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"Srimad Bhagavatam"

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Canto 3:

Lord Maitreya was giving the synthesis of creation to Sage Vidura.

In that explanation, we have discussed the birth of cosmic desire, the 27 principles, the Lord coming down as Urukrama principle, the cosmic egg and the birth of Virat Purusha.

Today we try to understand the details of Virat Purusha.

"His body with limbs as senses, activity as the devas (cosmic intelligences), constituents as the 5 elements, space where he stands as the principle of Mahat, his creational duration as time, his nature as Prakriti and he completely stands as maya".

We too have 10 organs (5 sense and 5 operative). Devas in us are the forces responsible for the operation of the 10 organs. The power to see through our eyes is a cosmic intelligence. Sun is the cosmic intelligence responsible for our sight. So one who sees is the Sun and the organ through which he sees is the eye. The same is the case with every other organ. Jupiter is responsible for hearing faculty in us. That is why it is suggested to be alert while hearing so that Jupiter is pleased and he would function better through us.

There are certain calculations which give the time frame of this Virat Purusha which will come later. His nature as Prakriti is divine. The Virat in complete is a form of maya (illusion) because it was not existing previously but existing now and it is not permanent.

It is just the like we prepare some football or cricket ground at some empty space. It has some time duration for which it exists as ground after which it merges into total space. It is just for the sake of play.

This creation is also just a play. There are only a few who know this and remember this and the others just fall into this illusion.

Now everything comes from this Virat. A Purusha comes out of this Virat and it is called Yagna Purusha or Vishnu Rupa (Rupa means form) or Creational God.

So as told in the last class this Virat Purusha floats as an egg in the space waters (ether) for 1000 years (divine time scale). This egg is called Brahmandamu (universe or cosmos). This egg contains the details of the creation that is to come out of it in a potential state. The details of the 14 lokas (14 worlds), their beings, the nature of those beings and all related information are contained in that egg. The nature of those beings determines the shape and size of their forms. This nature is the nature of those beings when the previous creation dissolved.

The conduct of a person is determined by his nature. Everyone around us behaves according to his own nature. Our nature evolves and we behave better if we do something good. Everyone, in their effort to stay stabilized in a state of poise, undergo many transformations. Firstly to get that idea to transform into a better person itself takes many lives. Even after one gets that thought it takes many lives for those transformations to take place. So everyone take up forms according to ones nature.

Sage Valmiki who was a cruel murderer and robber transformed himself by chanting the name of “RAMA”. It does not take place in a short period as shown in the movie. In the Scriptures it is said “It took 1000 years”. Here 1000 suggests a large period and not exact period. It may have taken many lives for him to transform into a great Sage. The same is the case with Sage Narada. So remember that it would be the same with us. We have to just move forward in that direction and try to make a continuous effort in that direction.

So the Yagna Purusha comes out of this egg just as our body develops out from the embryo in the mother’s body. All the beings come out from this Yagna Purusha. Once the beings are formed, it marks the completion of formation of creation (just the formation). Then comes the story of nourishment. The present creation is in that state of nourishment.

Our ancient sciences say that the first prototype among all the beings is a human. All plants, animals and minerals came from the humans. It is not the reverse as thought by the present scientific world.

Kashyapa, a prajapathi (progenitor) who had a human form, mated with women of different natures to give birth to forms of that corresponding nature. So all the forms in creation evolved from man. You can refer to “Isis Unveiled” and “Secret Doctrine” for detailed information on this topic.

We are a miniature form of the Virat Purusha. All the other forms come from us (humans). If we observe properly, all the other forms can be seen in us. The science of Ayurveda was developed based on that correspondence between us and the other forms around us.

So the Master design for all the forms in this creation is the Virat Purusha. In that Virat, there is matter, force and consciousness. Matter is made using force, force comes out of consciousness and consciousness comes from the Lord. So the Lord permeates matter, force and consciousness.

The Lord as the indweller of the beings has good qualities. The beings may develop bad qualities but they do not affect the indweller. It is similar to people living in unclean houses with dirty smells but that smell does not affect the space in that house.

There is no impurity in the mind of the Virat Purusha. The beings may develop impurities in their minds but this impurity does not affect the indweller and if we pray to the Lord, he again grants us a pure mind. If the mind is not oriented towards the Lord then it collects all kinds of impurities. Just as fire burn our hand if put on it, the Lord burns the impurities of our mind, if the mind is oriented towards him.

Now Lord Maitreya gives the structure of Virat Purusha.

Just as every one of us has his own mind, in the same manner, the Lord made an arrangement that each one of the 27 principles has its own mind. The strength (force) of the Lord permeates the 27 principles and works as their mind. It is similar to the river waters flowing separately as ponds, canals, etc.

And to satisfy the desires of the minds of the 27 principles, the strong cosmic intelligences like Agni (fire god) and others were created. They are the strength of the organs at work. They are said to be the devas presiding over the organs.

The Virat Purusha himself became different parts of his own body. In that at one place he took the form of fire god which later became the mouth. He started working through it and started uttering sounds. At another place he became the seeing one which later became an eye.

If we go and see the laboratory in the department of Life Sciences, there are prototypes of baby during each and every month of pregnancy, in bottles. If we observe them carefully, then we understand exactly what is being told now.

His light becomes the sun god and in conjunction with the sun, the eye gains the knowledge of recognizing shapes. A part of the Virat Purusha takes birth as skin and in conjunction with the god of wind; skin gains the knowledge of touch.

That Virat Purusha divided the space around him into directions. He made a small part of his structure as ear. The ear in conjunction with the intelligence having the knowledge of directions, gains the knowledge of hearing. The tongue was created as the upper part of the mouth when opened. He took birth as the intelligence of Varuna in that and in conjunction with Varuna; the tongue gains the knowledge of taste. A part of the Virat became the nose and he took birth as Aswins in that and in conjunction with them, the nose gains the knowledge of smell.

The Aswins are also responsible for continuous inhalation and exhalation and as a result are responsible for the being to stay alive. The word “Aswin” has 2 meanings; one is life and another horse. That is why Aswins are represented as two white horses.

So we came to know about 6 cosmic intelligences present in the Virat Purusha. They are present in us too. Next is the formation of hair as the 7th. The knowledge of touch is enhanced by the presence of this hair. In this way there are many more intelligences that came out. We will know about them in the coming classes.

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