Straitjacket

Letter from Svami Sadananda Dasa Basel 8.8.75

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Got your letter. There is no need of any philosophy, much less of any dogmatism. Please do not think of Krishna as a separate entity except as a centre of all pre-, sub- and conscious gravitation – of all centrifugal and centripetal energies.

The question is not to *learn* to know Krishna but to get rid of *all* personal dried up channels of thoughts and feelings. What you need is freedom and the break-through towards the joy of the joy of all joys - i.e. burdenless-ness.

There is no good of thinking repeatedly what others think about the world and God and Self – the thoughts of others are *not* the bounds of *your* own experience.

First you are *not* to understand or imagine yourself as a jnani, as a bhakta or anything else, you please try to start like a child anew and feel the pulsation of life in everything and love everything and you can start to do that if you see everything – persons, plants, animals, stars or what it may be – from *its* point of view not relating it to you – let everything be what it is and do not harm it – just forget to try to master anything not even your own being – why? – because by depriving things, persons and yourself of their own being, you see, realize and dominate shadows, misunderstanding, non-reality.

Freedom *and* bondage are terms of ignorance only – if you have the courage to throw away *all* the rubbish of cliché's, others have used you can have a chance to meet me on the path of "Beyond-Reality" as a comrade and friend on the same path.

I try to meet you in Sweden at fall-time – if you feel you should.

Do not force yourself to follow the way of others who "enjoy" to vegetate in the strait-jacket of "isms" and must-s.

From heart to heart Your Sadananda