

## **ENLIGHTENMENT: KRISNAMURTI - GURDJIEFF**

Osho,

**Thank you for letting us taste from your ocean of consciousness. Both Krishnamurti and Gurdjieff were talking about their waves of consciousness. Beloved Master, are they waves of your ocean?**

*J. Krishnamurti and George Gurdjieff are not just two waves in the ocean of consciousness. They are the very ocean of consciousness itself. The moment you become enlightened you are no longer an individual. You lose your ego, and with the ego you lose all your limits, all your boundaries. They are not waves of my ocean; the ocean belongs to no one. I am the same ocean as they are. You are also the same ocean as I am.*

*You just have to wake up and realize the fact that your imprisonment is your imagination, that your fetters are nothing but your thoughts, that your bondage is nothing but your own unconscious way of living. Otherwise you are as oceanic as any Gautam Buddha, as any Lao Tzu, as any Kabir, as anyone who has ever realized his ultimate, his sachchidanand.*

*We are not separate. We belong to one existence without any demarcation lines. All limitations are mind projections. The moment you are beyond mind and you can see without the mind directly, you will be surprised that the trees and the stars and the oceans.... There is nowhere any demarcation. The flowers of the trees are your flowers, the greatness of the stars is your greatness, and the smallness of the grass leaves is your smallness. The moment you start feeling this universalness, you have come home.*

*But remember always not to put me above anybody else, just because I am your master. So don't say that I am the ocean and J. Krishnamurti and Gurdjieff are just waves. That is ugly.*

*You may not be aware from where these kinds of ideas continuously come. And this is not only the case with you....*

*Just today, Hasya was telling me about some Korean master, Su. He is going to come soon. He has disciples. Lani has just come from Korea. In the Korean language they have published more than thirty-five books of mine. Hundreds of people are interested in coming. They were not even aware where I am, and whether I am still alive or some past master.*

*Not only the so-called disciples go on praising their master as the highest. Even the so-called masters...certainly they are not masters, just so-called. When master Su's disciples asked him, "What are the categories between you and Osho?" he said he belongs to the first category of enlightened people and Osho belongs to the third category of enlightened people.*

*Now such a man cannot be enlightened, to say nothing of first, second and third category, because there are no categories in enlightenment. How can you be enlightened and still belong to a certain category? The category is a limitation.*

***But the so-called masters will always put themselves higher than anybody else.***

*The ego lingers on, whether you are in the world of matter, money, power, prestige or whether you are pretending to be a seeker, a searcher, a spiritual being. Even when you start declaring yourself as enlightened you are playing the same old game with new names. There is no difference at all.*

*I am waiting for master Su to come. He is going to be in trouble! He does not know me. In the first class enlightened category.... Why should a master who belongs to the first class come to a third class enlightened man in the first place? This is strange! So let him come. He will have to stand in line for the first time in his life.*

*Once you are enlightened there are no categories. Enlightenment simply means going beyond all categories, all mind trips, all ego trips. It is simply becoming one with the universe.*

*The reason for people like master Su is the simple pious ego, now acting in the name of spirituality. The game is old: one has to be on the top. But why do the disciples do this? The reason is the same. If I am the greatest master, then naturally -- you are my disciple -- you are the disciple of the greatest master. You are no ordinary disciple, you are not a disciple of a third class enlightened man!*

*I have told you about one religious cult that exists only around the area of the Taj Mahal. They are called Radhaswamis. They were very much disturbed by the presence of the Taj Mahal. Now the Taj Mahal has nothing to do with their spirituality. But the disturbance began when their master died -- they determined to make his memorial better than the Taj Mahal.*

***The Taj Mahal is unique in the whole world.***

*There is no other building that can be compared to it. And it was made by a great emperor. It took thirty years in building, and almost ten thousand stonecutters, sculptors.... Master builders were gathered from faraway countries, the best from Iran, from Turkey, from Egypt, from Arabia. And the emperor who was making it had the whole empire of India and all the money was pouring into it. These ten thousand people worked almost.... When they had come they were young; by the time the Taj Mahal was completed, either they were old or dead. The second generation was working. Sometimes they had come old -- they were famous so they were brought -- so the third generation was working.*

*And the emperor who was making it as a memorial to his wife, Mumtaz, was also making on the other side of the river Jamuna his own memorial. When he died he would be buried there. Emperors took care while they were alive to make their memorial too, because after they were dead nobody was going to bother to put so much money and effort into it.*

*But his whole treasure was finished with the wife's memorial. His own memorial has only the foundation stones. He could not complete it because he was dethroned by his own son and kept in jail. And the son immediately dropped the plan of the second memorial.*

*The Taj Mahal is made of white marble, all Italian marble. And the other memorial, just on the other side of the river -- at the end he was going to make a bridge -- was going to be exactly the same as the Taj Mahal, but in black marble. He was creating a beautiful symmetry. The architect was going to be exactly the same, the building exactly the same, just the marble was going to be white on the wife's memorial and black on his own memorial.*

*Now these followers wanted to try to make something better than the Taj Mahal, because thousands of tourists were coming every day to see the Taj Mahal. Naturally they thought it was not only a question of prestige, it was also a question of business. It had been going on for almost one hundred years.*

*They had been able to make only the ground floor. Certainly they have made it far better than the Taj Mahal, but there seems to be no possibility that they will be able to complete it. They wanted to make it a three-story building, so it goes higher than the Taj Mahal, but all the money that they could collect from their followers from all over India is finished. For one hundred years continuously thousands of workers have been involved in making it.*

*I have seen.... Their pillars are so beautiful, so creative: on the pillars they have made creepers in marble. And the creepers have green flowers of green marble and roses on top of the creepers made in rubies, emeralds, diamonds. They have certainly made it clear that if they complete it -- even incomplete -- it has gone beyond the Taj Mahal. They are immensely happy. They invited me when I was speaking at Agra University.... They invited me to show me their incomplete memorial. They have done a tremendously great job.*

*They took me inside. Inside they have a map drawn on the marble and on the map there are fourteen divisions.*

***They have put all the enlightened people that they could think of in the division to which he belongs.***

*There are not only three categories.... According to them there are fourteen. Mohammed is in the third division, Jesus is in the fifth -- so is Moses. In the sixth is Mahavira and Buddha. In the seventh, Kabir, Nanak, and in that way they went on. Names are engraved in marble.*

*And in the fourteenth there is only one man, their own master, who was not known outside Agra. All his following is centered in Agra. A few people have moved to different places, but basically, it is a one-city-oriented religion. They asked me what was my opinion about this map.*

*I said, "Who has made this map?"*

*They said, "It is in our holy scripture. Our master himself has made this."*

*I said, "Your master is right. He is in the fourteenth."*

*They looked at me, because before me they had shown that map to many people. Everybody disagreed because their masters were put in the fifth degree, somebody's master in the third degree, somebody's master at the most in the seventh. After the seventh, the other six planes are empty. The fourteenth, the highest reach of consciousness, has been achieved by their master. Naturally no Hindu will agree, no Mohammedan will agree, no Jaina will agree, no Jew, no Christian, no Buddhist. Nobody is going to agree. I was the first man to agree with what they said.*

*They said, "You are the only man who understands."*

*I said, "Certainly, because I am on the fifteenth and I know your master is trying, making every effort, to enter into the fifteenth. I don't allow him! He tries hard, but I don't open the door. And as long as I am there on the fifteenth -- and there is no sixteenth, so I cannot go anywhere else -- your master has no chance."*

*They said, "Fifteenth? But in our scripture there are only fourteen."*

*"I think that's natural. Your master knows about only fourteen because he has never entered the fifteenth."*

*They were very much shocked and angry. Their whole desire is that their master is accepted as the highest, then they are certainly the most significant people on the earth, following the greatest master. And the master was also on the same trip because in his own writing, which nobody reads except his own disciples -- and they are not many, but they are very rich people....*

*They showed me their scripture. He has written with his own hand the names of Gautam Buddha and Jesus and Kabir on lower steps, and his own name he has written on the highest. That very stupidity shows that he is not even on the lowest, the first floor. He does not know anything about enlightenment.*

*He may have been a learned scholar. That seems to be a possibility, because he writes well.*

***But he is writing everything as a parrot, repeating from old Indian scriptures.***

*There is not a single statement which is original.*

*I asked them, "Show me something that is original. A man who has reached to the highest plane of consciousness must say something which nobody has said, because nobody has reached to that plane. Show me something. Because all that is written in it has been said by people who are just on the third, fourth, fifth.... What is your master's own statement? What is his testimony?"*

*They could not find a single statement in their whole book which was not stolen. But this thing goes on and on.*

*The man who brought me to Poona for the first time, nearabout thirty years ago, was a follower of Mahavira and he was also a follower of Mahatma Gandhi. He lived with Mahatma Gandhi in his*

ashram for years. His name was Rishabhdas Ranka. Many people of Poona must know him. Because Mahatma Gandhi was teaching continuously that all religions are the same, essentially the same -- no religion is higher than the other, they are all equal -- he also learned, like a parrot, to repeat it. And then he wrote a book on Mahavira and Gautam Buddha, and he showed me the manuscript. I simply saw the title and I said to him, "Just look at your title. I don't have to read your book -- your title says everything." In his title he writes, "Bhagwan Mahavir" and "Mahatma Gautam Buddha." "Bhagwan" is used for Mahavir, and for Gautam Buddha, just "Mahatma." There are so many mahatmas; "Mahatma" is not something very special or unique.

I said, "You are writing this book to show that Jainism and Buddhism are equal, and their message essentially is the same. And Gautam Buddha and Mahavira are equally enlightened."

He said, "Yes."

I said, "Then why this difference? Either put 'Mahatma' in front of both the persons or put 'Bhagwan.'"

Now he was in a great dilemma. He could not write "Mahatma Mahavir." The Jainas would kill him, they would expel him. He was a Jaina.... Nobody, not a single Jaina in twenty-five centuries, has made such an insult -- writing about Mahavira as just a mahatma. Mahatmas are available in this country for one rupee a dozen. They are so cheap, every village has its own mahatma.

And he was not willing to write "Bhagwan" before Gautam Buddha because no Jaina accepts Gautam Buddha as equal to Mahavira. He is enlightened, but not of the same height. Mahavira's enlightenment is complete; Buddha's enlightenment is incomplete -- partial enlightenment, not total.

And the same is the situation of the Buddhists. They will not be ready to call.... I have asked Buddhist monks. One Buddhist monk was born an Englishman, but got converted when he was young and became a Buddhist monk. I don't know whether he is still alive or not, but he was a world famous man, Sanghrakshita. He lives in the Himalayas, in Kalimpong.

He used to come to the university where I was teaching and he became interested in me, because he was always invited to the Philosophy Department. I used to raise questions and he was in difficulty trying to answer them. But he was a very nice person, he never became angry. On the contrary, if he could not answer me he used to ask if I had some idea of what the answer could be. I said, "I never ask anything unless I know the answer."

We became friends. He even started staying with me while he was in the city. I asked him, "What do you think about Mahavira?" Mahavira and Buddha were contemporaries.

He said, "About Mahavira? He was enlightened, but not so completely as Gautam Buddha."

The same nonsense goes on around the world. But the reason the disciples are concerned or the so-called masters are concerned is the same. It is the ego that needs a certain kind of gratification.

As far as J. Krishnamurti and George Gurdjieff are concerned, they are both enlightened. Both have disappeared in the same ocean in which all enlightened people have always disappeared.

**And beyond enlightenment there is no distinction. There is no question, because the person is no more.**

When the dewdrop falls into the ocean, do you think there will be differences, that when another dewdrop falls into the ocean, it will only partially fall into the ocean? Can a dewdrop fall partially into the ocean? Is it possible for any dewdrop to be different from any other dewdrop? They will all become the ocean.

I am a clear-cut, straightforward person. I don't want any nonsense to grow around me, and I want the same to be true about you. When I say that every enlightened being disappears into the same universe -- and there is no question of anybody being higher or lower -- you have to learn it. It is

*the first time that anybody is telling his disciples to drop the ego which is hiding behind the idea that, "I have got the greatest master."*

*It has nothing to do with the master, it has something to do with your own ego. Drop it. I am not the greatest master. In the world of masters there is no one who is great, and there is no one who is not great. All these categories are of the mind, they don't apply when mind is no more.*

*You are simply an utter silence, a pure presence with no person there. It is the same experience, the same taste, the same sweetness, the same blissfulness, the same truth, the same consciousness, the same ecstasy.*