

PHILOSOPHY and the PHILOSOPHER

pointers from

The Notebooks of Paul Brunton

1981, we got the Encyclopedia of Spiritual Philosophy, now known as the Notebooks of Paul Brunton. They came with big glimpses for some people.

A real treasure.

Inspire us to go further on the journey

And you have to find your own way

ADYA: LIKE A SUTRA: ... USE MAHAVAKYAS...

LISTEN, MARINATE, CONTEMPLATE.

NIDIDYASANHA...

We may begin by asking what this philosophy offers us.

It offers those who pursue it to the end a deep understanding of the world and a satisfying explanation of the significance of human experience.

It offers them the power to penetrate appearances and to discover the genuinely real from the mere appearance of reality; it offers satisfaction of that desire which everyone, everywhere, holds somewhere in his heart--the desire to be free.

--The Notebooks of PB: 20.0.1

It may be asked why I insist on using the word "philosophy" as a self-sufficient name without prefixing it by some descriptive term or person's name when it has held different meanings in different centuries, or been associated with different points of view ranging from the most materialistic to the most spiritualist. The question is well asked, although the answer may not be quite satisfactory...

I do so because I want to restore this word to its ancient dignity. I want it used for the highest kind of insight into the Truth of things, which means into the Truth of the unique Reality. I want the philosopher to be equated with the sage, the person who not only knows this Truth, has this insight, and experiences this Reality in meditation, but also, although in a modified form, in action amid the world's turmoil. *20.1.127*

Philosophy will show a person how to find their better self, will lead them to cultivate intuition, will guide them to acquire sounder values and stronger will, will train them in right thinking and wise reflection, and, lastly, will give them correct standards of ethical rightness or wrongness. If its theoretical pursuit is so satisfying that it can be an end and a reward in itself, its practical application to current living is immeasurably useful, valuable, and helpful.

20:1.337

Between the ordinary person who takes themselves as they are, and the philosopher who does exactly the same, there stands the Quester. In the first case, outlook is narrow, being limited by attending to the inescapable necessities and demands of day-to-day living. In the other case, peace of mind has been established, the thirst for knowledge fulfilled, the discipline of self realized. In between these two, the Quester is not satisfied with themselves, has a strong wish to become a better and more enlightened person... tries to exercise the will in the struggle for realization of their ideal. *1.1.4*

It is a long journey from the condition of seeker to that of sage. But this is true only so far as we ascribe reality to time. To those who know that our human existence is a movement through events, but that the human being in its essence transcends all events and dwells in timelessness, this journey may be considerably shortened or swiftly brought to its destination. For that, the thorough understanding of philosophy and its incessant application to oneself is required. 20.4.88

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accept/argue; help human mind

HHDL on Theory and Practice of Emptiness