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"Srimad Bhagavatam"

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Canto 5:

We will start with a poem from Sripati Satakam by Master EK. In this poem, Master EK says that one who sees Divine different from oneself moves away from the Divine. We should remember that the Divine exists in us and as us. No one is closer to us than the Divine but depending on one's orientation, one may get closer to or farther away from the Divine. So it is up to us whether we want to be closer or to be far away from the Divine. One is closest to the Divine when one always remembers I AM THAT I AM. The problem is we try to find differences between us and others and the same thought propagates when we think of the Divine. We should learn to see the ONE in all and never think that others are different from us. There may be differences in awareness or personality but in essence we are the same. For the Divine, everyone is close because all are in HIM but for us, it depends on our orientation. Therefore, we need to make a constant effort of recollection I AM THAT I AM so that we get closer to the Divine. Some people think that the Lord has forgotten them but it is ignorance. The Lord never forgets you. He just waits for you to remember him and he responds immediately. If the Lord really forgets anyone, that person and even being will not exist anymore.

Now going to the story of Priyavrata in Bhagavatam. He feels that half of the globe is in darkness at any point of the time because of earth's rotation. He thought if it is possible to have the whole earth filled with light. He travelled around the globe to see if something could be done. He could not do anything about it but he gained some awareness about the earth globe. Firstly, he realised that the earth is revolving around the Sun and not the other way as we observe from earth. Secondly, he realised that the whole rotation takes 24 hours and as the globe rotates, some parts get light and some parts go into darkness and this process alternates. He realised that this is happening as per the Divine plan to enable the beings go into sleep after darkness sets in. So firstly, he thought there was some issue with light not being constantly available on earth but then he realised the reason and also purpose for it. He also realised that he cannot change anything about the rotation or revolution of the planet. We also might think that some changes are to be brought about in this world or a nation or a state, but it is meaningless because we can hardly do anything to bring such large scale change. So, try to understand and do what you are to do instead of trying to change the world. The world and humanity have their own way of evolving and getting better. You need not get into that. The world will not change as you want. You need to adjust to it and live in poise. Otherwise, you are always in conflict and cannot live a happy life. There are many things which are not in our hands. So it is meaningless to plan about them or even think about it. You plan and do what is in

your hands and what you are to do. Remember that in a larger system, we have little freedom. You should not try to get more freedom. Do what you can do with the freedom you have.

So Priyavrata realised that there is greater purpose in the existing system. He realised that day and night are both equally important for various purposes. He also could understand that there are other invisible layers to this globe. Only one layer is visible while there are 6 invisible layers around this visible layer which are larger in size than the visible layer. The earth with all the 7 layers can be seen as an earth lotus. Poornima drew a picture of the globe lotus with these 7 layers. (Master shows the picture). This whole globe spans between the pole star (Northern star) and the Southern star. The largest layer is said to be 64 times the visible earth. These 7 layers have a correspondence with the 7 centers in us. As each of the chakras corresponding to these centers open up into lotuses we get to see the other layers of the globe. A picture of these 7 layered globe is also given in the Bhagavatam book. I asked that it be drawn on a chart paper so that it can be shown during the class. (Master is showing this picture). The picture is 2-dimensions only, but we have to visualise this in 3-dimensions. Each layer has an island which corresponds to the centers in us. The space between the islands is said to be filled with oceans. There are names to all these islands and oceans. The island in the topmost layer is said to be Pushkara Dweepam (island). The kundalini consciousness travels across all these islands and oceans, within us and even in this globe.

Another name of Pushkara Dweepam is Swetha Dweepam (White Island). It corresponds to Sahasrara and is presided over by Jupiter. The energy from that island descends into the rivers on earth and depending on the sun sign in which Jupiter is present, it descends onto one of the rivers each year. The correspondence between the islands and centers in us is given in 2 pictures in Bhagavatam. One can also refer to them.

There is something to be noted here. When the earth rotates around the earth, its axis is tilted. When one stands at the equator and is facing the sun, he is said to be facing east because the north and south poles of the earth are tilted. You need to visualise this to understand properly.

I will first read what Master EK has written about the 7 islands and 7 oceans between them. Then I will slowly explain. The center most island which is the 7th layer or physical globe is called 'Jambu'. Around this is an ocean named 'Lavana' which means 'Salty ocean'. This is the ocean that we know and see and we know that the ocean waters are salty and hence the name. The next island in the 2nd layer is called 'Plaksha'. Around that island is the ocean named 'Ikshu' which means Sweet or Sugary ocean. Around that is the island named 'Salmali' and then the ocean named 'Sura'. Sura refers to the substance which gives you experience similar to alcohol and drugs, when taken. It gives you a kind of release from mental problems. This is all in the mundane world. There is a similar experience to one whose 3rd chakra opens (turns into a lotus). Above this Sura ocean is the island called 'Kusa' and around that is the ocean named 'Neti' which means ghee ocean. This corresponds to Anahata center. One grows in fiery aspiration as one reaches the Anahata or heart center and ghee aids in the growth of this fire. Ghee is most liked by Agni, the fire god. So there is this ghee within which flames up the fire within. Just as the size of these layers increases from layer to layer, our consciousness also expands as we move from one center to another.

Next is the island called 'Krouncha' around which is the ocean called 'Ksheera Sagara' which means milky ocean. Then there is 'Saka' island around which is the ocean of curd. Then finally,

there is the 'Pushkara Dweepa' around which is the ocean called 'Shuddha Jalam' which means pure water. These oceans represent the kind of experience that we get when we reach the respective centers. So all these islands and oceans can be seen and experienced within us. In this process, the kundalini consciousness expands helically from Muladhara to Sahasrara. The earth also has similar kundalini consciousness which is what Master CVV refers to as Earth kundalini. Master CVV said that he linked up the earth kundalini with Venus Kundalini because Venus is the basis for the formation of this earth. This link up resulted in the descent of energies from Venus to Earth to speed up the evolution of earth and its beings. One can refer to 'Spiritual Astrology' by Master EK for these details.

Now among these 7 layers, the 6 invisible layers have already blossomed while the 7th layer is yet to blossom. It will blossom when the evolution of the physical earth is complete. So this globe of earth shall have to evolve to be a lotus of earth. The Masters of Wisdom work to achieve this purpose. Our evolution is also part of this earth's evolution.

Then there are 7 inner layers or subterranean planes within this physical globe. They are also referred to as infernal worlds. Dattatreya guards the gates to these worlds to prevent anyone from falling into them.

The great bear is near the pole star on top of the 7th layer of earth. Above the pole star is the Akasa Ganga. Above that is said to be 'Vishnu Padam'. Vishnu is one of the intelligences in the Cosmic Person. We discussed that he is present in the feet of the Cosmic Person in the 3rd Canto. From there all the intelligences descend in the form of a whirlpool. A whirlpool is in the shape of a cone. So descent happens from the top of the cone to the tip. This cone can be visualised as a mountain which is called Meru. While the pole star and southern star are at the top (north) and bottom (south) of the earth's axis, all the other planets are present to the east and west of this globe. So all the other planets including the sun are present around the equator of the earth. There are many pictures available on the internet to which one can see to understand this arrangement. There are the Sun, Mercury and Venus on one side of earth while Mars, Jupiter and Saturn are on the other side. So this is also a 7 layered arrangement along the horizontal axis of earth with earth in the middle. These 6 globes along with the moon have an influence on earth. Each planet has its own purpose in the solar system. Among all these, earth is the youngest in terms of evolution. The vertical axis of earth keeps moving in an anti-clockwise direction and based on its movement, great cycles of time are determined.

Along a region along the horizontal axis or equator, the earth receives prana and energy from the sun. This region is called the golden belt from which the energies received from the Sun are distributed to the rest of the earth, above and below. So in the Northern Hemisphere, the energies travel from South to North while in the southern Hemisphere, the energies travel from North to South. That is why people living in the Northern Hemisphere are advised to sleep facing south so that the energies travel from head to feet. Similarly, people in the Southern Hemisphere are advised to sleep facing the North. You may even sleep towards east or west but the exact opposite direction should be avoided. That is, people in the Northern Hemisphere should avoid pointing the head to North while sleeping and vice-versa.

So we discussed many dimensions of the earth globe today. We need to recollect and contemplate what is discussed again so that we understand it better. It also helps us de-localize from the mundane world. We will discuss some more aspects in the next class.

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