

Will and Unite

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The first thing is to develop our human qualities, because many of us do not have normal human qualities. Often we have been praying, repeating the words of Swami Vivekananda, 'Make me a Man'! Do we sincerely pray? Do we sincerely wish that we should become men and if we do not really want to be proper men, what is the use of offering such prayer? There is no meaning at all. We are sub-human creatures actually. Many in society are brutes, they behave like beasts. How many real men are there in society? That is why human society is in the present condition. Everywhere we have so many grievances, complaints to make about the affairs of social life. Sometimes we protest, sometimes we burst out, but do we take any action to remove such things from society? We accuse others, we hold others responsible for every evil. But we do not want to shoulder the responsibility. We want to entrust the job of changing the society to others.

I see the situation is such, it is bad, it is intolerable. It is doing great harm to society and I know that many are not so serious about these things. They do not think that it is their business to solve, to do something, to bring about a change in the situation. So what is the use of suggesting, 'Let it be done?' Who will do it? 'Let it be done' is vague. If I say, 'You do it', or 'I will do it', we can understand it, but if we say simply in a polite manner, 'Let it be done', who is going to do?

If we say, let it be done, let society improve, let the ills of the society vanish, it means nothing. We do not know whether you or I will do it. I do not want to get involved in this task, but I wish that this change should come in the society. I simply wish, but simply wishing is nothing, is meaningless. But I should will. Instead of wishing I should will. If we simply wish, it is wishful thinking, it will never materialize. But instead of indulging in wishful thinking, if we learn to will that is something altogether different. 'Will' means determination, I will. Willing is very important. Willing is the seed, is the father of the things that come. Without willing nothing can come. If someone wills strongly, vigorously, manfully, anything will happen, anything will come, will be achieved. This is absolutely true and therefore we should not simply wish, we should will.

We should not ask others or expect others to do it. We should not keep the matter vague, but we must make a clear statement fixing responsibility, who is to do it. *I* am to do it. Let us do it, come, you, I and everybody else. Those who care about the welfare of the people should come together, put their shoulders together, their heads together, their hands together, their hearts together, their feet together and walk along all together. That is what we say when we pray – *Sam gachchadhvam, sam vadadhvam*, etc. Let us all move together, let us all think together, let us all feel together, let us all will together, let us all enjoy together. We should do everything together. This unity and the capacity to will are the most important things.