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"Srimad Bhagavatam"

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Canto 3:

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

At the beginning of creation everything remains in unmanifest potential state. It is just like inhalation and exhalation. The creation manifests and later dissolves and remains in potential state for the same period as it manifested.

Like the day has 24 hours; we can compare it to the 4 stages of creation - formation, involution, evolution and dissolution. In this creation, the beings come down with different experiences based on their realization in the previous creation. Everyone makes an effort to evolve in looking out for greater happiness.

Just as we wake up from sleep, the creation begins with the maya or the divine mother coming from the Lord or the divine principle. Later we understood how the 27 principles come down and then the devas (cosmic intelligences) come down. Then the Lord comes down as Urukrama principle to unite all these 27 principles to act as one and the Virat Purusha is formed. We understood the different aspects of Virat Purusha, his body parts and how each part was formed were discussed. We have discussed the formation of 6 parts upto now.

In that way, 22 aspects of the Virat Purusha with their formations are given. We will have next class on 2nd January. So if we start discussing the remaining aspects now, we will again forget it by the next class. So I will try to give a brief of all the aspects for now and we will discuss it in detail later.

We are all the images of this Virat Purusha. Our birth is just similar to the birth of the Virat Purusha. That is what is said in the bible as "God made man in his own image and likeness". Among all the forms in the creation, human form is only the complete one. All the 33 crore devas present in the creation are present in us and working in us. We can invoke all the devas associated with the 22 aspects of the Virat Purusha by recollecting these 22 aspects daily. By doing so they actively function in us and we remain in a state of poise other those intelligences just remain non-functional in us. So now I will give the 22 aspects.

The Virat Purusha himself became different parts of his own body.

1) 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. It is due to him working in us that we can utter sounds.

2) At another place he became the seeing one and the birth of Sun god took place. So the sun god in us is responsible for our sight.

3) From the body of Virat Purusha skin is formed and in conjunction with the god of wind; skin gains the knowledge of touch. So there exists a relation between skin, touch and air or wind. One can feel that the air around if hot or cold only due to the presence of skin. So air is a part of the skin of Virat. If this air in us is very pure, such a one can sense even subtle touch and can feel the movement of Maharshis and sages who move in places of divinity. It happens in places where Scriptures are read regularly and even in our places of group livings. It is true to you only when you develop such orientation and observation.

4) A small part of his structure got separated as ears. The ears in conjunction with the intelligence called Sravanas having the knowledge of directions, gains the knowledge of hearing. A good hearing capability is to hear sounds from a long distance and also subtle sounds and also to know the direction from where the sound comes. Dogs have high hearing capability. A Dog can sense the subtle sound that comes when a Sage or Maharshi moves near it though it cannot see.

5) 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.

6) 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.

We discussed the birth of these 6 cosmic intelligences in last class.

7) On the skin of Virat, some projections like plants sprouted. In that some devas were born. It is due to them, hair grows on the skin of the beings.

8) Then the male organ got separated and it produces body constituent called semen. A deva by name Prajapathi was born and he in conjunction with semen is responsible for happiness to the beings in male-female association. This prajapathi is also responsible for pro-creation by creation attraction between male and female. He is responsible for the ability of female to give birth.

9) At the bottom of the body of Virat, a hole is formed and the deva by name Mitra is born and he works together with Vayuvu (wind god) and gives ability to the beings to excrete.

10) From the Virat Purusha, hands got separated and Indra was born. Indra works in conjunction with the hands giving the beings the ability to give, take and to work for a living.

11) Then the legs got separated and the deva Vishnu was born. The omnipresent Lord Vishnu is different from this cosmic intelligence of Vishnu who is permeated by the omnipresent Lord.. The name is same but principle is different. That is why we do Puja to the feet. This deva Vishnu in conjunction with the feet is responsible for locomotion.

12) Then the heart got separated. A part of his consciousness got separated as Manas (mind) from the heart. In that the deva by name Chandra (moon) entered. This moon is different from the moon that we see everyday. He is the presiding deity of the moon that we see. So this deva works with Manas as will and is responsible for transformations in the beings. This Manas has not any interest and it just shows the directions based on the interest and culture of the beings.

13) A part of the Virat got separated as force called Ego and he took birth as Rudra. The Rudra in conjunction with Ego makes the beings perform their daily activities with the help of the body. We don't do anything if we are not having the feeling that we are doing. So even though we are doing everything, if we remember that the Lord is doing everything through us, Rudra showers his grace upon us better. Other we forget our responsibilities and run after our likes and dislikes. Only when the Ego is associated with Lord we perform our responsibilities properly.

14) Then the Buddhi (creative faculty) got separated from the heart and Virat took birth as deva by name Brahma. Due to this Buddhi, beings can understand or comprehend. So only by the Buddhi of Brahma, we can comprehend this whole creation because the Lord made this creation happen through Brahma. So Brahma is the creator of this creation. Here creator means the one who appears to create though the Lord does it through him.

15) A part of Virat got separated as Chittam and it also became a place of stay for Brahma. With the help of it, the beings gain knowledge and wisdom. Chittam is a light slightly lower in quality than the light of Buddhi. The light of Atma (Spirit) higher than the light of Buddhi and the Paramatma (Supreme Spirit or the divine principle) is even higher. The Lord is present in us in these 4 states of Paramatma, Atma, Buddhi and Chittam. The Lord permeates all these 4 states completely.

16) Then the head got separated and it became the heaven.

17) Feet got separated and Bhumi (earth or matter) was born.

18) The ether was formed and it became space or ether.

In the Virat Purusha, the 3 qualities established their places.

19) From the quality of Satva (poise), the completely evolved Devas took birth. Devas with forms of qualities of Santi (calm), Danti (self-restraint), Suchi (purity), etc. took birth. As heaven came out of the head of the Virat, these devas work in the centres of Sahasrana, Ajna and Visuddhi giving thoughts of goodwill to the beings.

20) From the quality of Rajas (Dynamism), humans and animals take birth and stay in the Bhuloka (Physical plane). The humans normally run after desires. These desires are minimized only when humans make an effort to develop the qualities of devas so that they slowly evolve from human kingdom to deva kingdom.

All the worldly desires are born from the Naval. All thoughts of goodwill and divine desires are born from the heart centre but the desires emerging from the naval are much stronger.

21) From the quality of Tamas (Inertia), demons, devils, demi-gods, etc. took birth and they occupy the space between ether and bhumi or earth. They cause many hindrances to our activities. Upto ourselves, Bhumi or earth is nothing but our own body. By chanting the Vedic Hymns, these demons and devils, do not touch us. Otherwise they affect us at all times. We get perverted thoughts once they affect us. They work in the form of anger, jealousy, intense desires, etc.

All these demons, devils and demi-gods are ruled by the Rudra. So by praying to Rudra, they do not affect us. Rudra Sukta is chanted for this purpose.

22) The Vedas were uttered through the mouth of the Virat Purusha. As the fire-god took birth from the mouth of the Virat, the Vedas are equivalent to fire. That is why for the purpose of learning, speech has become the primary medium.

In this way, 22 aspects of the Virat Purusha were given. Read the 22 aspects again and again and try to learn them by heart. We will again recollect them in the next class and understand them more in details in the further classes.

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Translator's Note: The words in telugu hold deeper meaning and I could not find equivalent words in English. So read the translation searching for deeper meaning.