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"Srimad Bhagavatam"

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Canto 4:

Daksha Yagna was completed and the Lord appeared in the form of Cosmic Person which is said to be a very splendorous form. Everyone present there were praising the Lord as per their awareness and understanding. We discussed what different people spoke. Now we discuss what the rulers of the different planes of creation and intelligences presiding over the directions spoke.

They said "People keep seeing each other but they fail realise that you are the seer, the seen and the seeing." The Lord permeates all the 3 aspects in any event. Yet due to many veils around, we fail to see the divinity in everything. We fail to realise that it is the basis of all existence and awareness. Without the Lord, we do not exist and even if we exist, we may not know that we exist if he does not grace us with awareness. We need to constantly remember and recollect this truth. That is a very important practice to overcome our personality and for it transform into a Divine personality. It also helps us to experience the Divinity in creation better and better. The more we remember Divinity in all; the better is the experience that we have. We should remember that he is present in and around each one of us. We keep recollecting this in many discourses but the most important aspect is whether we are able to recollect the same during other activities. Our daily life should become a lab for experimentation. At the end of each day, we should self-check the results as to how many times we could recollect the Divine during the day.

So we have 10 directions which include 8 around us and then the top and bottom. There are intelligences that preside over these directions and present us with respective qualities of that direction. Each direction has its importance. North-east is the direction in which the energies of both Cosmic male and Cosmic female together are presented. Then east presents us with the light of the Cosmic principle and so on. All these directions and their qualities are present in us at different centres.

These rulers of directions further speak "O Lord! The beings think that the body, mind and senses belong to them. Very few realise that it is Divine gift to them." We keep talking of this aspect many times. The whole body with all its implements is given for us to use. If they are not

given to us what can we do? Some might be given the ability to hear or see; what can they do? They have to live that disability for this life. If some wealth is given to us and we misuse it, it will not be given to us again until we realise its value. Realising the value of everything that is given by us by the Lord is very important. We should also realize that we are not owners of anything that is given to us. Further, we should also remember that we also belong to him. And after living in the body for some years, certain abilities start going down. As more and more abilities decrease, we should realize that it is time for us to depart as well and we should be prepared for it.

We should remember that everything came to us will go away from us at some time. You as a soul are the only permanent entity. Everything that gathers around you comes, goes and changes from time to time. We should realise that our relations in this world are temporary. Even in one life, we keep meeting people at some time and later may not meet them. In all that is changing, the non-changing one is Divine. That is the awareness that the rulers of planes of creation have. We have the example of silver screen. Many movies are played on that screen. The scenes in the movies change, the movie itself changes but the silver screen remains. That silver screen of this creation is the Lord. He remains forever while everything else changes in this creation. We, as Divine entities, are also eternal but that eternity needs to be realised. If we are too much associated with the body and its relation, we can never realise that. So detachment is very important to realise our true identity.

The Lord is present in each one of us as pulsation. If we are living in this body, it is because of HIM. If we are speaking, it is because of respiration for which again Lord is the basis. We need to keep seeing that basis in everything. That is how devotees see the Lord. They are the true devotees. They don't see anything but Divine. Prahalada, Amabarisha, Dhruva are all such devotees. In everything, they could see the Lord. Just knowing that the Lord is all permeating is not sufficient. That knowledge should turn into our experience at all times. We should develop an everlasting relation with the Lord. It is a blissful relation and the only relation which is permanent.

Then there were some Yogis present there and they spoke next. They said "A Yogi is one who sees the Lord in every person at first instance." Yogis see the Lord in the other person first and then relate to the personality of that person. They do not touch upon the personality of the other person directly. As a result, they are not affected by the behaviour of others. They are able to see the being different from the personality and they remember the being is a Divine entity. They know that the personality is ever changing and hence they remain unaffected. The personality changes from time to time and life to life. The identities around that personality change from life to life. Our name changes, our gender changes, our place of birth change, and so on. All our identities change in the next life but we do not change. Most of the opinions that we have on others are based on their identity and personality. What is the use of such an

opinion? It is just a burden because personalities or identities are not permanent. Instead see the being that is eternal. The difference here is between the one who is going in a boat in flowing water and the one who is flowing in the water itself. The former can experience the flow sitting on the boat. The latter fails to experience the flow because trying to swim in that flow and stay afloat.

The one who is able to witness the ONESS in all does not have any problems in life. That means the problems come and go. He witnesses them too. So we need to witness the Divine principle in all. The divine principle has no form but it can take any form. We should not reject any form and we should not get stuck in a form. We should develop an understanding which can accommodate any form of the Lord.

When we keep seeing the Lord in all, then we are not affected by maya (illusion) in creation. That is how devotees are. Even when a devotee is affected by maya, he immediately realises it and sees the Lord even in that illusion. The illusion is because of seeing all things differently. Devotees see the Lord in all and hence there is no illusion to them. We build a house in space and have different rooms in that house. For the space, it is all the same. There is no drawing room or bedroom for the space. Space is Divine. In ancient times almost in all civilizations, there used to be a ritual of seeing the Divine in space. That was mostly conducted on Friday evenings. Being able to see the space is an important practice in Yoga. We have practice of observing the interlude between inhalation and exhalation. We also have the practice of meditating on the space between the 2 eye brows. All these practices have the same purpose of relating to the Divinity in space. All these practices are given to stabilize our personality, transform it into a Divine personality. It is wavering in nature until you align with the Lord.

Then Sabda Brahma spoke. Sabda Brahma is the one who presides over sound principle. He said "O Lord! Nobody understands your principle completely including all the intelligences present here and also the creator. Many people cannot know that you exist until you appear in a form like this. Very few know that you are beyond this form and all permeating. Some think that you are only all permeating and you cannot appear in a form." We should remember that we can see and speak to a form of the Lord. It is definitely possible provided you reach a certain stage in the path. Do not think that you cannot see the Lord thinking that he is formless. He is formless but he can appear before you in a form. Here, it is said that to see the Lord in a form, one should reach a state of continuous poise (Nitya Satwa). We can remain in Satwa, if we stick to dharma (eternal law) at all times. Here Sabda Brahma also requests the Lord to keep appearing in a form from time to time to help them in recollection.

We conclude for today early because we have to gather again for full moon meditation.

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