



LOVE

Love and compassion

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What is known as ‘true compassion’ arises after Enlightenment. Compassion is not pity or mercy. True compassion develops inside after experiencing the Truth. Compassion arises from inside by itself. Compassion and love are almost like brother and sister. When one shows mercy, an element of superiority exists in the person who shows mercy to another: “Oh, he deserves my help. He deserves my kindness. I am capable of serving.”

Ego remains. In compassion there is no ego and no sense of superiority at all. In mercy there is a sense of superiority: “I am capable of showing mercy to others!”

A sense of being virtuous is retained in the person who shows mercy. One considers oneself to be more virtuous and better than others. However, when compassion arises, these feelings no longer exist. Something like this happens inside: “They are nothing but me! They and I are the same as me, so if I can be of any use to them, I am always ready and I should be because I love them.”

So compassion and love are like brother and sister. But love is even purer and greater than compassion. In love there is no place for compassion. In compassion there may exist some element of duality but the enlightened person is never deceived by duality. In love transcendence happens.

Finally, the greatest compassion is found in God who is always full of compassion for everybody. God always ignores our drawbacks and mistakes. He helps us despite our foolishness. It is like the way that we try to behave with our children. They keep disturbing us with their noise, but even then we love them and tell ourselves that children are children, and we ignore their mistakes. Your son may be jumping on the sofa and as soon as you try to stop him, he does it more. Even then we have love and compassion. God is even more compassionate than that. We go on doing stupid and foolish things. If God took into account all the foolish things we do, hardly a single person would go beyond this hellish life. It would be difficult. It is God’s compassion. That will develop within.
