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"Srimad Bhagavatam"

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Canto 4:

We discussed the birth of Emperor Prudhu and he being praised by the Rishis and his subjects of the Divine qualities he possessed. Prudhu replies saying that one should be cautious while praising others because there is a big chance that one being praised might go into pride and so it is not good to praise others. This is so generally with most of the people. They feel great if someone praises them. The teaching is that if one remembers that the good qualities that one possesses is due to presence of Divine, then one does not get into pride. The Rishis then reply saying who should be praised and who should not be praised. All that we discussed in the last class.

Now, when Prudhu was born on the planet, the planet is still in its nascent stage. It formed its spherical shape but it still did not possess the natural resources that are present now. The whole planet was like a barren land. So, no plants or trees would even grow. Prudhu was the one who nurtured all these resources on the planet. The beings on this planet also did not have physical bodies as we have now. The physical bodies were also in the initial stages of evolution at that time. At the time of Prudhu, both the earth and forms of the beings were gradually evolving and he played a vital role in this regard. That was the purpose of his life. As the beings get into physical forms, there will be need for food and so the earth should be prepared to serve the needs of the beings. The effect of the 7 planetary principles is yet to be introduced on this planet. To make all this happen, Vishnu (2nd Logos) himself incarnates as Prudhu on this planet. So, by the virtue of Prudhu, the 7 planetary principles start cooperating with earth. These 7 planetary principles are present in us too and we need to gain their cooperation to progress in the path of evolution. We should constantly remember the correspondence between earth and our body and try to relate everything that happened on this planet to what can happen in our body. To gain the cooperation of the planetary principles, we can recollect the presence of them in our body. Jupiter is present in our head centre, Sun at our Ajna centre, Mercury at our throat centre, Venus at our heart centre, Moon at our navel centre, Mars at our Sacral centre and Saturn at our base centre. They become more and more active in us and cooperate with us if we recognise them and relate to them.

Prudhu ensured that these principles are awakened on this earth and cooperate with earthly activity. We will go into the details of what all he did but I am trying to give the bigger picture in the prelude itself so that you don't get lost when we go into lot of details. So, keep remembering the

correspondence between earth and our body as we go into the details now. This correspondence helps us to understand better and also expands our own awareness. That is why we keep relating the story of Cosmos to our own self because each one of us is a micro cosmos. This leads to expansion of our consciousness.

Prudhu ensured that the earth moves in communion with rest of the 7 planetary globes such that the energy rays coming from those planets created certain substances on this planet. These substances are the different kinds of natural resources that formed on our planet. The formation of resources is possible because of the communion between earth and the 7 planetary principles. In correspondence to our body, we too can gain the good qualities presented by each of the planetary principles when we remain in communion with them. For eg. for good speech we need cooperation of mercury; for good experience, we need Venus; for good discipline, we need Saturn; for wisdom, we need Jupiter and so on. Here, it is said that Prudhu turned earth into a 'dhenu'. Dhenu refers to a cow which can be milked. Here, milk corresponds to all the natural resources which are available on this planet. Then Vidura asks Lord Maitreya to give further details on how Prudhu turned this barren earth into a 'Dhenu'. He asked the following questions:

- 1) How did Prudhu turn this earth into a cow out of which resources can be milked?
- 2) How did he milk the resources of the cow?
- 3) What all wealth (resources) did Prudhu milk out of this cow?
- 4) How did he flatten the land that was filled with hills and valleys?
- 5) What was the knowledge that Prudhu received from Lord Sanath Kumara?

About the last question, Lord Sanath Kumara has already descended on this planet and was residing at Shamballa. He gives teachings to Prudhu in 24 principles. We have a book published on those teachings titled "Teachings of Sanath Kumara". Prudhu starts his work on this planet after receiving the teaching from Lord Sanath Kumara. One can refer to the book for those teachings.

Now Lord Maitreya starts telling the details.

When the planet was formed and the beings descended, the planet did not have the potential to grow food. The beings were being nourished only through the energy they were receiving from the sun. But as the body became grosser, it required direct intake of food. Beings started feeling hungry but they could not find food to eat on the planet. They put a request to Emperor Prudhu to provide them with food as they were in dire need of it. Prudhu initially becomes angry on Mother earth because he did not know what to do initially and he was helpless on seeing his people hungry.

Master EK explains the symbolism behind Prudhu's anger. Prudhu anger symbolizes the heat created on the planet during summers which resulted in the creation of water cycle. Rains happen and plants and trees grow as a part of this water cycle.

The consciousness of Mother earth fears a lot on seeing Emperor Prudhu's anger on her. Prudhu points an arrow at her and gets ready to shoot her with that arrow. She then speaks to the Emperor in her fear "O Emperor! You are the keeper of dharma. You protect the ones in fear. I am weak before you and I did no mistake for you to punish me. I am the basis for all the beings to descend onto bodies. Where would all these people go if I do not take this form of a globe and preside over it?" Prudhu replies "I am angry and want to punish you because you are not fulfilling your duties properly. You have the potential to create land on which food can be grown but you are withholding the potential in you. As a result, my people are suffering without food. "

Then Mother earth replies "You are an incarnation of the Lord. You have created me with the 5 elements. You created me as the basis for the existence of mineral, plant, animal and human kingdoms with the deva kingdom presiding over them. You are now trying to kill me. Who else can I seek protection from if you want to kill me? Please calm yourself and hear my plea."

She tells "The last time I took to the form of a globe, people could plough the land and grow crops and take them as food. At that time, there are some who tried to control all the resources and prevented others from making use of those resources. The kings at that time did not prevent this from happening. This resulted in people looting each other but there was none to protect me and my resources. And in that condition, that globe dissolved."

So, she is telling of what happened at the time of previous earth. If we are not getting enough resources from earth, it is mainly because of the selfish nature of some who are trying to accumulate the resources for themselves. Master DK says "In these times, only 15% of the world population is trying to accumulate all the world resources and the present crisis is due to the selfish nature of such people." When people become so selfish, mother earth does not feel like giving its resources to the people. So, it appears that the resources are depleting. The main cause for depletion is the selfish nature of people. If more and more people learn to live for the welfare of others, then mother earth will be pleased to grant more and more resources. That is what Mother earth tells Prudhu that he has to teach his people to look after the welfare of others instead of living selfishly.

Another secret that we should realise here is that if one lives selfishly, the potentials in his body never come out. A selfish one can never become a great one or a yogi. Certain hormonal secretions are required for one to gain yogic experience. Such secretions never happen for a selfish one. You should strive a lot for the welfare of others.

Mother earth tells "As someone like you has become the emperor now, I will tell you the way to bring out of the natural resources." So, mother earth is happy when someone like Prudhu rules because he intends welfare of all. Even for a nation to prosper, the intention of the ruler is very important. If the ruler intends the welfare of all, then that nation will prosper with the cooperation of nature.

So, Mother earth tells "I am ready to be milked like a cow. But I need a calf and a good milkman to get the milk out of me. You have to arrange for both. I will cooperate with you because I know you work for the welfare of all. The land is full of hills and valleys now. There is no proper channel for the rain water to accumulate or sink in at a place. You need to first arrange a channel where the rain water can accumulate and sink in."

Prudhu feels very happy on hearing the words of Mother earth. Prudhu makes Chakshusha Manu as the calf. Manu means the cosmic mind. So, he knows everything on how to extract milk. He teaches all the knowledge as to how one should grow crops, plants, trees, etc. Then further a communion with the Jupiter cycle was formed. Jupiter is responsible for the growth of awareness of the beings. With Jupiter's help, the mind and senses find their place in the human body. With the basis of mind and senses, Jupiter keeps granting us with knowledge and comfort. Jupiter also presides over the hormonal secretions in the body. So, he sits on our head and presides over all these things.

Then Indra was made the calf and he was established in the beings as the one presiding over the senses. He is responsible for the formation of Ojas in our body. The energies presented by Indra can be received at the time of sunrise and sunset. The earth receives those energies because it is always exposed to the sunrays at some place or the other. We can also receive the same energies into our body if we expose ourselves to the sun during the times of sunrise and sunset.

Ojas is the 8th tissue which stands apart from the 7 tissues of the body. It is not physical but subtle in nature. It causes the birth of sound OM in each one of us. That is what the name "Ojas" means. So, it is present in the sound OM that vibrates in us. If we relate to that sound continuously, this tissue will be born in us.

So, there are 3 calves that were used until now - Manu, Jupiter and Indra. There are some more calves which Prudhu uses to milk the earth further. We will discuss about them in the next classes.

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