MORE THINGS IN HEAVEN AND HELL!

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Swamiji was always right, even and especially, when I was absolutely certain he was wrong!

But..... sometimes...... it took me decades to realize this!

A few examples would suffice to illustrate the old Yogic maxim: Always trust the Guru! He/she usually knows more than you!

Exactly one week after I met Swamiji he told me most solemnly: “Your birth name is totally inappropriate for you! I will have to give you a new name!”

“How absurd,” I thought “How can a name make such a difference.” But! He was a Guru! I already loved him and respected him. I accepted his words though I did not agree with him. I accepted his decision and became “Meenakshi”. Now, more than 45 years later, as my soul has matured, I realize the deep, powerful ramifications of NAMA(Name) on RUPA (Form). It is as clear to me as the sun in the sky. Swamiji pointed the way, but it took decades of determined plodding for me to reach the destination.

Another incident (among the hundreds) I recall was when I met a young man in Pondicherry town and invited him in the early 1970’s to attend Swamiji’s Satsangha. That night Swamiji was discoursing on the acidity – alkaline balance of body chemistry and the important of maintaining a slightly alkaline blood stream. He said water was acidic when very cold and became alkaline when hot. The boy, who had a hard time digesting the painful truths Swamiji was administering to us that evening, stood up in a huff and walked out. I saw him to the door and his parting words were “How can you listen to such rubbish? Water is water and heating cannot change its chemistry.”

Well, decades later it is a commonly accepted fact that drinking warm water will alleviate acidity! A little knowledge is indeed a dangerous thing! Four decades ago Swamiji taught us about mammalian, reptilian and human segments of the brain, which he linked to evolutionary development of the human being. He showed how the instincts of lower life forms still held power in the sub-consciousness of modern man. This was a totally mind –blowing idea in those days. Today, it is discussed by medical doctors, psychiatrists and social workers as a fact which explains many kinds of human behavior.

Swamiji was far ahead of his times, a forerunner and hence, many of his ideas seemed “foreign” to those who heard them!

Nowadays, I see so many scientific studies “proving” concepts which Swamiji initiated us into decades ago. One particular concept which was most strange to us in those days, popped up during Swamiji’s Satsanghas when he spoke on the topic of Brahmacharya. He said, “Young people must be given the proper sex education so...
they do not misuse this vital power and ruin themselves by ignorant indulgence of their sexual drive. He said that during the act of sexual intercourse, the semen of the man enters through the porous walls of the vagina and influences the woman’s genetic structure. She no longer remains “genetically pure” and her offspring will reflect characteristics of all the sexual partners she had previously. In other words, the father of the child will not be “the only father” of her child, who may manifest many features of her previous partners.

This was unbelievable to us at that time. Yet Swamiji said as partial proof: when a pure bred dog mates with a dog of mixed genes, the female loses her pedigree! Now a new report shows that Swamiji’s ideas have obtained scientific validity (at least in the case of flies!) Here is what the men of science say.

Scientists have shown for the first time, that children can resemble the mother’s previous sexual partners – at least in flies. The researchers propose that the effect is due to molecules in the seminal fluid of the first mate being absorbed by the female’s immature eggs and the influencing the growth of offspring of a subsequent mate. This idea known as telegony dates back to ancient Greek times. [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Telegony_(pregnancy)]

How did the scientists come upon this? Hear their protocol!

To test it out, University of New South Wales, Australia, scientists manipulated the size of male flies and studied their offspring. They found that the size of the young was determined by the size of the first male the mother mated with, rather than the second male that sired the offspring.

The lead author Dr. Angela Crean said.

Our discovery complicates our view of how variation is transmitted across generations, but also opens up exciting new possibilities and avenues of research. Just as we think we have things figured out, Nature shows us how much we still have to learn, “said Dr. Crean.

I can only shake my head and bow deeply before the great Guru who shed such a bright light on the dark ignorance of his disciples. He proved to me (in the words of William Shakespeare), “There are more things in heaven and hell, my dear Horatio than are dreamt of in thy philosophy!”