

Module 6 : Jiddu Krishnamurti

Section 1 : Introduction

We fail to see any parallel in the intellectual history of the world to Jiddu Krishnamurti. When the whole world looked for the coming of the world teacher Krishnamurti came out with a slogan of the unconditioned mind and freedom. His search for truth eternal which professed the slogan of a religious experience and the wholeness of life becomes the novel invention of a mind that is bound to be divine but which showed much sympathy towards humanity in general and without any reference to religion, nation, race, creed, sex and the like. He taught universal religion to be the antidote for all kinds of the modern world's illnesses. He lived in Arya Vihara and got initiated by a master called Maitryea. His uniqueness consists in the merging of the Christian, Aryan and Buddhist lore. Here the main focus would be on the ideas of Jiddu Krishnamurti on Mind, Unconditioned mind, Meditation, Freedom and Knowledge and Education.

He was born in the year 1895 on May 11th in Madanapalle of present day Andhra Pradesh. Krishnamurti rose to such a prominence that he could shake the very foundations of every authority which try to enslave human beings in the name of culture, tradition, nationality, religion, race and region. His ideas light the flames to show the shadows of darkness where the mind will exist in an imprisoned status. His courage not having any example from the past may even show him as the second less one. Whatever may be his personal experiences, he always preferred to profess that our minds are conditioned to the extent of disabling us to the truth. At an early age during his childhood he was identified as a person who is having that divine aura to become the world teacher as an incarnate being of Alcyone. He lost his mother very early. And this event left a mark on his psyche which haunted him for years having had the sensitivity to view his mother later in his psychological wanderings. On August 1st 1909 Krishnamurti along with Nitya his own brother were put on probation of the esoteric circle. Master Kuthumi ordained the festival. In the year 1910 Krishnamurti got his first initiation on January the 11th. Krishnamurti published his book At the Feet of the master within one year that is in the year 1911 on the same day of his initiation the Order of the Rising Sun was founded. He enjoyed the patronage of Theosophical Society and Annie Besant becomes the most affectionate mother whom he never could forget. Having roamed the world around staying in different places and understanding the varied cultures along with the geophysical realities, he makes his home the world itself. This becomes the main background for his ideas of a person without any prejudicial identity.

In the year 1922 Krishnamurti undergoes the very strange process of transformation. That process finally becomes unbearable with severe and uncontrollable pain. In one of this kind of states he experienced under the pepper tree in Ojai the unique and novel experience. He wrote in his diary,

I went on like this for some time till eventually I wandered out on the verandah and sat a few moments exhausted and slightly calmer. I began to come to myself and finally Mr. Warrington asked me to go under the pepper tree which is near the house. There I sat cross-legged on the meditation posture. When I had sat thus for some time, I felt myself going out of my body, I saw myself sitting down with the delicate tender leaves of the tree over me. I was facing the east. In front of me was my body and over my head I saw the Star, bright and clear. Then I could feel the vibrations of the Lord Buddha; I beheld Lord Maitryea and Master K. H. I was so happy, calm and at peace. I could still see my body and I was hovering near it.

There was such a profound calmness both in the air and within myself, the calmness of the bottom of a deep unfathomable lake.

Like the lake, I felt my physical body, with its mind and emotion, could be ruffled on the surface but nothing, nay nothing, could disturb the calmness of my soul.

The Presence of the mighty Beings, was with me for some time and then they were gone. I was supremely happy, for I had seen. Nothing could ever be the same. I have drunk at the clear and pure waters at the source of the fountain of life and my thirst was appeased. Never more could I be thirsty, never more could I be in utter darkness. I have seen the Light. I have touched compassion which heals all sorrow and suffering; it is not for myself, but for the world. I have stood on the mountain top and gazed at the mighty

Beings. Never can I be in utter darkness; I have seen the glorious and healing Light. The fountain of Truth has been revealed to me and the darkness has been dispersed. Love in all its glory has intoxicated my heart; my heart can never be closed. I have drunk at the fountain of Joy and Eternal Beauty. I am God-intoxicated¹.

¹ Mary Lutyens, *Krishnamurti, The Years of Awakening*, John Murray (Publishers) Ltd. London 1975, Page no159-160