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"Srimad Bhagavatham"

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"Who did give you the idea to start this creation? What is the basis of this creation? Who started it and for what? How are you doing all this with ease from so long? I could not understand even your existence." asked Narada to Brahma.

The basis of this creation is Brahma. Who gave the idea to Brahma? Where did he get all the necessary items to bring out this creation? There is nothing existing until then. Then how can all this be created? The only way is that Brahma should create from within himself. This creation can be compared to spider web which the spider creates from within itself.

This is the first question that Narada asked Lord Brahma and this question should arise in everyone's mind. If we think of doing something, where does that thought come to us from? How did Lord Brahma get the idea of creation? Where was the thought before? It's within us. Then we try to understand that thought. Then we will make arrangements to do that work in mind and then in action. In this manner we work in 4 states. We make the arrangements to execute our thoughts from things already available around us.

For Lord Brahma there is nothing outside when he got up in a Lotus. Then he thought what should I do? He then meditated on what he should do. Then came from within him the word "Create". Then he asked what should he create? How to create? How much to create? Then one more word came from within "Tapa". This should be followed by all of us when we get an idea to do something. We should not immediately get to work. So, when we hear an inner-voice, we should swallow it and send it back. If it comes back again, then think about doing it. . Generally most of us do something by imitation. If such is the case then it is useless. Anything which comes from within is the right thing which should be done by us.

When Lord Brahma did Tapas he came to know that everything is already within him. The whole creation was already there within. He just needs to express it outside or manifest it outside. Everything that is outside comes from within. The Lord is within us. If we submit ourselves to him, he does everything from us. We should remember that he does everything and not us. That is how Brahma could do all this without any effort. If we forget the Lord thinking that we do everything then he just remains passive in us and leaves everything to us.

Narada has posed a question: "When and why did you feel like creating this Universe?" to Lord Brahma. Similar questions arise in ourselves as well. Such as "When did we fall asleep?" "Who is in me?" and "Who am I?" When we start something and start executing it, we always exhibit our own nature in the things that we do. Our character can be easily seen in the work that we produce. The work that was produced will not look good when we have issues within ourselves because the outside is nothing but a by-product of what is inside.

Narada continued his question: "It looks like you are not the origin or thread of this creation. It seems like a complex task to run with your daily chores." This question raised in Narada because the output of Brahma's work seemed like the work of someone that has strong Light. Guru / Master tries to show that Light to his disciples. Master's task is not to "convert" the disciple towards him but to enlighten the presence of the Light in the Universe as well as the Light that exists within the disciple. However, that Light may be blocked by our own opaqueness. This is the opaqueness created by our own nature, habits, and thought process. A transparent glass can show the water within it better than a glass made out of copper. A Master's task is to convert the disciple from his own nature and habits to become a transparent glass (from an opaque glass) so that (s)he can see the Light (water) within (her)himself.

Master needs to show the connectivity between the disciple and the God. That is what Jesus has told "there should be no middle man between you and the Lord". That is why the Master shows a path to the disciple to see the direction to the God / Lord. The Master doesn't need to use books from other Masters, etc as the gifts to disciple to attract her/him. Master must read the disciple in a real-time, understand her/his state, and provide direction towards the Lord. On the other hand, if we don't try to hold onto the Lord, we may end up getting lead to very temporary thing that is not the ultimate Light.

As Narada continues his question, we have to note one thing. Many times people ask questions to see how much the Master knows. Sometimes people ask questions to understand few things. The nature of the question can be very easily seen in the way the question is composed even though the question is same. Even though all the Masters may say "I am the Lord", the same Master also prays to someone. Why? To ensure that ignorance and arrogance doesn't come over and stay connected to the Light. Sometimes we feel that we lost "connection". We then need to reestablish that link which is possible only through Prayer. Do not think that 6am and 6pm are the only Prayers. Prayers are meant to reestablish the connectivity. "Father thy will be done" is what Jesus continued to say to keep that connection between him and the Father (Lord / God / Light).

We are all praying for something for that Light. For those that know the Light, they re-establish the connection through Prayer. As Narada continued his questioning, he is trying to find the Light to which (whom) Brahma continues to pray. For Narada to perform his daily duties, he needed to know the secret behind Brahma's creation of the Universe. It is not going to be easy for Narada to talk with that "Light". Similarly, for disciples, it is not easy to reach that Light. We need someone who has already been through that Path to guide us. That is the spirit and purpose of the Master for a disciple. With the persistence of Narada and the way he questioned to understand the "Light" has impressed Lord Brahma and he started answering.

Brahma: I have seen several in my pasts who have reached the Light but no one has asked questions the way you did. Your skills have impressed me in the way you have posed the questions. In the past, I used to be just idle and sad knowing not what to do but this work to create the Universe has started within me through Eshwara (Lord or Master) who presented me the gift to create when I was in a state of not knowing even what to ask him. We, as common person, seem to go around ask people and Masters "give me this, give me that" but, we should enlighten ourselves to be in a state to receive what we get.

Brahma: Do you think that I created all this by myself. I laugh at everyone who believes that I have created this by myself. You should know that the "thought" comes to us because the "creator of thought" have blessed upon us to "create the thought" within ourselves which comes to us as "our thought" which should be seen by the wise as the "thought from the creator of the thought". To get the right thought we chant Gayatri Mantra. We pray to the eternal light saying "Your Buddhi should work as mine". We should also understand ourselves just the way Lord Brahma expressed about the creation of Universe. There are occasions where a "mad man" was seen as the closest disciple with wisdom by few Masters rather than highly educated people around them. How is it possible? It's all the grace of Lord. The grace of Lord has no rules and regulation. He can bless anyone anytime. It is because of this acceptance that exists in the mad man but, vanished from the educated people. The rise and fall of this wisdom within people continues.

We usually act very obedient in front of the Master making it appear as if we don't know. Do you really feel that you don't know anything? Do you really say to yourself, "I am nothing; you are everything"? Acting as if you do not know much and telling yourself that you do not know much are two different things. The answer is very clear within you through a simple question. Even the great composer "Annamayya" prayed to Lord saying that I know nothing, it's all you.

A disciple eliminates the hurdle of "arrogance" by himself – only through the constantly reminding about the presence of Lord within the disciple himself. This Lord exists within ourselves, within the people outside, and most importantly within the people outside that we do not like (or hate).

Brahma has been the teacher to many and guided many towards the Path of Light. So, who teaches Brahma? He needs to self-teach and that happens through Brahma's Prayer. Also Master CVV needed to self-teach himself in the same manner that Brahma taught himself.

Brahma: Can you see the light from Sun, Moon, and others? All the Light from these also originated from that Light.

We think that Hanuman is a Light but he is the son of Vayu (Wind) and Anjali. Are they light? We need to understand that the Light travel through a huge plumbing system (fiber optics) and many appear and serve as the source of the Light similar to Hanuman, Sun, Masters, etc. There

is nothing that exists within ourselves, within our Universe, with everything around us that doesn't exist in the Light / Lord.

There is nothing new that gets created and there nothing that gets lost from that is already there. (Law of conservation). Things may change shape. We try to give a name to every form. Can you tell me one that you see but didn't exist before? It is funny to see how thread always goes back to something that exists. Something which does not exist can never come into existence and something which is existing will never cease to exist. Similarly, if we think this person is here and that person is gone (passed away), that is very unfortunate. We are all in this forever and taking different forms.

Rama was told that he doesn't need to follow the promise that he made to his father because he passed away. Rama did come back at them to teach that how his father will always be there. Rama kept his promise. On a different note, while Rama was promising to his Father, the father (Dasaradha) has hoped that Rama would fight back with him and not go to forests. Little side track but let's continue.

After the war, Dasaradha comes there and tells Rama "I am very proud of you my son" and blesses him.

So this should be remembered that everyone exist always.

Brahma: The ignorant ones think that I am the Lord of this Universe. Even the devas think so. I just laugh within myself and recollect that its all the Maya(Veil of ignorance) of "Sri Hari".

Maya is nothing but the feeling that we exist differently. To overcome that we need to remember that he (Lord) exists as us. Generally we dream of many great things and great people during our prayer. Anyone who thinks that he has to see that and hear that during his prayer then he just under the influence of Maya. So just be a receptor. Let it happen from the other side. The Lord has to come to you. You cannot go to him. It is said "Meditation is nothing but an act of an active receptive attitude." We have to wait for the Lord to come to us without dreaming anything and just being patiently oriented towards him. Do not have an anticipatory attitude during prayer. We will continue in the next class.

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