



## Teachings of the Eastern Masters

“Devotees make plans, but they do not know their own benefit. God alone knows the devotees’ interest - future, past and present...He is the doer and also the impelling force behind all action.

“The child asks for sweets, but the mother gives him a potion of medicinal herbs. It may cry, struggle violently in resistance. But such is the mother’s verdict, and all out of a loving concern for its well-being.

“The bitter potion will be beneficial at the proper time. But what does the child understand of its good properties? Only the mother will know a mother’s mark of recognition.”

### Commentary

All varieties of experiences are part of our life in the “blue.” All of them have been orchestrated by a loving God for the ultimate Good, even though this is often incomprehensible to the human mind that is only able to perceive a limited scope, and can find it difficult to differentiate the Good from the comfortable.

We do not need to understand intellectually how this “medicine” works in order for it to be effective in bringing us to Wholeness - God’s work in our lives does what is necessary to bring us to him. I remember Jerry saying at a retreat that the overshadowing need to understand “why” can be a major side trip unto itself. Faith and patience are all that is needed.

This week’s quotation is from the *Shri Sai Satcharita* , Chapter 25, v. 56, 60-62.

Love,

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