

Short offhand talk before a lecture on May 29, 1957

Devatas are gradations – Ishta devata has no gradation!

Hans: If a pupil has been initiated in an earlier life, does the teacher know it? Is it necessary to know it?

Sri Goswami: He may not know! It is not necessary to know it. But usually it becomes known. A great teacher would throw you out for asking. And if I said something about you, you cannot verify. But still you must be understanding in this way that there is some touch inside, it cannot be all of a sudden.

Deva: I think we have drawn you to Sweden.

Sri Goswami: Yes, it is not at all impossible. And I believe that in what you say there is truth, I admit that ! It was only was a question of a moment. However, hundreds, both man and women of all ages, have been in contact with me but only with a very, a limited few has it been possible to make a real inner contact.

Deva: Why?

Sri Goswami: Either these others are not ready, or I am not fit for them! Even those who have remained with me for a very long time still do not seem to appreciate it at all! And so you see, that only with a few I have been able to establish a contact, not because I have a special desire to do that, it just became this way. Perhaps when you came to me it was not so much, but it materialized. It means that the power which is operating at a higher level is responsible.

As for example, Hans. When he came a few years ago he was not very

learned nor philosophic or spiritual. He was a good and sincere boy and I never asked him. It came from within. Whatever was in him was aroused, no one could force him!

I may be angry and say "Get out"! But I cannot let you go. And if you go you will give me very much pain. Each one of you is important to me. It is not only that you come here and I talk.

Whether you can feel or understand that - I feel for you here ...