

A TASTER - SOME LECTURES BY SWAMIJI

Swamiji is unique – no Eastern monk has also earned a BA with a curriculum made by Scottish Calvinist missionaries. He stated he wished he could throw his degree in the Ganges! But he was indelibly marked – and it gave him his brilliant English and Western logic.

For Europe to start true 'free-thinking', a few thinkers had to take on some 2000 year-old Indian ideas - that are in this book.

People have been meditating for 3000 years - nothing new!
Frequent sitting in concentration removes sloppy thinking. It reduces the mind's dependence on food from the senses.

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	29	What is 'Free-thinking'?
1	31	To turn man-the-animal into Man-the-God India's shining message. 1901 ca. Found among his papers.
3	42	Infinite Dreamers Dreaming Finite Dreams. The Practice of Religion. The carpenters try to teach the Architect 18 April 1900. Tucker Hall, Alameda, SF. (CW - vol 4)

1- Is this world the goal of life? 2- Is enjoyment the goal of life? 3- Kindergarten religion. 4- The carpenters try to teach the Architect. 5- Can this life ever be the goal of the Soul? 6- What is your life? It is that same struggle for Freedom. 7- We are deceived with knowledge. 8- Infinite desire can only be satisfied by Infinite Knowledge. 9- All nature is crying out through every atom for Perfect Freedom. 10- Utilise the things of this world for just one goal. **11- Every machine that saves labour puts more stress on labour.**

**6 71 I am 'That'.
Nature and Man.**

20 March 1900. Washington Hall, SF.
(CW - vol 8).

1- Thoughts do not just happen. 2- There is no such thing as free will. 3- The will is bound by the effects of previous acts.

**10 95 The highest expression of human
thought.**

Monism. The Atman. (CW - vol 2).
2 February 1896.

345 Pouch Mansion, Brooklyn. NY.

1- The fairest flower of any religion man has produced. 2- I am asked for a comfortable religion! 3- The vast mass of superstition innate in every human. 4- In 'That Infinite Existence', we dream these various dreams. 5- How can you know the Knower? 6- You will expand or limit your perspective with exactly those things that are important for you. 7- The dream of life goes rolling on. 8- He places on that throne the Self of man. 9- I worship my Self. 10- This little 'I' never existed. 11- Truth never dreams; illusion arises from illusion. 12- The scriptures are but kindergarten maps. 13- And this is the one way to Knowledge. 14- For him there is eternal peace, for none else, for none else. 15- Therein lies the explanation of all morality. 16- Through the senses as matter. Through the intellect as Souls. Through the Spirit as God.

11 110 How we came to dream such trash!

29 July 1895.

1000 Islands, NY State.

Recorded by Ellen Waldo, 11 & 12.

(CW - vol 7).

**12 114 Do not repent!
Be a nun or be a monk.**

3 August 1895. (CW - vol 7).

1000 Islands, NY State.

1- With desire comes terrible bondage. 2- Learn to feel yourself in other bodies. **3- Do not repent!** 4- We must strive and practise. 5- Intellect ends where spirituality begins.

13 118 Buddha, Gautama. 1000 Islands,
NY. 1895.
Recorded by Christina Greenstidel.

14 120 Know Yourself. The First Steps.
11 Dec 1895. Beginners' class.
228 W 39St. New York.
Recorded by Leon Landsberg.

1- That peculiar reaction called misery/depression. **2- There is no such thing as fate.** **3- How to undo the effects of years/lives of mistakes.** **4- Know Yourself -** Become conscious of the 'Infinite Nature' within. 5- Dare to be a rationalist. 6- Bound to old superstitions. **7- If reason tells you that nothing the senses convey to the mind is true** 8- Show that you have something. 9- Detachment is the first step. 10- We are slaves to everything.

15 124 Descriptions of the early New York classes by regular class-goers.
'I passed onto a road leading to Limitless Attainment'.

16 127 My Master.
First Build your Character.
23 Feb 1896.
Madison Square Garden, New York.
(Part CW – vol 4. Part original MS).

19 141 Questions & Answers (selected) at Harvard lecture, 'Vedanta Philosophy'
'You have not solved the problem of want, only made it keener'.
Cambridge, MA. 25 March 1896.
(CW – vol 5. Lecture: CW – vol 1).

20 144 'I have bundled my things and wait for the Great Deliverer'.
18 April 1900.
(CW - vol 6. Epistle 158).
Letter to Josephine MacLeod while he's in SF

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The well-acquired habit of the mind depending on food from the senses. Swami Ramakrishnananda (1863-1911). Fellow monk of Swamiji's. Written 1910. |
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To know that death is a release.
The earliest Veda 'book'. Earliest Sanskrit |
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