

Postscript to the Message

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 Dear Ones,

The spiritual journey presents a fundamental paradox: What we see as the ultimate goal is actually just the beginning of true growth. This insight, which is central to the message shared during the September Bhandara 2025, prompts us to re-examine our most basic ideas about progress, success, and the nature of spiritual realization.

People in our world are obsessed with endings. We act like graduation, retirement, and enlightenment are final points. But nature shows us something else. Has a seed finished its journey when it finally breaks through the soil after struggling in the dark? No, it's just the beginning. The breaking through isn't the goal; it's the first step toward everything that matters—photosynthesis, growth, bearing fruit, providing shade, and eventually becoming soil for new seeds.



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When Babuji said that merger makes you a beginner, this is what he meant. The drop that celebrates joining the ocean while still being a drop hasn't really merged. There is no one left to celebrate a real merger. It's the biggest contradiction.

## The Science and Philosophy Behind Change

Consider the profound lesson that basic chemistry teaches us: Hydrogen is volatile, dangerous, and elusive; oxygen



ignites every fire and causing everything to burn. Yet, when they combine, do they symbolize destruction? They merge to form water, which supports all life. But here's the deeper truth: Water doesn't remember being hydrogen. It no longer has an explosive nature, even as a suppressed tendency. The transformation is so complete that its original nature no longer exists as a possibility.

This relates to how we grow spiritually. We often think of spiritual growth as adding something to who we are, like learning new things or improving at something. But real change is like alchemy. You don't just boost your ego; you become something completely different that serves a totally different purpose.

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The Bhagavad Gita discusses *svadharma*, your personal duty or purpose. But what happens when change is so profound that your *svabhava*, your essential nature, transforms? The dharma of water isn't the same as that of hydrogen and oxygen. The new dharma is to flow, nourish, purify, and sustain life.

**Message:** We are not becoming better drops. We are learning that our true nature was never “drop-ness.” And even this discovery, which is very important, only prepares us to start the real work.

What implications does this have for daily life? First, it alters how we perceive problems and challenges. An aware being doesn’t see traffic jams as issues on their own journey. They view themselves as part of the flow, and this influences their reactions. They might choose a different route, not because “I need to get there faster,” but because it benefits the overall flow.

This understanding changes everything in relationships. Most fights occur when two drops try to stay apart while claiming they want to be together. When both people realize they were never separate drops but always expressions of the same water, they are no longer separate.

The Vedic tradition talks about *prayatna* (effort) and *prasada* (grace). Before the merger, we try to become the ocean. After the merger, we realize that we always were the ocean pretending to be a drop. But then comes the most challenging part: Choosing to be a drop while knowing we’re the ocean, a paradox full of riddles.

Babuji calls it the beginning for this reason. An actor can get lost in a role, but can you play the part perfectly while knowing that you’re playing? Is it possible to be fully human and still

know you're divine? Can you feel how limited the body is while being in the limitless?

## The Wisdom of Limiting

This is where philosophy starts to apply in real life. Water takes the shape of its container not because it can't be shaped, but because being shapeless isn't helpful. Water becomes drinkable in a cup. It turns into rain in the clouds. It becomes life itself in blood vessels. Similarly, the ability to change is what empowers us.



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The spiritual ego that claims, “I have merged,” is the most dangerous trap. This is hydrogen pretending to be water but remaining hydrogen. Genuine water doesn’t have to say what it is. It just flows, nourishes, and cleanses. Its existence is its declaration.

This understanding frees us from the exhausting work of being overly spiritual. You don’t need to appear all-knowing. You don’t have to speak in unusual ways. You just need to be like water—always present, helpful, and adaptable to meet the needs of the moment.

## Endless Service

When mathematicians discovered multiple infinities, each containing all the others but being different, they touched on a spiritual truth. After the merger, the journey isn’t about becoming bigger. It’s about finding endless ways to serve within limits.

This is perfectly shown by a mother feeding her child. She doesn’t need to be aware of the universe to take care of life. Her change from being a person to being a mother is complete and perfect for what it needs to do. But even

with this “limitation,” she touches upon the endlessness of love itself.

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This teaching changes how we approach spiritual practice. We learn to recognize the profound in the everyday instead of seeking extraordinary experiences. Washing dishes becomes a lesson in how things evolve. Breathing shows us how to exchange what is important. Every time we talk with someone, we have a chance to practice conscious limitation in the name of love.

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**Living Message:** As you go about your day, remember that you're not trying to become the ocean. You're learning to be water in every way that water works for this moment. When you drink water, think about the hydrogen and oxygen that gave up their own lives to help life. When you have problems,

be like water and find the path that meets not only your own needs but also the needs of the whole.



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After merger, the journey isn't about gaining more. It's about discovering what you can become by intentionally letting go, how you can serve by choosing to limit yourself, and how you can love by accepting your limited form while knowing that you are formless.

This is the pathless path that goes beyond all paths. Creating a path only means imposing freedom upon yourself. When people ask the Masters what comes after enlightenment, they smile. They give you a glass of water and wait for you to find the infinite in the ordinary, the deep in the simple, and the everything in the enough, the essence of finding totality within sufficiency.



And in that realization, the most amazing change happens:  
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that it always was. The water was always sacred. We just  
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With prayers to the Great Master,

**Kamlesh**

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