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“Master EK's Birthday Celebrations”

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Today being the birthday of Master EK is an auspicious day for us. As his followers, we have been celebrating his birthday at different places all over the globe on this day. The objective is to remain in the presence of Master EK and move closer to him.

Master EK was born on 11st August, 1926 which happened to be a Wednesday, in the evening hours at around 5:30 PM. From last year onwards, we started giving haarathi to the idol of Master EK which has been installed at Sundara Vanam, on the beach road of Visakhapatnam. We did the same this year as well.

Around 12 hours after Master EK's birth, on 12th August, Madam HPB was born though the event happened many years prior to Master EK's birth. So, tomorrow morning, we

celebrate the birthday of Madam HPB.

At the time of birth of Master EK, his father Anantacharya had wonderful experiences of Krishna's presence. That is why he named Master EK as “Krishnamacharya”. Sri Anantacharya was a well-known scholar in those days both for Sanskrit and Ayurveda. He could cure people of dreadful diseases with his expertise in Ayurveda. He was a well-known authority in Sanskrit Scriptures in all surrounding areas. He taught Vedas, Ayurveda, Sanskrit, other Scriptures to many interested students.

Master EK had 3 younger brothers and his mother passed away while they were children. Master EK took the responsibility of his younger brothers and supported his father in their upbringing. None of the brothers went to schools. All of them gained their knowledge by directly studying from their father. They directly appeared for Matriculation exam and entered college after passing that exam.

Master EK was a natural poet. Even from a young age he used to write poems and small books. A very famous poet and scholar in those times ‘Sri Viswanatha Satyanarayana’ was a good friend of Master EK’s father. They used to meet regularly and discuss Scriptural knowledge. So, this person observed some of the writings of Master EK and told his father “Your son seems to be born for some Divine purpose. I feel so because his writings are touching me very deep within. He is no ordinary one.”

Master EK underwent the thread ceremony and then shifted to Visakhapatnam for his higher education. He used to recite Gayatri mantra a lot during those days. That chanting used to happen with intense dedication, aspiration and devotion. As a result, he gradually started receiving information from within. He used to even know of certain things that would happen in near future. It went to the extent that he could even see the exam papers of exams to be written in future. Master EK was not comfortable on seeing the exam papers because he felt it was unfair. So, he requested Mother Gayatri, “I do not wish to see the question paper in advance. I wish to have a vision of your presence. I seek nothing but your association.”

The Divine principle is an all permeating principle. It can appear to us in any form that we aspire and worship. If you worship the Divine as Divine Mother, it will appear accordingly. If you worship the Divine as Rama, it will give you presence as Rama and so on. The visions happen only within. The visions are possible only when one transforms and prepares oneself for the descent of Divine energy. It is a gradual process. First, we start knowing certain things from within, then we start hearing certain things from within, then we start seeing certain things within and finally it goes to the extent of seeing the Divine in a form that one worships. That is what happened with Master EK with his worship of Mother Gayatri. He used to sit under a tree on the beach road in Visakh and continuously remained in alignment with Mother Gayatri through the mantra. He used to spend almost all of the weekend in Divine worship during his college days.

We should understand that the birth of Master EK to a person like Sri Anantacharya itself indicates that he has done lot of practice in the past lives and continued further in the present life. This is what Lord Krishna tells in Bhagawadgita that one who does certain practices with Divine aspiration in present life will get to be born into a family which will enable him to drive his aspiration further until fulfilment.

Then, Master EK completed his Masters in Arts with specialization in Telugu language from Andhra University. He stood first in the university and recognizing his talent, he was immediately offered the post of a Lecturer in a college in Guntur. His classes used to be very attractive for students because his classes not only contained regular lessons but they also contained many inspirational teachings.

Master EK also disrupted some of the existing customs in the society with a view of transforming the society. He used to perform cremations of orphaned dead bodies. As per the customs, a son is not allowed to attend a cremation while the father lives but Master EK went against that tradition as he felt that a proper cremation to a dead body is more important than a non-essential custom.

Also, in those days, women were not allowed to chant Gayatri mantra. He went against this custom as well and said that “all are equal before the light. Men and Women are equally entitled to worship the Divine light through Gayatri Mantra.” He said there are no restrictions in chanting Gayatri mantra. One just has to know the proper pronunciation and can chant it with a clean mind and body. Grand Masters have even decided to spread Gayatri Mantra to people across the globe with no restrictions because it a mantra which can lead any aspirant into the planes of light. We should understand that if something good is taught by a Master of Wisdom, it can be followed by anyone and not only his direct followers. Only what is told matters and not who told it. We should not think that I will follow the teachings of only so and so Master and reject everyone else. If it is something which inspires you and enthuses you, then you can take up that teaching or instruction or practice.

In this manner, Master EK did not follow many of the existing customs which he felt were non-essential in the path. Though he was born into an orthodox Vaishnavaita family (Worshippers of Vishnu), he did not follow many of the Vaishnavaita traditions. He worshipped the Divine in multiple forms and not just as Vishnu. He was very particular and highly disciplined in following the essentials but he cared very little about the non-essentials. The non-essentials are to be left to each person’s comfort. If one is stuck with in non-essentials, then the essential aspects are forgotten.

Master EK’s chanting of mantras or OM used to be so effective that it used purify the surroundings and the people sitting around him. People used to get subtle experiences just by keenly hearing his chantings. Master EK used to hear OM within and then utter it outside. We atleast have to utter it and hear it. Then we can gradually hear OM from within without actually utter it with the mouth. Master EK used to have a constant alignment with OM within. It is possible to ones who do not have unnecessary thoughts. It is inner silence which enables one to hear OM within. It is because of this experience that Master EK could speak about silence in the invocation he gave. He said “May the silence in and around me, present itself.” Only one who experienced that inner silence could give such an invocation.

To reach a state where one could hear OM, one should regularly practice alignment with the pulsation. With constant relation with the pulsation, one gets to experience the subtle pulsation and then OM. These are gradual steps that happen to one who practices regularly.

Master EK used to say “you should become a temple so that the Divine can descend and work through you”. He gave more importance to the inner temple than visiting outer temples. You can visit an outer temple but building a temple within is more important. One should become a mobile temple.

Then Master EK married a lady as decided by his father and started his family life in Guntur. At that time, he felt like having an even deeper association with Mother Gayatri. He wanted the experience of speaking to the Divine Mother similar to what Ramakrishna Paramahansa had. Already by that time, Master EK had a vision of seeing the Divine Mother and even received instructions from her.

So Master EK put up a picture of Mother Gayatri in his house and started doing intense worship. After 3 days, he started seeing Master CVV in an effulgent form. Master EK did not know who that was and did not understand why he was seeing that image while he worshipping Gayatri. You all know these events but for the sake of recollection and presence, I am repeating the known events.

One day Master EK was invited to another place to give a lecture on Ravindranath Tagore. During that time, Master EK used to get regular requests to give discourses on different topics and mainly on ancient Scriptures. Every weekend he used to visit some place or other to give a discourse.

So, when he went to that place, he was hosted in a house where he saw the picture of Master CVV. He asked the host about Master CVV and gets to know certain details. He tells that person “I am regularly seeing this person during my worship but I don’t know who this person is.” That person was very surprised and tells Master EK about Master CVV. Master EK wanted to get a picture of Master CVV and got it from someone in Chennai.

Master EK kept the picture of Master CVV along with that of Mother Gayatri and continued his worship. Then after few days, Master CVV started talking to him from within. He initiated Master EK into the mantra “Master CVV Namaskarams”. So Master EK started doing prayers and gradually started receiving instructions from within. He was told that he has been chosen for a Divine plan.

Gradually Master CVV dictated the books “Spiritual Astrology” and “Spiritual Psychology” to Master EK. He received lot of wisdom relating to many aspects of the creation from Master CVV. He received many copious dictations from Master CVV during prayers.

Once Master EK was invited to the theosophical society to give a discourse on Mahabharat. There he found the Secret Doctrine and borrowed it to read. Very few can read and understand the Secret Doctrine. The Secrets are not in the book, the secrets are revealed to you from within when you read and contemplate on the contents.

Master EK started reading Secret Doctrine but could not make much progress in understanding the contents. At midnight, he goes out to have tea and he meets a person with a big beard and very tall in stature. He asked Master EK “Do you mind offering me something?” Master EK immediately obliged and took him to a small restaurant and offered Chapathi to that person. After eating, that person asked “So you are reading Secret Doctrine?” and that statement shocked Master EK. That person then took tea and while leaving that person said “Before reading Secret Doctrine, read Bhagawadgita”. Master EK said “I have studied Bhagawadgita many times.” That person just repeated again in same tone, “Before reading Secret Doctrine, read Bhagawadgita”. Master EK was deeply struck by those words and so went home and started reading Bhagawadgita. Then he started getting lot of visions. He came to know of the Divine plan of Krishna and those working out that plan. The next day Master EK went outside again at the same time hoping to meet that person but could not find him immediately. As he started walking back home, that person suddenly appeared and person asked “How is Bhagawadgita?” Master EK just fell on the feet of that person without saying anything. Then he was told to read Secret Doctrine. So Master EK started reading Secret Doctrine again and the things then started revealing to him.

After 2 or 3 days of continuous reading, Master EK started feeling movements in the house even though there was no one in the house. That night he completed reading the book and then the person who asked him to read the book walked out of the wall into the room. He asked “How is Secret Doctrine?” Master EK again falls on his feet. Then that person tells “With the permission of your Master, we have decided to utilize you for the Divine plan. Are you prepared to work?” Master EK immediately agreed but puts 2 questions “How did you walk through the wall and the cot? Will I be able to do the same?” That person replied “We work above the causal plane and take to physical bodies instantaneously as and when required. The limitations of physical plane do not work on us. You cannot walk through the cot on your own but you can do it in my presence. You can check for yourself now.” Then Master EK just walked through the cot without knowing how. I heard about this incident directly from Master EK himself.

From then on, Master EK started working with multiple Masters of Wisdom. He received wisdom from them on wide range of topics. All the secrets in Scriptures were revealed to him. He studied many of those things by then but this teaching was completely different from what he knew. These are impressional teachings. The being is lifted to higher planes and there he receives those teachings. Master EK used to maintain a diary to note down all those teachings and he was not allowed to show that diary to anyone. I once asked Master EK if I could look at his diary. He said “I am not supposed to show without permission from my Master”. So, I

asked him to show it only after he was given permission. Then Master EK smiled and asked him to look for the diary in his shelf. He described the book but I could not find it in that shelf. Master EK then came and put his hand and then the diary appeared out of nowhere. I was completely shocked and Master EK said “That is how it will be. You will be able to see the diary only when the Master permits.”

In 1965, Master EK was told to move to Visakh from Guntur. He was offered to become a Lecture in Andhra University without himself applying for a post. It all just worked out as per the plan. He was told that he will find his Spiritual associates in Visakhapatnam and they will work with him to fulfil the plan. He started Homeo dispensary and people started gathering to work along with him. One of his associates told Master EK that it would be good to start an association to conduct the goodwill activities. So, in 1971, the WTT was established. The main objectives of WTT is to understand and follow the teachings and writings of Masters of Wisdom. After the establishment of WTT, the activities started getting streamlined.

In 1972, Master EK went to Europe after getting multiple requests from there. Then activities started there as well. In India, Gurupujas were being held in Visakh and Guntur to begin with. From 1977, the centres in India started expanding as people who associated with Master EK moved to other places due to professional reasons. They used to invite Master EK to their respective places and conducted Homeo classes, Scriptural teachings, etc. Master CVV prayer was also introduced to all the groups. Groups started forming in Rajahmundry, Vijayawada, Machilipatnam, etc. and the centres expanded. Master EK also used to give discourses in small villages and taught in a simple manner that people without formal education could also understand the teaching. He also used to offer Homeo services in many small villages. Sometimes the activities used to happen over the nights. He used to work many nights offering Homeo medicines to the needy without taking rest. People from even many surrounding villages used to come and he never stopped as long as there was someone waiting for medicine.

The activities in India expanded a lot after 1977 and Master EK did not go abroad for 4 years. He again went in 1981, 1982 and 1983. In 1983, Master CVV prayer was introduced to aspirants in Europe. Master EK visited 7 countries in Europe and I was there along with him in most of those trips.

Master EK’s work was mainly centered around teachings, writings and service. Whenever he received an impressional teaching, he used to immediately dictate it to a person available at that time. His dictations used to be like a waterflow. There used to multiple people who used to available to him for dictations because he used to dictate even at midnights. So multiple persons used to distribute dictation work. He used to look at space and dictate. I asked Master EK what does he see. He said “I either see a running script or a scenery in space.” If it was a scenery, he used to describe it beautifully. There was no one who could give descriptions the way he could. Such was the command over the language he possessed.

In this manner, Master EK worked relentlessly and he was always available to the needy. People used to contact him for help even during midnight hours and he was readily available. However, he was not available to everyone who wanted to meet him. It was an arrangement made by Master CVV. If there is someone who wants to meet Master EK unnecessarily, then that person cannot meet Master EK. So, no one was allowed to waste his time. People who were arrogant and proud could never meet him. He never sought recognition or attention from the world. He did not allow to do anything which brought him recognition. He used to tell “I already have recognition where one should have. I don’t need any recognition in this world.” I observed that he was least interested about himself. He was always interested in the welfare of others. He never took obligations from anyone. He was a very courageous person and did not bow down to someone who tried to show his power.

He never looked for comforts. He never looked for facilities. Work was the only priority to him. He would just walk any distance without expecting a vehicle. He would even visit houses of certain people if they need medicine. That dependent on the other person’s interest and aspiration.

Even after so much activity, Master EK never appeared dull. Especially if we see him in the morning, it used to energise us. He was like a rising sun in the morning. People around him used to be vitalized by his presence. That is why they could also work long hours along with him.

Master EK demonstrated to us a life which does not seek the welfare of others is no life. He was never worried about himself or his family. He had strong belief in the Divine that everything would be taken care of. So as his followers, we should try to follow him in this aspect of service.

Master EK established himself in many families that have been following him even after his departure and his presence continues to grow among us. With him as the basis, lot of service activity continues to happen across the globe. Master EK has given us lot of wisdom. We should consecrate ourselves to read atleast one page of his writing per day. He did not write because he was capable to write. He wrote it because he received that wisdom from higher circles.

Today, we have the release of reprint of the book “Mandara Gita”, a commentary in Telugu on Bhagawadgita. This is already the 8th reprint of this book showing how popular this book has been. Today, we also release the book “The Marriage Sacrament” in which the aspects about Marriage have been described. I had to write a text in English when I was asked to perform a marriage in the West in 1987. Then more details were added to it to bring out this book. Many people from our groups in the West read this book before marrying. So, this is the 3rd reprint of this book being released today. This should be read by any couple who wish to marry. Then

they will know the purpose of marriage as envisioned by Manu and it will to a happy married life.

So, try to develop the habit of reading atleast one page of Master EK's writing which will enable you move closer to him. Let us all get into sleep tonight recollecting Master EK.

-Swasthi