can answer this question. If you are to stone this lady, let us also stone the men who made her a prostitute!" They closed their mouth and went away.

This is how we put guilt in people. This is the age-old story of humanity. People exploit the weak, and the exploiting people take shelter under the law. The exploited has no shelter under the law. Is not the law that we face today also like that? That is why the human awareness has to emerge to such level to see the positive human values than to see the negative superficial social values. Today it is negative, superficial and suits the rich society and that of the powerful. It cannot continue to be so, if this humanity has to rise.

So, Uranus is at work on the tradition, on the passion of sex, and on the law, and also on education.

I shall read out a very good paragraph from the Master as to how the future plan for education is:

"We should carry this awareness and try to expose our children to the new age thought of education.

"The right influence of Libra should be imposed in the childhood along spiritual lines."

I told you the child forms Libra from 7th year onwards, and hence the child should be given discipline on spiritual lines, so that the child would not fall into passion as it forms Libra. That is why before 7th year the child shall have to be initiated into spiritual activity. That is what is conducted in the ancient way of life as *Upanayam*. *Upanayam* means: walking towards the wisdom. Eventually it will result in the opening of the third eye.

The ancient wisdom believes in initiating the child into the path of light by transmitting the light of *Gayatri* which is the light of the universe and enabling the sound to cause right transformation of Libra. This *vedic* ritual which is ancient most enables the child to discipline himself from 7th to 21st year. This is the time when Libra is formed, grown and crystallised. This is the time when the child should not be allowed to fall into comfort. Since this discipline cannot be given by the parents, out of their emotional love for the child, the seven year old child is entrusted to a teacher. The teacher lives away from the city in nature which is full of harmony, and he gives the child a rhythm of life, that is the rhythm of the 7th ray.

The teacher wakes up all the students from 4.30 to 5.00 in the morning and ensures that they take bath. Bath includes brushing the teeth, cleaning the mouth, and specially cleaning the tongue. By cleaning the tongue, you have cleaned your intestines. Then the children are given two glasses of water, so that the defecation is made easier. Thereafter *Yoga Asanas* are conducted. If *Yoga Asanas* are conducted before the dawn, you receive abundant vital energy from the east. This vital energy is called *Ojas*. Through *Yoga Asanas* the spinal column, which is the very chassis of your body, is kept very elastic and subtle and does not become a rigid stick like a calcium bone. If it is rigid like a calcium bone, it generates a lot of diseases. All the six centres are made active through *Yoga Asanas*. The digestive system is made active, the defecation becomes very regular, the periods of the girls will be very regular, and the body can stand any and every weather. It can resist the environmental diseases and the seasonal diseases.

After *Yoga Asanas* the children again take bath with some herbal soap. By the dawn they are made to orient to the east and take to the right positioning of seating. The child must be made to sit in the lotus posture. All joints should remain subtle, so that there is a good transmission of energies throughout the body. That is why squatting and chanting *Gayatri* is done at the dawn hours. It is followed by chanting for one hour, because chanting the sacred hymns, the *mantras*, worship and prayers strengthen the throat centre, and consequently strengthen its polar opposite, the sacral centre.

All this is done by half past seven. Then the children can relax until 8 o'clock to take breakfast. At 9 o'clock they come to the class for education. Education includes the education relating to objectivity which is also taught today and education relating to the very constitution of man. The science of man is also taught. As the children should not become slaves of taste, they are not given delicious food. They receive nourishing food with or without taste, because the indulgence is through our sense activity. The education is complete by aligning with the mid-noon, where there is a the utterance of OM. So, the education was holistic.

After 1 o'clock they are given lunch, and they are allowed to relax. During relaxation they are expected to be silent. Thereafter they are suggested to study till 4 o'clock. From 4 till the sunset hours they are taught various games including martial arts. Before the sunset again there is shower, and around sunset the prayer is again carried out. Thereafter they are given dinner and are exposed to the arts, like painting, drawing, music and dance. In the night they sleep on a hard floor with a blanket only.

This discipline goes on from 7th to 21st year. In these 14 years the teacher gives education to the children according to their soul quality. Some are given the ability to work with hands and with the body, because they show those tendencies from the beginning. Some are very good with mechanics, some are very good with thinking, some are very good in martial arts. They are given all the laws relating to protection. Some are known for their ability to exchange values and communication. The teacher observes them and accordingly gives advanced education during the later years relating to their nature. So, the activity that they will take up in life is in tune with their nature. It is not contrary to their nature, and hence they do not have conflict while working with it. That is how a training of 14 years is intended to be, so that each young boy or girl carries with him/her the spiritual values. No activity of boy friends and girl friends, no night clubs, no discos, no dancing, no alcohol, no impure food, no impure speeches, and no undisciplined way of living!

This is how the programme is given for the child and the youth, so that by 28th year the man or lady are settled for social usefulness. They serve the society, build a family and grow children. By the age of 49 till 56 they start finding through their work the right people to whom they can hand over their values, and by 56 or 63 they slowly hand over their values to people who are willing to receive them. Sometimes, their children receive them, but if the children do not have the right attitude towards such values and are pursuing other values, they will hand over to those who are willing to receive. From the age of 63 there will be more and more contemplation. However, throughout the life there should be regular study, meditation and also service. This triangle should never be abandoned, even after leaving school.

There are certain fundamental regulations given by the teacher to the student:

Do it truthfully!

Do it with a righteous approach to life!

Do not disconnect with your family lineage!

Give a body to a soul!

Do not deviate from teaching that which you know!

Respect your mother as the World Mother!

Respect your father!

Respect your teacher!

Respect the Seven Seers who are responsible for all the wisdom!

Discharge your responsibility to the teachers by teaching, and the right teaching is through demonstration!. Let your life be a teaching to others! Teaching is better demonstrated by living than by preaching. Preachers are different from teachers. Preachers are those who preach without practice. Teachers are those who teach from their daily life.

You have to be an example as a householder.

You have to be an example in you economic activity.

You have to be an example in your social activity.

You have to be an example as a friend.

Like this, you have to set examples. That way of life itself is teaching.

The teacher also says: Do not forget to serve others. Keep giving! Do not accumulate! Learn to distribute! Learn to share!

That is how education was comprehended. We have to give the spiritual values to the child. Crime will be stamped out, when the environ and the conditions, in which the children live are bettered. There has to be harmonious energy for the children to grow. In a society where drugs are supplied, even in schools, what kind of future citizens you are trying to prepare? In a society where the night clubs are open for the youth, and in a society where the parents are anxious to see that their children indulge with boy friends and girl friends, what kind of citizens you expect to be? We have to face the consequences of what we do to our children right now. The social atmosphere is so much contrary to a healthy growth of child, and we have to think of the right values for our children, because the governments cannot help. The governments are in the hands of mafia gangs. They cannot prevent drugs entering the schools, sex touching the youth, and unhealthy habits finding their way into human consciousness. What kind of new age can you build? If you spoil the plant, even in the very initial stages, it cannot grow into a healthy tree.

We have to found our own schools, so that we give the right values to our children. That is how "Mithila" has come to be. We need to feel the eminent need for "Mithila". Are we giving the right environment to our children? This is a question which everybody has to ask himself. When only physical attention is given in the early formative years, to the sacral, the solar plexus and the throat, then you are lost.

Ensure that the teeth, the ears and the eyes are kept in tact! Today dental practice is more profitable than the general medical practice. You know the 32 teeth you have are 32 centres of wisdom. The *Tantra* of *Lalitha* speaks of the 32 centres of wisdom which are hidden behind the roots of the 32 teeth. There is wisdom hidden in the roots of the 32 centres of the 32 teeth, and it is much more so vis-à-vis the wisdom teeth. The teeth in you are twice born. If you are twice born, you are initiated. That means, there is *Nirvana* and then resurrection. We are born in darkness, unconsciously, and grow in our personality. An initiation is to die as personality and resurrect as soul. That is the second birth. If you are born for the second time in the same life, you are an initiate. That is why the Master says, "Be careful about the roots of your teeth." If a particular centre in your body is not functioning well, one of your tooth is lost. This is the esoteric science relating to medicine.

Then the eyes, they should be shining at all times. No one should contract an eye disease. So also the ears, where the activity of reception of sound is there. Attention should also be given to right posture. You should be able to sit erect and to keep your back subtle. You should be able to squat, so that horizontals of the thigh bones will support the vertical of the spinal column. There is much health that is regained through proper adoption of *Asanas*. Don't think that is all old and need not be followed. Our future is our past. In the past we carried wisdom, and we have to receive that wisdom once again. That is why these *Asanas* become important. We need to know the science behind all this.

That is why I have written about *Asanas* and many other things in "Mithila": What to eat! When to eat! How to eat! How to prepare the food! How to set a rhythm and to follow it! So many hours for sleep, so many hours for study, so much time for contemplation, so much time for work as service, and so much time for relaxation. You decide and follow it. Don't make it non-rhythmical. Only

rhythm produces the related magnetism. The conservative attitude must be dropped. Every family, every society has certain patterns. Through right analysis you have to find what are undesirable patterns within the settled patterns. Don't hesitate to change those patterns which are not desirable. Don't cause inhibition by imposing faith or beliefs, but allow to apply science in the matters of religion, psychical and physical patterns. Do not impose doctrinal or theological teachings. Don't brain-wash people. Give them the science of wisdom. Cultivation of these attitudes and conditions will evoke reality in man and bring the inner spiritual man to the foreground of consciousness and thus produce recognition of God Immanent. Such is the work on hand relating to Libra.

Now in the Aquarian Age we have the cooperation of the energy coming into our solar system through the constellation of Leo via the central sun of Leo called Regulus. Regulus itself is receiving from Sirius, and for our system it is received by Master Jupiter. Sirius is locationally in Scorpio and is entering into our system through Leo. That is why these two signs are very important for the current age, and the energy that is supplied from Sirius is that of Aquarius. Aquarius, Scorpio and Leo form the triangle relating to the Aquarian Age. Then they are interconnected with other sun signs.

The energy of Aquarius entering into our system through Leo conducts the work, and there is a downpour of energy of love. Love from the spiritual standpoint is loving understanding. Your ability to understand is far better, if you carry love with you. Love enables you to accept. Love enables you to tolerate. Love enables you to teach with tolerance. Love is compassionate to mistakes, to others' mistakes, others' indiscipline and even crime. That is what every initiate demonstrated. An initiate is an embodiment of love. He has patience, he has tolerance, and he waits. He waits in loving understanding. He does not judge. He does not criticise, and he does not manipulate anything.

This energy which is now entering into the system should enable the human consciousness to gain loving understanding. The education will develop better human relations. That is the very original purpose of education to have better human relations, but not discord between groups, between nations and between races. Today there is discord, but the nature of energy has come to synthesize through right comprehension. It enables promotion of natural laws. If you take up anything of spiritual value today and work it out, the natural cooperation will be very much there. Unfortunately we look for social cooperation. Don't look for social cooperation initially. Believe in natural cooperation and carry out a pioneering work. If you can carry out pioneering work of significance, you are one of the builders of the future humanity. That is how you should think ahead. First receive the energy, comprehend yourself, think ahead and manifest plans locally. That is why I say, "Think globally, act locally!" Man wants to act globally which is not initially possible. If you start somewhere in a simple manner, the depth of the quality of work that you do will find its expression and expansion.

In "Spiritual Astrology" it is said: "If you are strong with your Saturnian energy, it would lead you to Jupiterian expansion." These are the two counterparts of one principle. All initiates acted locally, but have become global. What is the area Jesus covered? What is the area Moses covered? What area Pythagoras covered? What area Sai Baba covers? What is their secret? The depth of the quality of the energy that they manifest makes it global. Man's thinking is so superficial that he would like to be straight away global. See a banyan tree. It spreads enormously. There is no other tree compared in its spreading. It is its depth that makes it spread. It is locally planted and is growing global.

That is the reason why Master Djwhal Khul also gives the statement:

"Out of small duties properly performed will emerge larger responsibilities culminating in global service."

There are steps for growth. The deeper you grow into your consciousness, the larger you grow. If you are not deep enough, but you are only spreading, your spread is superficial.

It was told to Alexander by an initiate from Punjab, India: "What for are you spreading? You spread to lose. If you make one foot forward and then make a second foot forward, you have already lost the previous foot. How much land you cover! But what do you carry with you, when you depart? Don't be foolish! This aggression and occupation show the magnitude of your ignorance, and it keeps you restless all the time. Instead gain the inner kingdom! You are guided by a spiritual Master. Ask him to guide you more into your own being than into the outer world. Be a king of your own inner kingdom, and don't try to crazily occupy others' land. It does not help. You have to return with empty hands ultimately." An initiate was bold enough to tell him like this. Alexander met such initiates very frequently, when he entered into the frontiers of ancient India. That caused him enough realisation to return.

When you understand the natural laws, you will give more importance to the inner growth than to the outer growth. When once you are attuned to natural laws, your comprehension is better. You would not be prohibitive in your attitude, exclusive in your attitude. You are more inclusive and more liberal in your attitude towards others. That is why the new age does not think in terms of punishments. Instead it thinks of extending a helping hand to elevate people who are suffering from ignorance. Punitive attitude is human weakness.

See the life of Jesus which you know so thoroughly. He was not punitive, and he laughed at the law and at the law court. He smiled at the general Pilatus. That was education to the general. He smiled and revealed much education to him. That smile informed Pilatus: "Your law is no law. Your justice and judgement is no judgement. It is the ignorant judging the ignorant. You never understand the law, when you impose a law of ignorance, and when you are guided by the general opinion of the society." In his inner conscience Pilatus knew that Jesus was not wrong, but he himself was a victim of circumstances. His emperor in Rome has appointed him to the region of Israel, Jerusalem, and it was his duty to ensure law and order in the community. Certain selfish forces caused disturbance to the law and order and successfully put the guilt on Jesus. It was all manipulative, because they saw in Jesus the one who breaks tradition. He broke certain superstitions, religious laws, and he did not respect the blind following of Sabbath. He did many such things, and he tried to clean the temple of Jerusalem in which there was enormous commercial activity. The ordinary people were happy about him, but the people of money and power were not happy. Frequently he was challenging them with the natural law.

So, they have all contrived, connived, fabricated and presented a case against him to the Roman general. When the Roman general looked into the eyes of Jesus and when Jesus responded by the look along with a smile, Pilatus' conscience was deeply touched. He felt this is the man whom the Jews were expecting. Jesus was growing excessively popular, and then the normal social powerful lobby started working against him. Jesus challenged the social power with the power of love and the power of knowledge. He was not violent. He was strong in his wisdom and presented such wisdom, and that caused insecurity for the powerful lobby of the society. Pilatus felt it. The man who is put to judgement has no culpability. So, he postponed the judgement, and even for the second sitting he did not find any guilt with him, but then there was such a commotion and demand, and there was a request during the sacred days of Passover, that the people would prefer Barrabas to be released and Jesus be crucified. Jesus smiled. He was so Aquarian.

All initiates they see centuries ahead, and they warn the human consciousness of things to come, but still people continue to be slaves of money and power. The incoming energy is such a downpour that there will be less and less punishments arising out of greater and greater comprehension. Punishing human weakness is crude. You know, the majority of human beings are not wicked. They are weak. A very small section of humanity is wicked, and a major portion of humanity is weak, and a very small portion of the humanity is wise. So, wicked, weak, wise! The wicked capture the weak faster than the wise. The wicked go to the extent of putting the point of the revolver at your temple and demand. The wise cannot do it. The wise inform. The wicked influence. The wise express. The wicked impress, cause missionary work, militancy, terrorism, bloodshed and capture the humans. That is why the means of the wicked are considered stronger

than the means of the wise. But then there is the law of nature which works out the contrary for the wicked and comes up to them like a tidal wave, like a tornado, like a typhoon, like a cyclone and hits hard, because also the wicked are subservient to time.

In the meanwhile the wise prepare seeds, so that when time comes they can once again sow the right seeds after the tornado, after the cyclone. Is this not the story of Noah? He collected all the right seeds relating to all kingdoms, preserved them, saved them through time and then sowed them, when the right time came. That is how you have to visualise the work of the Hierarchy. They are preparing the seeds for the future. The present will meet its own crises, but the seeds that are saved through crises inaugurate the new era.

This comprehension we should have relating to the plan of Hierarchy. That is why the wise are not engaged in fighting with the wicked. The wicked will face their destiny through their own actions. In the meanwhile let us secure the right seeds for the future generations. That is the vision of the Hierarchy is, a vision that spreads over centuries, up to 21 centuries. That is how they see and then they sow. Those who wish to follow the path, should visualise the long cycles. The minimum cycle that the Hierarchy visualises is of 216 years. 432 years is the next cycle and then multiples of 432 years. Like that they visualise cycles for 2100 years. So, whatever Master Djwhal Khul speaks, don't think it will happen tomorrow. The prophecies are in accordance with their understanding of cycles of time. The Masters have a different measure. When they speak of one year, they mean five years. This is how the work of the Hierarchy continues for transformation in a period of 4 centuries, and it all started 150 years ago. We are in the very nebulous state. This comprehension we should have.

The future relating to jails is visualised to be the transforming centres. Already it exists in the thought plane, because imprisonment is also an interlude. Sri Aurobindo became a Mahatma, when he was imprisoned. Gandhi became a Mahatma, when he was in prison. Javaharlal Nehru became a pundit, a scholar, during the interlude of the prison. The imprisonment is an interlude. Intelligent people utilize it for transformation, and we are frequently imprisoned in our life, though not physically, but emotionally and mentally. Utilize the imprisonment as an interlude for transformation. Don't be impatient. Learn to transform during the period of interlude. We are all prisoners. Some are prisoners of mind, some are prisoners of emotion, some are prisoners of their own doctrines, others are prisoners of their own 'isms'. Until man liberates himself from his personality, he is a prisoner, the prisoner of the personality, and hence the prisoner of the body. What is the punishment for those who are imprisoned in the mental, emotional and psychical plane? They have their own times of repentance, sorrow, the thought of rectitude releasing them to reformation. Deep troubles cause reformations. So also the people in the physical prison should be seen mostly as weak and not as wicked. Their thinking is distorted. Their emotions are distorted. Means will have to be found and will be found through psychology to meet the situation to transform the prisoners.

If you come to India, I shall show you in Visakhapatnam the new prison that we have built which is perhaps the best garden we have around Visakhapatnam. The prisoners get education free up to the college. They get regular yoga lessons and are put to yoga practice. People like me are frequently invited to talk to them. Such an effort is being made in terms of the new age thought. That is how the finite aspect of the law would be slowly eliminated, and there will be a loving understanding in relation to demonstration of law.

Let us continue with some more aspects of Libra:

Libra represents the 7th house of the zodiac, and 7th house means the life partner. As I said, the 1st house and the 7th house are in matrimony. The opposite sign of every sign in the zodiac is its counterpart. For Aries the counterpart is Libra, for Taurus it is Scorpio, for Gemini it is Sagittarius, for Cancer it is Capricorn, for Leo it is Aquarius, for Virgo it is Pisces. Libra is the lady, Aries is the man; Taurus is the lady, Scorpio is the man; Gemini is the lady, Sagittarius is the man; Cancer is

the lady, Capricorn is the man; Leo is the lady, Aquarius is the man; Virgo is the lady, Pisces is the man.

Libra/Aries is the cardinal axis. Libra joins Aries. The marriage between the cosmic 7th house is with the cosmic 1st house. If you connect Aries and Libra, you have five pairs of the zodiac representing your right and left energy relating to the five centres other than *Sahasrara* and *Muladhara*. When Libra and Aries are connected vertically, Libra is *Muladhara* and Aries is *Sahasrara*. The other five centres are permeated: *Ajna* by Taurus/Pisces, throat by Gemini/Aquarius, heart by Cancer/Capricorn, and the centre at the diaphragm by Leo/Sagittarius. Virgo/Scorpio represent the centre at higher *Muladhara*. This is how the centres are formed, when the lady joins the man.

There is slight displacement of the centres. Instead of *Muladhara* there is higher *Muladhara*. Instead of solar plexus and sacral there is a centre at the diaphragm. These higher centres remain. The change is in the lower centres, and the communion through marriage causes upliftment of the lower centres. All these details about the centres in the human constitution are not found in the books that I published. When the purpose of marriage is fulfilled, then the centres undergo further changes. The story about the lady who married a beast and later married the king, is the story relating to us. When we marry, we marry for personality purposes. That is called marrying the beast. The initial attraction is the body and the personality of the other. Eventually the personality dies. Then the marriage with the soul happens. That is called the second marriage, the spiritual marriage. The personality in each one dies and the communion is between the souls. This is what is called 'Libra joining Aries'.

The concept of spiritual marriage is misunderstood that man and woman marry first and after some time they look for a spiritual husband or a spiritual wife. This is making a joke out of the sublime concept. Just like *Tantra Yoga*, everything is misunderstood. Initially I came across many members in the group who were telling me: "This man seems to be my spiritual husband. I wish to divorce from my present husband and marry this man." Also the males came to me saying: "Master Kumar, this lady is very special to me. She looks to be my spiritual wife. Shall I marry her?" There are also some ladies who try to find their spiritual husband in me!

Please forget this kind of ignorance about spiritual wives and spiritual husbands. All human beings are ladies. All those who live in personalities are ladies, and they have their husband in *Sahasrara*. Each one carries his man in his *Sahasrara*. If you lose your wife or lose your husband, you are blessed in a way. You can engage with the spiritual husband. The male or female, both are females, there is only one man. That one man is in your *Sahasrara*. Engage vertically with him. That is why if you become widow or widower, one job is done. Now it is time to vertically relate. That is why the Indian ladies, they do not marry a second time. If once the husband dies – of course they never divorce – then immediately they relate to the husband in them who is in *Sahasrara*. And also the man prefers to be widower than to re-marry, because it is the will of God that this aspect of the personality need not be continued for this life.

It seems that this concept is very strange to you. When I first came to the west with Master E. K., we went to Belgium, to a city called Antwerp. Master gave a lecture in the evening, and it was late night, so we were to sleep in a lady's house. She was 73 years of age and a yoga teacher. She gave very good hospitality to both of us. Next day morning after breakfast she wanted a consultation from the Master. The lady said that she has found a man who was 43 years of age, and she would like to marry him. She was 73 years of age, and she was seeking marriage of a man who was 43, and she was asking for the consent of the Master! For a young man like me who was hardly 35 years at that time, it was a great revelation. Many things were opened in me in the sense that there is nothing that the human mind cannot think of. I asked the Master: "What is the psychology behind?" The Master said: "It is not psychology, it is sickness."

Somehow, if a marriage happened and fails, finished! Elevate vertically and work. This is how it is seen from the spiritual standpoint. Always looking for some companion in the objectivity is not the

right way. There is an eternal companion waiting for you. This fellow is waiting incarnation after incarnation. He loves you, but you don't care. You try to love those who don't care for you. Are we not foolish? We don't love those who care for us, and we love people who don't care for us.

In India we all believe that there is only one male and all the rest of the universe is full of females, not only on this planet, in all the seven planes, all the beings, including cosmic beings, they are all females. That man is Krishna. So, the ultimate marriage should happen with him, call him Krishna, Christ. The idea is to reach him, and Libra helps us. The personality comes out of the soul in manifestation. The soul is the male, and the personality is the lady. So the personality should be in marriage with the soul, and the marriage that we do between a lady and a man is only to realise the marriage between the soul and the personality, and we should think of mutual cooperation. But seldom it happens. As much as you redress your personality through practice, so much you find your spouse cooperative. It is your non-cooperative personality that appears to you as your mirror-image in your spouse. It is for us to work out the harmony through conflict. How can you live in a group, where there are so many personalities? It is for you to round up your personality, because your spouse always shows you the other side of the coin. So, round up with you and gain the vision. This is how you have to overcome your personality. Then the personality dies and the second marriage can happen. If you get married for a second time, you cannot say, it is spiritual. There are some foolish people who attribute this kind of dogma on Master CVV, that he became a grand Master only after the second marriage.

So, first you get married with the personality and through exchange of personalities you gradually commune in soul. Then the lady lives in the heart of the man, even if the lady is not around. Likewise, the man lives in the heart of the lady, even if he is not around. They are inseparable. It continues to be so, even if the souls die. That is the higher dimension, and that is the ultimate truth. Hence, the presence and absence of the physical body makes no difference, because the urge to associate is more at the soul level than at the plane of flesh and blood. This is the message of Libra, that Libra joins Aries. When Libra joins Aries, the centre of Libra is no more solar plexus. It is proximate to *Sahasrara*. That is how *Siva* carries the lady as the crescent moon on his head. Such people are called *Chandra Sekhar*. It is a sublime concept, where the womanhood exists in man's consciousness in its highest state of awareness and vice versa. That is how you have symbols in India, where the World Mother carries the crescent moon as an adornment.

The centre relating to it is above *Ajna* below *Sahasrara*. So, the south pole in you is neutralised and you have jointed the higher pole. The higher pole becomes no more higher, because there is no lower to it. It is higher, when there is a lower. Then it becomes lower to something higher. Now the personality dies or joins the soul. There is no question of death in the distant future. The personality is infused by the soul and becomes ornamental to the soul.

Then as the next step, the soul is in marriage to the super-soul. When eventually that marriage happens, you become part of the super-soul. There is one more target: the super-soul tries to marry the Absolute. These are the three initiations in their highest expression: the personality joining the soul, the soul joining the super-soul, the super-soul integrating into the Absolute. These are the three steps of marriage. Once the super-soul joins the Absolute, the Absolute has no polarities. Only in creation the polarities exist. So, they remain friends. The friendliness of the male/female principle beyond the creation is such that it is equal, and that spirit of equality exists with them at all the seven planes. In the higher planes there is more spirit and less matter. That means the matter is in spirit. In lower planes there is more of matter, less of spirit, so the spirit is in matter. They have no reservations, who is to be in whom. In the ultimate state both are equally subtle, and there is no such thing as one existing without the other, even in the absolute state. That is how Libra gives you the vertical ladder up to the Absolute.

If you have Saturn or Mars in the 7th house, you can expect a lot of conflict through marriage. If you have node/anti-node in the 1st and 7th house, you can expect problems. Also if your 7th house is afflicted, you have a large program to work with your own personality. Don't blame your spouse. Your spouse is your mirror-image. Every time a brother or sister comes to me and speaks of the

difficulties he/she has with their life partner, remember, you have chosen according to the nature of your personality. So, have it and enjoy it, just for one life! You know, if you live with a person who does not agree with you over one decade, two decades, three decades, slowly it becomes a state of friendliness. Please remember, it is nothing but training your own personality. You learn adjustment, you learn compromise, you learn to concede, you learn to lose. It is not that we learn through success, we should also learn through failures. So, we have to see these dimensions, especially when you are trying to work with spiritual principles. This is an aspect relating to the 7th house. The woman in us comes out of us and meets us. The personality is what we build, and it is always in marriage with us, because it came out of us, just like they say that the woman came out of the rib bone of the man which is strongly objected by the woman. I agree with them. The woman here is the personality. It comes out of you, and you cannot but marry it. Then you have to work out the harmony with it.

Don't try to understand the scriptures with your knowledge of the terminology. You have different definitions for the same terms. So, the marriage is in nature's plan by bringing out the woman from the man and causing procreation, so that the souls keep receiving bodies according to their qualities. Our children are not our children. They have similar vibrations, so the souls are attracted to us. The souls look for agreeable runways to land. What is suitable to the one is not suitable to the other. Depending upon the quality of their personality they land and try to progress there. That is why to enable procreation and giving bodies of flesh and blood to the souls, nature has caused this system of female separating from the male. That is how from the androgynous creation it has become a creation with male/female. Until we become androgynous, we continue to marry. Initiates beyond the 5th initiation, they are androgynous, they don't need to marry. But to show an example, they marry, and even if the *Avatar* is on the physical plane, as a matter of example, he marries. So, this institution of marriage is considered a step towards higher awareness. It cannot be seen as an activity of just indulgence.

When once this matrimony happens, Libra has three centres in the body:

one is in the region of the head,
the second is in the region of the heart, and
the third is in the region of the diaphragm.

Only these three centres become active, when once the purpose of marriage is fulfilled.

The centre relating to the region of diaphragm enables the functioning of the body in the right way. The centre in the region of the heart enables the functioning of the personality in the right way, and the centre in the head enables the soul to be in alignment with the higher circles and conduct through the personality and the body.

The soul itself is a channel for the plan of the higher circles. The centre in the head is slightly above the centre of *Ajna*. It is called higher *Ajna*. Then the centre in the heart is also slightly higher than the heart centre, and it is the centre which is in ever-alignment with the soul. It reminds the vehicle of the soul. Then the centre above the diaphragm regulates the body. It keeps it healthy and enables reception and conduct of the work according to the direction coming from higher circles. So, the body is subservient to the personality, the personality is subservient to the soul, and the soul is subservient to the plan of the super-soul. All these centres are well guided by the principle of *Prana*. This principle of *Prana* is what is called *Samana Vayu*. You find these five principles of *Prana* in the book "White Magic". In the east they are of common knowledge.

Inhalation is called *Prana Vayu*. Exhalation is called *Apana Vayu*. The equilibrating principle between inhalation and exhalation is called *Samana Vayu*. That is what Libra air is. Libra air can cause equilibrium and put you into the *Sushumna*. Libra is an airy sign. I told you it is the fulcrum, and this *Samana Vayu* is the fulcrum among the five *pranic* principles. You can also read about *Samana Vayu* in the last chapter of "Secret Doctrine", where Madam Blavatsky speaks of *Samana Vayu*, that can lead you to higher circles of *Udana Vayu* and *Vyana Vayu*.

Prana Vayu enables us to receive oxygen and cause vitality to the body. It functions from the eyebrow centre to diaphragm.

Apana Vayu enables us to expel the carbon from the body. It functions from solar plexus down below to the feet.

Prana and *Apana*, they cover your body from the eyebrow centre down below. If you have sickness in the higher part of the body, it means *Prana Vayu* is not working well with you. If you have sickness from solar plexus and below, then *Apana Vayu* is not functioning well with you. Consequently, the carbons are not thrown out. Hence, diseases settle in the stomach, in the region of sacral affecting liver, pancreas, and then the kidneys, the generative organs, the hip, the legs.

Samana Vayu bridges *Prana Vayu* and *Apana Vayu*. There is a gap between the diaphragm and the navel which is connected by *Samana Vayu*. That connection has to happen. Then you have equilibrium of health and equilibrium of the body. The word *Samana* itself means equilibrium.

Mitra is the deity, the cosmic angel relating to *Prana Vayu*.

Varuna is the cosmic angel relating to *Apana Vayu*.

Aryama is the cosmic angel relating to *Samana Vayu*.

That is why we invoke *Mitra* and *Varuna* in the morning and evening invocations. We say: *S'am no Mitra S'am Varunaha. S'am no Bhavatvaryama* – Let all these angels be at poise in me!

When *Samana* is made effective by linking *Prana* and *Apana*, man realises the pulsating principle which is the basis for inhalation and exhalation. In the 4th step of Yoga, the first stage of accomplishment, you gain *Samana Vayu*. The 4th step of Yoga is *Pranayama*. *Pranayama* means: *Prana* regulated. There is regulation of inhalation and exhalation as the first step. When that happens, *Samana Vayu* becomes active. That is why the good students of *Pranayama* they don't know sickness. Yoga says: If you accomplish *Pranayama*, you cannot carry sicknesses. The two are linked and you feel the pulsating principle at the pinnacle of the diaphragm. You are more occupied with the pulsating principle than with respiration. Sometimes, even if you do not respire, you continue to live, because you are with pulsation. This is called the first step of *Prana* regulated. Just breathing is not *Pranayama*. People sit and breathe in and breathe out and think they have done *Pranayama*. It is only preliminary to *Pranayama*. Its real meaning is: *Prana* regulated.

Prana is regulated in three stages, and at each stage you reach higher planes of awareness. The first step is gaining the pulsating principle in the region of the diaphragm. When you are engaged with this pulsating principle and your mental awareness ceases from inhalation and exhalation, then it is a happy union. It is a union of the thread of consciousness with the thread of life in you. As they unite, then they rise together, and as they rise, they rise beyond the eyebrow. The pulsating resonance is experienced above the eyebrow. So, from the diaphragm up to above the third eye, there is the rising of the pulsating principle. You do not feel the body, it is bodiless consciousness. It is called *Udana Vayu*. *Ud* means above. *Udana Vayu* is the air of the higher part of your body. That is how you get into the higher centres of your body.

You have the centre of *Samana Vayu* above the third eye, the centre of *Samana Vayu* in the higher heart, and the centre of *Samana Vayu* at the diaphragm. That is why the schools of Yoga relating to *Pranayama* they give utmost importance to *Samana Vayu*, because *Samana Vayu* is the bridge between inhalation and exhalation, and it also leads you to the fourth *Vayu* which is *Udana Vayu*. That is how the function of *Samana Vayu* which exists in *Libra* helps you to accomplish the 4th, 5th and 6th steps of Yoga. That means, *Pranayama*, *Pratyahara* and *Dharana*. When you are working with this *Samana Vayu* to accomplish these 4th, 5th and 6th steps of Yoga, two qualities will be of great help to you: to serve the group and to serve the teacher, unconditionally. Serving the group will neutralise your *Karma*, and serving the teacher is like relating to a magnet.

The metal relating to Libra is iron, and iron is the metal that can be easily magnetised. In the presence of a teacher it gets magnetised faster. That is why two essentials are recommended for the student of *Pranayama*: serving the teacher and the group unconditionally. If you do that, the process becomes easier, and you reach the 6th step of Yoga called *Dharana*, where you realise that you are holding the body, and you are not held by the body. It is not like the bird in the cage. The bird is holding the cage with its beak. If it wants, it can be in the cage. If it wants, it can be out of the cage and move out and come back. That is the freedom of the 6th step of Yoga.

The number of Libra is also number 4. It is an airy element which is number 4. Libra relates to *Pranayama* which is the 4th step, and it is in relation to human beings who represent the 4th kingdom. So, number 4 is the predominant number for Libra, and you have to work with air in Aquarian age. This is how from Libra you can take to a vertical path and not fall into the night of awareness, into the darkness of Scorpio. That is how people utilise the sun sign Libra for vertical rise. As you enter Libra, work consciously with air and rise vertically, then go to Aries, where you don't have to go through the wheel of the other six sun signs. Likewise there is also such facility at Sagittarius. In the wheel of time, there are certain moments where you have a short cut through time. So, for such persons there is no fall in Scorpio. That is how the work is carried out.

When once the work is accomplished in the manner that is briefly informed, then there is the unfoldment of the lotus of *Sahasrara*, and you experience the gem of the lotus. To accomplish this highest state of awareness a symbol is given for meditation. Imagine an unfolding lotus of thousand petals. Imagine the Mother sitting in the lotus with all her resplendent colours, and in her right hand she is holding the unfolding lotus, and in the left hand there is the wheel, that destroys *Karma* and enables you to rise up to her. So, you pray the Mother with that symbol seeking her cooperation to destroy your *Karma* and cause unfoldment in you. The wheel exists in you as the *chakras*. The *chakras* shall have to cease to give place for the lotuses. *Chakras* are of encircling nature. Lotus has the unfolding nature. Seek from the Mother destruction of your individual *Karma*, and also seek from the Mother the unfoldment, so that you can join her at her feet and conduct the work according to her plan. That is how the most sublime symbol of Libra is given. That is what is worshipped as *Durga* or *Lalitha* in India. Initially it is *Durga*. That is the Mother sitting on the tiger, then there is the Mother sitting on the lion, and now we have the Mother sitting in the lotus.

Depending upon the degree of accomplishment you are seeking, the symbol is given. Among all the *Tantra*, the *Tantra* of *Lalitha* is considered to be complete, and it is given to humanity by Master Jupiter. Only its sundry details are available in Tibet.

The sun sign Libra opens doors into creativity and also into subjectivity. It is centripetal and centrifugal. It can radiate from centre to circumference and also converge from circumference to centre. All this work is the work of the Mother who is considered to be the universal consciousness and who expresses herself out of the seeming nothingness. She springs from spirit as a point, called the *Bindu*. She bulges out in all the 360° and in all the three dimensional ways causing the different planes of existence and enabling formation of the rulers of these planes of existence and also enabling the beings to live in these planes of existence. When she springs out, the creation happens from subjectivity to objectivity, and when she withdraws, the whole creation withdraws into her, and she herself withdraws into the Absolute.

To enter into the objectivity and also to exit from objectivity, the path is with the Mother as Libra. That is why Libra is seen from ancient most times as the path of *Antahkarana*. In us also *Antahkarana Sarira* can easily and quickly be formed, if we start working with the *pranic* principle of Libra. The *pranic* principle of Libra is *Samana Vayu* which is the equilibrating air of inhalation and exhalation. This has to be consciously practised. When you regularly and consistently work with inhalation and exhalation, the two respirations will find their agreement in *Samana Vayu* which exists between the heart centre and solar plexus. Once the bridge is built, with the help of *Samana Vayu* you can ascend in your being and prepare the *Antahkarana Sarira* up to *Sahasrara*. That is why this *Samana Vayu* is most important for easier and quicker accomplishment. It will lead us up to *Sahasrara*, when regularly practised.

Concurrently with this practice, you shall serve the group of society and also be obedient to the teachings of the Master whom in your conscience you have accepted. Serving the Master is living by the instructions he has given through his teachings. Only then the Master feels that he is served.

So, these two requirements along with the practice of *Samana Vayu* will help us to build the bridge of *Antahkarana* and to accomplish the 4th, 5th and 6th steps of Yoga which otherwise do not seem so very easy. This is one of the sublime secrets of Libra. In the process of building the *Antahkarana* the etheric *chakras* in you transform into lotuses, and the symbol to be meditated in this context is the Mother sitting in the lotus, a lotus of thousand petals, holding an unfolding lotus in her right hand and a wheel in her left hand. The wheel is helping us to neutralise our *Karma* and the lotus is helping us to unfold the consciousness within.

When once man reaches the *Sahasrara* and finds himself at the gem of the lotus, it is considered to be the highest state of awareness that man can reach in the human body. The two great beings that achieved this in this cycle of human race are Lord *Maitreya*, the Christ, and Lord *Buddha*. They have decided to remain on the planet and help beings that are inclined to reach that state of awareness. Around these two great beings, the Hierarchy relating to this planet has formed. Lord *Maitreya* stands out as the grandest Master of the 8-fold path of Yoga and Lord *Buddha* extends his cooperation to Lord *Maitreya* in elevating the beings into higher states of consciousness. This is an essential aspect of Libra, and it is the importance of *Samana Vayu*.

I shall give some more details about Libra:

The colour of Libra to start with is crimson-red. That is why in ancient times, especially in the Middle Ages, you find a lot of red being used for decoration. Especially in China, the colour is very much used. It speaks of passion. Please, remember passion by itself is not an undesirable principle. It is the question of how you apply it and where you apply it. Those who carry enough passion are the only ones who can progress either way. People without passion cannot progress. If you don't have the urge to accomplish, you live vaguely. Discrimination and filtration are the two principles to be applied to passion. If you apply the discriminative will and filter the undesirable motive, then the passion will help you a long way to accomplish great heights in life.

For a disciple the colour is violet, and for the Master of wisdom the colour of Libra is blue. Depending upon the awareness these colours are used. The sound potency relating to Libra is V. That is why you invoke every morning and every evening twice the sound V. In CVV you have two times V. V is the sound relating to Varuna, and Varuna is the Lord of the west who resides in the *Muladhara* and pushes the energy upwards. The seed sound relating to the sound V is VAM. If you see the books on *Hatha Yoga*, you find the seed sound VAM only be utilised under the guidance of a Master. It stimulates the energy of *Varuna*, the presiding cosmic deity of Uranus. Uranus is the planetary principle that is causing fast and speedy changes in human consciousness for the better.

Libra in its initial stages, when affected by Mars, has the passion for sex, money and comfort. It is the affliction of Venus by Mars. There is much misunderstanding of Venus. It is said that Venus is the cause for sexual fall. It is not Venus. It is Mars. That is why in the first and the final stage the ruler of Libra is Venus. Venus represents beauty in form and beauty out of form. Beauty beyond form is enjoyed by those who relate to the higher realms of the creation. Beauty in form is also very attractive and puts you in a state of re-arrangement and re-orientation. Ancient wisdom speaks of Venus in very noble terms. Venus is the principle that guides this earth principle. The etheric body represented by Venus guides the body of flesh and blood.

Once Mars is worked out, it should give way to Saturn. In Libra Saturn stands for the planet that gives appropriate understanding of beauty. That is why Saturn is said to be the ruler for the disciple in Libra. When beauty in form is well understood through the discipline of Saturn, then the disciple raises to the Master consciousness, where the beauty beyond form is realised. More details about

this are very well given in the book "Venus – the Path to Immortality". Actually for the humanity the challenge is to be able to rightly orient to beauty in form.

Now it is Uranus that is functioning at all the three levels, because Uranus is the Lord of Aquarius and is connected through trine to Libra. Uranus is also functioning through Gemini now and through trine aspect pulls up the energy from Libra to the throat centre. The work of Uranus is two-fold as far as Libra is concerned. It is causing its influence through Aquarius and is also causing its influence through Gemini. Either way Libra is put to quicker evolution.

Uranus is working for better comprehension of the law. Uranus is insisting the law to carry the loving understanding of Venus. If you have loving understanding, while you function as the law administrator, you try to understand the work of nature through the beings and the clue to some unsocial activity will be seen by you. It is very easy to say terrorism is bad. But why human beings are submitting themselves to such terrible acts to the extent of sacrificing their life? What is the cause behind? What is it that this activity of terrorism has in the background? Many times the causes are not seen and not well understood for lack of adequate love.

I narrated to you the story of the servant maid as also the story of the prostitute whom Jesus saved. The social understanding does not carry much depth. They only decide on the basis of superficial acts. But there is a part of humanity which is expressing its frustration. We should have enough love to understand why it is so. Many intellectuals from all over the globe were invited to discuss about this subject on television, and many of them said: "Go into the very roots of this emergence of terrorism. When you are preoccupied with the energy of authority and power, you do not carry adequate understanding, because love is missing."

The Hierarchy is deeply working with Libra via-à-vis Uranus to ensure that people look to the very clues of behaviour patterns of certain communities. When once these clues are understood and appreciated, the first ray energy of power will receive the impact of the second ray. This work is also carried out in the subtle plane by the Hierarchy and their disciples with the help of the energies of Uranus, and the means are to supply the energy of Venus to the law-making and law-administering agencies. Mostly this functioning happens through the opposition in the governments. Likewise, the sex aspect of Libra is also worked out by Uranus to inform the right purpose of this natural instinct in the human body. The attraction for sex is an expression of the soul for communion, that the soul feels separated. From what it is separated, it does not carry the clarity.

As I said, the woman is taken out of the man, and the man is taken out of the woman. Woman and man in so far as they are well balanced in the human constitution, there is no urge for seeking outside. This urge to commune in the lower levels is taking place in terms of sex activity, and the beings feel insecure, when they are not in communion. In certain communities, when there is an act of terror happening, the sex activity is also raising along with it. This is because of insecurity of being separated. The communion is the urge of the soul, but the means to commune are not known. That is why the vertical communion is what is being suggested in a scientific manner, where the personality is in communion with the soul and does not feel deserted. The sense of security is great with the personality. The spiritual dimension is that the personality is always looking for security until it aligns with the soul. The fear of security is always there, and the causes are seen outside.

In the effort for self-defence, one thinks of offence. Offence is the best principle of self-defence. We find this with individuals who always defend themselves, whether they are right or wrong. They are not willing to see into themselves. The cause is in them, but not outside, and they have fear. That is why there is the whole game of putting the blame always on the other! The game of offensivity arises out of lack of the sense of security. You feel at comfort, when you put the blame on others. Only those who are brave will defend themselves. The evolution of a man or a community or a nation depends upon its lack of offensivity. Lack of offensivity comes to you only, when you are out of fear. As much as you are in fear, so much you wish to secure. In your excessive sense of

security you develop suspicion about others that they may cause some offence to you. Out of your own suspicion you will attack the other even before the other thinks of attacking you. All aggression in human history is only due to fear. As long as the fear hovers around the minds of the human beings, it separates him from the rest of the life, and the frustration also leads to excessive sex activity. This is the understanding of the Hierarchy of today's cause of aggression and excessive sex activity.

Uranus being an interpenetrating energy will very quickly bring out the motive for people who cause such an offence. Transparency is the main principle of Uranus. It exposes all dark areas of the human community. Enough mechanism is developed on the planet today, that nothing can remain hidden. All manipulative actions will be quickly revealed, exposed, and thereby redressed. This is how the work is happening due to the effectiveness of Uranus. Uranus is also working with the money. People can no more accumulate capital. It is self-destructive. Already the fear of capital accumulation is making certain nations to think, to think and think over and again. The only solution, as it is seen by the Hierarchy, is that they should learn to give and to distribute for the benefit of all, so that their benefit is also secured. That is where Uranus in communion with Saturnian energy is uplifting the 7th ray activity resulting in a kind of new age masonry.

One of the essential principle of masonry was intelligent utilisation of resources of those who have for the benefit of those who do not have. Crystallizations happen, when there is accumulation of money. These crystallizations have reached the psychological planes, and here again the interpenetrating energies of Uranus are breaking through resulting in a compulsive situation to share and to distribute. Very soon you will find the compulsive distribution of the capital all over the planet. That is how the work relating to law, sex and money are expected to go through many changes. Then slowly individuals and communities will become self-legislators, and no one will decide for the other. They will start deciding for themselves. There is no such thing as polarisation as it is today. This polarisation towards communism, capitalism or socialism, it ceases to be. What is ideal for the nation is decided by that nation. It is not that one nation decides for all.

The ability to develop auto-legislation was visualised thousands of years ago by great seers. Also Sokrates visualised it, Plato visualised it, and before them 3000 B.C. the father of Lord Krishna visualised it. It is he who gave the concept of *Brindavan*, that the small communities would have a communion with self-sufficiency as basis and would have fraternity with the surrounding communities. That is the future: I rule myself, I let others rule themselves. That is the principle of Leo. It is not that one nation or one power decides for the whole globe. The parents also should let the children think. You can only supply the mechanism of thinking. Gone are the days where you can decide for the children. The kids are capable of making their decision on the basis of information given to them. Humanity is coming up of age, and they should be let to decide for themselves as communities, groups, nations. One community or one nation trying to police the whole globe is a wrong understanding of the laws of nature.

Libra also promises in the new age that you get initiated by yourself from within. The teacher stands by to provide you the information. The teacher informs you, he does not influence you. He gives you all related information of wisdom. It is for you to guide yourself, to initiate yourself. So, it is self-initiation, self-legislation, self-realisation. That is the future, as it is indicated by the Hierarchy. The knowers inform those who want to know. They would not cast any kind of influence on the beings. This is because casting influence on people is also seen as a subtle aggression. The Masters of wisdom respect every being as much as they respect themselves. They are only willing to share information and knowledge and do not like to influence. That is Aquarian Age. The saviour is in each one of us and you can link up to him and save yourself. Aquarian Age says, "Do not look for a saviour into the sky." Out of our habit we look for the re-appearance of Christ. We look for manifestation of the Avatar of Maitreya, and many are misled by people who claim, "I am Maitreya."

Do not expect an Avatar to come in an individual form. Aquarian Age has a different way of doing things. There is a centre of Maitreya in your *Antahkarana Sarira* which is also linked up to Maitreya

in the Himalayas. Then function quietly as yourself, not as somebody's agent, because you are as much I AM and as much THAT. Each one of us is THAT. Express as I AM. Whoever it is, in all the seven planes, it is only THAT, expressed as I AM. You, too, can express. So, find Him inside, attune to Him, and see the beauty of his functioning through you.

2000 years ago, when someone asked the Christ: "Are you the Christ?" What did he answer? "Yes, I am, you, too. As much as I am the son of God, you, too, are the son of God. If you wish, I can show you the way." For each one of us, I AM is the way. It exists as the pulsating principle. THAT exists with all of us, and all of us pulsate. What is in Christ or Buddha is also in each one of us. Likewise, the age promises that each one realises THAT I AM. This is the way of working, and the teachers give you the technique. They don't stand as agents who lead to heavens

This is how the Aquarian Age gives you the freedom. That is the freedom of Aquarius. You are free. You can put your finger in the fire. It will burn. But the decision is yours. That is the future, and it will be worked out through the column of *Sushumna*. Even the Masters of the Hierarchy who are in Aries – the highest state of illumination – they descend to Libra, i. e. into this world activity through the *Antahkarana Sarira*, they express in form, enlighten and wait. That is how the work is happening.

Libra has two more sublime concepts:

Libra suggests to see the centre of every manifestation. That means, you encounter a person, and you see THAT as this person. You see an animal. You see THAT as this animal. You see a piece of wood. It is only THAT as this piece of wood. It is THAT in various states of awareness and manifestation. You recognise THAT which is called God by us. All that is manifest is THAT only. It has no definition. It has no name. It has no form. It is beyond all qualities, but it is the basis of all qualities. It is the basis of sound, colour and form. Without THAT there is no form, no colour, no sound, and no quality. To recollect THAT in any form that you see, will directly relate you to THAT. There is no such thing as your going through plane after plane: physical plane, astral plane, mental plane, *buddhic* plane, then *Nirvana*, *Paranirvana*, *Maha-Paranirvana*. All this travel is made instant. You are trying to visualise the very passage for all these layers. This is called the path of *Asanga*.

Asanga has two meanings: The exoteric meaning is detachment. Detach from that which you see. The esoteric meaning is to use our strength of attachment. Instead of detaching with what is visible, attach with that which is the basis for all that is visible. The Lord says in *Bagavad Gita*: "I am A among letters." That is why every language except English starts with the alphabet A, in Sanskrit also with A. E is the third state of the mental state. A is the first state. It is the original which cannot be described. E is the awareness of A. That is why all *Mantas* are with E. C.V.V. – in all the three you have E E E. Then you have HREEM, KLEEM etc. E is the consciousness and is the first envelop around THAT which is A. That is why when we are stunned, we say – A! Unconsciously we utter this sound.

In the 10th chapter of *Bagavad Gita* the Lord says: "I am the sound A." The World Mother, the universal consciousness, says: "My name is E." When A and E are compound, then we have AE. It is Adam, but not Aedam. There is already a distortion as Aedam. Who is the first woman? Eva. Don't think they are all just casual sounds. Eva has two seed-sounds in it. EEM and VAM. EEM is first emergence as universal awareness, VAM is, as I said, the energy of the west. Emerging in the east, it reaches west. That is why Eva represents west. Adam represents beyond orient. 'A' therefore stand for north, the crown. From there Adam comes to the east to meet Eva. In the north there is total silence. It becomes light, when it comes to east. That is why north is considered the Nadir, seeming darkness, seeming nothingness. From there, when he meets the lady, that means, when she comes out of him, it is light in the east. That is already your *Ajna*.

Please, remember A + E, Adam and Eva creating all this, and we are in the jungle. There are many dimensions to the scriptures, if you know the seed-sounds, and all scriptures contain these seed-sounds. *Asanga!* A *sanga* means: Associated with A. *Sanga* means attachment. *Asanga* means detachment. But esoterically *Asanga* means attachment with A. Sanskrit scholars don't know it.

Only those who are in the path of light, they know it. That is why they don't speak of detachments. People who follow the path of *Raja Yoga* do not speak of detachment. They say: "Anyway, you are habituated to attach." So, let us use the same attachment. That is *Raja Yoga*.

Religions tell us: Be dispassionate! *Raja Yoga* says: No dispassion. Have passion! But know, where to apply it! Be passionate in gaining noble things!

So, Libra gives you the clue: Don't try to look at the roots. This cause and effect pursuit will only put you to somersaults, upside down, upside down, moving in circles. People want to know the roots of the tree, but the roots are in the branches, they are all confused. That confused tree is this creation. People think, this is the cause, but why did that cause arise? There must be some other cause for that cause! In pursuit of causes and in pursuit of roots they come to the branches, and in pursuit of branches they come to the roots. They will never see the whole beginning. That is what the 15th chapter of *Bagavad Gita* says: "Don't get tired in your pursuit of cause and effects." The Lord gives the example of the banyan tree. The banyan has the branches becoming roots, and the roots again developing branches, and it keeps on expanding beyond any borders. So, branches become roots, roots become branches, and you cannot say, that this is the branch and this is the root. The root is the branch to be and the branch is the root to be. So, which is branch and which is root?

Get out of this circle of cause and effect and associate with the very basis of this wheel. See, THAT as this. To see THAT in all that is visible, in all that is audible, will relieve you from the encirclements in all the seven planes. That is where Libra gives the clue. Wherever you are, there is the centre.

When I went to Israel, we went to the Dead Sea. The people there claim that this is the navel of the planet. I remained silent, meaning: neither agreement, nor disagreement. I went to Mexico. There they claim that this is the navel of the planet. Then you go to India. They also have many places which is the navel of the planet. How can you have so many solar plexuses for the planet? One is enough! One solar plexus is already causing so many problems.

You as yourself are the centre. In relation to you there is the horizon, and the person sitting over there is the centre, and he has his own horizon. The one who is at the horizon is the centre to himself, and he has a different circumference. That is why the statement is: Centre everywhere, circumference nowhere. Circumference is your illusion.

When I am in India, from there I have my horizon. When I am in Venezuela, I have a different horizon. Which horizon is mine? No horizon belongs to me. But wherever I am, I AM. So, the centre is everywhere. That centre is called A in terms of sound. Its number is 0, its colour is blue, and its nature is perfection. We say, it is Zero in English, because we don't have the right term of what exactly is said in the scriptures. The scriptures say *Poornam*. The numerical value of it is full. When it is full, it is all round. That is why all round formations happen from it. That is where there is the mathematical equation: That which comes out of that fullness, called Zero, is also full. *Poorna Madah* – that is full. *Poorna Midam* – this is full. Zero comes out of zero. Zero when taken out of zero, zero remains. Zero when multiplied with zero, zero remains. Zero when added to zero, it remains zero. Zero minus zero, it is zero. You divide zero by zero, it is zero. This is *vedic* mathematics, given out as

Poorna Madah, Poorna Midam

Poornat Poorna Mudachyate

Poornasy Poorna Madaya

Poorna Meva Vasishyate.

It is always full. Only we feel that we are not full. To us this creation is imperfect. But not to the Masters of wisdom. It is perfect. All is in divine order. Only the disease in us, the discomfort in us, the truth crystallised in us shall have to be eliminated. That is why Libra speaks of the term *Asanga*. See Me! Then you reach Me. You have no conflict. If you don't see Me, you see other

things and make your own understanding. But if you see Me, you make the right understanding. One *vedic* hymn says: You see Me, but you don't see Me. You listen to Me, but you don't listen to Me. What can I do for you? So, you have to see the basis of every being. The basis of every being is existence pure, and with that existence as basis there is the spring up of awareness, and that awareness details into different qualities. The qualities are different, awareness is the same. Light is awareness, colours are its qualities. So, there is something common or something united. One light, many colours, one sound, many sounds, one awareness, many qualities, one vegetable kingdom, many vegetables, one human kingdom, many humans.

So, it is **uni verse**. Be associated with that which is uni, then you are straight away with IT, and you become THAT, and you don't have to make a huge travel. The truth is not far away, it is immediate and immanent. There is a book written by Richard Bach called "There is no such thing as far away". Please, read that book. It is the shortest written book of 30 pages with 10 sentences, but with the best presentation of truth. It is not distance, it is not even proximity, it is you only. Where do you find Him? You are trying to see Him as something other than you. As long as you differentiate Him from you, you can't find Him. That is why all search concludes with be-ness. That is why we are called beings. In the advanced states of truth, there is no such thing as sense of achievement. It is the sense of be-ness. Achievement means, you are setting something which is different from you. You propose distance to you. But there is no distance. It is verily you. That is why it is called THAT.

I AM – I AM THAT – and verily THAT I AM.

That is what the sign of Libra tells you: Don't go around the zodiacal path! In Libra there is a direct path which is so direct that you would start seeing the self everywhere, and only THAT remains.

The message of Libra is: Reach the centre! Do not try to reach the seed, because the seed is also a part of the cycle of the tree. Come to the centre, then you are equi-distant to every part of the cycle. Such ones are referred to as the bird within the bird. This is a sublime concept of the *Veda* that we should remain in soul consciousness, and when your personality is engaged in the objectivity, in relation to the surrounding life, you remain a witness and enjoy it. You sit pretty and enjoy the movie of your own personality. You realise that you are an actor with a façade. Charles Heston played the role of Moses. In another movie he played the role of Ben Hur. But he knew that he was neither Moses nor Ben Hur. Cleopatra, for example, was played by Elisabeth Taylor. But to herself she knew that she was not Cleopatra. The best actor or the best actress is that they make you believe that they are those roles. So, the actors consciously play the role knowing that they are not that.

Like that the soul. Every life it is in a different role. Sometimes they play a female role, sometimes a male role. Sometimes they play the role of a business man, another time the role of a police man. The female, the male, the business man or the police man – none are you! There are actors who play in more than hundred movies. We, too, have played in so many movies in terms of so many incarnations. But there is a difference. We have a problem. We do not realise that we are not the role that we have played. We identify with the role of the personality.

Libra speaks of a tree on which there is a bird. Within the bird there is another bird. The outer bird represents the fruits of the tree. The inner bird only sees. It does not eat the fruit, because it is not associated with the outer bird. This is the clue of the 15th chapter. Your personality's eye sees ice-cream. Your tongue which relates to your personality secretes, and then tells the mind: I must eat this ice-cream. So, the ice-cream is eaten. The tongue only licks, but it does not get anything. The ice-cream goes into the stomach. So, your act of eating ice-cream is over. If it is a real experience, it should give you a satisfaction for life about ice-cream. But it is momentary. After a few days, again your personality's sight of ice-cream. By that you keep getting only incomplete experiences in any number of times you eat ice-creams, coca-cola, potato chips etc. But the man inside is not associated with it. He just observes the personality eating and experiencing.

Whatever Jesus was eating, he was not associated with it. Whatever he was drinking, he was not associated with it, because the inner man was associated with the Father whose name is A, and the personality did the action. Such people can even take mercury and digest. Sankaracharya of India, he was offered mercury for a drink. He drank it, and nothing happened, because the inner being was dissociated with the outer being. If you are associated, you are affected. An actor is not associated with the role. We, too, are actors vis-à-vis the life. If we know that this is an action for the day, and we are playing a role, and we are not that role, then at the end of the day, we are not affected by it.

During the day, we play many roles. In the morning, when I wake up, I AM. When I look at my son, I become father. When someone comes with a cup of coffee, I become a friend. When I come here, I become a teacher. When I go for my dinner or breakfast, I become an eater. When I get a telephone call from my wife, I become a husband. See, from morning till evening, how many roles we are playing! I cannot be father all the time. I am father in relation to my son or daughter. I am husband in relation to my wife. I cannot be husband to all. To whom are you teacher? To those who wish to learn from you. To yourself you are not teacher. To yourself you are not father. To yourself you are not a co-worker. I AM becomes friend, I AM becomes father, I AM becomes husband, I AM becomes son.

Becoming is temporary, being is permanent. I AM is permanent. I am this, I am that is in relation with something, in time and in place you relate. There is an occult statement: Relate well, but do not develop relationship. Be friendly, don't develop friendship, because a ship may sink. When you play in a drama or in a movie, people see you as that role, but you know for yourself, you are not that role. Likewise, in the movie of the world, we are all playing our roles, but we are not that. We are all beings, units of I AM. This identity is called the identity with the bird within the bird. That is Libra in symbol. The bird within the bird which is on the tree of life. This is the highest philosophy relating to Libra.

Thank you very much.