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"Guru Purnima Celebrations"

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An offering of clothes to the couple who were responsible for conceiving the idea of celebration Guru Poornima and Gurupujas for 3 days on a grand scale.

The sun presides over a sun sign for 30 days and completes one cycle of revolution over all the sun signs in a year. On the basis of this cycle, great wisdom was handed over to us by our Seers and there is a regulation that we need to follow for each month.

Presently we are in the month of Cancer and the Lord descends as Master in this month. This we discussed in detail in the morning discourse. The sound or name "Rama" was given on the basis of this cycle.

(Master is giving some astrological aspects. A bit complex to translate.)

We should know the constellations and their significance.

The beings emerge from the divine but forget that and feel that they exist independently. We strongly feel that "I EXIST." We have 3 qualities of "I AM", "MINE", "My People". Such feelings can be regulated only when you feel "I AM THAT I AM". You are not great alone. You are great only when in alignment with the divine. The sun ray cannot exist without the sun. The wave cannot exist without the ocean. Similarly we cannot exist without the divine. Ego dominates when you forget the Lord. It is not pride. Pride comes due to ego. If you are with the divine, the ego is limited and there will be no pride.

Many zeros have no value. If you place "one" in front of all those zeros. It is of huge value. We are all zeros; we have no value without the one Lord. One who forgets himself in the presence of Lord is special. One who feels that he is special is never special. So remember that the Lord exists as you and in all the forms around you. As long as one keeps thinking of himself alone, his ego strengthens. It limits him.

The story of Utrasura is such. Indra wants to kill him. Utrasura always sees the Lord in everyone. Indra feels that he should kill Utrasura but fails again and again. He even gets a boon from Vishnu and gets a special weapon but fails again. Why? It is because he was seeing Vishnu different from himself. Utrasura was seeing Vishnu in himself and Indra as well. Utrasura then tells Indra in sympathy "You cannot kill me as long as you feel I AM. If you see Vishnu in me, I will submit myself to you and you can kill me.

You may be doing the greatest acts of goodwill but as long you remember that "I AM doing it." All these acts are not fruitful. If you remember the divine and do the slightest act of goodwill, it will turn out to be very fruitful.

Lord Krishna said the knower is one who sees me in a Brahmin, Elephant, Dog and the eater of dog meat. Can we see like that? If you cannot see like that "Egoism" befalls you and you live in darkness. So do not forget the Lord at any moment. You can remember him even in the bathroom. It is not that you have to remember him only in the prayer hall.

So you should forget yourself in the presence of the Lord. Actually there is only one. You get stuck by feeling that there are two. Once you realise this, you start seeing the divine in all. If you fail to see the divine in all, then you are said to be in egoism. Then you are in darkness.

So the strong message is "Forget yourself." All the prayers and rituals that we do are to forget our self in the presence of divine. Suppose you are doing a ritual and feel that "I am the doing the ritual very well." The ritual is useless because you are still in yourself.

You should see the divine present in your heart centre. First see the light of the Lord and then slowly you will be able to see his form.

All this is like a game of "Snakes and Ladders". If you are with the divine, you climb a ladder and if you forget the divine, you enter the mouth of a snake and go down. If you feel pride of climbing a ladder, immediately you find a snake. Generally the snake is present beside the ladder. So this is a very good game which teaches us an important instruction.

We remember the Lord only at times of fear. If you are praying to the Lord in fear, you are actually praying to your fear but not to the Lord. You should be with the Lord irrespective of the incidents in your life.

The being should stay in alignment with the divine. The Chittam of the being should stay in alignment with his Buddhi. Chittam is responsible for the working of mind and senses. If Chittam leaves Buddhi and just works with the mind, the person is lost in the mundane world. So our mind and senses should be in the control of Chittam which is in alignment with the Buddhi. Chittam should be a friend of Mind but not a slave.

So we exist as 4. One existing in 4 states. We should know this first. The whole creation is 4 fold. Time is 4-fold. Our life is 4 fold. The light of Buddhi is half the light of Atma (divine), and the light of Chittam is half the light of Buddhi. Chittam should be in alignment with the Buddhi to form a greater light. If not, the Mind starts controlling the Chittam and makes us move aimlessly. He feels one time to do one thing and then to do another thing without any purpose.

So the Lord comes down as Master and stays in our heart centre. He gives us confidence that “I AM near you. You need not fear.” Can we go to the Sun? No but we can go to the moon. So we can reach the Master (Moon principle) who is none other than a reflection of the divine (Sun principle). So we can reach the divine only through a Master.

One who has his Chittam in alignment with the Buddhi is a devotee. How does the Chittam stay in alignment with the Buddhi? It is only when you are in alignment with the divine. We have to read the stories of great devotees to get inspiration as well as aspiration for the divine. Then we get thoughts related to the divine and our mind slowly oriented towards him. It also helps in the stabilization of mind.

If your devotion is associated with fear, you remember the Lord only when you fear something. All students remember the Lord at the time of exams and results. He goes to temples and offers many things to the Lord. All this is not devotion. Devotion cannot be temporary.

If you read a story of Spider man or Superman, it does not give you courage. If you read the story of Hanuman, it gives you courage. What is the difference? There is devotion associated with valour in the story of Hanuman. There is only valour in the stories of Spider man and Superman. So devotees are the stable ones and are courageous as well. The courageous one is the one who stands above ego. Only a devotee can stand above ego. A devotee never fears for anything. Such is the stability of devotees.

Sita never feared Ravana even when he kidnapped her. She only felt sad that she lost the presence of Rama. Such is her devotion to the Lord. There are many such stories of devotees given to us in our Scriptures.

If an iron piece is placed in a huge book on Magnetism. Does it become a magnet? No! It becomes a magnet only when it is placed near a magnet. So such is the presence of a Master.

You can gain the presence of a Master only when you have a strong aspiration. Without aspiration, if you move around a Master, it is of no use.

In this month of Ashada (Cancer), every person should take up this discipline of staying in alignment with the divine with sincerity. This discipline should be practiced strictly for the next four months for necessary transformation to take place.

The crisis in time does not affect you when you practice this sincerely. The serpent of time does not affect you when you are in alignment with the Lord.

There is one story of Krishna and Gopikas. One evening when they were travelling in the forest, they see a huge serpent which tries to swallow them. They just walk into the mouth of the serpent because they knew that the Serpent cannot do anything when Lord Krishna is with them.

So the Lord comes down as Master to show us the path of immortality. We should make an effort to tread that path and leave the rest to Lord.

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