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When we remember that essence of all is ONE and gain all the knowledge, that knowledge is poised (Satwa knowledge). Even in one of the earlier chapter, Krishna tells Arjuna to learn everything remembering HIM as the basis. ONE principle descends into everyone and as a result, one is able to talk. There is ONE WORD which flows through everyone when one speaks. We call that flow principle as Saraswati. It comes down in 4 states and we discussed the 4 states many times. We should remember the ONE source whenever one speaks. Then you hear what is to be heard.

There are many rivers flowing all over the world. They all seem be different but the source of water to all the rivers in the world is ONE. When we see the water from different rivers as different, it is ignorance. Similarly everything in this creation has ONE essence. We should remember this truth of "Unity in Diversity". One is said to be in poise if one remembers this truth. If you remember this when you see and hear others, only then you realise the ONE principle which is essentially present in all. Parikshit saw like that and that is why he got such a title "Parikshit". It is not his name actually.

One is said to have Rajasic knowledge (Dynamic/Hyperactive knowledge) if one responds to others based on the wealth, power or status the other person possesses. Generally such a one is more inclined towards others who are wealthier, more powerful and have fame in the society. This is said to be the problem with Knowledge with Rajas quality. Some people show great respect towards wealthy and powerful people just to gain some favour from them. Even people in media try to highlight the presence of some powerful person in a function ignoring the actual purpose of the function. That is also due to hyperactive nature.

We have the king Krishnadevaraya who also has poetry has his hobby. He wrote some poems and even books. There are 8 great poets/scholars in his royal court including the likes of Tenali Ramakrishna, who could directly speak to the Divine Mother. All of them wrote many books and poems which will be definitely more scholarly than the ones written by the King. But we generally give more importance to the ones written by the King and even the historians did so and highlighted the King's works more than the works of the scholars. It is all due to hyperactive knowledge.

There is also Tamasic Knowledge (Knowledge based on Inertia). Such a one is stuck in an idea and thinks that is only right. If a homeopathic doctor knows only one medicine and gives only that medicine for every patient that comes to him, what will happen? It is not correct. A real doctor will not give the same medicine even for the same disease; he gives the medicine taking into account the nature, qualities and symptoms of the patient and then gives a medicine accordingly. Every problem has a separate solution. The solution cannot be applied to all problems.

Similar is the case with a Mantra. The same mantra may not be effective for everyone. A true Master does not give ONE mantra to everyone. He gives a Mantra based on the person and his nature. There was one lady who used to do Rama mantra regularly for 30 years. She once went to a so called Master and that person told her to stop doing Rama chanting and gave another mantra, even without her asking. She was not comfortable doing it

because she was getting Rama mantra in mind while she was chanting something else. She came to me and told me her problem. I told her "Only chant the mantra which is easily stabilized in your mind. Do not think all mantras are different. Every mantra corresponds to ONE principle in essence. Do what is comfortable to you." She continued with Rama chanting and lead a peacefully life and even departed without any pain. It is ignorance if someone thinks there is some mantra is better than Rama mantra. It is the mantra which even Lord Shiva chants at all times. Shiva even told that chanting Rama mantra is equivalent to chanting Vishnu Sahasranama and he gave the mantra "Sri Rama Rama Rameti..."

So the one with Tamasic knowledge sticks to a concrete idea and does not accept anything else. He does not have any logic to his idea. He just follows blindly. Such a one who sees everything as different is foolish. Most of the religious fanatics remain in such knowledge and as a result there is lot of hatred being developed between people of different religions. They fail to see the ONE in all. All the aspirants who follow different paths under different Masters finally reach the ONE only. There is only ONE Universal Master manifesting through various mediums. That is what Swami Vivekananda tells in his speech at the Parliament of Religions at Chicago.

Just like there are 3 kinds of knowledge, there are also 3 kinds of actions (karma) - Rajasic, Tamasic and Satwic.

One who acts as per the dharma, without any expectation of result in the right procedure is said to be doing Satwic karma (Poised action). For every action, there is a Science relating to it, which stipulates certain procedures on how the act is to be done and that act should be done in that manner only. There is a procedure to cooking, a procedure to perform a ritual, a procedure to take a bath, etc. We should do it accordingly. We should not do it as we like otherwise the action is fulfilled. Can we cook every dish in the same manner? Can we perform every ritual in the same manner?

Another aspect of Satwic karma is to do every act without expectation of result. We should not look for the review of others about our work. Do not crave for the recognition of others. The Lord will definitely recognise if you do good work. Why should you look for others' recognition? You do it without deviating from the stipulated procedure. There is a way to learn, to read, to work, to do business, to serve, to eat, etc., stick to that procedure.

Once Master EK gave a very good discourse in Guntur and after giving the discourse he asked some of his friends for feedback on his discourse. That night Master EK's Master appeared before him and said "Never ever ask anyone for feedback on your teachings. Why do you want to know what they feel?"

Another time when Master EK wrote a book, he gave it for review, to an elderly scholar. That night again Master EK's Master appeared and asked "Do you think you wrote that book? It came through you but you did not write it. You do not have to ask a review from someone on it. Never ask a review for any of the books that come through you."

Master EK wrote these incidents in his diary. The same instruction applies to us as well because we are his followers. Never ever look for feedback or recognition of your work. That curiosity is useless. You will get the feedback from the Lord, through someone, automatically without you craving for it or asking for it. If it is negative, it means that divine wants you to do better. If it is positive, it means that divine wants you to keep it up and do even better.

Now coming to Rajasic Karma (Dynamic/hyperactive action). If the action is done following a desire or pride, it becomes Rajasic Karma. Remember that desire is different from need. You should do what you need to do as per your duty and not as per your want or desire. What you need to do comes to you automatically. Do not initiate anything but do what comes to you. Renunciation of personal will is a feature of one in path of Yoga. There will already a will working in this creation and we all came into this creation as per that will. Why should you have

another will? If you propose, you must dispose and face the consequences yourself. Master EK did not start WTT as per his will. It was an idea that came to him from someone around and he accepted it and worked towards it. Master EK never willed anything. Why do you have to will something else when there is already a will working in creation? Just be a part of it. Krishna says “If you propose, you have to dispose and face the consequences yourself. If I propose, I will dispose and stand responsible.”

So we should stick to our duty and not go after our likes or desires. Otherwise we fall into problems. That is what happens to Arjuna in Mahabharata war when he deviates from his duty and even ignores the advice of Krishna, he loses his son Abhimanya. Similarly Ravana loses his family and himself when he follows his desire ignoring the advice of his elders. Even after losing the battle on daily basis, he still keeps going to battle the next day. It is due to his dominant Rajas quality. He wants to achieve his desire at any cost. Rama was prepared to stop the battle any moment when Sita is handed over but Ravana did not heed and he died finally. That is how Rajas dominates and pulls anyone with desire.

Then there is Tamasic Karma (Inertial Action). If one does not know how to do an action and even tries to avoid doing it if possible, one is said to be doing Tamasic Action. He does not know his abilities and gets into action. He doesn't even know the consequences of an action.

So in this manner there are 3 types of Knowledge and 3 types of Action. Then the Doer is also of 3 natures.

In this manner, grand knowledge is given in Bhagawadgita. There is nothing present anywhere else that is not given in Bhagawadgita. It is the grandest of all Scriptures. It gives the synthesis of all knowledge in creation.

We will continue with that in the evening.

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