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“Krishnashthami – Birthday of Lord Krishna”

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Shravana bahula Ashtami - the day on which the Divine descended on to earth and every year we celebrate this day as Sri Krishnashthami. I greet everyone on this grand occasion. We gathered on this grand occasion in Krishna Ashram. This place was named so because an idol of Lord Krishna was found in the soil at this place.

A festival is different from a Celebration. A festival is related to inner aspects of our body while celebrations are related to the outer world. Krishnashtami is a festival.

Lord Krishna is the first descent of the divine in its completeness. There was no such descent of the divine in its completeness previously on this planet.

We can narrate the story of the lord for days and years together. Now we gathered here to hear some parts of the story of the Lord on this planet and get into his presence and sleep tonight with his presence.

When Lord descended onto this planet, the situation on the planet was not so good. Also as per astrology, the planet earth is not considered to be so holy and pure. Also the 5 elements of nature present on this planet are also not so pure. And so is the case with our physical body. So if a divine light descends onto this planet directly, the planet itself cannot withstand the light of the divine. It is the same case with us. We cannot withstand to see the divine light with out normal physical body. It is something similar to a high voltage electric shock. So to see the divine light, we need to prepare our self by creating an inner body (a body of light).

For the descend of divine, a similar body of light is required. This work was done by sage Parasara. It was instructed to Parasara by Sage Narada as a part of divine plan at the end of Dwapara Yuga. Narada told Parasara that a body out of pure and higher forms of the 5 elements of nature is to be made through the potency of sound. A grand ritual was performed for 8 days and then the divine descended onto that body and embedded himself onto the body of the child growing in the womb of Devaki. She and Vasudeva

were praying to the Lord for the past 3 lives to be born to them and the Lord granted them their wish.

On that day, the Lord gives his presence to Devaki and Vasudeva and tells them that he going to take birth as their son. He tells Vasudeva to take him to the house of Nanda and bring the child present in Nanda's house and present it before Kamsa (Krishna's uncle) who wanted to kill the child. Kamsa wanted to kill the 8th child of devaki and Vasudeva due a prophecy that the 8th child would kill him, but due to fear he even kills the first 7 children.

Parasara was a great yogi. He sacrifices himself after the grand ritual for the body of light to the divine.

So as Lord Instructed, Vasudeva takes the child from the prison to Nanda's house. He was in a state of Samadhi and the Lord was working through him. The prison doors open and all the guards go into sleep. The nature and the earth was in a cyclonic state at that time due to the descend of the Lord onto the planet. Adisesha himself comes as a large snake and gives shade to the Lord from the rain. In the way to Nanda's house, there was the river Yamuna. The river separates itself into 2 to provide path to Vasudeva. Vasudeva places the child in Nanda's house and brings the girl child (maya) born there, to prison. The next day Kamsa tries to kill the child but the child disappears saying the person to kill him was born and is growing at a different place.

Kamsa sends many daemons to kill the child but the Lord killed all of them. Only due to the divine presence in the child, it was possible for a child to do such wonderful jobs. The Lord as a child used to steal butter from the houses of Gopikas. It is not actually the butter that he was stealing but the butter like soft hearts of the gopikas who were great devotees of the Lord. Lord also resides in those houses where people are soft hearted otherwise he just remains passive.

The Lord did great deeds which were supernatural as a child. One day Nanda was taken away by god Varuna to his place (a different plane of existence) as Nanda went to the river to bath at 2 am in the morning (we should not bath before 3 am in the morning). Krishna goes to the plane of Varuna and brings Nanda back. Such an act was not possible to even the greatest of yogis born on this planet. It was possible only to the Lord.

Then he lifted the mountain Govardhana to protect the people of land from the wrath of Indra and also advices Indra that it is his responsibility to bring down rains in time and not look for prayers to be done to him. Krishna tells everyone at his place to perform their responsibilities properly, and the rains would come in time. So this act of Krishna brings down the pride of Indra.

Lord Krishna even teaches Lord Brahma a lesson. Lord Brahma hears that there is a child on the planet earth who was doing supernatural acts. Brahma was shocked because he does not remember creating someone with such powers. This is because the Lord was born on his own decision and he did not inform Brahma or other devas. So Lord Brahma takes all the cows and cowherds to his plane from earth to see what Krishna would do. When the Lord observes that they were missing, he himself takes the form of cows and cowherds and this goes on for 1 year. All the people of the land were in a completely different experience with the cows and cowherds in their house as it was the Lord himself residing in all their houses. Lord Brahma was shocked and meditates and comes to know that the child was none other than the divine himself and prays to the Lord and asks for his pardon.

So such were the supernatural acts done by the Lord which can never be done by any other being on this planet. Later he kills Kamsa. Previously Kamsa send Akrura to know about Krishna. Akrura could not believe the supernatural deeds done by the Lord as he highly knowledgeable and his logic prevented him from knowing the Lord in complete. Kamsa later asks Akrura to bring Krishna to his place. So Akrura goes to that place to bring Krishna. After reaching that place, he sees Krishna on the streets. He gets down the chariot. Krishna greets Akrura with a warm hug and Akrura goes into a trance. Then Akrura asks Krishna to come to Kamsa's place. All the people at that place do not want Krishna to leave as they felt Kamsa would harm him. Krishna promises them that he would come back.

After reaching Mathura, Krishna walks to the palace of Kamsa. Just by seeing Krishna, Kamsa dies due to his fear. Then Krishna brings his parents and grandparents out of prison and puts his grandfather Ugrasena on the throne thought the kingdom belongs to him. He just helps his grandfather in the kingly matters.

He goes to the Ashram of Sandeepa and learns all the 64 arts in no time. It is just for a formality for the Lord. Before leaving the Ashram he asks his Master and mother what they want as fees. Mother asks Krishna to bring back their dead son to life and Krishna does so.

Later the Uncle of Kamsa - Jarasandha wanted to kill Krishna and take over the kingdom. To protect the people of his kingdom, the Lord asks Viswakarma (the divine constructor) to build a town and named it Dwaraka. When Jarasandha used to attack, Krishna used to kill his followers but used to run away without killing Jarasandha because there was a profecy that Jarasandha was to be killed by Bheema. So after invading 18 times, Jarasandha gets bored and stops invading Dwaraka and was later killed by Bheema on the advice of the Lord.

Later he meets Pandavas for the first time in the marriage of Draupathi (the wife of Pandavas).

Later he marries Rukmini. Rukmini wanted to marry Krishna but her brother wanted to give her in marriage to Sisupala (Krishna's cousin who was in a non-righteous path and was later killed by Krishna). Rukmini sends a message to Krishna to come and take her. Knowing this Rukmi (Rukmini's brother) and Sisupala and their armies come fully armed. When Krishna comes there alone and sees all of them and smiles at them, they all go into a trance. Then he takes the hand of Rukmini, gets onto the chariot with her and before leaving just waves at them and they all come out of trance but could not stop him.

Later he marries Jambavathi and Satyabhama. In the manner this story goes on. I am just narrating the most important parts of the story. So he marries 8 women. Narada comes to see how he the Lord is leading the family life with 8 wives. He finds the Lord in every house with each of the 8 wives.

Narada brings a Special flower from heaven (Parijatha flower) and gives it to Rukmini. Satyabhama sees that and wanted the tree that bears that flower in her garden. So Krishna goes with Satyabhama and brings that tree. When Indra tries to stop them, his mother calms him saying that all this belongs to Lord and Indra has no right to stop him. So Indra submits the tree to the Lord.

Later the story goes with the Mahabharatha War and then coronation of Yudhistira as the emperor of the country.

Then he revives the Vedic Dharma by making Veda Vyasa to write the Scriptures along with Bhagawadgita given by him prior to the Mahabharatha War and multiplicities all the scriptures and makes them available all over the country.

Later the destruction of Yadava Clan takes place as per the curse of Gandhari and then the Lord takes leave from his parents into the forest to leave his physical body. He gives his message to Maitreya and Uddhava and also their duties in the days to come. It is a great conversation which is given by Master EK in the book "Man Sacrifice".

Mother earth prays to the lord not to leave the planet. So he makes a decision. For the Lord's presence to be present on this planet, the Lord leaves his etheric body embedded onto Maitreya and promised to work through him. The Lord tells Maitreya to work on this planet with his disciples until the end of this time (Kali yuga) and help the mankind in the path of ascent. Maitreya's duty is to bring people onto the path of Yoga. Uddhava's duty is to put the people on the path of devotion. Vidura's work is to civilize the people of the planet. Through all of them, the divine works.

In this way, the grand Masters have been working with the presence of the Lord on the planet and we are blessed to be able to know and walk in this grand path. I will try to give the story of the lord in a more detailed manner in the future.

So by the blessings of the Lord we all move forward in our lives and in his presence.

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