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"Srimad Bhagavatam"

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Canto 4:

Hearty fraternal greetings to the brotherhood. Since yesterday, we have immersed ourselves in various activities and I was in a dilemma whether to have Bhagavatam discourse this evening or not because all of you have been coming to Radhmadhavam at frequent intervals since yesterday. However, I felt that we should not skip Bhagavatam due to that reason, having inspired ourselves with the presence of Masters since yesterday. My inner voice does not rest if I skip Bhagavatam even after being in Visakhapatnam on a Sunday. So, we are going ahead with this discourse.

We were discussing the message of King Prudhu to all the people in his kingdom. We have been discussing various aspects and now he talks of service.

He tells that service should be done with knowledge. Firstly, remember that it is the Divine whom we are serving through some form. Learn to see the Divine in person or animal or plant that you are serving. This is the awareness that one should have during service. Service without this awareness is just labour in the words of Master EK. Such a kind of service with proper knowledge and awareness will lead to purification of oneself. You can do the same with regard to your profession. Do not think of salary or profit; it will anyway come. Orient yourself to the service aspect of your profession and it becomes joyful to you. Then it is equivalent to service even though you are earning money from that work. So, you can serve irrespective of whether you getting some benefit out of it or not. As long as you see the Divine in the other person and serve him with right intent, it is counted as service. If you feel great about your service, then it is no service. If you expect recognition for service, then it is meaningless. If you are negligent in your service, then it is of no use.

Remember that life itself is full of service. There is a way of life where life itself is service. Such an orientation in life will make your life splendid and joyful. Such a life is possible to one who sees the Divine in all. It is easy to say but difficult to achieve. It becomes even more difficult to see the Divine in people who are close to you. A man will find it difficult to see the Divine in his wife and children. It is difficult to see the Divine in your parents. Sage Narada could see the Divine in all but not in his mother.

Here, Prudhu performed great amounts of service to the earth and its inhabitants. He brought in all the resources required for the beings to live on this planet and yet he did not feel anything great about it. He saw everything as the Divine play through him. He saw it as an opportunity given by the Lord to him. So, he telling us to do the same with regard to service.

Depending on the thoughts and actions, one's consciousness may reside somewhere in between Muladhara and Sahasrara. One who completely resides in objective thoughts and deeds has his consciousness lying in Muladhara (Base centre). Since, Sahasrara is the highest point of existence, Prudhu tells that one should strive to reach that state. Reaching Sahasrara might take a very long time for us. Atleast we should strive to reach the Heart centre or Ajna centre. I keep repeating that before going to sleep, we should visualise ourselves at Ajna.

Prudhu tells that if one practices to see the Divine in all the forms around, then one gets to slowly realise the principle behind the existence of this creation. We get to know that it is existence-consciousness that takes to various forms having covered by multiple layers of matter. So, any form we see, we should remember that it has existence-awareness as the basis. This basis is what is referred to as Male-Female God. Many other names were given to this basis of existence and awareness. While Cosmic Male stands as the container, the Cosmic female builds up the content with multiple layers. There are 8-layers or 8-folds while the pure consciousness stands as the 9th and pure existence as the 10th. The 8-folds are constituted by the 5 elements and 3 qualities. You can see these 10 in every form in the creation. In every person, you can observe the 5 elements and 3 qualities, then there is awareness with which he moves and does work and there is existence which stands as basis. Existence is like electricity which cannot be seen while consciousness or awareness is like the light which is can be seen. The electricity can express itself only through the light. No one can experience the electricity as itself. Only when it expresses itself through an appliance, it can be experienced. Various types of appliances can be powered by the same electricity. One cannot experience THAT. One can only become THAT and then there is no experience because there is no individual existence to experience when one becomes THAT. So, to experience, you have to be in the first 9. If you reach the 10th state, then there is nothing to experience. The 10 itself exists as the rest of the 9. In reality, only 10 exists while the rest is just apparent existence.

So Prudhu is telling us to know the secrets of this creation, one should learn to see the Lord and his nature present in every form. There is no form that you can reject because everything has existence and awareness. Even the planets and stars have existence and awareness. This is what we should realise through practice. This realisation will make you understand that all forms and all names are ONE. Otherwise we start differentiating between the different names given to the Divine principle and that leads us to religion. We should not get a doubt whether we should

pray to Master CVV or Master MN or Master EK. They represent ONE Master principle. Not only them, every Master represents the same principle.

Also learn to see the Divine within oneself. If the Divine is present all around, then he is definitely present in you as well. You can worship the Divine present within. Then gradually you gain mastery over yourself because you are in alignment with THAT which is the basis for everything that is. You need not depend on anyone as long as you are with the Divine in you. You then become dependable to others because your knowledge and capabilities expand.

So, linking with the Divine within is the objective. That is what any Guru teaches his disciple. That is the path for every aspirant. This is what King Prudhu tells his people.

There are some more things which Prudhu tells and we will discuss about them in the next class.

-Swasthi