



Preface

I had another title in hand: 'Religion and Life'. My mother preferred this one 'Glimpses of Light'.

Ours is not just a religion. It's a store of religions, a spirited light that emits various colors reaching out various lengths and depths. It has space for all philosophies and diversified paths. It is just here to show the right path to those who struggle in the dark. And it has more than one path as we all do not stand in the same spot. Each one stand in a different level of understanding within one's own labyrinth of delusion; so practically speaking each one starts in a different point though the destination might be the same. Thus, diversified paths are inevitable in the world. I am not supporting any particular path or religion, though I would be mentioning the term quiet often all through this work.

This title is a vast subject and can be dealt in volumes. I am taking it randomly with the intention of giving a pinch of its flavor. This work has three parts: of religion, for religion and beyond religion. 'Of religion' talks about religious terms and situations. 'For religion' talks in favor to the religious morals and practices and is a little personal too. 'Beyond religion' talks about the things that stand neutral to all religions. All these chapters may seem to have no relation with each other. They all are just glimpses of light.



If you want to get closer to God, you got to be disciplined in mind, loving and humble towards other beings. God wouldn't see from which religion you evolve, He is just concerned about your discipline, sense of love and humility. God is beyond religion. Religions are here only to prepare the humans; fine-tune the humans. The final verdict rests in the hands of God. God sees only the inner perfection. He is not bothered about how one reaches it – through which path one reaches it. He places each soul in the religion that would suit one better; He does so based on one's past actions and perfection. If one fails to learn discipline, love and humility from where one stands, then one fails in the purpose of life. Let us learn from religions to rise above religions.



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If we see history, the world peace has remained just the word peace. The 'L' is missing in it. 'L' here stands for longevity. Take any century from the cradle of human civilization; humans haven't led their lives without seeing any war or crisis. Every human has felt or seen violence and hatred in some part of life. So, peace is a fairy tale object for many – if we try to feel it from outside. India knows that peace cannot be achieved without establishing it inside – inside the human heart. Even when the whole world rests in peace and your heart is restless, the word 'peace' has no meaning for you. So, the internal peace is the true target, the world peace may happen as a result – it's not taken for granted.

Even in the golden era, in the periods in which there were no apparent wars, violence had been taking place in some part of the world in some magnitude – inside families, within organizations, between groups of persons. Unless one has peace in one's own heart, one cannot see or effect peace outside; actually one would be aggravating the situation if one lacks peace inside. So, if one really wants to bring peace in the world, one has to find the means that ensure one's 'peace' inside. Without this inner peace, one cannot stimulate the peace externally.

If one has peace in heart, it means the world is in peace for him. For him, even the criminals are good. Find peace in you – this is the only way to seek the world peace. If you try to establish peace in the outer world through external



regulations, you will not succeed; it's next to impossible. Of course, they might control the anti-peacemaking activities; but they cannot 'bring' peace. They may 'hold' peace momentarily – but not forever. It has to blossom inside. If it does, then it's permanent. No force in this world can question about it. So, world peace is something to be sought inside – it cannot be stuffed from outside.