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"Srimad Bhagavatam"

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Canto 5:

We are discussing the story of Priyavrata. Brahma descends to the earth to give certain teachings to Priyavrata. We will be discussing those teachings.

Recently I was asked a question. There is Brahma the creator who was born from the navel of the Cosmic Person. It is also said that Brahma is born out of the shoulder of the Cosmic Person (Virat Purusha). So is this Brahma different from the other was the question asked? This kind of descents can be seen multiple times. There is one original principle in creation and that principle descends into the creation at different levels. There is a Maha Ganapati principle and that descended as Vinayaka into the creation. There is a Mahadeva principle and that descended as Rudra into the creation. So that is how we need to understand them. The principle exists beyond the creation as well and permeates the whole creation too. We should develop such awareness of the Divine principle. It is present in us, around us, in the whole creation and even beyond the creation. By thinking about this permeation of the Divine principle, we too grow and expand beyond our form. If our awareness is limited only to this form, then it is a limitation. By thinking about all the Cosmic intelligences, we get out of the limitation of this form. The awareness escapes the form into the larger aspect of creation. If this happens regularly, it becomes a habit to us. We can visualise visiting different ashrams of Grand Masters on this planet. This is what makes us habituate to such grand aspects. The Grand Masters cannot be seen because if they really show up to us, it will be dangerous to us. We are not capable enough to see them directly. It is like a high voltage electricity passing through a small bulb. What happens? The bulb blows away. As we practice to expand and think about things beyond this form, then we gradually become capable of seeing things which we cannot see generally. So we need to keep recollecting and visualising.

We have been discussing many teachings from time to time. In most of the teachings, we see that the student is also a grand being who knows everything but still the teaching happens so that it is conveyed to us. It is also because a good teaching needs to be repeated when there are good listeners.

There is one great Saint by name Gnaneswar who lived in the Maharashtra state of India. He is an embodiment of knowledge by birth itself. He did not speak for the first 8 years of his life because he felt it was unnecessary to speak. Everyone thought he was born dumb. He had 3 brothers and a sister. Their parents passed away and due to a mistake committed by their parents, by the existing law then, their family was banished from the town. It is a mistake by law and tradition but the

father was only following the instruction of a Master. Remember that traditions don't matter when one is following the word of a Master of Wisdom. But scholars who are not true knowers do not agree and want to follow the tradition only. So they were living in the outskirts of the town. The brothers of Ganeswar wanted to learn the Veda. So when they approached some Vedic scholars, they were denied saying that they are not eligible to learn Veda because of the mistake committed by their father. Then Ganeswar, a 8 year old boy speaks saying, eligibility to learn the Veda is decided by the nature of the person and not the caste or sect or other aspects. He further says "If needed, I can even make a buffalo recite the Veda." He even demonstrates it when a buffalo passes by. He speaks into its ears and then the buffalo starts reciting the Vedas. Everyone is shocked seeing what happened. Even after this no one in the town was ready to learn from him because they all are stuck in the tradition.

Sometime later, great saints from Himalayas descended into that place and they approach him "We all want to hear when you give a discourse on Bhagawadgita." It is not that they do not know the Bhagawadgita but they still wanted to hear it from him. These saints could not be seen by anyone. For outsiders it appeared as if he was speaking to no one. Someone recorded his recitation of Bhagwadgita and it later became popular as Gnaneswara Geeta.

(Master said he gave the story briefly. One can read the complete story available in some books.)

So, Priyavrata knows everything yet Brahma gives him a teaching. We discussed certain teachings earlier and we will continue now.

Brahma tells that everything happening in this creation should be seen as the will of the Divine. We cannot explain most events because we know very little of the past. We do not know why a person has certain behaviour and why he behaves in a particular way. We should not judge them based on what we see because there are things much beyond what one can see. We cannot decide what is right and what is wrong for someone because we do not know about them. So let it all be accepted as the Divine will without much analysis. Then there will be nothing to worry and no burden of opinions. Whatever judgements we make based on our intelligence and our awareness are mostly wrong because we simply do not know anything.

Brahma says that different beings follow different directions in life based on their will and liking. We should not force them into anything. A true knower never gives any order. He only suggests. He does not expect them to follow the suggestion because he believes that it is the Divine will that decides whether someone takes a suggestion or not. So remember to take that everyone that someone does is as per the Divine will. It might be good or bad but it does not matter. It is the Divine that is the basis for movement of every being in this creation. He knows everything and he has control over everything. So let us not worry about anything. As aspirants, we should only introspect but not judge others. You can judge yourself and try to make yourself better. All the teachings are for oneself to follow and not impose on others. If the other person likes, he too will follow. That will happen as per Divine will.

So remember that everything happens as per the Divine will. If someone asks "why did this corona come?" The answer is simply "Divine will". It is a wholesale answer to everything beyond your comprehension and understanding. Even our birth and death are as per the Divine will. Our sleep

and awakening are as per the Divine will. The behaviour of every being is also to be seen as the Divine will. Let us learn to always remain aligned with the Divine will. Then there will be no conflicts in mind and no questions which cannot be answered. One can overcome all kinds of problems in life by relating to the Divine. If you are worried about a problem, the problem will not go away. It has its own timeline which it will follow irrespective of whether you are worried about it or not.

Brahma tells that it is best to remain aligned with the Divine and witness everything that is happening as the Divine will. Surrender yourself to the Divine will and fulfil your responsibilities. Do not worry about others. Everyone has their own timeline and will be taken care of by the Divine. You need not worry that someone else's time is getting wasted because he is not yet on a path you are following. Each one follows one's own path. What path they are to take is decided by the Divine. You do not try to decide for them. You cannot ask why they are still not on a proper path. Master EK wrote "there is no why in creation. There is only how of it." So don't ask the why of it, be it related to you or someone else. Learn to see everything as the Divine will and you do what is to be done by you. It is the light within that is aiding in our movement. It is the same light that is working through everyone. Every knower speaks with that light as the basis. If we remember the ONE basis for everything that is happening, then there won't be questions haunting us. Otherwise we reason and question and end up nowhere. No one can ask "why unwanted things happen to me? Why did I get this disease? And so on..." There is no answer or simply the answer is another question "why not?"

Remember that past karma affects the present actions and results a lot. We do not know about past karma. What we can do is to avoid creating further karma. That is what you can do. You cannot undo what has been done in the past. You can only accept what karma brings to you. It cannot be escaped so better accept. Don't neutralise present karma by creating more karma. It will be like taking a new loan to clear an existing loan. So it is up to us. If you are not attached to anything, then you can do everything without creating further karma. Do everything that comes to you without initiating anything new. Let the Divine will decide what you are to do. Do not escape from what comes to you.

So, again, remember that everything that happens is as per Divine will. For us to even realise that everything is Divine will also happens as per the Divine will. This is the path of surrender. Master EK surrendered himself to Master CVV completely. Lord Krishna's ultimate teaching is Bhagawadgita is "Surrender thyself to me". So this acceptance of everything to be Divine will should be practiced. Whether you are made to walk on flowers or thorns, see it as Divine will. It is not easy to practice but one can still try and hope the Divine will cooperates. It happens when the Divine graces. Until then, we should keep trying. May we all be graced by the Divine to realise the Divine will in this creation.

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