

## 4.10 *Samyaktva* --- A true Vision

*Samyaktva* means an integrity or purity of inclination of attitude, of outlook.

When the inclination towards the essence of spiritual welfare is integrated, pure, right it is *Samyaktva*. On attainment of such '*Samyaktva*', all fanaticism strong attachment to one's views, narrow minded and strong meditation of passions, subside and calm down. Right inclination the pure desire to acquire knowledge, and is the light of such knowledge we gain understanding that reality is not absolute; but relative, it is that one-sided, but is many-sided. As a result of this, synthetic outlook is developed. And this leads to the rise and development of equanimity. Such equanimity is purified by discretion.

*Samyaktva* is right folk, but not blind faith. Such right faith results from the use of discretionary power of thought. Such right faith is purified by logic, and it can stand the test of reason. Such faith is an attitude having a special strength of discretionary faculty. One can now easily distinguish between good and evil, or decide what is worthy of acceptance and what is worth of rejection, or what is beneficial and what is harmful.

As soon as '*Samyaktva*' is attained i.e. a right faith makes in appearance, whatever little knowledge the soul possesses (any such little knowledge of scriptures, or ordinary internet or a kind of limited learning) turns into the right knowledge (*सम्यग् ज्ञान*) Thus, Rightness of knowledge depends on rightness of faith. From this right knowledge, are developed right conduct. Simple knowledge. Simple knowledge (*ज्ञान*) is knowing a thing, but the rightness (discretionary insight / Right faith) of faith imparts purity to such simple knowledge and from it generates right conduct.

*Maharshi Umaswati*, in the very first verse of *Tanwarthsutra* has inter woven these three together in these words :

***“Right faith (inclination, insight) right cognition (knowledge) and right conduct - these three combined are the means of LIBERATION.”*** (*सम्यग् दर्शन, ज्ञान, चाट्टिगानी मोक्ष मार्गः (१)* )

Right faith (*Samyaktva*) is the strong and firm foundation of good conduct. 'As is the faith, so is the world' (*जेवी दृष्टि तेवी सृष्टि*). However great is the development of knowledge, or intellect, but if the faith is wrong, evil or perverse, the knowledge or intellect can be misused, it can become corrupt. But if the faith is right (*सम्यक्त्व*), even little knowledge is there, it will be used rightly. It is faith that direct knowledge this way or that way. Therefore, its rightness has great significance.

Right faith (inclination or attitude) cannot be gained only through the study of scriptures or philosophy. Any person, yes any person can gain it provided his soul is soft. If a person is soft-hearted, compassionate and friendly, towards all living beings, he can achieve *Samyaktva*. What is *Samyaktva* ?

**"To regard, with 'pure' intellect  
Real God as Real God,  
Real Teacher as Real Teacher,  
True Religion as True Religion is Right Faith."**