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Vizag Gurupujas – Labours of Hercules

Discourse 1 by Master K.Parvathi Kumar (10 Jan, 2014)

In this sacred place of the Lord of Lakshmi Varaha Narasimha called Simhachalam, my fraternal greetings to all who have gathered for 53rd Master CVV Gurupujas. We have been conducting Gurupujas here in Simhachalam for the past 37 years. We conduct this Grand group living in this manner for 3 days and 3 nights every year with a trust that Master CVV would purify our physical, mental and emotional planes and uplift us.

In 1962, Master EK started this grand function in Guntur by gathering all his close associates and it continued for 3 years in Guntur with people asking him to continue with the same. Then Master EK came to Vizag and conducted Gurupujas here for 7 years. In the 11th year, this activity became larger with over 800 people gathering at that time and it was conducted in the palace of Vijayanagaram king.

The next Gurupujas in 1974, were conducted in a field surrounded by hills, in a complete natural ambience and in 1975, it shifted to Gajuwaka in a smaller place. It was not so satisfying at that place and we moved back to the palace of the King for the next 2 years.

In 1978, for the first time we started doing Gurupujas in Simhachalam and we have established with this place till now.

This year we slightly moved from the regular venue to a nearby park in Simhachalam. We also came to know that the owner of this park wished me to give discourses at this park from a very long time and his wish came true now.

The specialty of Vizag Gurupujas is that every year the stage and the related set up is created newly. This park has been turned into a grand stage for us to conduct Gurupujas and all those who have worked for this turning into reality, would be definitely blessed by the Master. In fact, they are blessed, otherwise this would not be possibly happening through their hands.

We should all align ourselves with the Master energy which is permeating the whole creation. The Hierarchy of Masters whom we follow have such a permeation and we are lucky that Master EK introduced us all to such a grand Hierarchy.

If you progress in the path, you realise how magnanimous and magnificent is the work and plan of the World Teacher. The World teacher is the One principle which works through all the teachers. As members of World Teacher trust, we should realise this.

In every being, there is beastly nature, human nature and divine nature. In only the humans, all three natures are present and beings gradually move from beastly nature to human nature and then to divine nature, through evolution. We should come into human nature completely from beastly nature through some effort. It happens when one works for others and not only for oneself. The thought should be "for all" and not "for me". If you just think and live for yourself, you have dominant beastly nature. When you think and live for others, you become more human and move close to the heart centre and there are ways given by a Master to enter the heart centre. Once you enter heart centre, you move closer to the Lord. It is like a marriage between the Lord and the being and the Master is like a priest for that marriage. He conducts the marriage and leaves. Once the bond is established the Master does not arbitrate between the Lord and the being.

The Master is every ready to help you marry the Lord, it only that you should aspire for it and be prepared for it. The tradition is that the groom comes to the home of the bride, marries her and takes her back to his home. The same logic applies here. The Lord comes to his devotee and takes him. That is what Rama did. He went to the kingdom of Sita and married her. Similarly Krishna went to Rukmini and married her. That is why we have the same tradition being followed for the marriage between a groom and a bride. The coming of the Lord depends on the orientation and aspiration of the devotee.

We all come here on 10th to marry the Lord. Two months before this date, some of us come here and check the venue and plan it out. At that time itself, Master would descend onto this place, to conduct this marriage. He makes all this activity to happen through all the volunteers.

The first activity that we do is lighting the fire at the place where food is cooked. It is Agni. Master EK used to do so. The fire is also a form of the Lord Absolute. We worship the Lord absolute that is formless, in many forms. All forms relate to the one principle. Ignorant are those who think one form is better than the other because all forms are essentially one.

In a Jyothir Linga, the light is not within the linga, the light reveals itself to you when you see it with devotion. Then it becomes a Jyothir Linga. If you are not inclined to see that light, it is like any other stone.

Similarly we have the Master principle which has no form. It takes to many forms and thus we have many Grand Masters. It is one which has manifested into many forms. Our practice is to see

the ONE principle in all. We also called IT with many names. We have names like Vishnu, Shiva, Ganesha, Divine Mother, etc.

There are many Master Hierarchies working on earth and we were introduced to one such Grand Hierarchy. All such Masters of that Hierarchy and even divine intelligences move around in areas like this Gurupuja venue. That is why we can observe the change in the energy in this venue once it is transformed in this manner for Gurupujas.

When OM is chanted by a group as large as this, the effect is completely different from what it when it is chanted individually. The descent of light is very high in intensity and it descends into each one of us when we breathe in and we can visualise it to be descending into us and permeating all within. We can also visualise that we ascend along the path of descent of light, along with exhalation and we can even move out of the body from the Ajna centre. For all this to happen, we need to have fiery aspiration. If you have some aspiration, Master will ensure that you are not diverted from the path. If are casual in your practice, then you are very easily diverted by your mind and even the Master cannot help you.

So in the manner, we have been conducting these Gurupujas for years together, with a strong belief that Master is our Lord and trying to make progress in the path.

For the last 2 year, we have been discussing the story of a disciple, Hercules, who like us, is a disciple and we are now in the sign of Cancer with which I concluded last year. We will have a small review now and continue tomorrow morning.

In this 4th labour, Hercules was asked to catch a beast. The moon is the presiding planet in Cancer and it represents our mind. The mind is not stable and it keeps moving like an aimless animal. So this animal is to be restored to the temple, our heart centre. The mind here is represented by a dove. Hercules was asked to catch the dove.

In our Scriptures, the mind is referred to as a deer. If you observe the walking of a deer, there is no proper path in which it walks. It is very difficult to catch a deer and even Rama found it difficult to catch a deer as in the story of Ramayana. So this deer or dove is to be caught. Our mind is very unstable unless you tame it. Once it is tamed, it can do wonderful acts.

I will read the myth once and with a small explanation, I will conclude in another 15 minutes.

(Master read some lines from the myth).

So in this labour, we are told to catch the mind and put it in the temple, the heart. Is it so easy? All of us have been trying it for many years and most of us have not succeeded yet. It requires lot

of will power and Hercules has that will. We too should have it and only then we succeed in this labour.

Here, Hercules hit the deer at its leg, with a bow and arrow given by his Master. Master gave 6 weapons in the beginning itself, we discussed that in 2012. The bow and arrow is one among them. Bow and arrow symbolically represent OM and the being. With chanting OM as the basis, if you hear it attentively, the mind remains stable. So utter and hear, otherwise there is no meaning in uttering OM. OM can take you to the highest of place. It is such a powerful Bow. We have in many stories telling that Shiva's bow or Vishnu's bow was given to someone. What is that bow? It is OM.

For every mantra, we add OM to add more power to that mantra. OM has amazing significance and it is uttered by all the Grand Masters whom we follow. There are many who had many amazing experiences, by uttering OM regularly. I gave many dimensions of OM in our monthly magazines and a collection of them was printed as book.

So after hitting it with an arrow, the dove fell down and Hercules took it into his hands and took it to the temple and fulfilled the labour. He then goes to the Master and tells that he has completed the labour. The Master smiles and tells Hercules to look where the dove is now. The dove already climbed the temple top and flew away. Once you leave, it will go away. Master tells "It remains with you only as long as you hold it. Once you leave, it flies away. You need not hold onto it but you should be able enough to catch it whenever necessary. That is the purpose of this labour."

The mind never belongs to you. It belongs to the Lord. It is never under your control. It comes under your control, when you follow the divine. You can never win over it.

Hercules now asks "Master, Did I perform the test?" So Hercules now gets a doubt whether he succeeded or not. The dove is back to its original place. Bringing back the mind to the heart is a continuous process and it should happen regularly. That is why Master CVV gave us prayer for every 12 hours.

It is the nature's dove and it should be frequently brought back to the temple. Bringing it once is not sufficient. It should be brought again and again. Prayer should never be stopped at any moment and our effort should keep continuing. With this, Hercules completed the 4th labour relating to Cancer and tomorrow morning we enter the 5th labour relating to sign Leo.

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