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"Master EK's Birthday Celebrations"

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For any disciple, his Master's birthday is grand occasion and like a festival to him. The Lord himself takes the form of a Master and comes down to help the human beings. He always has compassion and great love for the beings lower to him and wants them to become like him. He is generally not much interested in the beings who are equal to him. He always takes care of the beings lower to him and keeps helping, giving instructions and guides the ones who are oriented towards him. We have an opportunity to become his vehicle and work in the higher planes if we are properly oriented towards him.

As every being suffers from his nature and qualities, there may be many distortions and other unnecessary qualities in him. A Master can take away all those unnecessary qualities. Only a Master can do it and not some friends or relatives. He takes away which is unnecessary and gives him a good Buddhi to uplift him to his stature. A Master keeps protecting his disciples and feels sad if his disciple is going on a wrong path. So a Master permeates his energy and becomes himself available to the beings oriented towards him.

It is not easy to understand a Master. We just make some conclusions about him without knowing anything about him. We consider him someone similar to us. He appears so but he is not. He appears to anyone according to their own belief and thought. What a Master can do in this creation, even the cosmic intelligences cannot. His work is much greater. That is why there are some disciples who fulfilled themselves just by deeply following a Master and not even looking for the Lord.

A Master gives his disciple all freedom to move as he likes but keeps a constant check on him to protect him due to his compassion towards his disciple. Generally the relationship between the Master and disciple goes on for lives and lives and does not end with just one life.

Master EK is one such grand Master who has come down to help us all in the path. He is such a grand light but he just lived a simple life. He said "I believe in simplicity and not in publicity." His sight is a great vision. He used to appear as if he did not see us but just by seeing anyone for a moment, he could understand the complete stature of the other person from his past to present. He just behaves as an image to us. If we greet him, he greets us; if we talk to him, he talks to us,

if we are arrogant towards him, he would be very arrogant and so on. So there is nothing we can understand of him. It is even useless to even try to understand him.

He will take us to top only if we are capable of standing there. If he feels that we do not have the capability stand, he will not take us to top.

Master does not recognize us depending on our social status. He looks at our evolutionary status and he recognizes us depending on how much we work for the welfare of others. If we keep working for the welfare of others, the society may not recognize you but Master will surely recognize you. Staying close or far from he Master is not in our hands. He decides it based on our behavior towards our fellow beings. Are you seeing the good qualities in others and loving them or are you seeing the bad qualities in others and hating them? So that is important to please the Master or the Lord and get his recognition. We just work to get recognized in this mundane world. Today the world may recognize you and tomorrow it will forget. So it is not permanent. So strive to get recognition which is permanent.

The discipline that an ant or a mosquito has is incomparable and even human being has to learn from them. We should not think they are some nuisance. We should learn what is good in them and accept them. We should try to include everyone up to the extent of good qualities in them.

Master never rejects anyone but his relation is limited depending on their orientation and way of life. He moves to closer to those only who follows his way of life and not just speaks something good. He appears as if he is close to everyone but he sees the inner side of a person and is close to the ones only who are beautiful inside. He used to say "every useless fellow cannot meet me." Those people in the society who were proud of their power and money and wanted to meet Master EK could never meet him. When someone used to say to Master EK that so and so person (proud one) wants to meet you, he used to reply "Can he?"

Master EK said "I follow those who follow me. I recollect those who recollect me." It is just like a mirror. If we go close to the mirror, the image moves close and if we move far, the image goes far.

So we have gathered here to recollect such a grand Master. It is an effort made by us to fill ourselves with his presence. It is possible by recollecting all his virtues.

Master EK was born on Wednesday on August 4th in the evening in a place called Bapatla. His mother at the time of birth of Master EK had greatly felt the presence of Krishna. The presence a mother feels at the time of birth of a child depends on the thoughts of the father. The thoughts of the father at the time of birth of the child reflect on the child and will decide his life style. So the parents should ensure that they should spend their time in divine recollection at the time when they are expecting the child to take birth.

So Anantacharya, Master EK's father was in the presence of Lord Krishna and even his mother had similar thoughts when Master EK was expected to be born. After his birth, they got the thought of naming him as Krishnamacharya. His life reflected the great name given to him. His father knew that he would become such a great person and named him accordingly.

Master's mother departed when Master was very young (7 years old) but Master always could feel the presence of his mother in heart and never felt her absence. He used to keep recollecting her and as was present in the higher planes after her departure, Master could feel the presence of those higher planes. He took the instruction of Gayatri from his father and started praying to Gayatri and used to consider Gayatri as his own mother.

At that young age, Master used to take care of his younger brothers as his mother was not present. He was self dependant from that age. We can see that virtue greatly in the life of Master EK. He used to do his work without depending on others. If others used to offer help, he took it but never used to wait for others to come and do it. He never used to designate work to others. Only when someone offered to work, he used to give to him.

While travelling anywhere with me, Master used to pick up his own luggage before I could pick up. When I used to ask why, he replied "It is not necessary that you like to carry my luggage always." If no transport was available, he used to simply walk. So Master got this self dependant virtue at such a young age. He lead a life of sacrifice and was completely duty oriented. He lead his life in accordance with the way of life given by Lord Krishna in the Bhagawadgita.

We never saw Master EK without a bath after sunrise. Everyday he was ready before sunrise and used to appear like a rising sun to us. He always had that glow on his face. He never had a sleepy face.

The presence of his mother in the heart turned into devotion for the divine mother. He was having the grand vision of Gayatri. He could see the question papers in his vision before the exams. When that happened regularly, Master requested mother Gayatri "Please do not show me the paper like that. I want to write the exams just as other students do."

His marriage was decided by his father. Master did not even see his wife before marriage. He had such great belief in his father. It is great lesson for us. We should follow the instructions of our elders or Master without any doubt. Now in the name of freedom, we want to lead a life of our own liking and do not follow anyone's advice. We are in such a pity state.

Master EK, at a very young age, had great abilities. He exhibited his skills in poetry, reading Scriptures. He knew by heart all the 700 slokas in Bhagawad Gita. He wrote some great poetry which were acclaimed by the greatest of poets at that time. He learnt the Vedas and Science of Ayurveda from his father. All this is apart from the formal school education. He was the topper in the university. He was an all-rounder. He even was a good cook.

The way we are leading our lives now is useless. We have just a one-pointed agenda in our life which is to study and that education just teaches how to earn money and buy as many comforts as possible. We do not look for all round development. We are missing a lot in our lives. We are in a deep illusion that we are leading a very good life.

So Master married and he was given a job in the Guntur Hindu college. He did not even apply for it. They called him and asked him to join the job.

He used to spend the weekends in doing Gayatri almost the whole day. He could speak to mother Gayatri at will. When once the money his father sent for his exam fee did not come in time and Master could not pay the exam fee in time. Later Gayatri appeared to him and told him "dont worry. I paid your fees." So Master EK used to be in such presence of Gayatri. We should also spend more time during the weekends in doing Gayatri but we prefer to sleep during the weekend. If we have preference for sleep, nothing will happen.

When some orphan used to die, he used to carry the body to the cremation ground and used to perform the rites. Can we do such a thing?

I am telling all this for you know the virtues that Master EK used to possess. So we will stop here for now and I will try to give more in the evening.

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