

# ***SURRENDER***

We who honour philosophy so highly cannot afford to be other than honest with ourselves. We have to acknowledge that the end of all our striving is surrender. No human being can do other than this--an utterly humble prostration, where we dissolve, lose the ego, lose ourselves--the rest is paradox and mystery.  
20.5.11

By thought the ego was made; by thought, the ego's power can be unmade. But the thought must be directed toward a higher entity, for the ego's willingness to attack itself is only a pretense. Direct it constantly to the Overself, be mentally devoted to the Overself, and emotionally love the Overself. Can it then refuse to help you? 18.1.77

In first, the discovery of the Overself, and second, the surrender to it, we fulfil the highest purpose of his life on this earth.

*1.1.83*

Where the heart goes, there soon or late the other faculties will follow. This is why it is so important to let the Overself take possession of the heart by its total surrender in, and to, the Stillness. *24.4.90*

## *Nisargadatta: I Am That*

Wisdom Says I am none of this: Love says I am all of this: between this my life flows.

Change the current of your desire from taking to giving. The passion for giving, for sharing, will naturally wash the idea of an external world out of your mind, and of giving as well. Only the pure radiance of love will remain, beyond giving and receiving.

## ***Eckhart Tolle: ACCEPTANCE: non-resistance***

When you say “yes” to the “isness” of life, when you accept this moment as it is, you can feel a sense of spaciousness within you that is deeply peaceful. P.67 ET

When you say “yes” to what is, you become aligned with the power and intelligence of Life itself. Only then can you become an agent for positive change in the world. P.43 ET

Surrender, one could say, is the inner transition from resistance to acceptance, from “no” to “yes.”

When you surrender, your sense of self shifts from being identified with a reaction or mental judgment to being the space around the reaction or judgment. It is a shift from identification with form—the thought or the emotion—to being and recognizing yourself as that which has no form—spacious awareness.

*ET P.73*

Those who look for advancement by looking for inner experiences or for discoveries of new truth do well. But they need to understand that all this is still personal, still something that concerns the ego even if it be the highest and best part of the ego. Their greatest advance will be made when they cease holding the wish to make any advance at all, cease this continual looking at themselves, and instead come to a quiet rest in the simple fact that *God is*, until they live in this fact alone. That will transfer their attention from self to Overself and keep them seeing its presence in everyone's life and its action in every event. 23.5.222

The limitation of the Long Path is that it is concerned only with thinning down, weakening, and reducing the ego's strength. It is not concerned with totally deflating the ego. Since this can be done only by studying the ego's nature metaphysically, seeing its falsity, and recognizing its illusoriness, which is not even done by the Short Path, then all the endeavours of the Short Path to practise self-identification with the Overself are merely using imagination and suggestion to create a new mental state that, while imitating the Overself's state, does not actually transcend the ego-mind but exists within it still...

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...So a third phase becomes necessary, the phase of getting rid of the ego altogether; this can be done only by the final dissolving operation of Grace, which the person has to request and to which has to give their consent. To summarize the entire process, the Long Path leads to the Short Path, and the Short Path leads to the Grace of an unbroken egoless consciousness. 23.5.206

No one else can do for you what Nature is tutoring you to do for yourself, that is, to surrender the ego to the higher self. Without such surrender no one can attain the consciousness of that higher self. It is useless to look to a master to make for you this tremendous change-over within yourself. No master could do it. The proper way and the only way is to give up this pathetic clinging to your own power, to your own littleness, and to your own limitations. To turn so completely against yourself demands an extreme emotional effort of the rarest kind and also of the most painful kind. For to surrender the ego is to crucify it. *8.4.211*