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The Perfume Of Silence



Synopsis

This book is about enlightenment, spiritual awakening, self realization, meditation, awareness, consciousness, happiness, love, relationships, psychological suffering and human predicament. Based largely on actual dialogues between Francis Lucille, a spiritual teacher of non-duality, and some of his disciples, the music of freedom that it conveys resonates between the words, and gives the reader an inkling of the peace and happiness that are experienced in the presence of an authentic master. Francis Lucille was for over twenty years a close friend and disciple of Jean Klein, a well recognized French teacher of non-duality. They both belong to a lineage of Advaita Vedanta teachers stemming from India. (Advaita Vedanta is the main nondualist Hindu spiritual tradition). Jean Klein's guru, Pandit Veeraraghavachar, was a Professor at the Sanskrit College in Bangalore. Their teachings, despite some superficial similarities, are quite different from those of most contemporary western neo Advaita teachers. They emphasize for instance the importance of the direct transmission from guru to disciple, through presence, beyond words, and they recognize that the same universal truth was expressed by various saints, philosophers and teachers throughout history and across the world. That which matters here is not the form of the teaching, direct or gradual for instance, as much as the authenticity of the teacher, the vibrancy of his realization, the outpouring of his love, the freedom of his humour, the brilliancy of his intelligence, the splendor of his poetry, the spontaneous sharing of his peace. Nonduality is the common ground of Buddhism (especially Zen and Dzogchen), Advaita, Sufism, Taoism, the Kabbalah, the Gnosis and the teachings of Jesus in the Thomas Gospel, the teachings of Parmenides, Plotinus, Gaudapada, Abinavagupta, Meister Eckhart, Ramana Maharshi, Atmananda Krishna Menon, Ananda Mai and many others.

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A treasure, and a rejuvenation for the spirit like no other. This is a collection of recorded meetings of Francis Lucille and his disciples/students; edited by Rupert Spira (who is now a distinguished and widely-loved teacher of non-duality himself.) Below are a few favorite pieces: "Beingness is a different world, a different dimension, to which feelings have no access. That is why any manipulation of feelings can never take us to beingness. Just as we can cut through thinkingness and go directly to the underlying feeling, so we can cut right through the layer of feelingness, boldly, and return to beingness. Take your stand as awareness, no matter what. If we take our stand in beingness, there will usually be great upheaval to begin with. There will be a revolt, an uproar. However, stay strong, bold, and steady because at the end the feelings lose. Gradually and miraculously things will sort themselves out." "The moment we take our stand in beingness, the gates to harmony open. To begin with, there is a lot of pressure. There is a big flow of energy through these gates, but the flow is moving in the right direction. Don't be disappointed if you think you are not getting the expected objective result. There's not the way it happens. The results don't come from the objects. Being is a different world, a different dimension." "When we love our hate, we stop hating. Love always wins. To love hatred means to welcome it. it doesn't mean that we should do what it says. But would don't suppress it either. When we love our hatred we put ourselves out of the business of hatred and love begins." Question: How could one human being influence consciousness?

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