

## Message 508

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### Divine Destiny

There is a beautiful dialogue between a disciple and Guru. Same is being reproduced here along with some perceptions from the Guru-process for contemplation by all.

"Dear Baba,

Pronam. How's your health?

I just submitted my thesis, will now return back to India by the end of this month. Once the final viva is done (after couple of months) and am awarded the PhD degree then I will start applying for faculty positions in India. In India, they have a peculiar concept of age bar for the assistant professor post, which is 35. As I am 38, so I have lower chances, but will see, these days, some age relaxation is being given to some candidates.

Let me share a funny thing, as I have nothing to do in this time period of few months, until the final viva, I am applying to various post doctorate positions, when I am applying such positions within India, people are saying, "doing a post doc in India, after doing a PhD from UK, is a degradation of quality in the CV, that might hamper your application for faculty position", I have been suggested to prepare my answer for this! I have a simple answer, if we do not respect the research being done in our own country, by our own scholars (who are quite capable), in our own research institutes, then who will?

So disappointed seeing that people are still trapped in the colonial mindset - people are questioning a scholar's capabilities who is choosing her own country over western countries for further progress.

For the time being, there is a possibility to avail a post doctorate fellowship at IIT Guwahati (Assam) - if that is successful, I shall be moving to Guwahati, and in future, there should be some possibilities too, to join the institute as a faculty.

Jai Guru! Pranam! Love!  
Gargi"

"Dear Gargi,

I have got your e-mail, giving details of the various possibilities of your brilliant academic career for future flowering in full bloom. Let Divine Destiny take care of you. Also, let your own energy of understanding decide what you must do, in a particular situation. Let age relaxation be given to you — this is the blessing from your Guru Baba. With much love,

Shibendu Lahiri"

### Some Perceptions:

1) Destiny is unknowable but it is taken care of by the Divinity which is also unknowable. Divinity i.e. the Existence, the Intelligence is not inert, it is very much Intelligent and active. Holy Divinity is not biased, it is always neutral. Whatever have been offered to the Divinity, the Existence through our mind, speech and actions, are returned by the Existence as holy Prasad. So Destiny is Divine because it is nothing but impartial return gift of the holy Divinity.

2) Perception and spontaneous action in a particular situation is a Life-process which happens when mind is without agitation and conflict of good and bad, beneficial and unworthy etc. Without Energy of Understanding and Peace, problem cannot be understood in totality and therefore, there cannot be clarity. Energy of Understanding and Peace can be restored in the body by the process of Swadhyay and Practice (Tapa) of Kriya Yoga.

3) Love for mother-tongue and motherland is quite natural. Mind does not want freedom even from colonial rule and its symbols. It is always busy in following and becoming.

**Jai Destiny! Jai Divinity!**