The Western Path of Self-Realization.

I. Differences in the bases of human understanding.
   A. The common error of assuming that other men see and think like one's self.
      1. Individuals
      2. Races
      3. Cultures
         a. Wide differences in fundamental outlook of cultures.
         b. The self-evident of one culture may not be comprehensible to another culture.
         c. Timelessness of Indian consciousness contrasted with the strong sense for time in the West.
            (1) Ill. of Indian teacher asking for ink and western technique in fighting fire.

II. The common purpose of all religion.
   A. The common state of this humanity that of the orphan.
      1. Essentially an asylum problem, not a normal one.
   B. Primary purpose of religion the re-establishment of conscious unity between man and his Divinity, the Father.
      1. This known as Salvation, Redemption, Realization, Liberation, Yoga, Self-Realization, God-Realization, Unity with the "I AM".

III. The meaning of Self-Realization.
   A. Common state of mankind polarization in the personal self.
      1. Analogous to the geocentric outlook.
      2. Involves confusing complexity and restricted perspective.
   B. Self-Realization implies shift of polarization to the Divine or Higher Self.
      1. Heliocentric outlook.
      2. Clarifying perspective of superior level.
   C. This repolarization the first need of man.
      1. The problem of "Truth determination" follows rather than precedes.
         a. Since only from the new base can dependable results be attained.

IV. The Path to Self-Realization.
   A. Any Path valid that either attains the goal or makes its attainment easier.
   B. As different races, cultures and individuals are different so are the Paths different.
      1. Man must start from where he is, and helped from where he is now.
      2. The Path that is effective, so long as it is effective is the True Path, however it may differ from the Paths of others.

V. The Western Way.
   A. The Western spirit dynamic and self-assertive.
      1. Not renunciatory nor capable of withdrawing into the inaction of timeless consciousness.
      2. Hence Jesus never really understood nor really followed in the West.
      3. Transplanted Hinduism and Buddhism equally uneffective.
         a. Liberation from misery and apothesis of Nirvana does not stir the Western imagination as a whole.
B. Typically the West seeks to win, to master things.
1. Hence Bliss not the goal.
2. Spiritual Knowledge not a western goal.
3. "Power to do" the great value.
   a. This implies strong development of egoism
      (1) The Indian Path of negation of egoism fails at this point for the West.
C. The West must attain the goal by the road of highly developed egoism.
   1. Primacy of the will and self-determination.
D. The Path of Egoistic self-determinism is effective, provided action is viewed detachedly as though it were a game.
   1. This illustrated in the action of the highest type of American business man.
E. The Western Saviour who carves out Destiny through the determination of his creative will.