

Philosophy Group With Makarand Paranjape (April 19th 2008)

Today our Philosophy Group met at Arpana's Art Gallery in the Siri Fort Institutional Area. Professor Makarand Paranjape of JNU (<http://www.makarand.com/>) was gracious enough to present a paper he wrote about my dear mentor Ramuji. What follows are some of my notes from the discussion that ensued during the reading of his paper.

Arunachala is the holy hill representing nonseparation of ourselves from the absolute

Philosophy is a part of life not a discipline

Fitting in wasn't about him (Ramuji)

Advaita = heterodoxy

To address them and be addressed by them is what it means to be a person...conscious of sharing a personal form of life with others

We are communicative beings...in the act we are one

Advaita is communication...dvaita you think there are two but the communication makes us one

Being human means to communicate

Secularized advaita, socially engaged

He put the material world into advaita

Brahmacarya was the way of the vast, not celibacy, more love, the vastness of brahmacharya

Advaita must be lived!

When you realize there is no other then you have abhaya...when you know "I am thou" then you won't fight

Gandhi...Aurobindo...Ramana Maharshi...