

Vedanta Reflection/Questions: Lesson 41

Mantra

पद्मपत्रम् इव अम्भसा ।

padmapatram iva ambhasā. (5.10)

Remain untouched like the lotus leaf in water.

Live in the world, but do not let the world enter you.

Live in the world, but do not become worldly.

A wise liberated person (jñāni) is saying above mantra. What does a jñāni know, which causes them to advise such statement to every human being in past, present and future?

1. Why are **karma-yoga** (path of action; prescribed for doers who have life of family, work, etc responsibilities) and **karma-sannyāsa** (path of renouncing; living a simple life; no family, few worldly contacts, etc) **opposite paths** with a **common goal** (mokṣa)?
2. What is the danger of living according to one's likes/dislikes (rāga/dveṣa), dictating constantly what I should and shouldn't do?
3. What steps should we take to manage desire and anger?
4. Any last comments? Share.