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Vizag Gurupujas – Labours of Hercules

Discourse 5 by Master K.Parvathi Kumar (12 Jan, 2014)

We are into the 2nd day of Master CVV Gurupujas and we are into the 5th discourse. Before beginning the discourse, we have a book release "Sareera Tatvam" written by Dr.P.Jagan Mohan Rao which is a book related to Science of Homeopathy. Also we have a pamphlet of "Birthday Ritual" printed in English and it is being released now. We can celebrate our birthdays in this prescribed manner as given by Master EK.

Yoga aspirant, truth aspirant, Hercules' story in the sun sign of Virgo is being discussed now. In the morning, we discussed about the 8-fold nature outside us and inside us and also in the female forms around us. We also discussed the knowledge of how to relate to all these natures and we should live according to it because only by relating to nature in the proper manner, one can lead a comfortable and successful life. We should know the laws of nature, not forming any opinions and live in harmony with the beings around us. It is the story relating to Virgo. If our thoughts are pure then we live as virgins. If you live in tune with the 8 fold nature, the nature cooperates with you, supports your work and makes you succeed in your life. Jesus and Arjuna are such sons of virgin. Each one of us should become a son of virgin. When you live in tune with 8-fold nature, the nature nurtures you and brings you up. No one can become a son of god without becoming a son of virgin. Pure nature means an appropriate inter-relation with 8 fold nature. The root nature or the divine nature is the source of this 8 fold nature of 3 qualities and 5 elements. It is the nature of the Lord and the Lord remains in union with root nature. The Absolute principle is the 10th one. Today we discussed about the nature and then performed Lalitha Sahasranama puja and both coinciding on the same day is definitely a grace of the divine nature.

So having a good understanding of this nature is the knowledge relating to Virgo. The Planet presiding over this sign is Mercury which aids us in understanding the nature. But that understanding can be right or wrong. What happens to us is, as you start knowing more and more, huge number of thoughts come to you mind and it leads to confusion and loss of discretion. We form lot of wrong opinions on others and our behavior is determined by those opinions and there is no purity in our mind and actions. All the thoughts lead to impurity in our mind and such a mind is like a railway platform flooded with people. It is so much crowded that we do not even know the kind of flooring on that platform. Similar is a road with full fledged traffic and every vehicle moves so close to the other that each one hits the other at one time or the other. There is no vehicle without a bump. Minds with opinions are such. That is why virginity is very important. A clean mind is important. It should be like a clean slate. You can

write a good word when the slate is clean. This is a great step for all of us in the path of discipleship. We should clean away all the unnecessary thoughts. Why all useless thoughts? With opinions, you cannot go inside because once you close your eyes, these opinions come to your mind. There is no place for the Master/Lord to descend because you are filled with thoughts.

I will read the myth once and then continue with the explanation.

The great Presiding One called unto him the Teacher watching over Hercules. "The time is drawing near," he said, "how fares the son of man who is a son of God? Is he prepared again to venture forth and try his mettle with a foe of a different sort? Can he now pass the sixth great Gate?"

Hercules is lucky because both the Master and the Lord are interested in his progress. The Master would grace us only when the Lord graces us because it is the Lord who creates the impulse within and when one starts responding to that impulse, the Lord feels that this person is not eligible to walk the path and to help him out, he sends a Master.

They discuss that the time has come for the 6th labour. The Lord asks the Master whether Hercules is prepared for a different kind of a test. Can he pass the 6th great gate? The Master generally supports his student and here the teacher does the same. He even goes to the extent of saying "I too did mistakes in the past and it is inevitable that my disciple would also do some mistakes but he would definitely recover." In this manner, a teacher supports his student before his teacher. It is like the support of a father to his son. A Master does not accept a disciple easily but once accepted, he stands and supports him at all times.

And the Teacher answered: "Yes." He was assured within himself that when the word went forth the disciple would arise to labors new, and this he told the great Presiding One within the Council Chamber of the Lord.

And then the word went forth. "Arise, O Hercules, and pass the sixth great Gate." Another word likewise went forth, though not to Hercules, but unto those who dwelt upon the shores of the great sea. They listened and they heard. Upon those shores dwelt the great queen, who reigned o'er all the women of the then known world. They were her vassals and her warriors bold. Within her realm, of men not one was found. Only the women gathered round their queen. Within the temple of the moon they daily worshipped and there they sacrificed to Mars, the god of war.

So Hercules was told about the 6th test. He was told that there is a kingdom with all women and ruled by women. She ruled over all the women, in the world, at that point of time. She had an army of women. There were no men in that kingdom. The lady queen referred to is the Divine

Nature or Divine mother. She also heard the word of the Lord just like Hercules heard it. The women of that kingdom worship the son of the Mother, Kumara or Subrahmanya, apart from the worship of the Mother. Mars is Subrahmanya in the higher circles.

Back from their annual visit to the haunts of men they came. Within the temple precincts they awaited word from Hippolyte, their queen, who stood upon the steps of the high altar, wearing the girdle given her by Venus, queen of love.

The name of the queen was Hippolyte and she was wearing a girdle given by Venus. She was sitting on a high throne. If Venus should be pleased with you, you should hold values of high purity. Venus principle grants us with the knowledge relating to death. Venus is the planetary principle which gives us experience, especially relating to the subtle world. For more details on Venus, please refer to the book on Venus, the path to immortality.

"This girdle was a symbol, a symbol of unity achieved through struggle, conflict, strife, a symbol of motherhood and of the sacred Child to whom all human life is truly turned."

The girdle is a symbol of unity and motherhood. It is not the normal girdle that we generally know. It has sacrifice, love, inclusiveness and beauty in it. Venus graces those who sacrifice themselves for a sacred work and those who include everyone in their lives and they are granted with immortality. It is symbolic of giving birth to a sacred being. The Lord asked the Master to instruct Hercules to get that girdle. The same word was heard by this lady. If she could hear the word of the Lord, that itself indicates that she is no normal lady.

"Word has gone forth," said she, "that on his way there comes a warrior whose name is Hercules, a son of man and yet a son of God; to him I must give up this girdle which I wear. Shall we obey the word, O Amazons, or shall we fight the word of God?"

She knew the word of the Lord and she conveys the same to her council of ministers in the kingdom. She introduces Hercules as a Son of man who is in the process of turning into a son of god. She asks them "Shall we give it to him or fight against the word of the Lord?" She was actually prepared to cooperate with Hercules.

"Forth to the son of God who was likewise a son of man went Hippolyte, the warrior queen. He fought and struggled with her and listened not to the fair words she strove to speak."

So Hercules goes to her and spoke to her in a harsh manner and did not listen to her at all.

"He wrenched the girdle from her, only to find her hands held out and offering him the gift, offering the symbol of unity and love, of sacrifice and faith."

Without listening to the queen, Hercules pulled the girdle from her even before she could offer it to him as a gift. There is a great difference between her offering it and Hercules taking it forcefully. Hercules was considered by the queen as her son and she wanted to offer the girdle to him but when he pulled it, he lost unity and he also lost the faith and trust of the mother. Hercules is very unlucky because he lost a great gift of cooperation of the nature. The situation has turned over itself. He lost the good qualities he had through nature.

"Yet, grasping it, he slaughtered her, killing the one who dowered him with that which he required."

Hercules tortured the one to get his task done. Is it fair? Can he do it like that even if it is the order of his Master? Everyone in the kingdom was shocked and was aghast. They were hurt badly. Hercules started going back with the girdle.

His Teacher speak:

"My son, why slay that which is needed, close and dear? Why kill the one you love, the giver of good gifts, custodian of the possible? Why kill the mother of the sacred Child?"

The teacher says to Hercules that he killed a one who considered you close to her. He lost the experiences that he would have after entering the inner world. He killed the mother of a sacred child. He has done a great sin. It is a great sin to hurt someone who loves you. The Queen considered Hercules as her son and had lot of compassion towards him but Hercules hurt her badly. She wanted to give him a boon but Hercules brought upon a curse with his ignorant act.

"Again, we mark a failure. Again you have not understood. Redeem this moment, ever again you seek my face."

So the teacher says "You cannot see my again until you redeem this moment and neutralise the sin that you have done." So until Hercules completely repents for his mistake, he cannot see his Master again. Remember this point. Every aspirant does mistakes but unless one recognizes his mistake, redeems it and repents for it; his Master will not grace him again and there will be no progress in the path. A Master never says "I will not see your face." He only says "You cannot see my face."

"Silence fell and Hercules, gathering the girdle to his breast, sought out the homeward way, leaving the women sorrowing, bereft of leadership and love."

Hercules becomes silent and not knowing what to do, he goes back home along with the girdle. He left the women of that land without a leader.

"Unto the shores of the great sea again came Hercules. Close to the rocky shore he saw a monster of the deep, holding between his jaws poor Hesione."

On the way back, Hercules found a girl being eaten by a monster in the sea. He saves her. His Master was watching all this and then speaks again.

The Teacher spoke and said: "Labor the sixth is over. You slaughtered that which cherished you and all unknown and all unrecognized gave unto you the needed love and power. You rescued that which needed you, and thus again the two are one. Ponder anew upon the ways of life, reflecting on the ways of death. Go rest, my son."

So teacher said that the one who respected and wanted to bless you, you disrespected her. You later saved a one who wanted you to save her. There are people who want to respect you and there are people who want help from you and you should disrespect neither of them. Here Hercules failed in the first case through passed in the latter. He disrespected the one who wanted to bless him and uplift him. Only the latter, it will not lead you to purity. The story here is so subtle. Both together only will lead you to purity.

Take our own life for example. Suppose we have parents and children. The former want to bless us and want us to be happy and the latter want support from us. We are generally more interested in the children but not so much in the parents. Taking care of the one depending on us is good but it is no sufficient. You should even show respect towards the ones who have compassion towards us and would be happy seeing our development. We should not disrespect them.

During the time of Rama, there were many ladies who wanted to experience him by hugging him but Rama could not concede at that time due to the law and vow that he took that he would follow monogamy. There were even Sages and Sees who wanted to live with Rama. But he promises them that one day he would come for all of them and fulfill all their wishes and later he came down as Krishna and married them all and fulfilled their wanted experience. He did not disappoint any of them. Rama and Krishna never disrespected anyone who came to them. Krishna, though being aware of himself as the Lord highest, moved along with children belonging to lowest of sections of the society and even used to eat the food defiled by their spittle, with lot of affection towards them. Whenever I read about that incident, I feel "Can we ever do such a thing?" There was another lady, wife of Vidua, who fed Krishna with banana peels feeling that she was feeding him bananas, in her boundless joy and Krishna ate them without any complain. He was taking her love and not the banana peels. We know science and think it would cause indigestion but Krishna was not concerned about science, he only saw her love.

We should not disrespect anyone whosoever comes to you. It may be even a dog that comes to you. If you do so, the nature will never cooperate with you. That is why we were told to respect our elders. We should also help the ones who come to us seeking help. Both these qualities are very important.

All the weapons that Rama had, came to him and surrendered to him completely but he did not hold onto them. He gave them complete freedom and told them to move freely. He would call them whenever necessary. What does this tell us? We never should hold someone who surrenders to us. We should not treat them as slaves. You relate with them in the right manner and give them freedom and they will like be with you even more. That is how it is. If you hold them tight, they want to leave you whenever they get a chance.

So both these aspects are very important to become eligible to become a son of Virgin. Until that purity is established, the Master would not appear before you.

Hercules fulfilled the task partially and failed partially. So there is a mixed result. He failed in one paper and passed in one paper. It was similar to the result in Gemini. The Master gives a caution to Hercules and tells him to take rest. The caution is that you show respect towards the one who are compassionate towards you.

Jesus displayed both these qualities. Gautam Buddha failed in one test as he left his wife and child and went to penance. He did not take care of the ones who depended on him. He realizes his mistake later and goes to her with repentance and asks for her pardon. She pardoned him long back because she was a highly stable and evolved soul. Only by having both the qualities, you get the fruit of Virgo. In this manner, the 6th labour is complete. I will try to complete 2 more labours tomorrow.

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