

Journey of the Soul

Swami Ramalingam's Disappearance

Lesson 9

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Swami Ramalingam attained divinization of his physical body. The transformation took place on January 30, 1874, when Swami Ramalingam (age 51), withdrew in seclusion into a room which he used for mystic meditation (Samadhi) . He locked himself in and advised followers not to open it. He said that even if they did open it, they would find nothing. His seclusion spurred rumors, and the Government forced the doors open in May. The room was empty, with no clues. He has never been seen since, and the room is still locked.

The transformation took place in three stages:

1) Transformation of his human body into Perfect Body made of Divine Light. This body has total

invulnerability to everything. This made him immortal and impervious to any damage as well as having attributes of omnipotent, omnipresent and omniscient.

2) Perfect Body transformed into the Grace Body possessing a youthful appearance; this body can be seen but not touched, and has complete and absolute dominion over all Siddhis.

3) Grace Body was transformed into the Bliss Body, the body of the Supreme Godhead which is omnipresent but cannot be perceived by anyone.

Vision of Dematerialization of Swami Ramalingam's Supramental Deathless Body

Sri Gangadharan Swamy, Sri Aurobindo Ashram, India experienced a vivid meditation vision of the dematerialization of Swami Ramalingam's deathless luminous body 104 years after Swami Ramalingam disappeared.

It was by a rare virtue that on January 14, 1978, I had a vision between 2 a.m. and 3 a.m. in meditation. The vision of dematerialization of the physical body of Swami Ramalingam into and as the Truth-Light of Supreme Grace which possesses Supreme Compassion and Bliss of Grace.

Though I have ascended into and remained in the Truth-World of Grace-Light where I saw earth as part of the universe, this Vision came when my consciousness was on earth, though aware of the Truth-World and the Beyond.

To begin with, an ineffable Silence and Peace prevailed everywhere and I continuously heard Para Nada, the mysterious divine Sound.



Sri Gangadharan Swamy



Swami Ramalingam locked this door on January 30, 1874 to dematerialize his triple deathless body.

Then the Vision broke out. I saw a small village in simple and beautiful surroundings. There was the concrete Presence of the Supreme and Universal Divine with the beautiful Truth-Light of Grace and Fragrance, which enriched the place and enraptured my heart with increasing aspiration for Grace. At the center of the village was a small house in its purity and peace. Sweet Fragrance of Grace radiated everywhere from the house.

Swami Ramalingam entered the house. His face was calm and peaceful. He was an embodiment of Compassion and his body was filled with Fire of Tapas of Truth-

Consciousness as of the Purity of the Supreme Divine. His body radiated the Light of Grace. His body was of silken or light golden shining color. He entered the verandah and kindled the wick of a burning oil-lamp and it began to burn more brightly. Then he stepped into his room, closed the doors and bolted them from the inside.

The Concrete Presence of the Supreme and Universal Divine filled the room. There was also Silence, Peace, Fragrance and the Light of Grace due to the Presence.

Swami sat on a white cloth spread on a low wooden plank and began to concentrate. In that poise he was a Mountain of Truth-Knowledge with the Truth -Light of Grace and Peace and Fire of Tapas. He was a supreme form of the Divine. Flood of Light was radiating from his pure, luminous body in all directions.

Supreme Grace, Supreme Compassion and the Light of Grace are expressive of the secret truth that they hold the key for transformation of physical body into the deathless physical body of Grace in its eternal youthfulness. One has to live in the depth of the ocean of blissful Grace- light for getting transformed into the divine nature and as the divinized body.

The intensity of the flood of Light that radiated from his body was powerful. My body vibrated with a joy and pleasantness because of the Vision of Light of his body.

After sometime of concentration, he rose up and looked at the sky. Full moon was shedding its blissful cool rays over earth. A little distance away from the moon was a bright and concentrated Splendor of Light. It appeared like a bright dazzling star of Light. Swami poured his concentrated gaze at it. He became enraptured with blissful joy in the heart, which radiated on his face. After a while, he again sat on the white seat of the plank and entered deep concentration.

Though the Swami was inside the closed and bolted room, he could see the whole universe with its tiers of many worlds of mind; life and the physical including physical earth and sky with moon, stars and clouds.



When he was thus absorbed in deep concentration, an effulgent Truth - Light of Grace broke out from his heart and with its unique Heat began to burn his radiant physical body very slowly, at a snail's pace, and in an upward direction, from the heart towards head. The burning was similar to that of an incense-stick which however burns downwards by its inner heat of fire, forming ash-covering but without the falling down of the ash-form.

When the upper part of his radiant body was burnt completely from heart to head, a form of pure white substance remained, which radiated its light of Consciousness. The burnt part, however, showed all features intact; even the burnt hair of his head was distinct luminous white hair. Then the Heat of the pure Light of Grace descended to burn the lower part.

After the body was burnt, Swami was a bodily form of pure white substance from head to foot, radiating Light. Even the blood had changed into a white luminous Substance. The form white kept intact all the different kinds of cells of his body and all the distinctive features and formations of his interior and exterior body. His bodily form did not shrink in size after the burning. I saw no visible flame nor sensed its heat during the burning of his living body, nor smoke, nor any bad smell as of burnt tissues, nor heard any cracking noise as of burnt bones. But instead, there was a sweet Fragrance since the time his body began to burn and it spread everywhere. I sensed in my heart an ineffable Calmness and Silence, which gave me a state of Bliss.



Now a second stage of burning began. The unique Heat of Grace - Light began to burn slowly Swami's luminous Form of white Substance from head to foot downwards. When his white Substance-Form full of its radiating Light, was burnt completely, the white Substance became very fine sub-atomic consciousness particles permeating and pervading the universe and farther pure worlds of consciousness beyond. The fine, white and conscious particles with its radiating Light also entered and got distributed everywhere in the earth and even in matter and in the Inconscient. After the universal pervasive distribution of the particles, they could be seen no more and disappeared from my sight. But now there pervaded everywhere the sweet, soft and fine

Fragrance of Camphor which gave my body a blissful sensation and enraptured my heart.



Then I had the rare vision of Swami's universal luminous golden Form. The immensity of his golden form contained whole universe. This form too disappeared and was replaced by a vision in which I saw the Golden Light of Truth - knowledge and Grace entering into all directions more speedily than lightning. It permeated and pervaded the universe and the farther pure worlds of Consciousness. It entered earth and all its physical forms of beings and objects and in the apparently insensible matter (Jada) and in the dark realm of the vast Inconscient. All the forms that were permeated by the Golden Light of Truth changed into golden forms of beings and objects.

The golden Light entered into my adhara including the physical body. My body felt in all the cells vibrations of ease and pleasantness.

Then I indistinctly heard words of Grace, but they could not be deciphered, as I was absorbed in a rapture of Bliss due to the sublime vision and experiences. Thus the Vision lasted an hour and came to an end.

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