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Discourse 2

Good Morning everyone. In Master CVV Gurupujas, we are into the 2nd discourse after 2nd prayer.

Masters are the ones who show us the path. We should not only pray to them but also follow them. All Masters are divine mediums. Sometimes the divine himself descends to show us the path. All the Masters contain a divine energy in them.

Masters demonstrate what the Lord did when he descended onto the planet. Demonstration is a better teaching. One who sees a good demonstration feels that he can also do that. So one should follow in the footsteps of a Master. We ascend only by following them but not just by praying. If we just sit and praise the Lord without doing anything, the Lord is not pleased. One who does his work and helps his fellow beings is the one who the Lord is pleased with. If one depends for everything on the Lord, he is just a burden to the Lord. If a 40 year old son depends on his father for every small thing, would the father be happy? Similarly if a disciple just depends on the Master, the Master is not pleased. A disciple should learn from the Master and should be able to work independently gradually. A disciple should become a Master gradually. A son should become a father eventually. A Master wishes that his disciple also becomes immortal like him and work with him with equal capability. A Master wishes a disciple to become a Master like him.

One who demonstrates is a Master/Father. Without demonstration there is no example for the disciple/son to follow. Rama's life is such a demonstration to us. Even Krishna's life is a demonstration but we cannot follow him easily. So first follow Rama and later we think of Krishna. Try to follow atleast some dharmas demonstrated by Rama.

When we follow some virtues initially, more virtues gather around us. Different virtues were demonstrated by different Masters. Just start with something. We always postpone things. What we hear today, we think of practicing them from tomorrow. We are specialists in postponing things.

There is a story. A crow was sitting on a boat and the boat was going farther into the ocean. The crow thought that the coast is nearby and it can fly back easily. The boat went further into the ocean and the crow still postponed. After sometime, the boat was in the middle of ocean, the crow then thought of flying back to the coast. It flew for a long time but could not find the coast. So it decided to go back to the boat but could not find it as well. That is our story.

We are prompt only in eating food. :)

So if we do not do what is to be done now, we will be left stranded in the middle of ocean like the crow. An eagle does not do like that. It is very prompt and accurate. So a crow should be in the companionship of an eagle. A Master is like an eagle and we are crows. Master demonstrates everything to us. He shows us what our responsibilities are, when a work is to be done, how a work is to be done and so on. So we should follow a Master.

The Lord does not incarnate all the time. So when the Lord is not in an incarnation, his absence is fulfilled by the presence of a hierarchy of Masters. That is why we have a hierarchy of Masters on the planet.

If we observe life of a Master, it will be a life of sacrifice; he is independent and dependable to others. He always looks for the welfare of others. If it is otherwise, then he is not a Master. A Master can distribute divine presence to the beings that follow him. Such is the presence of a Master. A Master travels only to transmit divine presence to everyone. He is like a 'Mobile transmission Centre'. Anywhere he is he transmits divine energies to the surroundings. He just lives and move according to the divine plan. He shines forth like a Gem irrespective of the place he is in. A Master can transmit divine energies anywhere he goes. He may go anywhere but his transmission is not affected. He is a fiery one. There is nothing that can impure him. Anything gets purified by his presence. Even Ravana goes into a trance when he sees Rama for the first time. Such is the presence of Rama.

In Bhagawadgita, Lord gives this as one of the qualities of a devotee. So in the qualities of a Master, the most important quality is leading a life of sacrifice. He always offers to the surroundings. Anything that he accepts is also to offer it somewhere else. To take from where there is excess and to distribute it to needy is also a quality of Master.

A Master never forgets the divine. He knows that everything in him and outside him is divine. It is not a belief to him. He realized it as a truth. 'Everything is divine' is a truth to him and he lives in it. He remembers it all the time. He sees everything as THAT. It is a penance. That is what we can observe in the life of Prahalada. He saw Vishnu in everything and everywhere.

If we can also see the divine all the time in everything, we are also be in penance. If we see it sometimes and if we fail to see it sometimes, then we cannot be a Master. Even while drinking water, a Master sees THAT in the water and in him. Not only health, ill-health is also BRAHMAM. He is present in all the dualities. That is why Masters do not feel sad if they get some disease. Even a sin is also THAT. Krishna told this in Bhagawadgita. In all the human beings, Master only sees the being but not the personality. He sees the being as divine and tries to rectify the personality.

I am not telling anything new. It is all given in our scriptures. Everything is THAT. There is no other. A Masters sees THAT in everything. He is never agitated by the dualities.

If we are in presence of such a Master, we get instructions from him continuously in some form. We should just try to follow them. That is why one is said to be lucky if he is in the presence of a Master. It is like finding a path in a forest. There is a hierarchy of Masters on our planet from

age-old times. They keep giving their teachings through various mediums. If we come across such a teaching, we feel that it is the truth and we should try to follow it. If we start following the teachings, then we are into a divine life.

We talk of this many times but fail to see the divine in everything. We keep too many restrictions in the name of tradition.

Once a grand ritual was being done by some Rishis in Brindavan. Krishna and his friends were playing nearby and they feel hungry. Krishna tells them to go and ask the Rishis who were performing the ritual. When they go and ask, Rishis get angry because the ritual was not yet complete. They scold the children and send them away.

Then Krishna tells the children to go and ask the wives of the Rishis. So the children do so and tell the women that Krishna told them to ask them. The women offer all the food they have to the children and also to Krishna and they enjoy a state of ultimate bliss after doing this. Then they go back to the Rishis who were waiting for the food as the ritual was complete. The Rishis could see a bright glow in the faces of their wives. Then they realised that for what state they were performing the ritual, their wives could gain that state by offering food to Krishna and children and they could not gain anything as they rejected the children. So we fail to see the divine due to our restricted thoughts in the name of tradition.

A Master demonstrates us how to see the divine through various acts. He may help someone who we think is a bad person. There is no good and bad for a Master. A tradition should take us near the truth but not far away from it. So don't have concrete concepts in the name of tradition.

If someone asks "Can we drink coffee and do prayer or not?" The answer to it is "Prayer is important. If you feel better by doing prayer after drinking coffee, drink coffee and do prayer. Otherwise do prayer without drinking coffee. Doing prayer is important but whether you drink coffee or not is not important. Whether you do bath or not is not important." Master CVV said so because once you start doing prayer, you feel like doing bath and then praying. So once you start doing prayer, everything falls into order. So in the path of a Master, there are no restrictions.

If someone forces you to do something, you may not feel like doing it. If you feel like doing it by yourself, then you will do it without fail. So what all you should do, you feel like doing it from inside.

In our path, we were told to do only prayer and nothing else is required. So we think it is very easy and we start doing. Once we start doing prayer, we feel like waking up in the morning, we feel like taking a bath before prayer, we feel like doing some service activity and so on. So all the instructions come from within. This path is a 'Path of Freedom'. Everyone brings changes in themselves from within.

Master never questions your habits or way of living. He only instructs you to follow the most important thing and the rest follows. So there are no restrictions and everyone is happy. Everything happens from within in the path of Master CVV. We are into such a path.

Transformations happen continuously. There is continuous repair and transforming until we transform into gold. Transforming into gold means we get Golden bodies. A Master never appears like doing anything but he does everything to transform us from within. So we need not worry of ourselves.

Just try to follow the most important instructions and the rest follows. We will continue in the evening.

-Swasthi.