

indispensable. To do the sadhana for the sake of the Divine and not for one's own sake is of course the true attitude.

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Faith, reliance upon God, surrender and self-giving to the Divine Power are necessary and indispensable. But reliance upon God must not be made an excuse for indolence, weakness and surrender to the impulses of the lower nature; it must go along with untiring aspiration and a persistent rejection of all that comes in the way of the Divine Truth. The surrender to the Divine must not be turned into an excuse, a cloak or an occasion for surrender to one's own desires and lower movements or to one's ego or to some Force of the ignorance and darkness that puts on a false appearance of the Divine.

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It is always better to make an effort in the right direction; even if one fails the effort bears some result and is never lost.

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For those who do not make any effort, — that absence of effort is itself a difficulty — they do not progress.