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"Srimad Bhagavatam"

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Canto 4:

Though the weather is not convenient, you have all come here to Radhamadhavam to relate to the Divine through Bhagavatam. Now that Bhagavatam classes have gone global with listeners tuning in from many countries, we cannot skip classes just based on local weather. It is all due to the Divine will and let us try to move on with it.

We were discussing the story of King Prudhu who has done tremendous work into making this planet resourceful and habitable for the beings taking birth on this planet. He decides to depart from the form as his work was complete. Before that, he gives certain dharmas and instructions to the people and we have been discussing them for past few classes.

He continues "The visible creation is filled with many beings with different forms but there is an energy that invisibly runs the creation and its beings." There are amazing things happening in this creation naturally and laws of creation are obeyed at all times. All the planets and stars in this creation have been moving in space in a highly rhythmic manner for millions of years. Then there are beings in many planets living in different planes of existence controlled by the laws of that plane. There should be a basis for all these things to happen. This grand creation cannot happen just randomly. Everything in this creation did not form by itself. There is a basis for all these things which we call the Divine. Divine principle is the combination of existence and consciousness which is present in every single object in this creation. This understanding of the Divine is very important.

We compare this Divine energy with electricity or space. Electricity cannot be really seen; it can only be experienced. Electricity is always present irrespective of the appliance. Similarly, the space is ever present even before the objects appeared in it. The space in this building was present even before this building existed. It has always been there. The planet, the continents, the nations, the states, the cities, the buildings, etc. were formed in this space. So, space knows all because it is ever present. And this space pulsates. It means that objects appear out of space and disappear into space in an alternating matter. This is also described in Scriptures as the respiration of the Lord. It is said that his exhalation comes out as creation and his inhalation

results in dissolution of the creation. And the Lord permeates the whole creation. The Lord is both the content and container of this creation. He stands as the basis for everything.

Remember that it is the presence of Divine energy that holds our form as one entity which is made of many particles (atoms), enables it to act as one and enables us to live in it. Once the Divine energy enabling this synthesis leaves the form, we too have to leave and the form disintegrates. It is the Divine nature that conducts pulsation and respiration within us continuously. It just happens without our intervention. We are not even aware of it most of the times. We wake up every morning because the Divine nature wakes us up. So, all these things should put aside any doubts that one may have about the existence of Divine.

Once you are convinced that the Divine is present in all and within you, you can learn to relate to the Divine in all and especially within. One who experiences the Divine within can easily experience the Divine in everything around. When we see a person, we should be able to relate to the Divine in him first. For that, we should learn to look beyond the form and personality. The differences are generally in the forms and personalities and levels of awareness while the beings are all ONE. It is like the light appearing same whether it comes out of one bulb or the other, though the intensity might be different.

The personality and form have a close relation. There is a science in Scriptures called “Samudrika” which speaks about the personality of a person based on his form. Certain features in the form indicate the dominant features in the personality of that person. This is because the form has its basis in the personality. Though every person has one head, 2 hands, 2 legs and so on which are common, still each body is distinct and that distinction is because of the differences in the personality. Fulfilled beings can take very beautiful forms because their personalities are Divine. We are told in the Scriptures that Lord Krishna’s form is very beautiful. Even the Masters of Wisdom have beautiful forms indicating their fulfilled personalities.

A fulfilled personality gives us a complete vision. Each one is constricted in vision by the limitation of one’s personality. Different people see different aspects in the same thing. Only a fulfilled one can see all the aspects. And they can see the space too. Very few can see the space. Most of us see only the things in space. Space is something which contains a lot but appears like there is nothing. The Divine permeates everything but hardly anyone recognises it.

So, King Prudhu tells his people that one should recognise the invisible Divine energy that stands as the basis for this creation. It is the basis for each one of us. We are not the basis for ourselves. If that was the case, we should be able to live as long as we want in this form but that is not the case. So, this should make us realise that there is something which is the basis for our existence in this form. We are like tenants in this form. We can live in a form only as long as

the owner allows. A time will come when we have to vacate it. We come into this form with a lease agreement. Once the agreement expires, we have to leave.

Therefore, remember that it is the Divine that permeates all. The Divine has no birth. It is ever present. You can tell when this building was built, when this city came into existence, when this country came into existence and even when this planet came into existence but can you tell when the space came into existence? All forms appear from and disappear into space but space always exists. The Divine always exists and it takes multiple forms in this creation. In Bhagavatam, Sukha or Sutha were asked to tell about Krishna but they hardly tell anything about the Krishna in a form. They have been telling about the all permeating principle because it is THAT principle which descended as Krishna. The form is temporary but the principle is always present. It is THAT principle which is present in all forms. It is ONE becoming all. Bhagavatam tells us about THAT and wants us to realise THAT. The forms and names that we associate with THAT principle are secondary. Do not get stuck in them, otherwise it becomes a religion. Devotion is seeing THAT in all and not just in a name or form. That is true devotion which leads one to grand knowledge. That leads to expansion of consciousness. The more we relate to the all permeating Divine, the more our awareness permeates and this permeation can go even beyond this solar system and even across the 7 planes.

In the story of Krishna, after having completed his formal education from Sage Sandeepani, Krishna asks his teacher “What can I offer you as fee?” Then Sandeepani tells “What more do I want than this grand opportunity of being your teacher?” He was very happy that he was a teacher to one who knows everything. When Krishna insists, Sandeepani asks his wife to ask something if she wants as he did not want anything. She came to know of Krishna through her husband and knew that he could do things which no one else could. So, she asks “Our son died at a young age and we did not have children after that. Can you bring him back to life?” Krishna immediately obliges. He finds out in which plane and form that being is living and brings him from there and gives him the same form as earlier. Such an act is possible only to one who permeates the whole creation. Otherwise how can one search all the planes for a being, just like that.

All the beings have different levels of permeation depending on their level of awareness. Even the 3 logos have certain limitation in their permeation because they too are beings like us though their level of awareness is much higher than us. They reached those positions after evolving during the course of many lives.

So, know that there is ONE that stands as the basis for the whole creation and THAT permeates the whole creation. Only THAT is the owner for everything in this creation. Every being is just a tenant. THAT not only permeates the whole creation, it even expands beyond the creation and even the Seers said that we do not know how much THAT permeates beyond this creation. And

as aspirants, we should aspire to relate to THAT all permeating principle and not restrict ourselves to one name or form. Learn to see THAT in every name and form. We cannot know THAT completely but we can relate to it and experience it. Then our horizons keep on expanding and one can expand to a state where there are no more limitations.

So Prudhu wants his people to realise this Divine principle and this is one of his more important messages to the people of this planet. We will continue in the next class.

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