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"Srimad Bhagavatam"

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Canto 3:

Lord Brahma prayed to Lord Narayana and Narayana appears to Brahma in his heart centre and Brahma was very happy and he praises the Lord giving his splendor in detail. This is the 2nd Stotram given in the 3rd Canto. It is a bit difficult to recite but one can make an effort to read them.

The Lord tells Brahma "Just keep recollecting me like this all the time. You will have no fear. Your desires will be fulfilled. You will be very happy."

If we recollect the Lord within us and praise him, we can see him as our image in our heart centre. The image will be more beautiful than us. It glows in light. This is because the divine principle is like space. It takes the shape in which it resides. If we pour water in glass, the water takes the shape of glass. If we pour water in a tube, water takes the shape of a tube. So when the Lord fills you, he looks just like you with more glow and splendour.

The Lord keeps satisfying our desires hoping that one day we will be satisfied and fulfilled. That is why people always go after the Lord to satisfy their desires. But we are not satisfied easily. We have enough money but we still have the desire for money. We have all the basic amenities but still want more comforts.

Some have very less comforts but are satisfied while some have greatest of comforts but even then they are not satisfied. The first one is the knower and the 2nd one is the ignorant one. The first category one is a devotee.

We always look for what we do not have. We never enjoy the things that we have. Always new things come and we always keep buying them and once we buy them, they are ignored. They keep binding us more and more. There are so many things in our house that we get tired of arranging things in our house. We are in such a pity state.

I saw a tamil professor by name Vaidhyanadan who used to stay in Vizag. He almost had no things in his house. He used just have the basic things. If all the things were put together it would not fill more than a box.

Our houses are filled with things and we have to find place to walk in our house. All this is nothing but the various forms of our desires. How long we go on like this? Sometime or the other we should feel why all this? We understand that this is a never ending game. The game goes on for lives and lives. Our desires are never ending. The end is only when we realise that they never ending and it is useless to go after them.

I will tell a story. There was a fox which had the desire of eating deer meat. Once it sees a hunter killing a deer. He leaves the arrow behind which has the blood of deer. The fox decides to at least taste the blood of deer if not meat. So it starts licking the arrow. As it went it licking, more blood was coming. Where was that blood coming from? It was the blood of the fox coming from its tongue. So as it went on licking the blood and it became weak and at last it realizes that it was licking its own blood. What is the moral of the story?

We are like that fox. We keep on going after our desires until they weaken us and at last we realise that there is no end to the desires. When that realization happens, that is the end of your desires.

So here when the Lord says "I will satisfy your desires", it means that he will keep on giving us what we desire until we realise that there is no end to this. That results in satisfaction and finally you are fulfilled.

In this process, you realise that if you stay with the divine, you are fulfilled. Even in this process of reaching the divine, there are 2 ways.

One way is to stay with the divine and everything will happen automatically. Other way is do everything yourself. In the 2nd way, you need to put all the effort and you get tired. Some keep doing rituals, acts of service and everything but do not remember the divine while doing all this. Some just stay in alignment with the divine and the work happen through them. They are never burdened or tired.

If you visualize the divine in your heart centre and keep recollecting the divine, all the intelligences working in your get lot of energy and work very well. That is why we are instructed to pray in the morning and then start working. It is like filling the car tank with fuel and then travelling. If you travel without filling the tank completely, it stops somewhere and you are stuck.

The form of the cosmic person is described very well in Bhagavatam. Why did we discuss it in detail? So that we can visualize that form with all the cosmic intelligences present inside. We can consider ourselves as an image of the Cosmic person and see the respective cosmic intelligence at respective parts in the body.

Each being in this creation is a creator in our own frame. There are many who build schools, hospitals, towns, etc. All this is nothing but creation. The will, knowledge and energy to create come from the divine. So like Brahma, we are all creators and we should follow him.

In all that we do (create), we should look to please the Lord. That is most important. Anything that we do should be to please the Lord. If we just keep doing to please ourselves, than such work binds us.

One aspirant went to Sri Aurobindo and asked "If I do something of my liking, the people around me do not like. If I do it to their liking, I do not like it. In any case, I am not happy. What should I do?" Sri Aurobindo replied "Do not do according to your liking. Do not do something to please people around you. Do anything to please the Lord. That will keep you happy." So the most important thing is to please the Lord.

All these are the instruction given by the Lord to Brahma. They are instructions to us as well.

While doing something, to feel that we are doing is ego. Without that feeling, we cannot work but with that feeling are bonded by that work. To ensure that we are not bonded, we should remember that we are working to please the Lord. Also we should remember that I AM THAT I AM. Our will, knowledge and energy come from him. If we forget him, ego dominates and we fall.

All this what Maitreya is telling to Vidura as the conversation between Brahma and the Lord. So these instructions are given to us so that we do not fall into illusion. Even after knowing this, we fall into illusion. But we should make an effort of coming out of that illusion again and again until we stand stable. It should be a constant practice.

So taking the will, knowledge and energy from the Lord, Brahma creates the beings which are called Naras. Na = Not and Ra= Destroying. So Naras are non-destroyable ones. They are eternal. Ayana is the process of creation and dissolution. So the beings are created and dissolved but they always exist. The one who presides over this process is the Lord whom we call Nara+Ayana = Narayana.

So the creation begins in that manner and we continue in the next class.

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