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"Srimad Bhagavatam"

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Canto 3:

Kapila Maharshi was detailing on Purusha (Lord/Cosmic male principle) and Prakruti (Nature) to Devahuti. We should keep recollecting the 4 layered story in Bhagavatam - Kapila to Devahuti, Sukha to Parikshit, Maitreya to Vidura and Sutha to Saunaka and other Sages. So 4 Gurus are teaching 4 sets of disciples. By recollection, we are graced by their presence and it is only by the presence and grace that we can comprehend the subtle knowledge given in this Scripture. This Scripture and its secrets cannot be understood by our intellect. So gaining their presence and touch is the primary objective of reading Bhagavatam, understanding it is a later aspect.

So Kapila was detailing on the types of nature and how the Lord permeates, impregnates and works through this nature. Then Kapila speaks about Mahat, the space principle.

Here the Lord is called Purusha because he entered the spur or impulse that came through him and worked through it. Though he enters it, he still remains above it and only a part of him works through the nature. It can be understood as, 'we' entering a thought that comes through us and working it out but we still stand above it. Also only when you enter a thought, it gains strength to manifest into action with the help of knowledge. You get a thought to attend to Bhagavatam Class and only when you give strength to that thought and act accordingly, you come here for Bhagavatam Class. If you do not enter that thought, you would not be here even though you thought of coming here.

The same thing happened when the Lord entered the impulse that emerged from him and as a result the Cosmic space principle emerged out of nature. He gave his strength for the creation to happen just as we give strength to the thoughts that comes from I AM. We enter into thoughts, all through the day and come out of them and enter another set of thoughts and this is a continuous process. This process can also be understood as the rays of the sun emerging from the sun and entering all the beings of the solar system and he still stands as a separate entity. We can still see the sun even after millions of rays emerging from him. Though Sun is present in each one of us, in all the beings in the Solar System, in the form of his rays, he still exists separately. Similarly the Lord enters the whole creation and permeates it but still exists separately. Only a part of the Lord exists as this creation and we do not know what part is above this creation. Do not think that the Lord got merged into this creation just because he permeates the whole creation. He still exists separately above the whole creation. Just for the sake of

understanding, the Seers told us that only 1/4 of the Lord became this creation and 3/4 is still present invisibly above this creation. Generally the creation is said to be the feet of the Lord and serving the creation is considered equivalent to serving the feet of the Lord.

So here, in this potential space, a large Cosmic Golden Egg was formed. This potential space is called Mahat. We discussed the formation of this egg in great detail earlier. This can be understood as the impregnation of the Divine nature by the Lord resulting in the formation of an egg.

And then it was told that there are 4 aspects of this Egg. The 4 are impulse, time, nature and space. It is the beginning of creation. The creation has a beginning but the beings do not have a beginning. The beings are eternal like the Lord. We are the unborn ones and we do not have a beginning but the thoughts coming from us have a beginning. You were there in the womb of the mother before you came out and call that day your birthday. You were there with your father before entering the womb of your mother. You were there even before descending onto your father in some higher plane. We take to bodies and depart from them but the being is never really born. If someone asks, 'When did you join WTT?' You can answer. 'When did you meet Master for the first time?', you can answer. But you cannot answer to the question 'When were you existing from?' You may be able to say that you are in this body from so and so year and in a place from so and so year but not from when you were existing. Your thoughts and actions have a beginning but not you.

With impulse to create, begins time. Without that impulse, there is no time. The creation is the thought of the Lord and so it has a beginning. It is called potential space because the creation is just about to begin. Even the whole space that is available is not known. Only a part of that complete space is used to accommodate the creation and that allocated space is filled with this Cosmic Egg. All the intelligences are present in that Egg and it has the aspects of impulse, time, nature inherent in it. The triangle of impulse, time and nature leads to the formation of the 4th which is the Cosmic Egg. This Egg has 3 egoic aspects of Rajas (Dynamic), Tamas(inertial) and Satwic (poise) qualities.

We discussed all this in lot of detail earlier but it is given here again for our recollection. These should be stabilized in us.

Then there are also 4 sets of 5 each - 20 principles which also were discussed in detail in previous classes. They are all subtle principles and not physical organs present in our body. They are principles which stand as the basis behind the working of the organs. So here in this potential space, a large Cosmic Golden Egg was formed. This potential space is called Mahat. We discussed the formation of this egg in great detail earlier.

During sleep, we exist without awareness. When we wake up, awareness emerges and permeates the whole body. You feel that awareness in different body parts. Similarly the formation of this Egg should be understood as a sphere in which the Divine light permeates. Just like we have a spherical

circumference of light around a lamp. Before switching on the lamp, there is darkness all around. The lamp, when switched on, the light coming from it occupies a spherical space around it. That circumference was called by Master CVV as 'memorandum'. Each one of us has a ring/circumference around us. We are limited to that ring. Even our Sun has a limited circumference, which is our Solar system. The light of our sun cannot enter into another solar system. It is limited to our solar system. The solar system is the sphere of influence of the sun. The Sun has its influence over the complete solar system though it does not really occupy the whole of it. We have influence over the whole body. Even some have a sphere of influence outside the body, depending on social status. Suppose you occupy a good position in a company and you have a separate seat for you in the office. Even you are not present in that seat, the persons working under you feel that it is your seat. It shows that your influence is subtly present in that office even if you are not present in person. So each one has his own limitation. The principle who causes this limitation in creation is called Yama.

The Cosmic Egg and its limited circumference was conceived by the Seers and until we realise it, we have to believe in their word and go by it. If you doubt their word, you cannot move towards realization.

Here an example of a Banyan seed is given. The whole plan and detail relating to the tree that is to come from it is present in that seed, potentially. Is it not? Similarly the cosmic egg has all the details and plan relating to the creation in potential form. Even when a child is born, his future plan, qualities, etc. is present potentially in him and a Rishi with inner vision can know all those details by seeing the child.

The Science of astrology is one that which helps us in understanding these subtle aspects. We generally use it for petty objective things and not for subtle understanding. Through Astrology, we know the nature of planetary principles in relation to us and we can work out accordingly, knowing our strengths and deficiencies. It helps in carving out a better future by working in right relation with these planetary principles. Master EK handed over all this subtle knowledge to us with many examples for us to easily understand. He did not teach us the Scripture the normal way that many of the Scholars do. He gave us a way to practice by knowing the occult aspects. This is known as occultism. The name Parikshit means the one who sees such occult and subtle aspects and works with them. We should make a daily effort to see the subtle aspects and for this we are advised to see the Lord in everyone around us. The Lord should be recollected whenever we see someone, first. Later we can adjust our behavior in relation to the nature and qualities of the other person. We should see any person with our opinions, initially. This should become a regular practice. As a student walking in the path of Bhagavata, one should take to this discipline.

The creation is perpetual in nature. It is the law of perpetuality that rules this creation. Everything in creation is also perpetually formed. As dissolution happens, creation happens. Can someone tell when the rays coming from the sun will be exhausted? Even when this sun is dissolved another sun is formed. Similarly we have geologists and Scientists calculating the fuels, minerals, etc. present inside earth and giving a period by when they would be exhausted. Their calculations go wrong because as they are

consumed, they are created on the other side. There is no exhaustion in creation and even creation is never exhausted. Another creation happens when one dissolves. It happens in such a manner that we even do not recognize the continuous creative activity that happens. It is like the rotation of earth. Earth rotates at a very high speed but do we feel that it is rotating at such a speed.

Then we have the 7 planes of creation forming out of this Cosmic Egg. Just like the 7 tissues of the body are formed out of the embryo in the womb of the mother, the 7 plane creation also happens. Even in this 7 layered creation, each globe in this creation has 7 layers. Even our earth has 7 layers.

So the whole story of creation is told in this manner in correspondence to the human body. It is the correspondence between Macrocosm and Microcosm. If we closely observe the growth of a child in the womb of a mother, it gives us better understanding of the formation of creation. In Biology labs, we have prototypes of the child in the womb of a mother during different months starting from 1st month to 9th month. We feel very much surprised when we see them and think how a child goes through those stages but we should remember that we too have come out in the same manner.

We will go into detail in the next class where Kapila gives this correspondence between the Macro and Micro in great detail. We discussed this correspondence earlier at the time of birth of Cosmic Person in some detail. Now it will be discussed in even more detail. At this point, he grants silence to Devahuti for contemplating on what was told till now and you too can contemplate and try to recollect what is told by Kapila, before we gather for the next class.

-Swasthi.