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within, you must be very, very honest with yourself.

This is a method of acquiring the experience of wisdom. You seek love. You talk about love. Yet you must have the wisdom. Love results in wisdom. As you unfold within, rise in consciousness, wisdom awakens. With wisdom, you begin to be guided on a deeper level. You feel something extraordinary happening inside you. Deep within. Everything else pales in comparison. Finally the day will come when the unimagined splendor of The Thousand Petalled Lotus blooms within you.
And you will dissolve into joy.

Illumination

Q: You said that ultimately, we must surrender our entire life. Who are we surrendering it to?

A: To the Supreme. To God. The One who created you. Your life. Your relationships. Everything ceases to be 'yours' and becomes 'Thine'. Not my will, but Thine. Not my desire, but Thine. Not my words, but Thine.

Surrender is just another word for letting it go. Lightening up. Anything that is not beneficial to your living in the Presence of Truth. The 'little I' must become the 'universal I'. Here, your ego ceases to have the last word.

Last week someone came up to me and just stood there smiling. He said, "I love my self. I don't need anything else." And he walked away.

He quit school, and left his girlfriend. He thought he was doing something wonderful. But it was not the

Divine I, the universal I speaking. It was the ego.

The Human self. The result of upbringing, prejudices, even education. He was so confident that he decided he owed no one anything and was going to go and make himself happy. He even got two people to follow him. (laughter) I think they went into the woods.

The last person who did this called me one year later and said he was Jesus. (laughter)

This can become very dangerous. Self delusion. It can be very subtle.

You have a good meditation. A feeling of peace. Perhaps a vision. And you think this means illumination. That your consciousness has shifted. Because you have no idea what this means. You can fool yourself. And waste an entire lifetime.

Of course we are here today because we have surrendered to love. If something else within us comes up, we do not act on it. We allow it to pass by. This is the first stage.

Most people never get there.

Little Surrenders

It is funny. Some people think that I say to surrender to yourself. Your little self. They get it backwards. And this is the crux of the problem. They actually surrender to their little selves, and all its problems. Have you ever thought what would happen if you handed yourself over to a little conglomeration of unrelated thoughts, emotions from the past, fears, anger, and ever changing viewpoints? Impulses?