



ROMANTICISM, SPIRITUALISM AND RELIGIO-TRANSCENDENTALISM



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Romanticism exemplifies the importance of emotions and freedom over intellectual growth. They believe that everyone should follow what they're feeling. Transcendentalism draws inspiration from the beyond or external to the human perspective even beyond reasoning and normal traditions.

So, the idea of transcendentalism can be fathomed through the endless cycle of individual and God and Nature. Individual and Subjectivity is the core to understand transcendentalism. Idealism, Gothic literature and the basic beliefs of Romanticism need to be focused while analyzing transcendentalism. Nothingness becomes the crux of matter in the interpretation of both physical and spiritual world. Nothingness is a product of no-thing-ness of the physical and

spiritual world. First know yourself, awaken the soul and get absolutely merged into nothingness. Everything in the world including people is a reflection of god or the divine soul. Things existed everywhere is not the physical world but a spiritual one. God dwells in every soul, every particle living or non-living one. God resides in every individual.

“The spiritual can be associated with prayer, meditation and so on, but whatever else it might include, it cannot essentially have anything to do with man’s social existence. The claim to be religious is essentially a claim to have had a spiritual vision in the inner private realm of one’s being. Religion does not consist in erecting temples, or building churches, or attending public worship. It is not to be found in books, or in words, or in lectures, or in organizations. Religion consists in realization.”

Religions worship God through different beliefs and devotion. Religious people are right in their own places in the interpretation of God. Every religion is a doorway to the spiritual world through good karmas. Whatever exists in the world is nothing but replica of a divine soul. It means infinity; each particle is a non-destructive entity in the universe. The force of divinity moves the world. Existence and divinity never stand poles apart, but an inseparable entity, extreme oneness of living and non-living things. Human beings animated things are found meaningless every everywhere. Absurdity surmounts human capabilities to experience God within and without.

Spiritualism is a religious movement based on the belief that the spirits of the dead exist and have both the ability and the inclination to communicate with the living. The afterlife, or the "spirit world", is seen by spiritualists, not as a static place, but as one in which spirits continue to evolve.

In a sense, human life is the only chance to redeem the soul from the cycle of birth and death. Right, the physical world is enigmatical where the spiritual world seems to be an illusion to one and all. Janmoh janmi aamhi bahu punya kele, tevha ya vithale krupa keli is the root cause of human birth. It means I did great works in every life that is why I am born as a human being in this life.

I think you are familiar with Marathi language. Is there anyone who knows Marathi? In Marathi, it is stated *Janmojanmi amhi bahu punya kele tevha ya vitthale kripa keli*. One question was asked to Saint Tukaram Maharaj that you had seen God in dreams. You have seen God in your dreams, but God has not come in my dream. So, let me know how God comes in your dream? And how you can alone see God? Then, he says, "*Janmojanmi amhi bahu punya kele tevha ya vitthale kripa keli*." It's not easy to see God. Through numerous *punyas* in each life, we got this life. Human life is the only way of redemption. It is the only way to redeem you from the cyclical pattern of birth and death. Swami Vivekananda asked one question to his guru, "I want to see God." Swami Vivekananda was very eager to see God, experience God and feel the presence of God. Where is it? Then, his guru said, yes, I will make you to see God. It is very easy to experience God. Can you there to see him? His guru said, "Can you dare to see God with your eyes open? You can't see God through your eyes. This is only your perception. And all perception is deception. Just we view things and analyze things, we interpret things and we then write what we see. Every perception is deception, every deception is illusion and every illusion is a glimpse of true reality. But, where exactly does true reality exist? Plato said the same thing. Where is the reality? It is twice removed, it is thrice removed. It is removed, but where is it? Where does the reality exist? So, it means that all of us are in pursuit of reality. We are in pursuit of realism, Truth and God. Can we interpret things exactly what they are? If you ask me a question, "Will you please show me your emotions? Where is it? Show me your emotions right now. Right, if I by mistake put my leg on a throne, immediately tears roll down from my eyes. Then my eyes should say, "Why am I crying if something goes wrong with the legs?" This is the organic sensibility within. The whole organism is unique within and without. Lord Hanumana lifted the mountain in his hands in the Ramayana. Some intelligent people may call it as an exaggeration. But it's true. If you just think, "I can do it." "You can do it." If you think to drink the whole ocean, you can. **You can do anything anytime anywhere.** This is a spiritual power which is a supreme power of the every individual who can really do anything anytime anywhere.

The word Hanumans is derived from a Sanskrit word 'Marut'. Marut means air. He is the son of air. Maruti means air. The whole body runs due to Oxygen, the air. We are alive here on the earth only because of air. If the air is stopped in the body, we will be like tables and desk. Then, our existence will be no more. So, what I mean is that each and every individual carries God

within him. I never say that transcendentalists say so. God is in you, you can experiment it and you can experience it anytime. How to find out the centre within you? Then, the next question, Where is the center? Derrida is totally opposite of this? Derrida says that we need to de-centre it. The centre in a text is not fixed, but it is functional. Here I say what the transcendentalists say. The centre is fixed, it is in you. You can find it out. And you can see your own enlightenment, your own illumination. So the supreme power is within you. If you can think, you can do anything. You can see all motivational videos in WhatsApp, Facebook. Everything comes from within. Only the soul from within only enlightens and empowers you is in within. So, believe in yourself, you can do anything anytime anywhere. So, here anyone can use intuition to see God in nature, their own souls. Here, it is a third point that people can use intuition to see God. Nature is what intuition makes you see. Suppose you are simply crossing the road. Look at your mind how it is played by your divine power immediately. Do you calculate the speed of a car and think that you are able to cross the road. No, without any pain, you simply cross the road. What type of knowledge it is? It is your cognitive knowledge. Through cognition, you automatically understand how much time you require to cross the road. So, in the same fashion there is one more sort of knowledge. That is intuition ! Through intuition, you can understand the whole universe within and without. Swami Vivekananda said, "If I can think I can drink the whole ocean." Is it possible? Yes. It is possible when you say so. Is it possible? It means you have never understood who you are. Simply, I said that my dear student, this is my mobile. Why I said, my mobile ! Because I know that mobile is different, I am different. Two different entities connected with the possessive pronoun my. In order to connect this mobile with myself, I use the possessive my. This is my mobile. My mobile, in the same way, I say, "This is my body." Then, who are you? You are different from your body. You always keep your body, mind and soul separated. To unify them is to experience the oneness of organism within and without. But, you got separated. Someone is there inside you, in all of you that make you alive. That's what makes you think that you have your own existence of life. You are born alone, live alone and go alone. So, the next thing is that the person is the best authority to understand God. The authority is not the society, not the church, not the government, but the person himself who is the authority. So, here are two things, that is, feeling and intuition. Out of reason and intellect, which is superior? What is superior? Feeling is superior to reason. Wisdom is superior to intellect. Absence is superior to presence. Intuition is superior to knowledge. Mind is superior to body. Soul is

superior to mind. All such hierarchies are subverted and get merged into soul, the Absolute, the Truth. So, one thing in my last lecture, I might have said that “*Mam vedana plus tavavedana is equal to sanvedana*”. It means my agonies plus your agonies are equal to sensations. Sensations mean sense-in-motion. If a child cries, a mother feels the sensations of her child cry. A child is in London and mother is in India. Mother knows the feelings of the child who is in London. So, here this is called *mamvedana plus tavavedana is equal to sanvedana*. You suffer, I suffer. But I can feel how much you suffer, how you suffer. So, it means that there is intuitive understanding between two people across the world. Here I said that for such feeling, what is the word for sanvedana in English? That is sensation which means sense in motion. How do you acquire knowledge? You acquire knowledge through your senses. Suppose there is no sense. There is only one sense that is non-sense. Five Senses mean the body organs such as eye (see), ear (hear), nose (smell), tongue (taste), skin (touch). We understand things in the nature. Though eyes we see, ears hear, nose smells, tongue tastes and skin touches. We accumulate knowledge of the physical world that surrounds us. But the spiritual world and the physical world stand poles apart. Our tongue tests things and we understand what something is. So, the senses may help us accumulate the knowledge of the known things rather than unknown things. But the awakening of the soul make you enter into the world of spiritualism.

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