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"Master EK's Birthday Celebrations"

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Part-1:

Hearty fraternal greetings to the brotherhood. We are celebrating Master EK's 92nd Birthday day. Master EK left his physical earlier than expected. Through he is not in physical, all these 33 years he has been guiding us invisibly.

When I thought of how Master EK has been guiding us, I remembered the story of Surdas. He is an ardent devotee of Lord Krishna who lived in the Northern part of India. He was born blind but his mother initiated him into worshipping Krishna and he was attracted to Krishna right from his childhood. We generally know how blind people move with a stick in public. They tap the stick in front of their legs to know if there is any obstacle and walk according. Surdas also used to carry a

stick but he never tapped but he held it in the air as if someone is holding it on the other side. People in his town used to be surprised and asked him, what is the use of stick if you holding it in the air and not tapping it. He replied "My stick is held by Krishna. I just follow him wherever he takes me. I always see that Krishna is in front of me and leading me." That is how he lead his whole life though he was blind. He had a great experience of Krishna and was always visualising him within as he couldn't see anything else.

On the same manner, we too are born blind. We do not know where to go in our lives and what to do. Master EK has shown us the way. Though he is invisible all these years, he has been

guiding us like Surdas has been guided by Krishna. He keeps on guiding us in this manner until we reach a fulfilled state. He will guide us as long as we relate to him and do not forget him.

Today we did something different from what we do every year. Every year, we go Sundara Vanam on Beach Road and conclude the day with Aarthi to Master EK. This time we thought of doing it before this evening's gathering here. So we gave aarthi to Master EK at about 5:35 and that is the time just after Master EK was born on this day. He was born at 5:33 PM. So in a way he took aarthi immediately after his birth. We did not plan it so because it was his birth time but it happened to be so by Divine grace.

Today I felt that some of our group members who moved closely with Master EK should talk today. And felt that Sri Sastry garu, Smt Parvathi, Sri Siva Sankar, Sri Satyadev and Sri Navaneetam should speak. Each one of them will be speaking for about 15 minutes and finally I will conclude.

Before they speak, we have a small release to make. "Prema Lekalu", a book in Telugu which contains letters written by Master EK to different aspirants. In each of the letters, Master EK gives very strong regulations and instructions addressing the person but the instructions are in general useful for everyone. I will read some of them during my speech at the end. Master EK's writings are so powerful that even if you read one page of his writings a day, it will bring lot of transformation in oneself. Masters of Wisdom told Master EK "there is no one on this planet at this time who could write as well as you could. That is why we chose you."

Part-2:

Everyone spoke very well based on their experiences with Master EK. They spoke for a short while which is very difficult for someone who lived closely with Master EK. As we keep speaking, lots of thoughts are recollected and it is tough to cut them short. It is like the children of Master EK speaking about him on his birthday. This is like celebrating a festival.

Now, coming to the book "Prema Lekhalu", which is collection of letters written by Master EK to many aspirants. I will read few of the letters written by Master EK before we conclude.

First letter:

"Everyone who utters OM moves closer to the Lord. One need not be born as a Brahmin to be eligible to utter OM. If someone says that you should not utter OM, ask him to speak to me. As everyone is born through the creator Brahma, each one of us is a Brahmin by essence. The creator does not distinguish us based on caste. So, it does not matter if anyone tries to discriminate you based on caste. You need not care." I feel only Master EK could write something as bold as this. He said everyone is eligible to chant OM, Gayatri Mantra or any other mantra as long as he learns to utter it properly. People tried to distort the wisdom and tried to restrict it to some which Master EK cleared through this letter.

(Master is reading abstracts from different letters).

Another letter:

"There is no rule that you have to offer flowers to the Lord. If all the flowers are removed, how will the fruits come? Flowers need not always come from trees or plants. You can offer yourself as a flower to the Lord. Then you are protected from any bad thoughts which might come to you. Your offering to the Lord should be through service to others."

Master EK is telling that if your body, mind and senses are being utilised for the welfare of others while you relate to Divine, it is equivalent to worshipping the Lord.

Another Letter:

"I do not care about whether you drink coffee or not. Not drinking coffee is something to do with self-regulation but it does not affect your relation with Divine."

So Master EK is telling that you do not move closer or far away from the Lord based on habits like drinking coffee. Master EK never rejected anyone because they had some bad habits. He related to anyone if the inner person had some aspiration for Divine irrespective of the outer habits.

Another Letter:

"I do not know where I will be tomorrow. I have to go wherever HE takes me to. I will see you if HE allows." That is how he used to always speak of himself being directed from within. He never said that he was doing something or going somewhere. He even used to write his diary in the same manner.

Another Letter:

"You will not progress in the path if you are angry over your parents. All the relations that you have in your life are all the roles played by others based on how the Divine wishes to test you and train you. Getting angry is not at all the quality of a Yogi. Learn to accept everyone and every situation to remain in the path of Yoga."

Another Letter:

"If you wish to remain a Spiritual aspirant, you should learn to neither desire nor reject something which comes to you. If some job or responsibility comes to you, take it up. Do not reject it in the name of spiritualism."

Master EK is telling us that as aspirants we should realise that we do not have to right to decide things in our life. You should neither desire not reject anything. Just observe and follow whatever comes to you.

Another Letter:

Master EK wrote this letter in the context of someone being sad on missing his relative as they were living far away and could not meet.

"If two sons of a mother are travelling in a train and they go in two different directions on some work, it does not mean they are separated. They are still travelling in the same train."

None of us can disappear. We might move close or far depending on our work. It does not mean we are separated for ever. We should not be sad that someone is not near us or did not speak to us.

Another Letter:

Someone was to give a discourse on 15th Chapter of Bhagawadgita and asked Master EK to bless him so that he could speak well. Master EK wrote a reply to that person as follows:

"Until the day of discourse, read one sloka of Bhagawadgita from 15th chapter daily. If you recollect me strongly, I can ensure that my understanding of that sloka is transferred to you."

Another Letter:

This is the reply Master EK wrote to a person whose daughter was being scolded by her in-laws for not being able to conceive and requested Master's counsel:

"6 months from now, you will hear the news that your daughter is pregnant. This is the truth which you will hear. Ask your daughter to bear the scolding until then." Such was the power of his words and it did happen as he said.

Another Letter:

In this letter, Master EK gives the message of Master Koot Hoomi to a disciple of Koot Hoomi. So these are actually the words of Master Koot Hoomi which he expressed through Master EK's letter:

"You wanted to talk to me directly. It is very difficult for that to happen as your ears are not trained for that. You wanted me to grant you that power to hear but that is never possible. Even my Master cannot do that. I did not get any powers because someone granted them to me. In the path of Yoga, every power that one gains is purely because of one's practice and not because someone granted it to him just like that."

This is something we need to remember. Special powers cannot be granted just like to anyone by anyone. Everything comes only by practice. Nobody gets anything without putting in the required effort.

"All kinds of powers gather around you through practice. You will not be able to use them immediately. We decide as to when you are ready to use the power you have gained. It is like a watch. Though the watch is ready to rotate once it is manufactured through proper effort, it moves only when the key is given. That key is within our hands."

So these are the words of Master Koot Hoomi to his disciple given via Master EK. There are some more lines.

"In nature, all powers are made available. It is upto you to pick up what you can based on your practice. Nature grants more and more powers to those who develop the following qualities: Alignment in thought-word-deed, patience, continuous service to humanity, living without being affected by the opinions of others and living above likes and dislikes."

There are many more valuable things written by Master EK in many of these letters. One should make an effort to read this book. On this occasion of his birthday, we got to recollect something written by him directly. There are many such books which came through Master EK which contain amazing amounts of wisdom. We should try and pick up as much as we can. There is more than what we can do for a life time. May we all be blessed by the Master and may we be guided until we realise the Divine principle. Let there be constant and continuous practice happening.

-Swasthi