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"Srimad Bhagavatam"

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Canto 4:

Hearty fraternal greetings to the brotherhood. We are meeting for Bhagavatam class for the first time in this calendar year and also for the first time since Sun has taken up the ascending path as per the lunar calendar. We have been discussing the story of King Prudhu who has been filling up the planet and its beings with lot of wealth which he was able to milk with the help of the intelligences. Prior to that we discussed the qualities of Prudhu which number to around 21 and he is said to be an incarnation of Lord Vishnu himself. He is also considered foremost among the Solar kings to rule this planet and his contribution in bringing splendid wealth onto this planet is almost unparalleled. Without this wealth, the beings on this planet cannot live in the manner they are living now. He was not only awakening the potentialities of the planet but also the potential powers in the human forms too. It is very important for us to know the story of Prudhu in detail as beings of this planet.

So, in multiple stages Prudhu takes the help of celestial intelligences in milking out the wealth which was potentially hidden in the inner layers of the planet. Here, we say milking because the earth is compared to a cow which can give milk when it is touched by a calf. This story tells us that this earth not a readymade object. It took many years for the earth to become so habitable as it is now. In fact, nothing in this creation was readymade. It took lot of intelligence, time and effort to create things which we now see around us. The creational wealth is all hidden initially and it took efforts over many years to bring out that wealth. No wealth comes without proper effort. We think wealth comes out of luck but that feeling is out of ignorance. We might not be able to see the effort in present time but no wealth comes without effort. The effort might have been put either in the present or in the past. So, making more and more effort is the only thing we can do now instead of expecting wealth. Wealth naturally comes with effort when time decides. We should continuously put our efforts towards our duties and activities of service and offering. That is when the inner intelligences start cooperating with us and grant us with subjective wealth.

Many a time, we discussed about all the intelligences that are present and working in our human form. There is no intelligence that you cannot touch through this human form. Such grand and splendid is this human form. However, to gain their touch and cooperation, you have to

make effort which pleases them. We should keep striving to improve our will to make more and more qualitative effort towards our work.

At the beginning of Cosmo Genesis, we discussed about the principle of Urukrama which descended into this creation to ensure that the intelligences work in a coordinated manner towards the ultimate goal of creation. We recollect that principle daily during our prayer through "Samno Mitra...". The name Urukrama comes in that stotra. We request Urukrama to bring about a good coordination and cooperation of the intelligences within us. Then our capability to work is multiplied further.

Coming back to Prudhu, he first brought Manu as the calf and then Brihaspati (Jupiter principle) as the next calf. We discussed in detail about the things that were milked with their cooperation. I am not going back into them as we will not be able to proceed further. We also discussed of Indra as the 3rd calf. The 4th calf was Prahalada (another name for moon principle). Then there was the descent of Apsarasas and Gandharvas followed by Viswavasru and then the Sun. The Sun helped in establishing the life principle on the planet and its beings. We discussed how we can receive more and more of the life energies by orienting towards the Sun during the sunrise and sunset hours. These energies give us better immunity, health and also longevity. Then Kapila was brought as the calf and he acts as the number consciousness on this planet. So, every object follows certain numerical principles which determine its nature and working. These principles exist right from the level of atoms. In the atom of every element, there are unique number of electrons and protons. Then certain atoms combine in certain numbers to form molecules which again have their own properties. Modern science has gone into all these details and found a very sound theory based on which all the atoms and molecules work. Kapila is the intelligent principle behind all these numerical principles. Then, there are Vidyadharas who are responsible for the spread of knowledge through a lineage of teachers and disciples.

Then, Prudhu takes the cooperation of another group of intelligences called Kimpurushas. They are the ones who established magical principle on the planet. So, there can be things on this planet which cannot be seen though they exist. There are Mahatmas who can appear and disappear at will due to this magical principle. We discussed about these Kimpurushas also in the 3rd Canto while categorizing the intelligences in this creation. Lord Krishna utilised this principle a lot in magic. Remember that we too can gain this magical power as it is potentially present in us too but that again requires effort which pleases the Kimpurushas. If we are able to build subtle and causal bodies with the help of this physical body, then we too are bestowed with such powers. Master EK mentions that here. So Kimpurushas are primarily responsible for things to go from subtle to gross and gross to subtle. And one of the prominent one among the Kimpurushas is Mayudu. So, birth and death in the physical are also aspects which are presided over by Kimpurushas because they involve subtle and gross transformations and vice-versa. Even the diseases that we get start in the subtle planes and then appear in the gross. We recognize them

only when it appears in the physical body but it has its seeds in the causal plane. Their birth in the causal plane depends on our behaviour and thoughts. Food habits, thoughts, actions, etc. determine what is seeded in the causal plane and that seed expands further until it appears at the physical level. In this manner, all these aspects of movements from subtle to gross and gross to subtle were established on this planet with the help of Kimpurushas.

Then, Kubera was brought as the calf. Kubera is the intelligence presiding over the Yakshasas. He is present in us at the top of the head. Among the 7 tissues, blood is under his control because blood in the human form was created with his cooperation. The being remains aware of all the parts of the body wherever this blood flows. When an ant moves on one of the fingers of the feet, we know of it immediately because of this awareness. Both prana (life principle) and consciousness flow through this blood keeping us aware of the whole body. When this flow weakens, people start losing awareness of those particular body parts. Therefore, blood acts as the link between prana, consciousness and this body.

Then there is a principle which acts as the opposite of blood and it is referred to as poison. It is the one which weakens the flow of blood and prana in the body either at the time of ill-health or when the time for departure is approaching. As one grows old, one is asked to do a lot of walking. It is because the blood flow in the legs keeps decreasing and water starts accumulating there resulting in swollen legs. That happening is due to this principle which is referred to as poison. The action of this poison depends on our bodily habits. Even forgetfulness with age is also due to this principle. So it also acts on the consciousness and creates a loophole in consciousness which weakens our memory power. This poison is said to have descended through Takshaka. It is said to create holes in our prana and consciousness. This poison was introduced with the objective to pull out the beings from the physical body when they can no more function through it. If it is just the death of prana and not consciousness, then it is said to be departure. If it is the death to both prana and consciousness, then it is not departure as you are pulled out of the body in an unconscious state. So, one of the objectives of yoga is to expand in consciousness and grow to such a state where one remains conscious during death. Then there is continuity from one life to another. Otherwise we have to start fresh in every life. The immortal ones recollect everything in the new body between the ages of 7 and 21 depending on certain past factors. And once they recollect, they continue their work from where they left off in the previous body. So we should be wary of this poison and practice to ensure that our consciousness is not affected by it.

Then a male calf was brought to bring out the ability of giving milk among the female mammals. This calf actually refers to the sunrise and sunset rays of the Sun in the month of Taurus. The rays of Sun in Taurus have significant vital force which are also made available in the mother's milk. This vitality is also available in the milk of animals like cows.

Then the lion was brought as a calf. The flesh in the forms was created with its cooperation. Again, this lion is not the animal lion but refers to the principle of Leo. The wild animals on this planet were created due to this principle of Leo. And also flesh in the bodies created with the help of Leo principle. If one has good influence of Leo, he will have a good structured body with flesh forming in the right places. Also, the natural way of one animal living on the flesh of other animals came into existence. The humans depending on animal flesh has also come naturally. Animals can be killed for need of food but not for any other purpose. So, it is not against the natural law to kill animals for food. It used to be highly prevalent in the earlier times. Gradually as we evolved, we are now moving away from non-vegetarian food. However, good formation of flesh in the body is difficult for those who take only vegetarian food. In earlier times, it was required for purpose of protecting oneself and the dependents. Even now the ones in jobs of protection or those requiring heavy physical activity should take non-vegetarian food.

Then Garuda, the eagle was brought as a calf. Garuda here refers the principle of Sagittarius. With the help of this principle, the insects and birds were created on this planet.

Then the Banyan tree was brought as a calf. The banyan is very special among all the trees. It has the ability to re-create itself again and again. That means the branches of a banyan tree can again become roots of another banyan tree and in that manner, one banyan tree can expand magnanimously if left to grow. There is no other tree on this planet which can expand in such a manner. So, this kind of growth is considered as a principle and this principle is what is responsible for growth of large expanse of forests on this planet. They all grew naturally without any human intervention. The trees and plants in a forest require no gardener to grow. Some centuries back, most of the land on the planet were occupied by forests. Humans have occupied the forest land in present times. Anyways the principle of Banyan is responsible for growth and expansion of these forests.

Then Himavat, the king of mountains was brought as a calf and valuable minerals were milked out of earth. In this manner, many more calves were brought to milk out many more things out of this planet. All the details are not given here. Only the important ones are mentioned in the Scripture.

Actually, there are lot of minerals including gold, silver, etc. which still exist hidden inside the planet. They exist mostly under the mountains or mountain caves and are not yet available to us. The earth will decide when to present us with that wealth depending on our needs. We already mined lot of minerals wherever we found them. The minerals under the mountain belts are not known and not accessible to us as on date. The wealth that is still present under the earth is unimaginable. Luckily, we are ignorant of that wealth.

We actually have a chapter in Mahabharat which explains the kind of wealth that is hidden. After the Mahabharat war, most of the existing wealth on the planet got washed away. We should understand that Mahabharat was a global war and kings from all over the globe participated in it. So almost all the kingdoms lost their wealth by the end of war. After the war, when it was time for Yudhistir (Dharmaraja) to be coronated as the Emperor, there was hardly any wealth available. That is when Lord Krishna tells "there is nothing to worry. As this war resulted in establishment of dharma on the planet, Mother earth would be very happy to share some of its hidden wealth to re-establish the civilizations." The Lord takes Arjuna along with some soldiers to some of the inner mountains in the Himalayan belt. They cross over the Mount Kailash and go beyond and at a certain place, the Lord asks the soldiers to start digging. The quantity of wealth which was found at that place was unprecedented. It was sufficient to re-establish the whole empire which was in shambles after the war. The Lord then tells there is lot of hidden wealth but the Mother earth grants the wealth only when the humanity becomes worthy enough to receive it. All this inner wealth was created at the time of King Prudhu. Remember that all this did not happen instantaneously or in a day. It took many years for all this to happen as it is a process and not something readymade. There are time cycles given as to how much time it took and we will discuss about these in the next class. With those details, we complete the 1st part of Canto 4. In the 2nd part, we will discuss the story of progeny of Prudhu.

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