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"Srimad Bhagavatam"

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Canto 3:

Lord Maitreya was giving the synthesis of creation to Vidura.

He is now giving the phases by which the beings came down in this creation. We discussed the birth of beings from the mind of Brahma and then the birth of Rudra. The 4 kumaras and Rudra were born out of Brahma without him willing to do so. He was just meditating on the Lord when they came down.

The same thing happens with us as well. We never think but thought comes out of us and we feel that we think. Every thought that we get comes from the higher.

If we remember the Lord all the time, the thoughts that we get are different and when we remember only I AM and forget the Lord, the thoughts that we get are different. The same thing happened in creation and it resulted in the birth of divine and diabolic forces in creation.

So an important instruction for us here is to remember the Lord all the time so that we get only good thoughts which are useful to us and to the people around us. Otherwise if we are in an egoistic state, we get thoughts that may cause us trouble. But we may not be able to remember the Lord all the time. So it is advised that we ask our elders (people who are better aware than us) for advice in all important aspects of life such as marriage, job, house, etc.

Here when Brahma was in an egoistic state the acts that happened through him were not good like the birth of darkness, birth of diabolic forces, etc. When Brahma was meditating on the Lord, splendid things happened through him like the birth of Kumaras and Rudra. So this is a very important secret that we should realise from the story of Brahma.

Remember that we do not think but we get thoughts. If we are egoistic, we get one kind of thoughts and if we are in alignment with the Lord, we get another kind of thoughts. The first set leads us to a channel of darkness and the second set leads us to a channel of light. A single thought in an egoistic state may cause us problems for the rest of our life. So this is very important.

The stories of devotees are the stories of ones who never forgot the Lord. The stories of kumaras, sages, devotees like prahallada, ambarisha, hanuma are such.

So the first important thing for a thought is will. The kind of will determines the kind of thoughts that we get. But the will is not ours. The difference is in remembering the Lord and not remembering him. Are you in alignment with him or not? That determines everything.

Vidura had a similar problem. He did not like what Krishna did as Krishna did not stop the war from happening as he expected. Who is he to decide what Krishna has to do? Krishna is one who does everything without planning anything previously. He never had any schemes. That is why no one could imagine what Krishna would do at any point of time. Krishna told the same thing to Pandavas when they asked what is to be done in future about anything.

So do not plan everything expecting that this would happen. Otherwise we may fall into some trouble if what we expected does not happen. Just stay in alignment with him and everything happens for our welfare. So what path you choose, that channel runs for you.

We all have television at home and there are many channels that come in it. Everyone watch his own channel depending on his liking. Once you get addicted to a channel, it is very difficult to change the channel.

Don't think we are the thinkers. Thoughts happen. It is just glamour if you think that you are a thinker. "Understanding leads to no understanding" is a sublime Masonic statement. There are many who tried to understand Krishna but could never understand him. No one could understand Krishna. So it the channel what we choose that is important.

The channel to stay in alignment with THAT is the right channel. This channel has no conflict. All channels have one or other conflicts. This is the only channel in reality. Other channels are no channels. This is the channel in which all channels are included and all channels merge into it.

TV screen does not decide the channel. The one who controls the remote is the one who decides the channel. That remote is with him. If we are with him, the remote is properly controlled. If we feel that we are the remote controllers, then we end up with the wrong channel.

So all these secrets are given in Bhagavatam. Reading it as a story is one thing and reading it with all these secrets is another thing.

So Rudra was born out of Brahma and on the request of Brahma, he resides in 11 places which we discussed. We will recollect them. For light to radiate from anything, Rudra should exist in it. He took away all the darkness that filled the creation. He the one who presides over death as well.

The 11 places where Rudra resides in creation are:

- 1) Sun
- 2) Moon
- 3) Space
- 4) Air
- 5) Fire
- 6) Water
- 7) Earth (matter)
- 8) Prana (pulsation)
- 9) Heart
- 10) Penance
- 11) Senses

He permeates in all these 11 as vibrations. We hear sound because of those vibrations, we see because of those vibrations, we feel touch because of vibrations, everything moves in this creation because of those vibrations, our heart pulsates because of those vibrations. So Rudra is present as Cosmic and Planetary vibrations.

The 4 kumaras exist as 4 states in creation. Vasudeva, Sankarshana, Pradjumna, Aniruddha. The whole creation is 4-fold in nature. These 4 fold-creation is permeated by Rudra as vibrations. Rudra is also responsible for the movement of Adityas in this creation as light.

A child when born cries a lot because of these vibrations. A child gets more strength by crying due to these vibrations filling the body. Even our senses work properly only due to these vibrations. Space vibrates due the presence of Rudra. All the forms come out of space due to the presence of Rudra. We are able to inhale and exhale due to the presence of Rudra.

Here the Sun and moon are not the globes that we see. They are the Solar and lunar principles which are permeated by Rudra. The formation of organs in a body and for the being to enter that body, these solar & lunar principles are required. Everything in this creation happens and moves due to Rudra. That is why we pray or ritual to Rudra when a rainfall is needed or something good is to happen.

Rudra is responsible for the formation of the physical form of the creation as well as the beings in creation. Even in all the beings, Rudra occupies 11 places i.e. the 5 senses, the 5 organs of action and mind. Just at the time of birth, Rudra enters the child and occupies these 11 places and then the child starts crying loudly.

So Rudra permeates the creation in 11 places as 11 forms. Brahma gives each one of them a name and they are as follows:

1) Manyu - That is why we start Rudra Sukta as "Namaste Rudra Manyava". His name means that one who wills. Once he wills something, it should happen. There are some

things that we strongly will. It is due the presence of Rudra Manyu. That is why we pray to him that we should not will something which is undesirably.

Some people develop strong dislikes towards someone and that attitude does not change throughout their life. It is due to the presence of Rudra Manyu. So we should pray to him that such a thing should not happen. At the same time he can give us a will to do something very good.

2) Manu - Rudra is the one who presides large scales of time as Manus. He exists in each of those Manus and conducts time. There are 14 Manus to preside over time. The present one is Vaivasvata Manu who is the 7th one.

3) Mahakaal - There are larger cycles of time which are presided over by Rudra Mahakaal. There are 7 main cycles, 7 sub-cycles in each main cycle and 7 cycles in each sub-cycle (3 times 7). There is much detail over these cycles of time which is a huge subject of its own. So Rudra exists in time as its strength.

4) Mahat – We discussed about Mahat as potential space out of which all that we see emerges. Rudra as Mahat is exists as the strength of that potential space.

5) Shiva or Sankara – He is the middle and most important one.

6) Rutadhwaj – He is the one who permeates everything in creation

7) Uru – He is the one who holds everything in stability. What all we learn, remains in the brain stably due to the presence of Rudra. Generally at old age, people forget everything which means the presence of Rudra is fading away.

8) Retobhav – He is the one who gives the power of conception. Procreation does not happen without the power of Rudra.

9) Kaal

10) Vamadev – He is the one who is the basis for prkruti or Mother nature. Vama means Mother nature.

11) Dhritavrat

We should have a separate Seminar to know about Rudra. There is a separate Purana on him.

Brahma then says "I am also deciding your wives." Here wives mean their strength and qualities. Generally the of wives of such ones are their strength & qualities described as their wives. The wives of Ganapathi, Subrahmanya given in the Puranas actually mean their strength & qualities. They do not have wives we human beings have.

- 1) Dhee- It means Buddhi. He gives you Buddhi or creative will.
- 2) Vrutti - It means to do be able to do the same thing again and again in the same manner. It means to have regularity as work. Rudra gives you regularity. We will be able to work with regularity. Power of behavior.
- 3) Asana - To be able to eat and convert it to energy. Power of combustion.
- 4) Uma - Time period / pause of time.
- 5) Niyut – Channelizing power
- 6) Sarpis – Procreative power
- 7) Ambika - to be able to conceive/conceptive power
- 8) Deeksha - To be able to be patient
- 9) Ila – Limiting Power / Measure
- 10) Iravathi – Power of intuition
- 11) Sudha - To be able to be hold/retention.

So Brahma decides the places, names and wives of 11 Rudras and they take respective positions. Existence, shape and nature are given to all the beings as souls by Rudra. After doing all this, Rudra asks Brahma what more is to be done. Brahma asks him to go into meditation until he assigns any other work.

So we will go into more details in the next class. Later there is the birth of Prajapathis, birth of Manus and so on. There is the birth of 27 constellations from the Prajapathis. The whole story goes on as a correspondence between macro cosmos and micro cosmos. There is the birth of the 4 kumaras, Rudras, Prajapathis and other intelligences in us.

We will continue in the next class.

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