

There must be absolute freedom from orthodox or traditional movements. But rather there must be total freedom, absolute freedom from all sense of nationalities, racial prejudices, religious beliefs and faiths. If one is not capable of doing this with honesty and integrity, he had better keep away from this place. Essentially one has the insight to see that knowledge is the enemy of man.

This is not a place for romanticists, sentimentalists, or emotion. This requires a good brain, which does not mean intellectual, but rather a brain that is objective, fundamentally honest to itself, and has integrity in word and deed.

A dialogue is very important. It is a form of communication in which question and answer continues till a question is left without an answer. Thus the question is suspended between two persons involved in this answer and question. It is like a bud which untouched, blossoms. If the question is left totally untouched by thought, it then has its own answer because the questioner and answerer, as persons, have disappeared. This is a form of dialogue in which investigation reaches a certain point of intensity and depth, which then has a quality which thought can never reach. It is not a dialectical investigation of opinions, ideas, but rather exploration by two or many serious, good brains.

This place must be of great beauty, with trees, birds and quietness, for beauty is truth, and truth is goodness and love.

The external beauty, external tranquility, silence, may affect the inner tranquility, but the environment must in no way influence the inner beauty. Beauty can only be when the self is not. The environment, which must have great wonder, must in no way be an absorbing factor, like a toy with a child. Here, there are no toys but inner depth, substance and integrity that are not put together by thought. Knowledge is not beauty. Beauty is love, and where there is knowledge there is no beauty.

The depth of the question brings its own right answer. All this is not an intellectual entertainment, a pursuit of theories. The word is the deed. The two must never be separate. Where the word is the deed, that is integrity.

Intelligence can only be where there is love and compassion. Compassion can never exist where the brain is conditioned or has an anchorage. A collection of mediocrities does not make a religious center. A religious center demands the highest quality in everything that one is doing, and the highest capacity of the brain. The full meaning of mediocrity is a dull, heavy brain, drugged by knowledge.

The flowering of goodness is not an ideal to be pursued or sought after, as a goal in the future. We are not setting up a utopia, but rather dealing with hard facts. You can make all this into something to be achieved in the future. The future is the present. The present is the past and the future, the whole structure of thought and time. But if one lives with death, not occasionally but every day, there is no change. Change is strife and the pain of anxiety. As there is no collection, accumulation of knowledge, there is no change because one is living with death continuously.

The first stone we lay should be religious.