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**Swami:** Jealousy, jealousy - no never!

Johanna: You know Swami...

John: You just said fifty percent will get it. Which means that fifty percent won't get it. How do you suggest those people feel about not getting it?

**Swami:** You must still work hard.

Student: And over time it will come? Is that your thought?

**Swami:** Positively comes.

John: Just not right away. They are like the plant that takes a little longer to bloom.

**Swami:** Um-hummm.

Ramakrishna: It is absolutely true.

**Swami:** What you mean by that?

Ramakrishna: Definitely with the hard work everybody can get that.

**Swami:** (Laughing) Why you asking that? Do you have any doubt?

John: He doesn't want to be led on.

Ramakrishna: Swamiji, I want to know the truth. I want to know how much of it is depending on the masters and how much of it is our hard work?

**Swami:** Say again.

Ramakrishna: Ok, you said once, in two years anybody that stays here and does the hard work can get their soul power - their pot. Is it true?

**Swami:** In two years, who did the hard work, the hard work...

Ramakrishna: In two years?

**Swami:** Um-hum.

Ramakrishna: For real?

**Swami:** Yeah.

Ramakrishna: What do you mean?

**Swami:** Yeah, they can success. There is no way, see if you start the work in the pure process from beginning - cht cht cht - there is no way failure. Starting, stopping, sitting, again starting, waiting, then going on the second one to the tenth one, seeing everything, then coming back and again, third running, then one master saying different thing, forgetting this branch, jumping another branch, another the same process, studying - it's not here! Ok, then again, coming here studying little while, swimming, again more the same appearing, he told the beautiful process... I told already jumping anywhere, studying there, jumping here... Most saint cannot give the guarantee to that. Is it possible?

Ramakrishna and Johanna: No. No.

John: But you are giving a guarantee for anybody of two years of hard work?

**Swami:** It's the God's will.

John: No that's different...

**Swami:** I have no guarantee on myself, on my life, my feeling...

John: Ok, no guarantee, that's what Ramakrishna is asking for sure.

**Swami:** But my feeling, by grace of Baba, definitely there is a success if there is a faithful, truthful, hard work, honest - sincerity... No way failure, if there is a failure it means, God is really concentrating on you. Ok. (laughter) Well he's very close to you, making, giving some illusions - he's loving you; you knew that. You want that?

Ramakrishna: That's fine.

**Swami:** What you mean, " That's fine? "

Ramakrishna: Whatever you say.

**Swami:** I'm not say if...

Ramakrishna: Not Ok, you do what you want, God is... I'm gonna to say No! (Swami laughs; Ramakrishna laughs)

**Swami:** Even if he interested on you...

Ramakrishna: How come you ask me so many questions? (Laughter) I came and give my life to this place then you ask me trick questions? (Laughter)

**Swami:** No, no my final feeling, your heart beating... (Laughter)

Ramakrishna: You can have the chocolates, then you can't have the chocolates - I give up, you win.

**Swami:** You ask on the same subject with the different programs.

Students: I what? What?

**Swami:** You ask the same questions to me in the different angles. What I gave answers to my students when I'm in the peaceful times, situation times I always recognize that. What? What he ask I am not even sure then what I wrote answer, then making it easy - you know easy?

Student: Yes.

**Swami:** Then once more clarifying myself. If I give anything answer then again when I'm in the peaceful, "What she asked? What I gave answer?" Then again, thinking, "Oh, I did good. Ok." If anything little, when she's coming again, "What you ask last time? Say again." Making once more myself clear. "You are in the same subject. You ask many times with a different angle of the question. Don't be nervous in your life." Johanna's mind, John's mind is a little parallel. You know what I mean? Parallel.

Johanna: What, parallel?

Ramakrishna: What? Oh Parallel.

**Swami:** Sit there, sit there, just duty in God's hands whatever he wants to give to us. Whatever his will and wish, is it right John?

John: Yes.

**Swami:** What do you mean by, "Yes"?

John: My question is when we are teaching people out in the world to be healers, anybody that comes to us, two years of hard work, you can give them this power?

**Swami:** Um-hum. What in my life, I am thinking, by the grace, if the God grace is there on me powerfully in the world, number one supernatural saint, in a short time - making a powerful healers. You know what I'm saying? If everybody can, the powerful healers, the good credit will comes to whom?

Johanna: You. (laugh)

**Swami:** True. (Laughter) First big person I am. First person I am, very happy. In the classroom, if the student got the ninety-eighth mark, who is the first person is happy?

Johanna: You.

**Swami:** The master, oh in the subject, oh ninety-eighth percent, oh congratulations - the master never jealousy on the student. Here, if the student learns much than the master, the master is very happy, "Oh God

bless you." the hard work. Be happy - the master never jealous. But the students think the master sometime jealous - not true. The first good, it will come to the master. The master always thinking the work, the master, here in the group thinking, the master is, he's concentrates only some people not on other people. He is concentrating only fifty percent of the people, the master is ignoring some people. Right Myuri?

Myuri: Yes. (laugh)

**Swami:** He's not take caring on them. He's not putting much attention on them, that's not true. I'm putting my concentration on everybody almost all my best. If somebody's expecting something, the questions to answers to me, without their asking, I'm going to in front of them - come on you talk. If they are thinking already like that, oooooo that's your problem - it's not master's problem. The master is always the ten fingers, the master have, this finger is the master's, this finger is the master's, this finger is the master's. If he concentrates on one finger - this four finger is not the master's? All the fingers is the master's. Are you understand what I'm saying?

Students: Yes.

**Swami:** So if I am working with a finger, the finger thinks, "The master's always working with this I'm not (laughter) with master." But the finger doesn't know it already includes to the master. If I attach to one time, that's it, there is no more like sometimes I put to some testings. If I feel anything, just making them do whatever the response comes, then seeing the result. Giving the personal interview, washing them. So, avoid personal jealousy, share everybody, everybody is in a school in a spiritual, like I think everybody is in the school - isn't it?

Students: Yes.

**Swami:** Everybody is in the school, share everybody, loves everybody, understanding each other. Suppose one person is talking much unnecessary, tell the right away, "Hey you are talking too much, you are like this, your habits is like that, you're like that, come on shut-up." Like that. The Indians, very I'm telling, I can proud of that, the people very affection, very kindness each others, they never misunderstood each other. If any person says, if another person doesn't like that work he says, "Oh I'm sorry." He doesn't say roughly, "No!" like that. Here, in the group, I observe some misunderstandings, some peoples to people each others.

Don't give a chance to the misunderstanding at any point. It's starting time then after - chit - flexible. Today you have a biryani food, fine eat it, today you have a one single banana, eat it. Today no food only water have it, and you happy - enjoy it. Today in the air condition room good, next time a mat on the floor - fine, because of everybody came to here to hard work to the, on the duty to learn the studies. Let's say the hard work, one person is safe to helping to him to solving his problem making him to follow in the group. Like mutual understandings, it makes the master smile very happy.

You think the Shirdi Baba is just like a statue, he's is sitting. He is a big boss to us, he is everywhere, his energy is the highest, highest powerful in the universe...on the seconds, on the moment...I think already everybody knows about the energy of the Baba. Isn't it?

Students: Yes.

**Swami:** Very powerful man. He observes every point. The master always gives whatever the childrens want, the students want. He did the hard work, then he makes in front of you, "You enjoy it, you utilize it and you follow it in the right path, the God's path." If you really need Swami, some people Indians comes, "Swami I want that please. If you think definitely it is possible to you, please I want that." He's depressed, "If it is not possible, if you're not getting that I'm losing my life, I want suicide, I want to die!" Some people comes like that to the desire, "In my life I never ask again the desires to you, totally in my life I'm humble to you, please make the fulfill of that desire in my life, I want that - please." Ok, whatever it is if the students like that the master's responsible to make. He can't say it is no good, it's only for a little time to you, then after - it's not. Then he puts in front of... Are you understand what I am saying? The master nature is always escaping, skidding, you know skidding, slippery - always escaping - that is the masters nature from the beginning on earth, from the beginning on earth. The masters takes some hundreds of the lifespans to understand the God to teaching.

*(Tape has huge interruption - Swami is drawing a yantra)*

**Swami:** Everybody can see this thing, not possible?

Ramakrishna: Its a circle.

**Swami:** Its just for to everybody to understand very simply. It's not the drawing for to everybody to understand, easy to understand.

Student: The second one says God?

**Swami:** Yeah.

Student: Soul - ego - illusions – maya.

Students: Soul – God, oh excuse me.

Students: Four circles.

**Swami:** Relax, sit down.

Students: It is such a beautiful piece of art.

**Swami:** Pardon? It is beautiful? Making a small example of simple, the illusion. Yesterday in the class I told just about the illusion. What we mean by illusion Gaya?

Gaya: Maya, test of God?

**Swami:** Maya - illusion - God - soul - everybody see here? What is this one?

Students: Soul.

**Swami:** Next.

Students: God.

**Swami:** Next.

Students: Illusion.

**Swami:** Next.

Students: Maya.

**Swami:** What are the difference, is everything the same?

Students: They are all reflections of each other?

**Swami:** In yesterday class, I taught briefly.

Students: You said they were all the same in yesterday's class.

**Swami:** I did?

Students: Yes. You said the God is the soul and the soul is Maya, the soul is God's creation.

Students: You said that was a great definition - God equals illusion - equals Maya.

**Swami:** The soul, soul, the soul came from the God, God came from the illusion, illusion came from Maya. But everything is the same meaning. In a big plant there is the different branches. Are you understand what I'm saying? The soul when it is in the mother's womb, the soul is going to get the illusion stage starting First Stage - Second Stage after the Mother womb - the illusion is totally covering to him. Third Stage, the babies' desires, the jealousy, I told two years kid - if one year kid she carrying, the mother - the two years kid jealous on the one year old kid. He wants to climb the mother's hand. You understand what I'm saying? The two, year kid he don't know what he started the jealousy on the first year kid, the illusion started, just the soul's nature I'm telling. But the dates is different - just rough idea.

Then the Fourth Stage fourteen, fifteen - desires starting time, desires starting time. Fifteen to thirty - covering with total with illusions. It means totally jumping in the desires. Enjoying the desires.

Students: What age?

**Swami:** Fifteen to thirty and the same people, it is very hard to change them. Are you understanding what I'm saying?

Students: Yes.

**Swami:** Fifteen to thirty they are very strong, crazy - no way. Thirty to fifty - confusion stage, they can't believe their wife, they can't believe their children, they can't believe themselves, everything is to selecting their life partner - that one kind of illusion stage and the responsibilities.

Students: What is that age?

**Swami:** Thirty to fifty, is it true?

Students: Yes, mid life crisis.

**Swami:** Fifty to sixty-five there is no way on anybody faith. Fifty to sixty-five means if they have the money, they won't give it to anybody. And they are telling anything, is it true? That is eighty-five percent of in people here, what I'm observing - the illusion stages. They're always, they thinking in their way.

Gaya: They have no faith on anything they are rigid like a stick?

**Swami:** I'm not sure that thing.

John: The word is rigid like a stick.

**Swami:** They are like that because of their experiences, everything they are very experience in mind. If anybody is saying - they won't listen - how to bend them? Then after 65 to until to the rest life - they are totally already waiting for to the different confusion stages - to the God, to following the message for the path of the God.

Ramakrishna: Huh? They're waiting for the confusion stages?

**Swami:** No, suppose one person is saying one path, one person is saying one path, one person is saying path - they can't choose at the time.

Gaya: The path to God?

**Swami:** Um-hum, to anything.

Ramakrishna: Senile, their mind doesn't work anymore.

**Swami:** Very monkey mind. Is it true?

John: It happens.

**Swami:** Pardon?

John: It happens.

**Swami:** Happens means?

John: Some people, not me.

**Swami:** I'm listening to you.

John: The monkey mind.

**Swami:** Who is in the real spirituality, I'm telling a layman, a general person, a general person how the illusions just from their mother womb until to they die. The stages, their mind nature, we are taking the common sense divert.

Students: How would you summarize the last stages? Is it like fear of death?

**Swami:** Fear of the death, they're in the big confusion - they have no concentration.

Students: Senile, unclear, cloudy their brain is like that. There's a word senile.

**Swami:** Si...?

Jonathan: Unclear mentally.

**Swami:** Unclear.

Ramakrishna: Cloudy, kind of like insanity, it's like the brain is not...

**Swami:** In India, the old people like that.

Student: Even more so.

**Swami:** Whatever they want, they want that, they're like very children. They're like children, if they want - they want that - they won't leave anybody alone.

Virginia and John: Like demanding, like demand.

**Swami:** Like a children.

John: They want like this, they want like that.

**Swami:** Like that. There is no way commitment, there is no way commit whatever you want like that, the illusion is covering on the stage. Ok, I told

you yesterday how many days after the soul is starting in the mother's womb?

Student: A hundred and one days.

**Swami:** How many types of the souls in the universe? I didn't say?

Students: No.

**Swami:** How many karmas in the universe?

Students: Two.

**Swami:** What are they? Don't look at the books.

John: One is the reactions, and the other is the forces you have around you, if you are weak bad things happen, if you are strong bad things don't happen.

**Swami:** I gave a beautiful words to that, Prakruthi karma - Vikruthi karma. That is a Sanskrit word.

Clint: Yesterday you gave the example of people walking over the snake. The ninth person walks and gets bitten, the others don't.

Student: One is created by your own actions and one is created by Maya? One is created by our own actions, the first one I think and second one is created by Maya.

John: She is defining the two different kinds of karma.

**Swami:** Prakruthi Karma, Vikruthi karma. Prakruti means?

Ramakrishna: Prakruthi? That's the one that means it's the manifestation of your thoughts, no?

**Swami:** You say that.

Ramakrishna: Ok, I can say that?

**Swami:** Um-hum.

Ramakrishna: Prakruthi is the manifestation of your thoughts.

**Swami:** I will make the comparison Prakruthi means equal to?

Ramakrishna: Like if you have jealousy thoughts...

**Swami:** Prakruti is equal to mother nature, have I say that?

John: You were moving in that direction, you didn't finish it. You started talking beautifully about the Mother and got off talking about something else, not so important.

Ramakrishna: You said, Vikruthi karma is the bad one.

**Swami:** Yeah.

Ramakrishna: You need the protection.

**Swami:** Vikruthi means here?

Ramakrishna: Prakruthi or Vikruthi?

**Swami:** Just wait just a minute, Prakruthi means Mother, it also what Ramakrishna said. I said that Prakruthi is the Mother - God is the father. From the nature everything is there we can learn. Throughout everything is protection, is giving from the lady character Saraswati, Lakshmi, Durga. Am I did that? I did that John Gray. (laughs)

John Gray: I must have been asleep.

**Swami:** Parkruthi...Prakruti means mother.

John: I don't think you said that last time.

**Swami:** Did I say that?

John: Yes, you said that.

**Swami:** Spirituality's almost all evaporating subject, you know evaporating? Evaporate for the listen for hours together very beautiful, then after, "Uh, what's the class?" Like five points one time maximum whole five hours class not even ten minutes nowhere in the mind. That's called spirituality. (Laughter) It's true, when I am in the swing, many thoughts I can't hear, just I got it – whsst – disappear. Then again, ok what's going

back, up and downing, up and downing, thinking everybody saying I said that, I said that? Maybe I little drunken last night?

Well, karma, karma means the Prakruti karma whatever our actions, suppose a car I was driving is 120, 140, 150 speeding. I was going, unfortunately something happening then some problem comes, then reaction for to action, to reaction. That called the Prakruti karma, everything is made ourself with our own intention, with our motive.

Vikruthi karma, even though it, we don't have a motive unfortunately, it's happening. That is Vikruthi karma, that is called the Maya, that's called illusion, that is connecting to the soul. Your soul is connection to the highest energy. The energy is connecting to the God. God is connecting to the other, faith. You understand that? What is the sentence?

Virginia: Prakruthi karma whatever actions to reactions, called Maya - illusion - connected to the soul and the soul connected to the God and the God connected to faith.

**Swami:** You Johanna?

Johanna: I missed the first part where you said about the Vikruthi karma.

**Swami:** Whatever you got just you read it.

Johanna: About the Vikruthi?

**Swami:** Whatever, just the point.

Johanna: The point was that the karmas were created by illusion by Maya in Vikruthi, it acts on our soul without our knowing with the soul connecting to the highest energy. What is the highest energy?

John: The highest energy is connected to God and then connected to our faith?

**Swami:** I told a beautiful center here to link like a railway track. You know railway track? When everything is in the links in it. Is it true? How many people got this my point? Now? You don't got that?

Ramakrishna: I got it, I wrote it down but I don't get the point, I mean I've done it I have the writing... you want the writing?

**Swami:** Listen to what I said now, Vikruthi karma.

Ramakrishna: Is the nature, whatever our actions in the world like action to reaction, like if you're driving fast a little more, car accident is an example - you said everything is made with our own intention

**Swami:** That is Prakruthi karma - Vikruthi Karma.

Ramakrishna: Can I say the soul connects to God connects to...

**Swami:** Uh-huh.

Ramakrishna: Don't do that, is that what you're talking about Prakruthi or Vikruthi

**Swami:** Vikruthi.

Students: He gave us definitions for both.

Ramakrishna: When did you do that?

Students: Two minutes ago.

Ramakrishna: Here wait a second.

**Swami:** I'm telling everybody's like that, that's happen to everybody, first time listening, it has to be like that. Vikruthi karma whatever the unfortunately, happening - that is the Maya. Karma, karma is belongs to Maya. Maya belongs to the?

Students: Illusion.

**Swami:** Illusion belongs to the?

Students: Soul.

**Swami:** Soul belongs to the?

Students: God, highest energy.

**Swami:** God belongs to the?

Students: Faith.

**Swami:** Energy and faith, either way.

John: You said energy before God.

**Swami:** God, energy, faith - no problem. You helped me, you helped me, you helped me... You got that?

John: You tossed in two new things, then you gave us this beautiful drawing, very nice definitions. We understand these different karmas the Maya, the illusion, it's important things just happen to us, it's not of our free will. We don't intend for it to happen, it just comes on us and that is God, it's Maya, illusion, soul, it's God, its highest energy, its faith and I think we needed a little help from you how we are linking highest energy and faith?

**Swami:** That's how I'm going. It's beautiful three to four hour, step by step everybody on the surface now, when we are going, going first stage the links, I'm seeing the face feelings how is everybody?

John: Nobody's connecting, you could spend three hours connecting, so we're waiting, what does it mean?

Student: Can I ask a question Swami? On your diagram you have the soul...

**Swami:** Just you forget this diagram, just I made this one, the stages of the ages. How the mind, the soul acting to the mind, mind acts the soul, soul acts the mind. When you are borning, you are borning with the two eyes. Just listen, you cannot weep with one eye, if any tear comes, both it comes - is it right?

Student: No, I get tears in one eye when I'm doing my meditation.

John and Ramakrishna: I think if you are crying, it's a little different, an emotional response you get two.

**Swami:** Two! When you are borning, when you want to go journey you have a two legs, but you only have a two legs the journey is one - understand what I'm saying? There is a Indian tradition saying in Telegu. (everybody laughs) Whatever happy thing comes - weeping comes, whatever tear comes one eye will never, two eyes, when you want to journey two legs necessary. Its called journey, day and night call one day. Whatever you see from your eyes, your eyes is not getting everything but it

is making the picture in your mind. *Vedic* tradition is a beautiful sloka, but it's forever if your mind capacity, that picture is whatever you seen even up to fifty year you can recognize that. The same thing fixing here, how you are able to fix that picture in your mind? It is only the soul capacity, that's not the mind capacity, soul energy linked to the mind, the highest resistance to fix whatever we want permanently forever. Some instance in our life, its very beautiful, any occasional very important things happened, after twenty-five years after, you think on that immediately the flash will come clearly. It means is the mind indicates, the soul indicates? What does the doctor says?

John: The soul, oh sorry.

**Swami:** The doctorism saying the mind or soul?

Clint: The soul.

**Swami:** Mind is like a just is the brain with nerves different... big stuff, the soul resistance, when your soul is going to highest resistance - much power.

Virginia: Abilities I think is the word - soul abilities.

**Swami:** Abilities, soul abilities making up, then the soul can fix many things, many things like that, just fraction of moment, taking a photograph, keeping, taking a photograph, keeping... If any person coming, just reading, face reading, that the soul reading, the all abilities is coming in the Eighth Door, soul abilities and the First Door how the soul starting stage, waking up. Just little moment we'll talk about karmas.

Gaya: Are you saying the soul determines memory?

**Swami:** Soul capabilities, the will power, "Ok I can handle that man." If problems came in front of you then, no problem, I can take care of that. Are you understand what I'm saying? Soul capability, soul ability - I can handle that. If there is a big river, you saw that big lake, you want to go outside that. There is no tube, there is no boat, there is no steamer, there is no helping anything. If you saw, "Ok, I can swim, jumping, swimming, going out. You can swim, the thought is coming from where?"

John: Your soul.

**Swami:** Not your mind, mind is monkey, crazy one, "You can't swim, don't jump in, crazy guy, no it's very deep water maybe crocodiles is there!" You

know what I'm saying the mind is like that. Here the soul, even when you saw that lake, within fraction of seconds, "I can that," nowhere thinking negativity, I can swim. All the people, I can't, I can't, I can't... What is the difference between you and him? He knew the same swimming, both know the swimming, both have the same weight, same energy, but the soul energy is different - will power is different. He very tall than that person, six feet seven feet very strong, but short man he swimming - tall man he can't because of he have no will power, he have no ability.

John: A good word is confidence.

**Swami:** Confidence.

Virginia: It sounds like knowingness, that inner knowing of capacity.

**Swami:** How you recognize that, how you raise up that? How you raise up that? It's our meditation, our concentration, faith, seeing the illusions, cutting the Maya - connecting to the God - connecting to the God energy. There is a second chapter, here I'm talking the karmas.

End of Talk