

To me the whole of life is a ground for learning, not only learning about the external world but also learning to distinguish what is true from what is false. Life is a great mystery and understanding that mystery is the objective of my life. The rest is a by-product of the wisdom so generated.

*Do we have an existential project to perform?*

Being true to oneself and therefore to others is a major responsibility in addition to whatever other responsibility one takes up in life. This again is a by-product of self-knowledge or wisdom.

*We are social animals; our life would have no meaning without the others, notwithstanding that we live in an era where individualism is more exalted than ever. This brings about a social involution: what do you think of that?*

Individualism is an illusion. We are inextricably linked to each other and to the entire universe around us. To separate oneself from the world and treat it as something meant for one's use is narrow-minded egoism. It is the greatest source of all suffering, both personal and global.

*How can we recognize good and evil?*

To the extent we are capable of being egoistic we have the capacity for evil. Any action born of the ego state is evil irrespective of what results it achieves outwardly and any action born of love and compassion is right action irrespective of what it achieves externally.

*Man has always been distressed by the unknown. Religions, and afterwards philosophies with the aid of reason, gave him some help. What help did you have?*

Theosophy and Krishnamurti taught me that religion is not belief but the quest for truth. That we can grow in wisdom if we have a learning mind and look upon life as a mystery to be lived and learnt from. The known is very limited and the awareness of the existence of the vast unknown brings humility. Our knowledge leads to arrogance when it is not coupled with wisdom and blocks learning.

*What is for you the meaning of life?*

Life is not a problem to be solved; it is a mystery to be lived.