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"Srimad Bhagavatam"

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Canto 5:

We will begin with the discussion on a poem written by Master EK in the book "Sripati Satakam". The thought expressed in this poem is very significant. Master EK speaks to the Lord and says "You do not scold any of your children for any of the mistakes they commit. They are to face the consequences of their own actions and speeches." So there is a natural boomerang in this creation. Everyone has to face the consequences of their own actions. It is ignorance to blame your problems on others because you face only what you created in the past. Also there is no need to scold others or try to teach people around you as to what is right and wrong. Nature itself teaches them what they are to learn. If the Lord is not scolding anyone, then who are we to scold others. Each one receives what is due to him and learns accordingly. So we should not get into the glamour of teaching others and putting them in the right direction. You can teach when someone is interested to learn but don't get into the glamour that you have to correct everyone and show them the path. The Lord and his nature decide how and when one is to learn something. Knowledge settles only when it is realised from within. This process is as natural as a child learning how to speak a language. If we observe, the parents teach very little while the rest is picked up by the child himself. Who taught the child? It is the nature itself. Same way everything that is required is taught by nature itself. Therefore, do not have the glamour of teaching others including your own children. Others learn from you only when they want to and not when you like to teach. In effect, it is nature that decides everything, and you are only a small part in the whole plan. You change yourself. That is the best you can do. Do not try to change the world. That is the work of time and nature. If you ask me, why do I teach by giving discourses on Bhagavatam? The answer because I feel good and joyful giving these discourses. It is not because I intend to teach everyone and change this world. Some might pick up these teachings and transform themselves but that is upto them. That is why we do not ask anyone to attend Bhagavatam classes. There is only information that classes are happening and whoever is interested based on their nature will join the classes. Some just hear and forget, some try to put some teachings to practice and so on. So there is nothing to feel about what we do in relation to others. You should not feel that others should learn from you, others should take your advice, others should change and so on. Let everyone follow their own life plan which is decided by the Lord and nature.

Now coming to the story of Priyavrata in Bhagavatam. As I mentioned in the last class, we will be discussing some complex concepts. Master EK himself took a lot of effort in trying to explain these concepts and he took a lot of details from Secret Doctrine to explain these concepts. He gave all the related references from Secret Doctrine. I will try to explain these concepts the best I can and I will

repeat them multiple times so that you can digest the concepts. We discussed the 10 fiery sons of Priyavrata in a lot of detail. Apart from these 10 sons, Priyavrata had 3 other sons who became future Manus - Uttama, Tamasa and Raivata. They are the later Manus who ruled over the beings.

Priyavrata did some work in relation to the planet which will be discussed now. We know that different parts of the planet will receive the sunlight at different times. At any point of time, there is a part of the planet which is in darkness as it is not facing the sunlight. A part of the earth has light while another part is under shadow. This is an aspect in the physical plane. There is always a part which is in darkness which is symbolic of ignorance. Also, the non-tropical regions have longer times of darkness due to the tilt of the earth around its axis. At the north pole and south pole there is almost 6 months of light and 6 months of darkness. Further, in places like Europe, during the summer, there are very long days, that is the duration of sunlight is longer. Only at the tropics, there is almost equal duration of light and darkness.

In yoga practice as well, unless one's awareness is uplifted from the base centre (Muladhara), it not possible to see light without shadow. Normally, light and shadow exist together in the physical plane. In the devachanic plane (heavenly world), there is light without shadow. If a deva of that plane stands in light, no shadow can be seen around.

Priyavrata did not want people to be in darkness. It was actually his perception. The truth is the light fell on every part of the globe at sometime or the other. There is no region on earth which is always in darkness. With this perception, he thought if it is possible to ensure that the whole planet remains in light at all times. It is actually not possible but he tried. It is said that he moved on a chariot around the globe 7 times to see what can be done. This resulted in the formation of 7 oceans. These are not the watery oceans that we know. These 7 are the 7 divisions of the globe along the equator from north pole to south pole. One can see maps of the world with 7 lines including the equator, 3 above and 3 below.

Remember that the North Pole and South pole extend way beyond what we can see as North Pole and South Pole. Then there are 7 layers around the planet of which we are in the 7th layer. Only this 7th layer is visible. The other 6 layers are invisible and they interpenetrate this visible globe and are much larger than this globe. The 6 layer is twice the diameter of this visible 7th layer. The 5th layer is twice the diameter of the 6th layer and so on. In this manner, if we calculate, the 1st layer is 64 times the size of the 7th layer. All these layers are concentric. The Egyptians compared these layers to the layers of an onion. The whole creation can be understood with the analogy of an onion. Even each one of us has 7 layers which are accessible through the 7 centers from Muladhara (base) to Sahasrara (head). The layers are all separated by oceans. The layers are having different textures and the higher layers have much subtle texture. So, the matter becomes much subtle as we move to higher layers. The physical layer contains the grossest matter.

So first understand that the earth globe is 64 times the size of the physical globe that is visible. It is the same with us. Your awareness too can grow as much as 64 times the awareness at physical plane.

The whole 7-layered earth is referred to as earth lotus. This whole globe comprises of 7 layers which are all interpenetrating and each having a matter of different subtlety. These 7 layers are said to be separated by 7 oceans. What we know as white island is present in the 1st layer which is the subtlest. We have potential access to all these layers from within the human form. It is just that we don't have access to all of them as of now. The lotus needs to bloom for us to gain access to other planes. That is why this whole thing is described as a lotus.

During the story of Dhruva, we discussed about the pole star. That pole star is present above this 7 layered globe that we are discussing here. Below this globe is the Sirius star. That is why it is known as the southern star.

We need to sit and visualise to be able to understand these aspects properly. You visualise that there is a globe around this visible globe which is 64 times the size. And above that globe is the pole star and below is the Sirius star.

Then there are the 7 oceans and 7 islands among these layers. Next time, I will show you a figure illustrating these layers, oceans and islands so that you get a clearer picture. Priyavrata is said to have understood the presence of all these when he went around the globe 7 times. They were not created by him. They were only discovered by him. These formations are attributed to Dhruva who is the son of Priyavrata's brother, Uttanapada, and Dhruva's consort, Brahmi.

There is a statement "Globe is nothing but lotus before blossoming". Evolution of this globe will be complete when this globe lotus blossoms. Blossoming of this globe lotus gradually happens as it evolves.

All knowledge is given in a seed and symbolic manner in Bhagavatam. Luckily Master EK explained all this symbolism by taking the related wisdom from Secret Doctrine. We should try to understand them to the extent possible.

In the next class, we will also discuss the names of the 7 oceans and 7 islands. It is said that Veda Vyasa who wrote Bhagavatam lives on the white island which is not on the physical globe (7th layer) we see. It is on the 1st layer or the largest spherical layer of this earth. In us, the white island is present at Sahasrara. So once we reach Sahasrara, we gain access to the white island. There is also representation of that white island on this physical globe.

So try to review and digest what we discussed today. Keep understanding the correspondences between the creation, the planet and the human form. We will discuss more details in the next class.

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