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Only human beings can use the matter. not the animals. Animals cannot use the matter for their own purpose. When they started aggressing the matter, the ego started developing, and we developed this, what you call "the pyramid of our brain." We started growing more and more and more and more like this. But when it reached its height, then we started using our ego more. We didn't stop at that point. We started moving on the other side so this went down and it covered it completely like that. That's why we say the pineal body in the human being doesn't work; it functions, no doubt, it functions.

As a result of that, you see when we saw this ego was growing, as a result of that people felt extremely over-confident. "What's wrong?" business started long time back, since the time of Columbus; as I've said, if Columbus had come to India, you would not have seen Me here. He would have finished all the Indians there—not him, he was a very nice man, but those who followed him.

In the same way, this ego started destroying people, and they had an idea of a triumph, and killing people, occupying lands, occupying territories, accumulating wealth. Went on, and on, and on, and on, on this level. Then from there they started. When the marriage system started in a proper way, again the aggression started on the women, and now the women are aggressing men, like that, it's all became so aggressive. But when you aggress you don't see that you are aggressing; this is the problem of the egoistical person. Though he may be a seeker, though he may be a very genuine seeker, but if he is in the area of ego, he never feels his own catches, because the ego is in between the reality and himself. So, he cannot see his own catches, he cannot see how he is aggressing others, and he doesn't see how he's hurting others, troubling others, torturing others. And, such a person can be extremely arrogant, extremely what you call the "strangulating."

This is what happens when you get cancer, also. When you get the cancer, what happens, it starts with the left side, no doubt. But when it comes into the person, then he becomes a person who is vulnerable to a disease or a disease where the person is aggressive; the person is aggressed. The cells of the body first develop the aggression; we call it "malignant." When this cell comes in contact with others that also becomes malignant. So that's how the malignancy spreads, and when it spreads what happens? That supposing in the nose there are some cells which become malignant; so they start obstructing other organs to grow, the only nose will start growing like that. I mean to say that not outside but inside.

So they aggress, you see, the aggression starts and they lose complete control with the whole, because there is no coordination with the whole, they don't see that the whole has to grow together, and not only the nose, and not only the eyes, isn't it? And this breaking from the collectivity is the first sign when you find a Sahaja yogi behaves in a funny way, that if he is breaking from the collectivity, then he is nothing but a egoist, no doubt about it—by any argument, by anything.

But, a person who is a superego fellow will stick onto the collectivity; will try to be very close to the ashram. He'll be very much close to us, very much here, around it, even if we say "we don't want to," it will be there. Why? Because it realizes that it is aggressed and also it realizes that it can be sly. So, when a left-sided person enters into an ashram, that person will be very nice, quiet, sweet, everything. But the entities, the bhoots in him, will aggress the people slyly. They'll torture him. But those people can be cured very easily, because they are troubled and tortured themselves. But those who are egotistical, it will be very difficult for them to get out of it. That's why I've been talking about ego yesterday and today.

Now can see all aggression, the manifested, "What's wrong?" Say now, I was talking about the chemicals. Now, how did you discover these chemicals? It is through your ego, through your science. Now, if the science is not related to God or to the whole, then you go like that, and then you can produce hydrogen bombs; you can produce these horrible chemicals, like it's what you call "the fool-hardiness." You enter into every area, every place, and achieve the power over that, but then you don't know what that is capable of.