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"Srimad Bhagavatam"

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Bhagavatam Skandam -3 (Canto 3)

Lord Maitreya was explaining the body of Virat Purusha (Cosmic Person) to Sage Vidura. How it was manifesting from the cosmic egg. In him all the devas (cosmic intelligencies) were born. We have been discussing this story for a long time now but we tend to forget it everytime. That is why these are called secrets because even it is repeated told we tend to forget it. So after every class we need to recollect them so that we remember before the next class.

I will now try to recollect what we have discussed in the last few classes.

At first the cosmic egg was formed out of which the Virat Purusha was born. We have discussed 15 aspects of the Virat Purusha.

- 1) First the god of fire was born as mouth.
- 2) Then the sun god was born as the seeing one (eyes). This sun god is not the sun god that we know. He is a higher aspect of the sun god that we know.
- 3) From the body of Virat Purusha skin is formed and in conjunction with the god of wind; skin gains the knowledge of touch. A small part of his structure got separated as ears.
- 4) The ears in conjunction with the intelligence called Sravanas having the knowledge of directions, gains the knowledge of hearing.
- 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.
- 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

We have discussed these 15 aspects in the last class.

(Master is giving some general teaching before moving forward. It is about the dharma.)

One should follow the dharma strictly otherwise one falls into pitfalls. I am telling about the dharma because we should know the purpose of our birth. Otherwise we forget our duties and act aimlessly. The main purpose of education is to know what the purpose of our life is. By the time one completes his education, one should know what the purpose of his life is. One should not go out for worldly desires without any purpose in life. Masters are those who guide us to know our purpose in life. Just by moving around them it is no use. We should gain something from them, which is we should know the purpose of our life through their presence.

Master DK is now in a physical form at some place but the people around him do not know his greatness and do not gain from his presence. So intent should be associated with presence of a Master.

Some may say Master EK came to my house, stayed in my house for many days and so on. It is all fine but what did you gain from him. Is it only objective presence or did you gain anything subjectively by his presence. That is more important.

Why do everyone gather together for Group livings? It is grow subjectively in the presence of the grand Masters.

We are all men of ego. If we submit our ego (pride) to the Lord, then our Buddhi grows slowly and the light in us grows and we grow subjectively. Only then our Chittam works in alignment with Buddhi and something purposeful happens through us.

All the cosmic intelligences born in the Virat Purusha also take birth in us every time we take birth. They all are coming down unto us. In what way are we using them? In what way are we respecting them? That is important.

In our house, we arrange everything in order. We plan that so and so object should present at so and so place. Even our life should have such a order. Then the cosmic intelligences work properly in us.

In this creation, we live as a happy being only because of ego. Without ego we cannot experience anything in this creation. But this happiness should be experienced keeping in mind the dharma. Without following the dharma, if we look for happiness, we get into problems.

So we experience this creation because of the Lord residing in us as consciousness and the cosmic intelligences working as forces in us. If we do not respect them, we are just fools. All our senses are working properly in us only because the devas working in us. If we do not respect them, they may leave us and that is what we get as diseases as we grow older.

All the cosmic intelligences are performing such great activity in this creation. So if you invoke them properly, they can perform such activity in you too.

That is why it is advised to chant the Purusha Sooktha daily. We invoke all the devas at once by chanting the Purusha Sooktha. We may know that the devas are present in us. But that is not enough. We should invoke them and pray to them. They are not asking money or some valuables. Just pray to them and they grace us with their presence.

16) Then the head got separated and it became the heaven. It is not the heaven that we speak of. It is something higher.

17) Feet got separated and Bhumi (earth or matter) was born. In this Bhumi, there are 7 lokas (7 planes) and in that each of the 7 planes, there are 7 sub-planes. That is what we call 7 times 7. More detail can be had from Secret Doctrine.

18) Then from the Virat Purusha, the naval was formed and it became space or ether. All the worldly and personal desires that we get are born in our naval. All desires relating to selfish fulfillment come from our solar plexus. Also the 5 elements can be conjunct to work together in the solar plexus. That is the naval should be kept clean. This is only for the normal beings like us.

For the higher beings, it is the heart centre that is important and for even higher beings it is the head centre. So the naval is an important centre for us. For the one who is not tied at the solar plexus, he is not attached to the mundane world even though, he works in it.

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.

20) From the quality of Rajas (Dynamism), humans and animals take birth and stay in the Bhuloka (Physical plane).

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.

All the beings have combination of the 3 qualities as their nature.

There are 26 qualities given in the Bhagawadgita which signify the nature of a person of Satwa(poise). Master EK just gave a few here. Offering, Tapas (penance), belief in the Lord, non-attachment - never feel that this should have happened and this should have not happened. Such a type of non-attachment is required.

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. The Vedas were heard by our ancestors and they carried that knowledge not by printing books but by the way of teaching through mouth from one person to other.

So in this way the body of Virat is developed. Even though all devas and qualities exist separately, they all act as one. Only after the body is developed, Virat is called the Virat Purusha or Cosmic Person, until then he is just an egg.

It is the same process by which we take birth. Beginning as an egg called embryo during the 3 month of pregnancy, our body is slowly developed in the womb of a mother. So this shows the correspondence between us (micro) and the cosmos (macro). That is why it said, by knowing ourselves, we know the creation. Knowing does not mean we know external aspects but the knowing that we are forms of divine and that everything that exists in creation exists in us.

For the cosmic egg to develop as Virat Purusha (cosmic Person) it takes 1000 divine years. Similarly for us to develop a body from the state of an egg, it takes 10 months. Also the whole story of creation is given in 10 Cantos in the Bhagavatam Scripture. There is a correspondence between every part that develops from the egg to a Canto in Bhagavatam.

In the 9th Canto, the story of Rama is given where the man is complete and perfect. In the 10th Canto, the story of Krishna is given where man becomes Super-man. Rama is man and Krishna is super-man. Without being a perfect human being first, we cannot become a super-man. We are still in 8th stage. We have 2 more stages to go.

There is lot of knowledge with regard to the creation and its correspondence to the human being in the Bhagavatam Scripture. There are many commentaries on this scripture which just speak of the greatness of Lord and other philosophies but the secrets relating to the creation were unfolded only by Madame Blavatsky receiving them from the Grand Himalayam Masters and Master EK handed them over to us.

All this we discussed many times but we always forget because side-issues dominate our mind. We have discussed all these 22 aspects so many times that everyone should have known it by heart. I recollect them all everyday when I go to walking as luckily I walk alone. So try to recollect them as many times as you can and have them by heart.

For all this to happy, a fiery aspiration is required. We should remember the name of the presiding cosmic intelligency just by thinking that part of our body. Just by thinking of the mouth, we should remember Agni, the fire god and so on.

We recite many Mantras without knowing even the name of deva we are invoking. If you read knowingly, then you will know the taste of it and feel very happy. They all come down unto us just by invoking them once. That is what we do in fire ritual.

Master is giving some humorous examples of how irresponsibly we use our senses and other parts of the body. In that way we disrespect the cosmic intelligences that are working in us.

In our ears, there is the cosmic intelligency of Brihaspathi. That is why we keep gold ornaments to our ears because the consciousness of Brihaspathi is present in gold. Even men can have ear rings of gold. It is due to the effect of kali that the tradition is lost.

Master is reading all the 22 aspects again just as a revision.

Try to remember the 14 devas that came in our discussion upto now associating them with the part of the body where they are present in us. Then their functionality increases in us.

- 1) Agni - Mouth
- 2) Surya - Eyes
- 3) Vayuvu - Skin
- 4) Brihaspathi - Ears
- 5) Varuna - Tongue
- 6) Aswins - Nose
- 7) Oshadha - Hair
- 8) Prajapathi – Reproductive organ (Semen)
- 9) Mitra - Excretory organ
- 10) Indra - Hands
- 11) Vishnu - Legs
- 12) Chandra – Manas (Mind)
- 13) Rudra - Force
- 14) Brahma - Buddhi

We will continue in the next class.

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