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Let not your self-surrender to God depend upon the changing mental states and behaviours of others. There is fear when you pin your faith on human mortals. But you are above fear when you take refuge in God. Rest assured that God protects His devotees, if they remember Him and invoke His aid. Those who have left their Guru and the spiritual path have taken themselves into the abysmal depth of ignorance. If you think that by seeing their fates your own faith would shake, you are only proving thereby the littleness of your faith and the fickleness of your minds. Faith is unshakable. If it shakes, it is not faith; it is only a mental acceptance. Divine Mother entered into Garhasthya Order to give hope that even to women in the field of their domestic duties God-realization is possible. The doors of Mukti are kept wide open this time. Enter ye all, who have faith.

A jnani abides in Truth and is therefore fearless. Cowards are incompetent for jnana. Samsara is the state of bondage and thrives only in ignorance. In the state of jnana, there is no trace of samsara. The fetters of ego, karma and vasana should be broken. That is liberation. To transcend the realm of karma, one should be free of doership, for karma, whether good or bad, depends on a doer. If the doer has disappeared in the wake of jnana, where then is the enjoyer? When the divine eye opens, you will find that you are God-fixed and that you are eternally free. Freedom from fear is only in the egoless state of God-abidance. Antisocial elements too boast of their fearlessness. They have no fear of law. But this is not the fearlessness of the wise. He, who boasts that he has no fear of anybody, is afraid of everyone. The thief is frightened even by a little sound, even by the snoring sound of a sleeping man.

Banish all weakness from your bosom by taking the Name of God and by steadfastly adhering to dharma. Life will bring tests. Tests strengthen. Fear not, waver not. The universities confer academic degrees to the successful students, is it not? Who confers degree in the bigger university of life? God alone. Secure God's degree and you will know no defeat thereafter.

The godly qualities, the sattwic bhava, generosity, goodwill for all, devotion to the Guru, remembrance of Truth in all the varying life situations, these are characteristics of an earnest devotee and disciple. Mother has enjoined upon you all; not only anushtana, the routine of spiritual disciplines, but also devotion to svadharma. If you fail in your duties of home, you will not have peace even when you come to a satsang gathering. Do your duties well, and with a clean conscience and clear mind, plunge into meditation.

Temptations do come to all sadhakas. But an earnest sadhaka will never compromise his spiritual ideal and moral principles. Look at Dhruva. As he set out for tapas, the offer came to him that he shall be given half the kingdom. But vichara arose in that boy. He reflected within himself: I have only remembered the Lord and decided about going to the forest. I should realize the Lord in my heart and that is the greatest gain in life.

Aspirants should be like Dhruva, never yielding to temptations of prakrithi and intent on winning the goal; and mothers should be like Suneethi. What a wise counsel She gave her son! A mother, who turns the mind of her child towards God, is a real mother. You, parents, should dedicate your children to Mother Earth, to the service of God and humanity. If on the other hand, you cling to your attachments and sense of possessiveness with regard to your sons, you are thereby not only perpetuating your own bondage, but also binding your sons too to the samsaric wheel. In a family of Mother's conception, the members should help one another to



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attain the supreme consummation of life, namely, liberation. O mothers, never should such children be born of you, who would be a burden to Mother Earth.

What a world of difference is there between Grihasthashram lived by Divine Mother, and the life of the present day house wives! Divine Mother was selflessness personified. For Her, home was a field of dharma as well as a temple dedicated to Her Ishtadevatha. What great ordeals She had to undergo in Her passion to reconcile dharmanishta with Tapas, divine ecstasies and samadhis! Without proper sleep, food and rest, She spent twelve long years in arduous penance and even amidst such absorptions and God-intoxicated states, She remained absolutely truthful and loyal to Her svadharma. But look at the condition of the modern householders and women. To what great depth has dharma declined! But the powers of Divine Mother's tyaga, dharma and yoga, would restore this Garhasthya Order to its Pedestal of ancient glory.

Go ahead with your sadhana, welcoming all situations as god-send. A genuine seeker, afire with divine aspiration, will never yield to frustration or despair, even in the face of great tests and trials of life. His mind will not be affected either by praises or by blames, either by pleasures or by pains. His heart is with God. His gaze is on God. His reliance too is on God. As he marches on with his disinterested devotion, tremendous soul force will begin to manifest itself in him.

The field of activity has widened and the actions have enormously grown, but the capacity for yogic action has gone down considerably. By skilful performance of action in a detached poise, karma kushalatha, and by the sublime bhava of dedication, win the favour of God. Absence of faith in God and increasing dependence on men and situations, constitute the band of modern society. The bhava of self-dedication should seize your total being. Then you will know the peace of detachment. Cease to go in pursuit of worldly pleasures. Direct all your endeavours to the discovery of bliss within yourselves. Yearn for God. Religion is the backbone of life. Let this backbone be strong. If one begins to practice spiritual disciplines from early age, from childhood itself, that power of discipline will stand in good stead in one's old age also.