

identified with. I do not intend this as an indiscriminate condemnation, for there are worthy teachers of all kinds who have to live. But a teacher must look well to his motive, and remember always that he is to live to benefit mankind, not that mankind has to live to benefit him.

We are all seeds, cast down in the soil, not of the infinite, as some would have us believe, but in the soil of the finite, and capable of developing into anything for which that soil provides material. To be sure the limitations extend far beyond the range of our imagination, but it is well to keep the limitation in mind as a circumference. You can think of it as God with great comfort and edification, remembering that He also is a seed, (*Gita* x. 39) out of which proceed all things.

If you will examine the motions of a healthy seed you will observe that it is not scared of anything, it will grow anywhere it gets the chance, and it is impervious to the laws of property. It takes all it needs from what it can get. In a bad location it dies, just like a human creature. This is not very encouraging, perhaps, for the human creatures.

If you study botany a little you will discover that there are plants suited for existence in every kind of a location which the earth provides, short of the crater of an active volcano. Now man has the capacity of becoming any kind of a seed he likes. The plants have to grow along the lines of the spark of God-life attached to their different seeds. The whole of the God-life is attached to each human seed, so that if one kind of life is not suitable for the location in which the seed finds itself, it can choose another kind.

Each grain of mustard seed is surrounded by a vortex of marvellous magnetic, electric and vital forces, which always conform to the same general plan. Inaugurate the necessary conditions and these forces immediately become actively associated with the materials with which they are in contact. The invisible forces playing around each human seed are of such extraordinary complexity that almost any condition will provide a possible field of activity. There is this difference between the human and the mustard seed, that the latter has no choice, but grows according to its set plan, while the human must determine for itself what particular forces it will choose to set in motion out of the vast net-work which vibrates around it.

You can do anything of which you believe you are capable. If you have the faith of the mustard seed you will reach out into the universe around you and build into yourself all the constituents you require. They are all there, for the limitations out-run your imagination. Mustard seeds do not spring up into trees in a night, and you will not bloom forth in a year,