

“When 'this and that' is possible, why choose 'this or that'? Why compartmentalise life when holistic living is possible?” was his oft-repeated proclamation.

Stating that there is intellectual loneliness, he used to clarify, “The more and more you begin to live life from a higher consciousness, the more and more you seek the company of such people with whom you can share your understandings of life. But the likes of those are too scarce. In a normal world, which is fighting their day to day needs, sharing your understanding of life may make you

look abnormal. So the need for a fraternity of like-minded, preferably right-minded people... a *satsang* for *sangam saranam gachami*.”

So, in order to create a fraternity of right-minded people - who can look at life from a higher consciousness, striving for holistic living, by embracing 'this and that', Avyakta initiated a *satsang*. In his inaugural address Avyakta said, “Let us ask this question, why do institutions or a country need a pledge? Why national anthem? Why morning assemblies in schools and also in industries? Why should an oath be

taken? The purpose of any mass oath is to unify the minds of people involved. People need reminding for remembering, and a pledge exactly achieves that. If our objective is to develop a like-minded and a right-minded fraternity, then we too need a pledge. Let us not reinvent the wheel. We don't have to write a new script. Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore, in his 'Gitanjali', has already left a vision for us to achieve. Let us make his words our pledge and collectively strive to turn his vision into reality.

Awakening

 *Voice of Love*



I request all of you to stand up, place a hand upon your heart and say the pledge after me. Saying so, Avyakta roared,

Where the mind is without fear and the head is held high;

Where knowledge is free;

Where the world has not been broken up into fragments by narrow domestic walls;

Where words come out from the depth of truth;

Where tireless striving stretches its arms towards perfection;

Where the clear stream of reason has not lost its way into the dreary desert sand of dead habit;

Where the mind is led forward by thee into ever-widening thought and action,

Into that heaven of freedom, my Father, let my country awake.

Let us take a deeper look into each of the statements that could have come only from the heart of Gurudev.

Where the mind is without fear and the head is held high;

When you are not ready to face the truth, you fear. When you are not ready to reveal the truth, you fear. When you are not ready to accept the truth, you fear. When there is a secret in your life, you fear. When there is part of you that the world should not know, you fear. When you are not sure about the consequences, you fear. When you have not passed your own moral judgement, you fear. In all, when you are less than what you can be, you fear. Fear distances you from yourself. In trying to hide from the world, you start hiding from yourself. What is the worth of anything if it comes at the cost of

your 'self'? I rather live without, than with, something that causes fear.

To live life is to live fearlessly. When you have nothing to hide, you have nothing to avoid. True freedom is found only in transparent living. The greatest compliment one can give oneself is to declare, "I am an open book." It's only then, for the first time, you will experience the freedom of living with your head held high.

Where knowledge is free;

Every man is meant to be a teacher, whether he chooses it as a profession or not. Every man has the responsibility to lift himself and in turn lift the world. Every man has his share of unique experiences and understanding of life, which but for him, no one else can give it to this world. Every man has to play his part in altering the consciousness of

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this world in his own ways. The only purpose of being born before the next generation is to lead the next generation into better world. Knowledge is given to be given. Share whatever you know. Share everything you know.

Where the world has not been broken up into fragments by narrow domestic walls;

Man has this nasty habit of compartmentalising everything. Discrimination of any form is the lowest understanding of life. We live in a Universe and not Multiverse. The man god created was not supposed to be divided. Divisions were created by the selfish craving of individuals to lead a mass. True spiritual evolution is beyond all discriminations. True spiritual alignment is in recognising, 'You and I are one and the same in spirit' irrespective of the paths we walk. It is in recognising we are spiritual relatives. One cow is black in colour, the other is brown, this one is white, another is black and white... yet the milk from all of them is white in colour. Different paths to one destination.

Where words come out from the depth of truth;

The highest form of living is to live beyond split. The softest pillow to sleep on is a clear conscience. When there is no split between the knower in you and the doer in you, then everything that comes out of you comes from the depth of truth. There may be occasional materialistic losses, but never a spiritual loss. You may have less of the kingdom of god but you will have all of god. Then, why not? When right and wrong can prevail

over pain and pleasure, when conscience can empower instincts, when my actions are not in conflict with my values - for the first time in life, I will experience the magic and the power of truth. And, there is nothing more potent than truth. Truth will eventually triumph, every single time.

Where tireless striving stretches its arms towards perfection;

God created man in his own image. This Existence is an evolving consciousness. Man, as a product

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of Existence, is in this compulsive journey of tireless striving towards perfection. 'Quantitative progress - do more of what you are good at, and qualitative progress - keep bettering at what you are good at' is the mantra of progress. What more can I do? How better can I do? Keep asking, find answers and act upon it.

Where the clear stream of reason has not lost its way into the dreary desert sand of dead habit;

The greatest enemy of man's future is his own past. Habitual conditioning slows down man. When man refuses to think beyond his conditioned mind, his own past imprisons him. Then what's the difference between man and animals, which cannot reason its way out. That which does not change does not grow. That which does not grow, dies. Man was designed to live his life out of intelligence and not instincts. Think your way out.

Where the mind is led forward by thee into ever-widening thought and action,

The higher and higher you go in life, the more and more you understand that you are a mere instrument of a higher force. The more and more you achieve, the more and more you understand that it is 'Nothing of you and everything of Thee'. In the beginning, surrender is a decision. A time comes, when surrender is a happening, it is a way of life... the only way. In surrender, the scope of thoughts and actions are limitless...

Into that heaven of freedom, my Father, let my country awake.

If we can collectively commit our hearts to this pledge and live every breath with it, we can be the architects and the builders of that heaven of freedom, Gurudev dreamt of. Oh my Father, help us to awake.”

As Avyakta ended with these words, somewhere there was an inexplicable feeling that this is the beginning of a new world. Come, let us play our part in it.