



The Quest

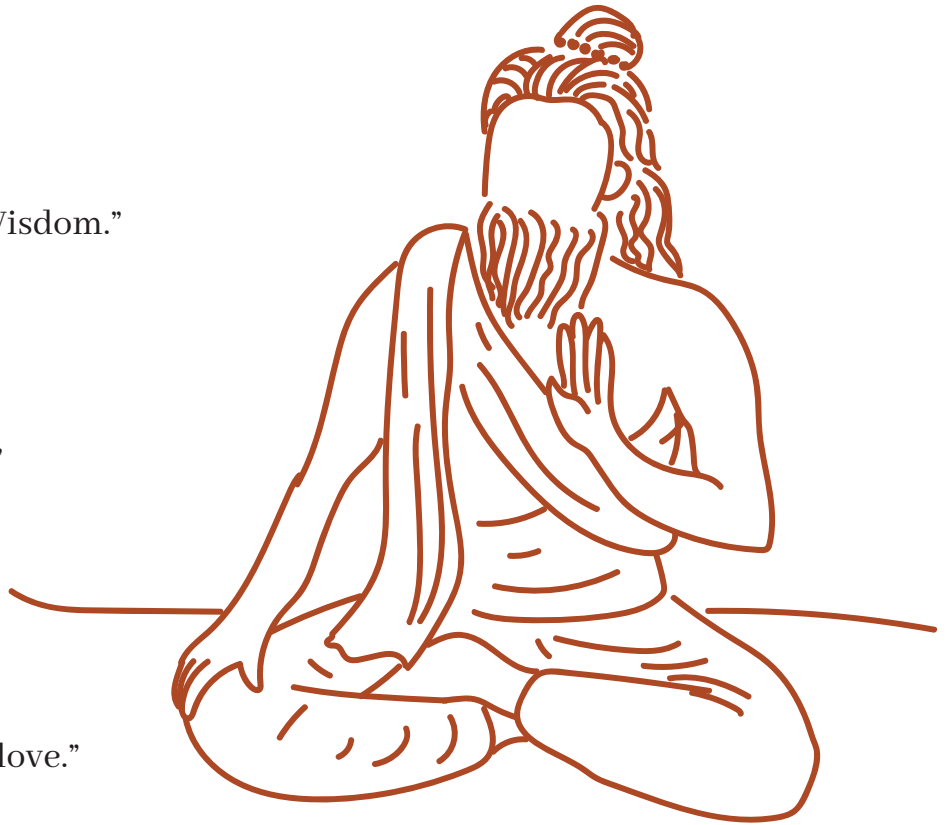
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The disciple asked the Guru:
“What is the difference between
Love and Wisdom?”

The Guru replied:
“None. God is all Love and all Wisdom.”

The disciple then asked:
“Then, can there be
Wise love and Loving wisdom?”

The Guru replied:
“Perhaps.... But
Love is not always wise
And wisdom is seldom born of love.”



The disciple exclaimed:

"Of course...

Love surges like unwise waters

Through turbulent currents

Treacherous whirlpools...

Cutting borders

Crossing barriers

Breaking bonds

Drowning banks

With

Unbridled youth

Untapped strength

Indomitable resilience

Undaunted courage

Unchartered

Unchaste

Unending..."

The Guru nodded in acquiescence.

The disciple, delighted, proclaimed his discovery:

"Then, Love is blind

And, Wisdom has sight!

Love is born of the feeling heart

While

Wisdom has the gene of the reasoning mind!

Love is passionate

But

Wisdom is dispassionate!

Love is Earthy

But wisdom is divine!

Therefore:

Love is the devil

And

Wisdom is God!"

The Guru interrupted with firm serenity;

"No. God is both wisdom and love!

God is dispassionately loving

And

Passionately wise!"

The disciple hurriedly queried,

"Then, what is Man... wise or loving?"

The Guru clarified:

"Man, like God, is both wisdom and love,

But...

Man is passionately loving

Only

Dispassionately wise!"

The disciple, baffled at the seeming paradox,

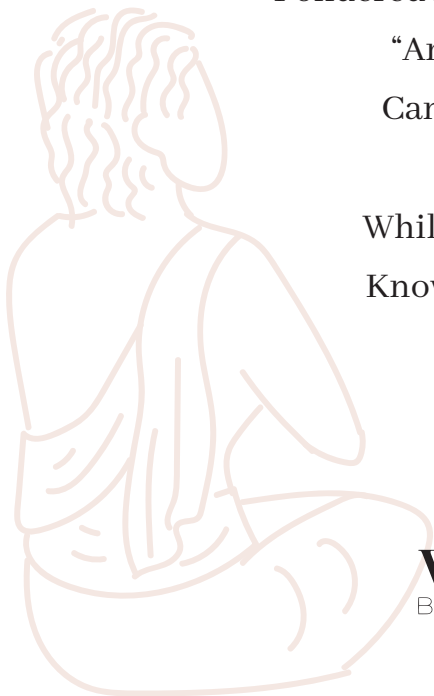
Pondered in inward quest, asking:

"Am I man or God?

Can I become God?"

While, the Godly Guru

Knowingly, smiled on.



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