

追随大师

薄伽梵说过四句话。他说，“追随大师，面对邪恶，战斗到底而终结比赛。”薄伽梵的每一句话都含有深邃的意义。今天我们讨论第一句：‘追随大师’。

薄伽梵问，“谁是大师？”这个问题转给一位教授，他回答，“掌握他学习的科目者谓之大师。”薄伽梵说，“错，有其他人要回答吗？谁是大师？”另一个人说，“斯瓦米，大师是一个在其学习科目的专家。”薄伽梵说，“你错了。还有人要回答吗？”另一人说，“斯瓦米，大师是某种科目的权威。”薄伽梵回答，“错了。大师是一个已控制其感官的人。但你们不是大师（master），你们只是先生（mister），某某先生。”

那么，我们都是先生而不是大师了。我们没有人对感官有完全的控制。一个人在写其名字之后加上其学历，如理科硕士或文科硕士等头衔。薄伽梵说，“学位不是颁发给你的。学位是颁发给你的记忆，勤于出席的表现，以及你在实验室里所做了的实验。所以，各类的学位是为奖励你的记忆和强记的能力而颁发的。如果你考获学位，你应该把你所阅读的付诸实行。凡你所阅读的必须用之于社会福利上，因为你是社会的一分子。你上学院或大学，此乃社会赐给你的一个礼物。你生于社会，求存于社会，并成名于社会。因此，只有在你为社会福祉而实践，服务和善加利用你的知识时，你才成为一位大师。”

大师只有一位，他是神。无人有权自称大师。一个大专教授不是一个大师。他只知道如何一字不漏地重复其授课。一个学校老师不是一个大师，因为他只知道如何完成课程大纲。我们都不是大师，只是老师；只有神才是大师。你应该追随这样的一个大师，他本身就是神的大师。接受了薄伽梵为大师，我们就不能叫任何人为大师了。神只有一个，他无所不在。薄伽梵峇峇是我们的大师。让我们看看作为我们大师的他有什么资格。

薄伽梵的第一个素质是‘无私’。薄伽梵是百分之百的无私。薄伽梵什么都不要。他只施而不受。在一个场合里，他说，“你们知道我为什么分发衣服给男士们和女士们吗？原因是，让你们从中学学习施与并培育起分享与牺牲的习性。”因此，大师始终是一个施而不受的人。

有一次，薄伽梵说，“凡在此的人，我要你们都成为 Biggers（雄心大志者），但你们却要作 beggars（乞丐）。”薄伽梵要我们越长越大。我们是天地万物的主人。我们最伟大因为我们是圣灵的化身，是自性原则（或阿特玛原则）。圣经说，“神创造人于祂自己的形象”。

在其中的一个夏季课程中，薄伽梵开始与学生们交谈。突然间，特邀演讲者，哥卡克博士（Dr. Gokak）这时到来。大家起立，薄伽梵也起立。哥卡克博士说，“大家请就座”，而薄伽梵也就座。稍后，薄伽梵说，“孩子们应该知道如何尊重他们的老师。他们应该起立，然后，等老师坐下后才坐下，不得先老师而坐下。”薄伽梵无论在哪一方面都树立好榜样，让学生们知道如何待人处世，感恩图报和恪守纪律。薄伽梵立下作为一个老师的好榜样；祂以如此明晰的方式去解释事物的来龙去脉以至于没有一个老师能望其项背。

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问题：

1. 成为一位大师需要什么资格？【顺序讲述】
2. 如何从一个‘先生’成为一位‘大师’？【顺序讲述】
3. ‘接受了薄伽梵为大师，我们就不能叫任何人为大师了’。请详述你对此说法的理解。
【公开讨论】

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Follow The Master

Bhagavan made four statements. He said, "Follow the Master, Face the Devil, Fight to the End and Finish the Game." Every statement of Bhagavan has profound meaning. Today, we discuss the first statement: 'Follow the Master'.

Bhagavan put the question, "Who is a Master?" This question was put to a professor, he said, "A Master is one who has mastered the subject." Bhagavan said, "You are wrong. Anyone else? Who is a Master?" Another person said, "Swami, a Master is one who is an expert in his subject." Bhagavan replied, "You are wrong. Anyone else?" Another said, "Swami, a Master is one who is an authority in the subject." Bhagavan replied, "You are wrong. A Master is one who has control over his senses. But you are not masters. You are only 'Misters'. Mister so and so."

So we are all misters and not masters. None of us exercise full control over the senses. A person writes his name and then next to that a degree like M.Sc. or M.A. Bhagavan says, "The degree is not given to you. The degree is given to your memory, performance, for the attendance you put in, and the experiments that you have done in the laboratory. So, the various degrees are only given for your memory and retentive capacity. If you are to have a degree, you should practice whatever you read. All that you read must be used for the welfare of society, because you are a member of the society. You attend a College or a University. This is a gift of society. You are born in society, earn in society, and make a name in society. Therefore, you are a master only when you practice, serve and use your knowledge for the benefit of your fellowmen and not otherwise."

There is only one Master, He is God. No one has the authority to call himself a Master. A college teacher is not a Master. He knows how to repeat in verbatim. A school teacher is not a Master, because he knows to complete a syllabus. We are not Masters, but teachers; the Master is only God. You should follow such a Master who is God himself. Having accepted Bhagavan Baba as the Master, we cannot call anyone else our Master. There is only one God who is omnipresent. Bhagavan Baba is our Master. Let us see what are his qualifications to be our Master.

The first quality of Bhagavan is 'Selflessness'. Bhagavan is 100% selfless. Bhagavan is not ready to take anything. He only give, but never receive. On one occasion He said, "Do you know why I distribute clothes to ladies and the gents? The reason is that you may learn to give and cultivate the habit of sharing and sacrifice." Thus, the Master is one who always gives but never takes.

Once Bhagavan stated, "All who are here, I want that you be Biggers, but you want to be beggars." Bhagavan wants us to grow bigger and bigger. We are the Masters of an entire creation. We are the greatest of all, because we are the embodiment of divine, we are the Atmic Principle. "God made man in His own image", says the Holy Bible.

In one of the Summer Courses, Bhagavan began to talk to the boys and suddenly Dr. Gokak, the guest speaker arrived. All stood up and Bhagavan too stood up. Gokak said, "All be seated", and Bhagavan too sat down. Later, Bhagavan said, "The boys should know how to respect a teacher. They should stand up and then take their seats only after the teacher takes his seat and not before that." Bhagavan is an ideal to follow in every respect, how a student should behave, express

gratitude and be disciplined. Bhagavan sets an example as a teacher; He explains things in such a clear manner that no teacher can match Him.

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Questions:

1. What are the qualifications to be a Master? 【Sequential narration】
2. How do you progress from a 'Mister' to 'Master'? 【Sequential narration】
3. 'Having accepted Bhagavan Baba as the Master, we cannot call anyone else our Master'. Elaborate on your understanding of the statement. 【Open discussion】