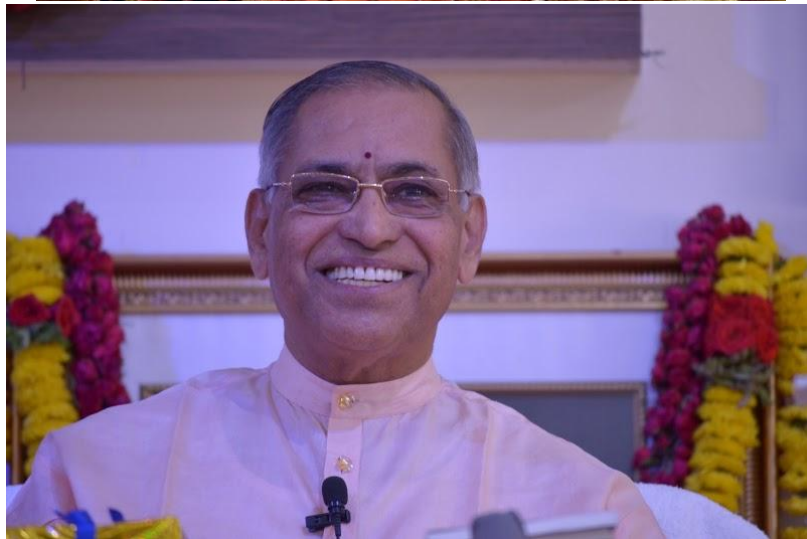


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Hearty fraternal greetings and good wishes to all the brothers and sisters. We are now in the post may call energies and the presence continues and it has to continue forever. When the presence is, we stay humble. When the presence is not, we show our traits. The traits of being proud. To be humble is the basic requirement for the doors of wisdom to be open. It is only the humble that can stand before the temple of wisdom. The name of this hall is wisdom temple. Wisdom is for those who are humble. The pride may gain some wisdom but it is not useful to them. It does not come to their rescue at the hour of crisis. We see in many stories the importance of being humble.

The orientation towards the Master is best presented by the energy of dog. The dog lives only for the Master. Therefore along with the dog, the aspirant called the hunter has to move. What is he hunting for? He is hunting for the truth. The hunter should await to receive the Lord and he should be very alert like a dog. He should be oriented completely to the Master. Then there is the vital force and virility represented by the horse. The vital energy is ever active in the horse. Horse is the fastest among all animals. That is why for hunting, the hunter should be on a horse. Your body should be like a horse. An aspirant should mount on a horse. Your body should cooperate with your aspiration. For all purposes of aspiration, the body should cooperate, it has to carry the fire. The man on the horse is the man who has trained the body in such a manner that the body stands good for the journey and it is fast enough. It is well trained. That is why a good horse is a good assistance for a long travel and even for a war. If your body is not cooperative, it is so disgusting. You have so many noble thoughts but your body is only interested in sleep, food and doesn't let you pursue your thoughts. If it sees any food, the body consciousness wants it. It wants coffee when you wake up. It does not do anything if the coffee is not given. Why should it be so? It is like the horse looking for grass while the rider wants to travel. Should not the horse follow the Master? According to the commands of the rider, the horse has to move. But the contrary happens. The body demands keep increasing all the time. Can we say that we are doing a journey if we are just satisfying bodily needs? So the horse and the dog itself do not seem to be not so easy to gain. We have many movies where horses and dog help a man. Horse is the life force in you. If you come with lot of aspiration for May Call and what happens if just before May Call, you have head ache or stomach pain? The body has ditched you at the right moment. It happens so because we have pampered it so much. We are too body conscious. Forget about self conscious, it too has to be dumped but later.

The dog shows the way to the cave for the hunter. It knows where the cave is with its ability to smell well. It is your awareness that helps. And it is the cooperation of the body that is required to stand the rigours of discipleship. If you trained your body well, then it obliges to every programme that you want to attend as a part of discipleship. Otherwise it is not possible. You have to train the dog and horse. The Master only helps.

When you come to the cave, you meet the lion. The lion is the pride of the personality. This personality always tends to be proud. It is its major quality. If a small thing is well done, you get into pride. You know many stories where the proud are humbled. Garuda's pride was humbled. Arjuna's pride was humbled. So many were humbled when they were proud. It is not easy to overcome the pride. That is the crisis for you to enter into the cave. To enter into the cave, you are encountered by the lion. Your own pride comes in the way of your entering into the temple of wisdom. Assuming that you have a good life energy that cooperates with all programmes of discipleship and assuming that you have an alert mind which has ability to perceive from the surroundings, then comes the pride. The first 2 are still assumptions and each one has to evaluate if we achieved them or not.

Each one of us how proud we are. Each one of us know how alert we are in relation to the presence. Each one of us know how cooperative is the body for our activities. No other needs to tell us. The unpreparedness to the Master's training is mostly emerging from the body. Let us assume we have overcome that. Now we have to overcome the lion. We have many stories of people conquering the lion. You need not kill the lion. We believe in gaining and transcending. Make the enemy a friend and he gives the way. That is wisdom.

We want to control the mind and we are uncomfortable if the mind is not under our control. We want to control people as well especially our spouse and children. Nothing is under our

control, remember. Everything remains in harmony if you get out of this sickness of controlling. Everything is under the control of somebody else. It is foolish to believe that we can control others. It is only fools who believe in control. Your body and senses itself are not under your control. Control is coming from pride.

A good shepherd is a controller. He ensures control from behind. A cow herd is good controller. It is friendless that ensures control. In friendliness, there is no control. The others are obliged to cooperate with you, from within, which is a quality of the heart. The others are willing to cooperate with you when you cooperate with them. You should cooperate first. We expect others to cooperate first. They also expect the same. So no one makes the first move. The lion falls into a trap out of its pride. We read such stories during childhood. We have the story of lion which needed the help of rats to escape from a trap.

There is the story of elephants and rats as well. The movement of the elephants in the forest caused crisis to the existence of the rats. They had a group meeting and decided to approach the elephant king. The rat king spoke to that elephant king and explained their problem. The rat said "You keep moving in different paths daily and we do not know where to stay." If you choose a specific path and stick to it, we can avoid that and stay safely at other places. If you cooperate with us, we will cooperate with you. The elephant king asked "In what way can you rats help me?" The rat said "We too have our strengths and we can help you when necessary." The elephant agreed. One day that elephant king was trapped in a net kept by a hunter. It could not come out and thought it would be caught by the hunter. At that time, the rats come to his rescue and cut out the net with their teeth. The elephant then realizes the importance of being humble and cooperating with others. That is the importance of humbleness. So in creation, everything has its own place. You have to expect it. You cannot have a slighted look at it.

There are so many kings that fell for pride. Ceaser established a very large kingdom but he suffered from pride. Due to that pride, he fell for flattery. Ceaser was praised and he was in such a pride that he felt that nothing will happen to him. He felt even the planets cannot touch him. The very moment you think so, they start operating. The legends of the planets are far higher beings. They are cooperating and showing their affection towards you. Be thankful to them. There came a time (15th of March) when the planetary positions were not very auspicious and Ceaser was to go out at that time. His wife sighted this event and asked him not to go. In his pride, Ceaser does not listen and it lead to his downfall. He was killed on that day. Even when you are guided by a Master of wisdom, pride comes. That happened to Napoleon Bonaparte who could be the Emperor of Europe. It was the vision of one Europe that drove him. It was the same vision that drove Hitler also. Even now, there is that vision with some. He was winning every war very easily with the help of his Master St.Germain's suggestion and that resulted in his pride. Pride can come to anyone and anytime and no one is an exception. When he wanted to conquer the English (Battle of Waterloo), the Master advised Napoleon not go for that war. He was ruling the whole of Europe except England and Wales. He did many good things. There is no parallel to what Napoleon did to Europe. So Master appeared and said it was enough and no more conquering was required. Frequently the Master was appearing to Napoleon in his bed room. Napoleon did not listen out of pride and he said that he wanted to conquer. Even before the war, the Master appeared and said not to go for the war. He was killed in that war. As you keep expanding, there is a shade that follows you. It is your pride coming from egoism. This egoism is very high. We start estimating great about ourselves. We think that we are great devotees and are very righteous. We are so much in love of our personality and that is the crisis in Leo. Jesus says "the proud are humbled and the humble are honoured in the

kingdom of God". Jesus did not say it in English but the translation has been done so well. There are many bad translations as well about what Jesus said.

Arjuna was humbled many times because of his pride. You may be a very effective disciple, but when pride comes you are humbled. You have to zero yourself every night. We feel proud even doing very little. There are people who remain humble even after doing many great things. Why can't we be humble. This "I " comes always. I did this. I did that. If things go well, I comes first. If things don't go well, we find fault in others. As long as you remember this false I AM, the shade of the real I AM, you are humbled.

There is another story of a lion which looks at yet another lion in the well. A lion cannot stand another lion. A scholar cannot stand another scholar. If you are a scholar, we have to comment on another scholar just to satisfy our itching. We cannot accept another scholar so easily. After the war also, Arjuna did not realise that it is not he that won the war. He was humbled many times after the war. Arjuna was humbled by Hanuman because he weighted with Hanuman in terms of devotion towards the Lord. Hanuman was ever in the presence of Lord. He never remembers himself. Arjuna exists so much to himself. Arjuna compared himself to Krishna and thinks that he is very close to him. No disciple can claim equality with the Master. Master is Master and disciple is disciple. It is good for the disciple to remember it. A Master relates to you as equal because he has gained the knowledge of not showing one up man ship. He always relates to everyone equally. That does not mean you are equal to him. This should be known.

So this is the lion. If there is one good experience in prayer, we may think we are great. We are not thankful to the energy that gave us that experience. If you give a speech which benefits others, you should be thankful to the cosmic principle of speech, Saraswati which enabled you speak in such a manner. Potana, when he wrote Bhagavatam, told that the Lord has graced him by allowing Bhagavatam to come through him.

Without humblesness, you cannot enter the cave of heart. That is why every morning, when we wake up, we should recollect that it is THAT that has awakened as I AM. Don't define yourself. The moment you define, you are into your personality. Its is a sickness to define oneself. We also define others because of egoism. Dharmaraja did not define anyone, good or bad. He never had any opinions. He was never humbled. He is the hero of Mahabharata. We adore Bheema and Arjuna as heroes of the war. They are nothing before Dharmaraja. The Lord himself says so. He says "If Dharmaraja gets angry, no one can stand before him." What is Dharmaraja's strength? He followed the dharma and always remained humble. That is his strength. Dharma is known to others as well but they were not as humble as Dharmaraja. Arjuna and Bheema had problem with their ego. You are not safe, as long as you allow this ego to build.

Once there was scholar in Visakhapatnam who could speak well on Scriptures. He was awaiting to be invited to Gurupujas to give a talk and finally we invited him. I sent one of our members to invite him. He could have come and delivered what he knew. He said that he will give all the listeners the presence of Rama through his speech in a very proud manner. What a pride! So he came and he was received well. He was all expecting this. People live in expectations of what would happen and they become accustomed to it. He was offered a seat and I was sitting nearby. I said Namasskaram and he said Namaskaram. I asked him to sit on the dias and deliver his speech. He sat and couldn't speak anything. His voice was shaking and stuttering. He was just blank. He wanted water. We gave water but still nothing came. That shows us that it is not we that are speaking. If the Divine decides to

Speak, he speaks through us. If we are in pride, he can ensure that we cannot speak anything. It is his ability that works through us. It is not our ability. When there is grace, anything can happen. When there is no grace, nothing will happen. It is his strength that appears as his strength. It is his knowledge that appears as your knowledge. It is his skill that functions as your skill. When you are in union with the Lord, then actions happen skillfully.

There was once a king who went to the forest for hunting. He was being praised by the soldiers for his hunting ability and he was flattered by it. The kings are accustomed to flattery. He lost his normal temperament in that situation and started even hunting soft animals. One should put in a lot of effort to stay in normal temperament when one is around people who adore and praise you a lot. If you are in a place where no one knows you, then there is no scope for pride to come. So this king lost normal temperament in pride. Hunting of ferocious animals is done to protect the people in kingdom but there is need to hunt soft animals. He even hunted a deer and hurt it and it was running. He wanted to fetch that deer. That deer escaped into a cave. The deer fell at the feet of a seer who was meditating in the cave. Then the king came and saw the deer and the seer. He never expected to see a Seer there. He looked at the Seer and asked whether he can take the deer. The Seer said "It is not yours. You can take it if you can give back life to it. You killed it, can you bring it back?" Then the king said "Can you bring back life to it?" The Seer touched the deer and it came back to life. The pride of king vertically came down. Like an edifice, it has fallen. The king touched the feet of the Seer and wanted to become disciple of the Seer. The king was disillusioned of everything. He remained with that Seer in that cave and became enlightened. He gave many good writings later. His name was Bhatruhari and he was the king of Ujjain.

So we too need to enter the cave by leaving our pride like that king. That is Leo. According to Astrology, Leo has a crisis of personality. It is very difficult to overcome. We look down upon people in our pride. If we wake up early, we look down upon those who wake up later. We cannot do so. This looking down is the worst thing that emerges from pride. You should be compassionate to those who are less fortunate, less able and less knowledgeable than you. As much humble you are, so much wisdom remains with you. If you are not humble, the wisdom you have slowly fades away. Pride is the worst thing that we have to put off only on daily basis. Otherwise somewhere it ditches you. It doesn't let you to enter into the heart.

Without entering into the heart, you cannot travel vertically. The entry is obstructed by the lion. You only a little and you already want to show. That is how generally it is. That is the problem. The lion says "I have a lot to show you." The lion of personality cannot be overcome not so easily. At every initiation, there would be guards at the temple door, before you enter they ask you "Who are you?" Do we know who we are? We only know our name, gender, caste, social position, our age, our parents, relations, etc. That is all we know. So they ask "Who are you and what have you done?" If you speak there, the doors are closed. You have done nothing. If something has happened, it is only due to the grace of the Lord. Are you breathing or is breathing happening in us? If we are the one breathing, we would have died long ago. The breathing is a happening in us. It is simple common sense. Without that breathing, you are not there in this body. Without being in the body, you cannot do anything. So in reality, you are not doing anything.

Thoughts occur and you do not think. We beg to Mother Gayatri that we get the right thoughts. Right weapon never occurred to Karna in the war because he is proud. He thinks that he is the best warrior. He was very jealous of other warriors and thought that all others were less before him. He had all the knowledge of all weaponry and that pride defeated him every time in a war. He lost 3 times before he was finally killed by Arjuna. You cannot win

if you are proud and not righteous. Arjuna too had the problem of pride but atleast he was righteous and he could win over karna.

If anyone speaks of himself, understand that he is proud. The most humble ones who have conquered pride never believed in writing autobiographies. Did Rama write his biography? Did Krishna write his biography? You can read biographies but not autobiographies. Did Ramakrishna or Vivekananda or Ramana Maharshi or Shirdi Sai Baba write about themselves. It is the Divine, out of grace, ensured that their biographies were known to the future generations. It is all be grace that we are living.

When things are accomplished, we make claims on it. When things are underperformed, we find excuses. Isn't it? Why can't you be normal? Being in normal temperament is very difficult. We cannot just be normal by saying "Normal temperament". Are we really normal in our temperment?

I wrote a story coming from a Zen Master in Navani. Once a noble one visited another person. That person offered this person a chair but that noble one wanted to sit on the floor. That person offers the chair many times but this person does not accept and when asked for the reason, the noble one says "If we sit on a chair, there is susceptibility for a fall. When we sit on the ground, there is no chance to fall." The other person too then sits on the ground. So if we remain on the ground, we cannot fall. If we remain high, we can fall. That is what is there in occult meditation, "Depths but not heights". Don't think of being high. Think of being deep and hidden. We even have the mystic mantram "Dip Deep". We are nothing before the Lord.

Every morning we should put ourselves to the ground be recollecting that I AM THAT I AM. Mere I AM is a catastrophe. THAT I AM is the key. With that key only, you can get into the heart. The problem is we get pride that we are thinking that I AM THAT I AM. This kind of showy aspect of the lion is very tough to overcome. It is very tough for those who are born in Leo. Master EK himself has told that the toughest thing that I face is being able to overcome this pride. Personality is the phantom of the soul and it leads you into the shade and not into light. It exists right under the light. That is the beauty of light. The shadow is present right under the light. We walk more into the shade than into the light if we think of ourself. We have to know that everything is happening by grace. The path of grace is a safer path. Eliminate yourself so that you give space for THAT to exist in you. It is said in the cave, if NARA is sitting NARAYANA cannot be there. If NARAYANA is sitting, NARA does not exist. Both cannot sit in the cave. So you immerse in him and let him conduct. In this context, you speak of Master CVV. He has known from birth, for what he has come. For 42 years, did he ever speak of himself? Even after the energy descended, he spoke only of Master. He was an advanced initiate but never spoke of himself. He remained hidden. When he was singing, even the cows were attracted to him. He was showing so many talents but never spoke of himself. That is why, you ask a true Master "Who are you?" He just smiles because he is not there. Master CVV waited for 42 years for the energy but never told that he was awaiting.

We think that we are doing everything but that is not the truth. We pour some water to a plant and think that we are growing the plant. We think that we are bringing up our children. They grow better if you do not start interfering into their growth. You just provide the ambience and let them grow. How aristocratic are we in our thinking? Let things happen. Master EK says "If we stop doing things, things happen better." Aurobindo calls it "Passive dynamism". Aurobindo was a believer in doing before until the energy visited him, he

remained passive and let the energy do the work. You remain passive and let things happen. If we start doing, we remain bottlenecks in the work. We are blocking because we think we are the doers. Many persons are bottlenecks to their own growth and even to the growth of institutions. The same thing happened to the creator when he thought that he is the one to create. Nothing happened except the emergence of 5 dark energies.

When nothing is happening, you better vacate the place and let someone else do. We worship the divine but we remain as a bottleneck to his descending into us. So we should recollect THAT I AM to overcome this problem of pride of personality. If we let him and zero in ourselves, then he glorifies you. His glorifying you is totally different from you glorifying yourself. When Jesus's touch gave eyes to a blind man, then Jesus says that it is the Lord who has given him eyes through him and glorified him. Jesus pretty well knew it. When the Lord graces us, such things may happen through us. They do not happen always. By that, we should realise that it is the Lord who is the doer. Master EK always used to say, "When the fellow is about to be healed, he came to me, that is why he got healed. It is not because I gave medicine. If it was me, then everyone who takes medicine from me must be cured but some are not getting cured. So it is not me." From 12 years, a lady was suffering from knee pain. With one dose from Master EK, it is healed completely. I asked him "How is it possible?" He said "You have to check her horoscope. May be the karma is over and time has come for her to be cured. I have not done anything. I just gave medicine like I give it to anyone else." He never thought that he is doing it. He just remained a medium.

So we cannot enter the cave of the heart with our egoistic personalities. Personalities are very elephantine. It not the body that decides the size of personality but the size of the ego. The plays of ego are too difficult to overcome. Even the best of Seers slipped to the play of ego. The Mother's illusion is so powerful that you slip into it the moment you think me or mine. When you are able to conquer this ego, you enter into the kingdom of God which is in your Sushumna, the field of light. It is possible by only surrendering to the Lord and at all times remembering that it is the Lord that is the doer. It is only by the grace of the Lord that we wake up every morning. It is only by his grace that we are living in this body. So we should rememeber this and remain humble. When you enter the cave, the objective associations are detached. They cannot walk into the cave with you. The most stable one, Kumara, was taught to be in the cave so that he remains humble. He was taught to be humble by Ganesha. Having gone into the cave (Guha), he became a Guru. There was so much cooperation to Kumara that he became invincible and beautiful but it is not all his. It was given to him by the Lord. The same applies to us. We are all just trustees to what is given to us. We should remember this and act. We will continue in the evening.

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