

Loyalty



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RELIGIOUS LOYALTY

Loyalty to a spiritual custom
without sincerity and conviction
is *hypocrisy*.

Loyalty to the spirit of a custom
even without clinging to the form
is *wisdom*.

Loyalty both to the form and the spirit
is the *greatest wisdom*.

But loyalty neither to spiritual custom,
principle, or teacher
is spiritual *degeneration*.

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## INNER LOYALTY

As soon as you drive from the altar of your mind  
all sensations, then the Infinite comes.

It is wonderful, it is marvelous.

God is so kind. I never realized *how* kind.

For He tests His devotees very hard,  
for your love for God must be supreme,  
and loyalty to the guru and his teachings  
must be unconditional.

In the sincerity of true souls

God is manifest.

It is in sincerity that our souls  
become welded into the Infinite.

## LOYALTY AND UNITY

One moon gives more light  
than all the stars.  
Every church does some good,  
but all the churches must get together  
and become one: the *Church of God*.  
If we love all churches the same,  
then we shall find God.  
We must have fellowship, not for self,  
but for Self-realization,  
to know that God talks to us  
through our body, mind, and soul.  
The time has come  
when no new denomination  
asserting a new imaginary idea about Truth  
is necessary,  
but, what *is* necessary  
is to organize  
get-together fellowship meetings  
of all religionists  
in order to discuss and test  
the various spiritual beliefs and ideas about Truth  
in the experience and self of man.

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