

Goodwill Day (Master KPK's Birthday) Celebrations

Radhamadhavam

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Master's Message:

Hearty fraternal greetings to the brotherhood. The activities being conducted on my birthday are expanding year by year with more splendour and I see it as the Divine splendour. If the Lord wills, he can bring about the splendour in many ways. I thank all the members who made these celebrations happen across the globe, so splendidly. Birthday is the day of showing our gratitude to one and all. It is also a day to recollect that I AM THAT I AM. This recollection of true identity helps us personality transform into a Divine personality. So we have to remember that only THAT I AM exists while this I AM is just an image. When we say "Namah" in a mantra, that is what it means. When the Divine works through a being, wonderful acts happen. Let the will be the Divine will. The knowledge and power to act are also because of the Divine. So we should remember that he is the source of everything that is given to us. Our existence itself is because of THAT. The Hierarchy of Masters whom we follow know that it is the Divine that is operating through them. They never feel that they are doing anything. We should see the Divine as the one electricity which operates different appliances. Whatever be the appliance, the essential electricity is ONE.

Every morning when we do Gayatri mantra, we ask the Divine mother to ensure that her will becomes our will. Divine will can lead us to a Divine life. We should learn to witness the Divine will and cooperate with it. Then one's life becomes a Divine life. If the will is Divine, then knowledge also comes from HIM. To have Divine will and Divine knowledge, one should surrender oneself to the Divine. Once you surrender yourself to the Divine, the energies of will, knowledge and action come from the Divine. They need not be specifically gathered.

So a birthday is an ideal day to surrender oneself to the Divine and remember that is because of HIS grace that we exist. Everything wonderful that happens on your birthday is the Divine splendour at play. If you think that all this is happening because of your greatness, then it results in a great fall. One should remain normal when praised and the Master will be pleased by such a one. So normal temperament is very important.

I am grateful that there were many situations in my life which enabled me to remain in a Divine path and walk towards fulfilment. I am grateful to be born to parents who highly devoted to the Divine. I am ever grateful to them for the direction they have shown me right from a young age. My father was highly devoted to Lord Rama and a cobra used to muse near him when he chanted the name of Lord Rama. He used to even hold it in his hands many times and tell us it is Rama in form of a snake. For him anything and everything was Rama. Many devotees used to visit our house during my childhood. When I was 4 years old, a great devotee who is of just 16 years visited our house and stayed with us for a few days. Most of the time he used to sit in a corner and remained in Divine alignment. Tears came down his cheeks out of ecstasy. At first, I thought he was crying but my mother told me that those are tears rolling down due to the blissful experience of the Divine that he was having within. It is joy overflowing in the form of tears. His name is Raghuvara Das who later got the

title Avadhutendra Saraswati. Then there was my maternal grandfather who used to meditate everyday for almost 3 hours. He was an enlightened one and he once told my mother about me “your son is an enlightened one”. I am fortunate to have taken birth as a grandson to such a great being.

Then in my school, there used to be competitions on byhearting and reciting slokas from scriptures like Bhagavatam. I used to actively participate in such competitions. So in many ways, I grew up in an atmosphere which enabled me to go closer to the Divine. Every night my father used to recite and discuss stories from Bhagavatam Scripture to my mother. I also used to sit there and listening to the stories of the devotees in Bhagavatam used to give me goosebumps.

Then I had a friend in childhood who introduced me activities like Bhajans in praise of the Lord in a Shiva temple on the night of Shiva Rathri. That is also something which I enjoyed a lot. Then I got to stay in the house of my maternal grandfather for 3 years and study because my father used to get transferred regularly in his job. Those years passed away splendidly. I used to see that my grandfather used to lead his life as a ritual filled with Divine alignment and service. He used to worship Lord Dattreya. He also used to write the name of Lord Rama daily and in 30 years he wrote it 30 million times. He also used to perform a ritual to the Divine within himself based on Sri Sukdam. He used to run a furniture making and selling business. It used to be exported from his shop to many places in the country. He hardly gave any instructions in the shop. He used to just sit in his chair and write Rama’s name while everything happened just like that. I used to visit the shop sometimes by going with him. I closely witness his life for almost 3 years and I can never forget the discipline and ritualistic way of life. His vision and speech were also very powerful. They almost made the other person speak the truth even if the other person wanted to lie.

In this manner, I was graced by the Divine throughout my childhood and grew up in a Divine atmosphere. I realised that the Divine is all permeating and the Divine can be related to through different names and forms but it is ONE. This became clear to me at a very young age. I finished my education and was about to start my professional career. That is when I got in touch with Master EK. I told him “I learnt to live life of offering from my father and grandfather. I would like to continue leading such a life under your direction and move even closer to the Divine.” Master EK patted my shoulder and say “we will work together from today.” From then on, my association with Master EK kept growing and he introduced me to many other Masters who have been working on this planet with bodies of light. I came to know that anyone with sincere aspiration can attain a subtle body and keep working with it even after leaving the physical.

Everyone should know where will one go after leaving the physical body. The seers have spoken of many planes of existence. Where do they exist? How can one enter into other planes? One should have the aspiration to know and reach them. Then one can also realise immortality.

In the early 70s, I was greatly attracted to the theosophical literature and started reading the books of Madam HPB and others in the theosophical society. From inside, I started receiving instructions as to what books to read. Even before that, I used to receive instructions as to what is to be studied during my school and college days.

Then I gradually started taking part in the activities being conducted by Master EK including the Gurupujas. In 1976 after the Gurupujas in Visakh, Master EK hugged me and said that the Hierarchy of Masters are very pleased by your work. He told me “they have made you a member of world goodwill.” In 1977, Master EK moved to Radhamadhavam and activities expanded further. He used to involve me in many activities.

I am telling all this to emphasize that all this is possible if one has the Divine orientation and devotion. And sticking to one’s duties and nothing else is also an important quality.

Master EK stood a guiding force in many important aspects of my life. He was the one who decided that I should marry Kumari, he decided that I should buy this place and so on. I always see my wife as Master EK’s representative with me at all times.

So everything happened very well and I see it all as Divine grace. The more you give way, the more Divine works through you. He cannot operate if you stand obstructing. If you think more about yourself, then you are obstructing. The less you think or feel about yourself, the more Divine takes over. Also as you can see in my life, having the association with the right people throughout the life is very important. I got to meet many great devotees at different times in my life. Association does not mean just knowing them, it means to be able to relate with the truth that they constantly in touch with. That results in a Divine association.

I shared close association with great ones like Sadguru Sivananda Murthy garu, Appalacharya Swamy garu, Bhaktaraj Maharaj and so on. I see that association with such great ones was possible because of the Divine grace. They are associations which can lift you up vertically. There is no use in having lot of associations in the mundane world which help you expand horizontally. An aspirant should prefer vertical growth over horizontal growth. The knowledge and experiences that come due to vertical expansion are unexplainable. All the permanent aspects in this creation will be known by expanding vertically. Master CVV said “horizontals meet verticals”. So don’t just grow horizontally but also grow vertically. I wish that it happens with each one of you. We gather here regularly not to do routine stuff but things which may cause an upliftment. Prayer lifts you up if you have the right orientation.

We are in a path which gives importance to three things: Yagna, Dana and Tapas. Yagna is to lead a life of service and sacrifice. Dana is offering to the needy. Today I heard that people across the globe have participated in offering service in various ways to the needy. It is all possible to the Divine grace. This grand expansion is possible only because of the Divine will. If you start something and try to expand it, nothing much will happen. If you follow the Divine will, then expansion also happens as the Divine wills. You surrender to the Divine and let HIM take over. The Hierarchy is here to guide us reach the Divine. The Divine can be related to and experienced within. One can experience the Divine by going into the spinal column of light. Learn to be at the Ajna or Heart center in that spinal column. One can go outside and come inside through the Ajna. It is the doorway in and out of this physical form. While the thread of prana connects you to the body, one can always go out using the thread of consciousness. Together they form the soul. A soul is a pulsating consciousness. A

soul works as two streams of life and consciousness. And Ajna center is the source for both these streams.

So practice to relate to the Ajna center. Try to get into the spinal column when there is no work in the outer world. Even when you sleep, go to the Ajna center and sleep. It indicates that you are available for work in the other planes, to receive teaching during the night hours and so on. I gave a statement "the path is eternal and it is always lit". The path here refers to the spinal column within oneself. The entry and exit to the path is out of free will. We should take this path very seriously. There are many grand Masters willing to guide us if we are sincere enough. Our activities in the outer world are petty compared to what they wish to grant us. How much sincere, dedicated and oriented should we be to walk such a path? Also be very alert in the path. Be sincere in the study of scriptures and teachings of the Grand Masters and try to follow them as much as possible. Try to dis-associate yourself from thoughts about yourself. If they come, think of Agni which will burn away such thoughts. Introspect and think of improving yourself instead of feeling great about yourself.

So learn to go inside the spinal column and relate to the Divine as much as possible. Use respiration as an avenue to go inside. Let us progress in the path with this recollection.

-Swasthi