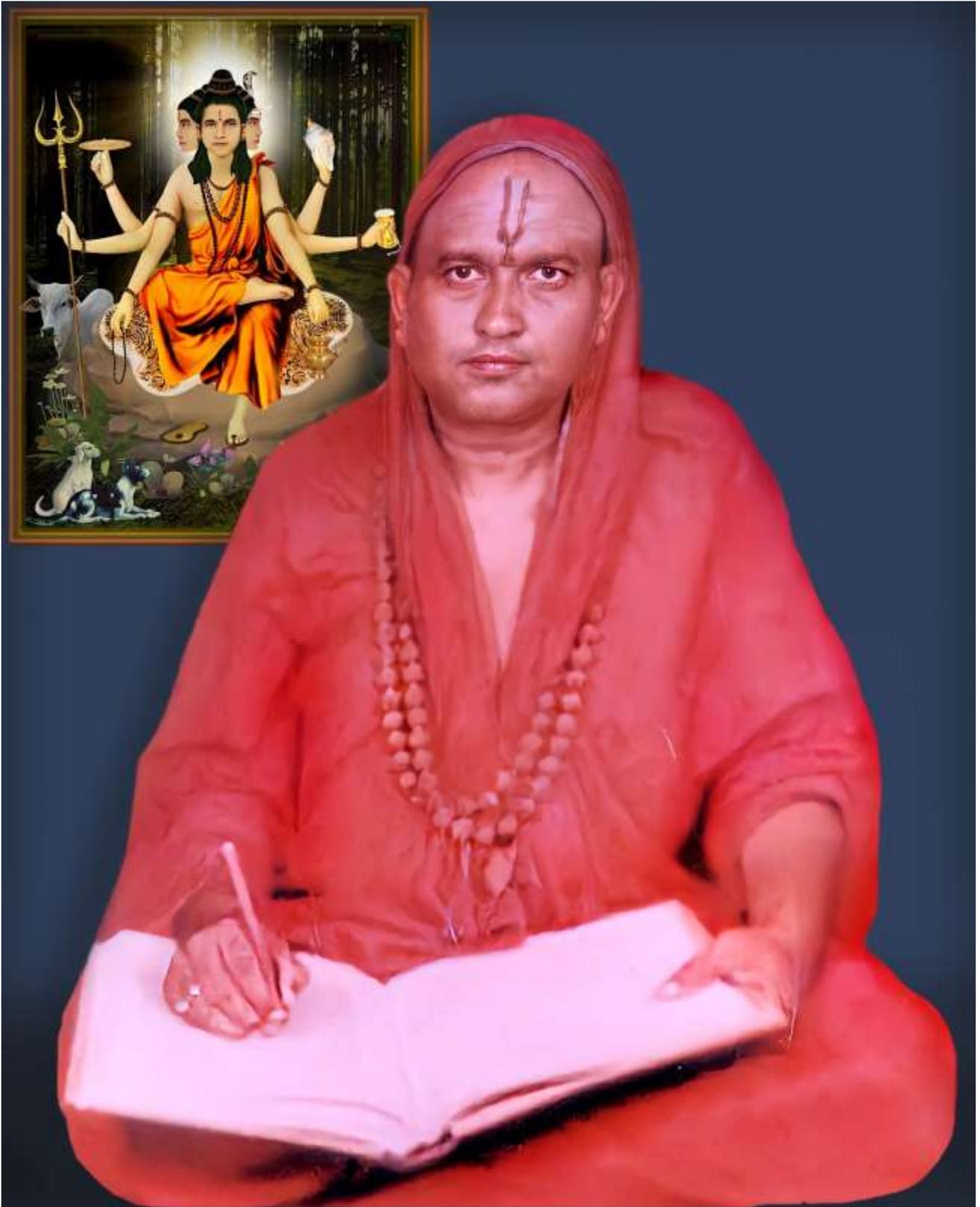


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Chapter 19

January 17, 2004

O Learned and Devoted Servants of God,**155. Can we have a bond with the Lord along with the family, since duties towards family are inevitable?**

[The duties are inevitable due to responsibilities of the family. Then how can one cut the family bonds? One can have a bond with God along with the family bonds.]

Swami replied:- The Gita says '*Eka bhaktiḥ viśiṣyate*' which means that the person having only one bond with the Lord alone is liberated. The liberation itself means destruction of all the bonds in this world. Without full liberation, one cannot have a strong bond with the Lord. Unless one is completely relieved from the world, one cannot join God. The joining report in the new institution is not possible without complete relief from the previous institution. You cannot partially join the new institution. It cannot be a side employment. Ofcourse such partial bond can be treated as the intermediate stage and is better than no bond. But the aim should not be such partial bond. If you aim at 100 marks, you may get 40 marks and pass. But if you aim at 40 marks only, you will fail. Therefore, let the aim be total liberation from the world and single bond with the God. The bond consists of three parts. The service in terms of sacrifice of work and fruit of work comprises ninety-nine paise. Love with mind consists of 2/3rd paise. Remembering through words consists of 1/3rd paise. If you take the case of Shankara, He has donated the whole rupee to the Lord. His love for His mother, words to praise mother and service to mother are diverted towards the Lord. He left His mother for the sake of the Lord. He has donated all the one hundred paise to the Lord. He is the topmost beloved of the Lord. He should be our aim. In the beginning stage you cannot divert your work, which is called duty and mental attachment, which is called love to the Lord. At least make a humble beginning by donating the words to the Lord. Go on reading spiritual books and go on chanting his songs. By this you have donated 1/3rd paise to the Lord. Remember that you cannot purchase any item from any shop with 1/3rd paise. Therefore, do not aspire any thing in return from the Lord, for this 1/3rd paise. In the next stage you try to divert your mind towards the Lord, which is 2/3rd paise. Do your duties to your family members, but without mental attachment. Such mental detachment has several added advantages. If one is mentally detached from the family members, he will not be hurt if they insult him in future. He will

not be disturbed when their behaviour is not correct. He will not suffer if death attacks them. Such mental detachment brings full peace and balance of mind. Due to this he will be always energetic with good health. Therefore, such mental detachment is needed even for an atheist. The detached mind cannot keep silent because it is habituated to the attachment. Therefore, attach the mind to the Lord. Such attachment will always give infinite bliss in the life. When you are successful in attaching the mind to the Lord, you are called as devotee. But a devotee can be disturbed. The devotion becomes firm if his intelligence takes a firm decision through knowledge. Therefore, Knowledge gives firm decision to the intelligence (Buddhi) and this makes the devotion of mind (Manas) to be firm. Therefore, the Gita started with Buddhi Yoga or Jnana Yoga in the second chapter. When the mind is fixed on the Lord with the help of the knowledge of the intelligence, the work will naturally change and will follow the mind. The mind is like the king. The words are like his ministers. The intelligence is like his preacher or Guru. The work is like his army. Therefore, with the help of the words, the mind should be diverted to the Lord and it is fixed with the help of the intelligence. ***The words divert the mind, whereas the intelligence fixes the mind.*** Therefore, when you have donated words and mind to the Lord and when you are strengthened by the spiritual knowledge your duties and responsibilities, which form the work, will naturally be diverted towards the Lord. The work is always inert item and is controlled by the mind and intelligence.

Chapter 20

January 26, 2005

O Learned and Devoted Servants of God,**156. What are the strong bonds, which hinder the spiritual growth? How to overcome these obstructions?****Swami replied:-** There are four strong bonds, which hinder the spiritual progress.

1) The bond with the wife, 2) The bond with the money, 3) The bond with the child and 4) The bond with one's body and life.

Avadhuta can only be the soul who has cut all these four bonds. A Samnyaasi could cut the first three bonds but not the fourth bond. A Samnyaasi takes food, drinks water, sleeps and leaks the sperm periodically. The Samnyaasi avoided the wife but not the desire for the sex. The eating, drinking, sleep and sex are the four biological needs of the body. The Avadhuta lives maintaining his body without these four needs and his body is beyond the rules of the nature. His body is a divine body maintained by the superpower (Maayaa) of the Lord. The state of Avadhuta is complete liberation and such complete salvation is possible only by the complete grace of the Lord. Avadhuta is just an inert house of the Lord. There is no soul in that body. The soul also is a part of the nature and so the soul becomes a part of the inert house of the Lord. The Avadhoota thinks, talks or does anything only by the will of the Lord. It is one system and not two-in-one. Avadhoota is one hundred percent Lord. It is the state of the goal and there is no journey further. He is called as Siddha and not Sadhaka. Even the Samnyaasi is a Saadhaka who is still traveling towards that state. However, a stone can be also equated to Avadhuta because it also has complete salvation but the Lord is not dwelling in it. The Salvation must be attained through the devotion of the Lord, which will lead to the state of Avadhuta. If simple salvation is attained without devotion it will lead to the state of a stone.

Among the three bonds the strongest bond is the bond with the children. The wife can help in the spiritual effort (Saadhanaa) and therefore, she is called as '*Saha dharmachaarini*'. The sex, which is a biological need, is a matter of attraction of few minutes or at the maximum few hours. This little time is negligible compared to the long lifetime and the energy dedicated to the Lord. But the bond with the children persists in all the times and requires the expenditure of the energy continuously. The bond

with the money also increases due to this bond with children. For the sake of the children, people become corrupt and try to rob others. In such process, they are doing lot of injustice. ***The strength of this bond is reduced by realization and with this not only the individual salvation in the upper world is achieved, but also the justice in this world can be easily established.*** This is the reason why the Lord spoke about the detachment of worldly bonds for the establishment of the justice. He says that He is born to establish the Justice, but He does not speak about the rules of the Justice. The Government, Police and even the courts quote the rules of Justice, which cannot establish the Justice. People are trying to misinterpret these rules and win the case. In the Gita the Lord attempted for the detachment of these bonds, which are responsible for the injustice. He attacked the problem at the basic level. ***Therefore, the strength of the bond with the children is proportional to the injustice in the world.*** This bond also hinders the spiritual elevation. Unless the strongest bond is cut, salvation is impossible. Without the salvation, the single bond with the Lord is impossible. You can analyze Vyasa, Arjuna and Dhritarashtra who are representing the three above average, average and below average levels. Vyasa is the highest Guru and His birthday is celebrated as Guru Purnima. The divine prostitutes who are of the lowest level mocked such a highest Guru due to this strongest bond. Vyasa was running after His son and was mocked. He was not mocked for his bond with the divine lady called 'Ghritaachi' because it was just a temporary bond for few minutes. She gave birth to 'Shuka' through whom Vyasa had permanent bond for twenty years. For the sake of wife, he wasted only few minutes but for the sake of son he wasted twenty years. Arjuna was also bound by this strongest bond. He was killing all his relatives on the order of the Lord. He was prepared to leave the kingdom, but when his son Abhimanyu died, he stopped the war. The war is the work of the Lord to punish the evil people. Therefore, the bond with the Lord is not stronger than the bond with his son. The Lord performed the surgery and broke this strongest bond by killing even the other children (Upa Pandavas). The Lord wanted to lift Arjuna. Bhagavadgita was the medicine, which could not work to break the strongest bond. Therefore, the Lord performed the surgery and lifted Arjuna and other Pandavas also as they surrendered to Him. The Lord lifted Vyasa by preaching Him through the divine prostitutes. For Vyasa the medicine was sufficient but for Arjuna surgery was required. Since Vyasa and Pandavas are His devotees, the Lord did everything for their upliftment. Dhritarashtra is not a devotee. He knows that Krishna is the Lord. He saw the Vishwarupam. He advised his sons to arrange a feast and attract the

Lord to help them. He tried to grab the wealth of his own brother Pandu who only conquered the whole kingdom. When Pandu went to the forest, Dhritarashtra was made the representative of the king. He became blind with this strongest bond and did not mind to do injustice to the sons of his own brother. The whole wealth actually belongs to his brother. If he passes an order as a king, his son cannot hinder it. He has the support of Bhishma. Bhishma took an oath that he will protect the king. Therefore, he need not fear for his son. His wife Gandhari found fault always with her husband and her sons, but at the last when her children were killed, she gave the curse to Lord Krishna forgetting that He is the Lord. Such is the strength of this illusory bond! Today Dhritarashtra represents people. People are trying to earn the money for the sake of their children and they are prepared to do injustice to any extent for this. Like Dhritarashtra they want to please the Lord by worship to help their children. Therefore, if the Saadhaka can cut this strongest bond all the other two bonds can be easily cut.

Gopikas represent the state of a real Avadhuta. In the absence of Krishna, they forgot all the biological needs of the body and they jumped into the fire when they heard that Lord Krishna left the body. They only could cut the bond with their bodies and bond with their lives also. The Lord could cut their bonds by dancing with them, by attracting their children to do mischief and by stealing their butter. By the dance in Brindavanam (Raasakeli), the husband-wife bond was cut. Their own children stole butter on the order of Krishna and due to this the mother-child bond was cut. By giving butter to Krishna, which was their hard-earned wealth, their bond with money was also cut. Like this Gopikas only could cut all the bonds and achieved the highest grace, which is the fifteenth uppermost world called Goloka. In the case of Hanuman, He fought with the Lord for the sake of His mother to protect king Yayati. Therefore, Bhagavatam, which contains the story of the Gopikas at the end is the most sacred scripture, which could give salvation to Pariikshit in seven days. The very first verse of Bhagavatam speaks about this strongest bond of Vyasa. The love in these worldly bonds can be cut only by the love on the Lord. A diamond can be cut only by another diamond. These bonds with human beings can be cut only by the bond with the Lord in the form of human being only. The bond with formless God, or the bond with a form in the upper world like Vishnu and Shiva, or the bond with a statue or a photo cannot cut your family bonds. These are stones, which fail to cut the diamond. Gopikas could cut these human bonds by their bond with Lord Krishna who is in the human form only. Your question is very important because it deals with the actual journey towards the goal. For us neither the

analysis of goal nor the analysis of a soul is so important as the analysis of the path and journey. The goal can be realized even after reaching it and need not be known now itself. Since the soul is travelling towards the goal, the soul is already not the goal. This one point is sufficient regarding the soul. All the concentration is to be put up on the analysis of the real path and the mode of the journey.

Chapter 21

January 27, 2005

O Learned and Devoted Servants of God,**157. What is the speciality of Lord Datta? Who is the best devotee of Lord Datta?**

Swami replied:- Generally we do some service to the Lord and expect something good in return from the Lord. This is the norm of the general worldly business. The specialty of Lord Datta is that He announces His policy in the beginning itself. His policy is one-way traffic. You have to do service to Him but He will not do anything good in return. Thus, the business completely disappears. At this stage itself majority of the devotees drop out. Some devotees come to Him prepared for doing the service without any good fruit in return. After some time, He opens His second policy. This policy is two-way traffic but it is different from our two-way traffic. He starts doing bad for our service. As the devotees press His feet, He will be beating them with His stick. This is the true love. The devotee must have the divine knowledge to understand Lord Datta. By giving such troubles He is clearing all the sins. In clearing the sins, He pays ninety-nine percent and the doer must pay one percent according to the rule of minimum justice. He appears to be giving troubles but actually He is clearing the sins. Then why He is not opening this truth. If the truth is not opened then only the true love exists. In the true love, one loves in spite of troubles from the other side. If the truth is opened this true love disappears. We will realize that these troubles are for his benefit only. Then we will tolerate the troubles from that angle. In such case, it cannot be true love. Therefore, Lord Datta maintains the secrecy. After clearing the sins, He will give boons. Without curing the fever, strong food should not be given. If it is given the patient dies. The demons were destroyed by such boons. There are three types of devotees. The low-level devotee asks for a boon like a demon. He does not give any freedom to the Lord. He decides that something is good for him and asks the Lord to give it. The devotee acts like a master and is indirectly treating the Lord as his servant. The Master asks the servant to do a particular thing without any comment. The middle-class devotees ask the Lord to do whatever is good for them. They give some freedom to the Lord in deciding, which is good and which is bad for them. Upto this point, they give freedom to the Lord. After this point, the Lord has no freedom and He has to do good only. Thus, these devotees give 50 percent freedom to the Lord. The best devotee gives 100 percent

freedom to the Lord. He asks the Lord to do whatever the Lord likes. This devotee is prepared to receive the bad also if it can please the Lord. His only aim is that the Lord should be pleased by doing whatever He likes. This devotee feels that he is only an inert means for the play of the Lord by which the Lord is entertained. A player beats the ball by foot and is entertained. The devotee also likes to receive continuous sufferings, if such sufferings can entertain the Lord. When Jesus was doing the last prayer, He tried to avoid the future agony of death. For a moment He was vibrated with the forthcoming agony of crucifixion. But immediately He regained His originality and ended the prayer by saying “*Let Thy will will be done*”. He said finally that He is prepared to suffer if that is the will of the Lord. This is the best devotion.

Lord Datta starts giving small troubles, which means that He is clearing the small sins. If the devotee is firm in his faith, then Datta starts clearing big sins. That means the small troubles will be slowly magnified into big troubles. When He clears your pro-note of Rs. 100/-, He pays ninety-nine rupees and you will have to pay Re. 1/-. Then He starts clearing your pro-note of one thousand rupees and then you have to pay Rs.10/-. You have to pay one percent of your sin according to the least expectation of the Justice. In the first stage, Lord Datta keeps silent without doing any good for your service. This is the test of Brahma. This is a sort of initial training for the further tests. Then Datta starts troubling you for your service. The clearance of small sins is the test of Vishnu. In the third stage, big sins are cleared and your troubles are intensified. This is the third test of Rudra. From one angle these are the tests to find out the strength of your faith and truthfulness in your love. In another angle these tests are secret clearance of your sins and your purification to make you eligible for His grace. Only the best devotee can stand before the special Lord Datta. Datta is true God and His preaching are true. The benefit you get also is true. The real Sun can remove the real darkness by his real light and imaginary Sun cannot remove the real darkness. You are spending lot of your time and energy in analyzing these worldly affairs. You are egoistic and you think that you are intelligent to solve the worldly affairs. By your intelligence and intensified analysis through long discussions, you will find that the worldly affair about which, you have taken so much care utterly flops at the end. If you spend even one-tenth of that time and that energy in the service and devotion on Lord Datta, your worldly issue succeeds beyond your imagination. In fact, the servants of Lord Datta attend your worldly affairs. These worldly matters are below His level. His level of work starts when you go to the hell after the death. He will speak to Lord of the hell not to

enquire about you and close the file since you are in His service. Thus, you are blessed in this world and also in the upper world. Your faith is not 100 percent. To practice this if you are in His constant devotion all your duties will be also discharged by the power of Lord Datta in a fraction of second and in an excellent manner. One can test this concept in the case of one worldly affair and see whether what I say is correct or not? You can test this in one case and you will experience the truth of My preaching.

Chapter 22

February 22, 2005

O Learned and Devoted Servants of God,

158. There should be astronomical correction so that the real dates of the present festivals can be identified. Is it not necessary?

Swami replied:- The place, the time and the method of the selfish worship are not important. Be it any place, be it any time, if you sacrifice the fruit of your work or work without any selfishness for the deserving divine people, that is the real festival. *We have to correct our selfishness and not the date of the festival.*

159. How can God exist if the tsunami killed people praying to Him?

[Tsunami killed even people praying in a temple. For me there is no need to pray God. There is no God. Why should I pray?]

Swami replied:- People pray God for their selfish benefits and such prayers are not real worship. If one loves God for some need only, it is worst. Apply your logic to your children also. You love your child without any need. When you can do this for your momentary blood bond of this birth, how much needless love you have to pour down on God, who is related to you by your permanent soul since millions of births!

The sea with its wave-hands is always warning the people not to kill the poor harmless aquatic creatures like fish etc., for the sake of food. God created lot of vegetable food, which is the best even according to present science of health. The sea represents the Lord and finally kills the sinners with his own wave-hands. Goddess earth kills the sinners through quakes since these sinners kill the innocent creatures on the earth. Tsunami is the result of combined anger of father-sea and mother-earth. These innocent creatures have no advocate and even cannot file a criminal case in our courts. Such formalities are not necessary for His all-pervading court. One sees the punishment only and not the sin, which is the cause. One sympathizes the human beings affected in other countries also since all human beings are one. But one should broaden his mind and should feel that all the living beings are one and sympathize every living being. The natural calamities will then disappear.

160. Why do some really very good people suffer?

[Why some people who are really very good suffer? If they were sinners in the previous birth how they are so nice in the present birth? My child is weak in a subject. Can You solve this problem?]

Swami replied: You think that a person is very good because of his nice gentle character. There are cheats who are very soft and nice. There are

very good and sincere people with rough character. A soft person may be selfish and a rough person may be sacrificial. The Lord cares only for one bad quality, which is the selfishness. He neglects all the other good qualities. A selfish person with all good qualities is like a gold cup with salt water. We pay for the material in the cup and not for the cup. A cruel person with excellent sacrifice is like the earthen cup containing nectar. Lord Shiva gave salvation to the hunter for his sacrifice but not to the selfish sacred priest. Thus, we do not distinguish the real good and the real bad. The analysis of the Lord is completely practical and true and is completely different from our analysis. Regarding the problem of your child, I advise you to stop worrying about your child. You worry about the work of the Lord and do not think about your problem. In such case your problem disappears in a fraction of a second spontaneously. As long as you do not put attention on your family and concentrate on the Lord's work, the Lord will take the responsibility of your entire family and in such case, the help to your family is unimaginable.

If you concentrate on your family leaving the Lord, your problem will grow more and more. If you concentrate on the Lord and your problem equally, your problem gets partially solved. Now you have to choose one of these alternatives.

Chapter 23

February 24, 2005

O Learned and Devoted Servants of God,

161. What is the essential message of Your website ‘Universal Spirituality for World Peace’?

[We came to know that Your devotees started a website under the heading “UNIVERSAL RELIGION”. Can You give the details of this?]

We are sending the details of Universal Religion based on the discourses of Swami in parts. The first part is given below:

Universal Religion – Part-I

Swami replied:- If you say that your religion is the only path to God and that other paths lead to hell, I have one humble question to you. The question is for every religion without any trace of partiality. **The simple question is:** Today I have heard about your religion and if I follow that, I reach God and if I refuse, I will go to the hell for My own fault. This is very much reasonable. But before your ancestors discovered our country, the literature or even the name of your religion was not known to our ancestor and he could not reach God for no fault of him. But your ancestor reached God through your religion at that time. Even if I assume that My ancestor will take rebirth now and will follow your religion to reach God, such possibility is ruled out because you say that there is no rebirth for the soul. Thus, My ancestor suffered forever for no fault of him and the responsibility for this falls on the partiality of God. Had the God been impartial, He could have revealed your religion to all the countries at a time. Had that happened, My ancestor might have also reached God as your ancestor. Therefore, your statement proves your own God partial.

The only way leftover to you to make your God impartial is that you must accept that your God appeared in all the countries at a time in various forms and preached your path in various languages. The same form did not appear everywhere and the same language does not exist everywhere. The syllabus and explanation are one and the same, though the media and teachers are different. Can you give any alternative reasonable answer to My question other than this? Certainly not! Any person of any religion to any other religion can pose this question.

Moreover, every religion states that their God only created this world. Unfortunately, this world is one only and every God cannot create the same world. There are not many worlds to justify that each God created His own

world. Therefore, any human being with an iota of commonsense has to agree that there is only one impartial God who created this one world and He came in different forms to different countries and preached the same path in all the languages simultaneously at one time.

Let this logic sword of the divine knowledge cut the rigid conservatism of the religious fans in this world to establish the Universal Peace. I need not beg all these religious followers to be united and harmonious to each other for the sake of world peace. Such begging appeals are made enough in the past. The religious fans feel that there is no unity really in the religions but they have to be united since their kind hearts melted by these appeals. Thus, a temporary change was only brought. At the maximum one generation of the followers got united. The next generation fights with each other because they feel that there is no real unity in them due to lack of the real unity in their religious scriptures. A permanent solution for this does not lie in the begging appeals, which may or may not unite the followers. Even if the appeals unite such unity is not permanent. If the real unity in all the religious scriptures is exposed through the logical divine knowledge, the followers have to be united for generations together. Therefore, My attack is not on the hearts of the followers through love and kindness. My attack is on all the religious scriptures through intellectual logical analysis of divine knowledge. The unity of hearts through love can be only temporary. The unity of brains through intellectual analytical divine knowledge will be permanent. Hearts agree but brains realize. Agreement is temporary, but realization is permanent. Thus, this is My first blow of My divine conch shell for the permanent unity of all the religions aiming at eternal Universal Peace.

162. What is the significance of this day which is Your birthday?

[We came to know that today is birthday of Swami and we convey our greetings to Swami. Can You pass on the message, if any, is given by Swami, today on this occasion?]

Birthday Message By Swami

Today is the birthday of this body, today is Thursday and today is the full moon day. These three aspects indicate the three headed Datta. Thursday is called as Guru–Day, which indicates the Brahma. Full moon day with light indicates Shiva who represents the wave nature of energy through Linga. This body consisting of the form of matter represents Vishnu. Vishnu, the matter is worshipped as form. Shiva, the energy in the form of wave, is worshipped as Linga, which is also in the form of a wave. Brahma is beyond both matter and energy and is above worship. These three form the basic building materials of the creation.

This is a very special day indicating “*Paripuurna Avataara*”, which means that the Lord dwells in a human body from its birth to its end and also expresses His inseparable characteristic i.e., the true infinite divine knowledge. The Veda says the same (*Satyam, Jñānam, Anantam Brahma*). The Lord who came in such full form as Brahma was the sage Vashishtha who preached the ‘Yoga Vashishtham’ or ‘Jnana Vashishtham’. Then Vishnu came in such full form as Lord Krishna and preached the Gita. Then Shiva came as Shankaraacharya and preached the ‘Bhashyam’. Now the three-in-one called as ‘Dattatreya’ is now here before all of you. The unity of these three forms indicates the union of the three points of today viz. Birthday, Thursday and Full moon day.

When I say that I am the human incarnation of Lord Datta there are three types of people here. The first type of people is highest devotees and has conquered egoism and jealousy. For them the Lord pervades this human body as the wire is pervaded by the current. For them Advaita (Monoism) is suiting to their psychology and they can digest this. In fact, they wanted to see, touch, talk and live with the Lord. To satisfy them the Lord came down and He is satisfying their desire through this Advaita. For them Lord Datta and Myself are one and the same. The second type of people who conquered egoism and jealousy to certain extent and are My devotees need the ‘*Vishista Advaita*’, which speaks that the human incarnation is a spark of the Lord, who is the infinite fire. This philosophy speaks about part (Shesha) and whole (Sheshi). The spark is qualitatively same as the fire and thus satisfies their devotion, but the spark is quantitatively different from the fire and this aspect satisfies their partial egoism and jealousy. The third type of people is full of egoism and jealousy. For their psychology, Dvaita should be exposed. For them the human incarnation is just two in one system. This human body is like the house and the Lord is dwelling inside this house as its owner. The house i.e., Myself is completely different from the house owner i.e., the Lord. No importance need be given to the house when the king comes and resides in a house. When there is no importance to this external human body their egoism is completely satisfied.

The first type of people bows to the temple from outside and they feel that they have bowed to the inner statue through the temple. The second type of people respect the temple to some extent and bow to the statue standing in the main door of the temple. The third type of the people do not care for the temple and feel that the temple is as good as their house. They go inside the temple and bow directly to the statue.

The Gita said “*Mānuṣīm tanum āśritam*”, which means that the Lord dwells in the human body in the case of human incarnation. This is Dvaita

to satisfy the third type of people who are in majority in this world. The Gita also exposed ‘Vishishtha Advaita’ to the second type of the people (*Mama tejo'ṃśa sambhavam*). The Gita also spoke Advaita for the first type of people (*Aham ātmā, Mattaḥ parataram*). If Advaita is preached to the third type of people, problems arise, which are mentioned in the same verse (*Avajānanti mām*). Thus, the Gita contains the total knowledge. Vishnu represents Sattvam. Sattvam produces knowledge. The Gita is the essence of all the Vedas.

The Vedas, which are known today, are only just one-year recitation of sage Bharadwaja. The remaining Vedas are infinite as told by the Veda (*Anantā vai vedāḥ*). Therefore, the Gita contains the essence of all the entire Vedas, which are known and unknown also. The Human incarnation is clearly mentioned in the Vedas as ‘*Vivṛṇute tanūm*’, which means that the Lord will reveal Himself to the devotees through the human body. Again, the Veda says “*Yat sākṣātt aparokṣāt*”, which means that the Lord appears before you and is not present somewhere else. The path of sacrifice of work (Karma Samnyaasa) is mentioned by both the Vedas (*Kurvanneveha*) and the Gita (*Kuru karmaiva*). The other part of the path, which is the sacrifice of the fruit of the work (Karma Phala Tyaaga) is praised by the Vedas (*Tyaktena, Dhanena tyāgena*) as well as by the Gita (*Phalaṃ tyaktvā, Karma phala tyāgī*). Whatever is found in the Gita must exist in the Vedas because the Vedas are the cows and the Gita is the milk milked from the cows.

Chapter 24

March 12, 2005

O Learned and Devoted Servants of God,**163. Why does the Lord bring obstacles in my efforts to get married?**

[I like to marry and lead a normal life but it is failing every time due to interference of God. Even Rama and Krishna were married. I also do Yoga. Can You help in this matter?]

Swami replied: The Lord never interferes in any one's wish. Even to His devotee He says, "If you are hungry, eat the food and think about Me". He never forces anything on anybody. The detachment should be spontaneous. He wants natural love from you and not the forced attachment. Your love to Him should naturally detach you from all these worldly bonds and for such detachment you should not use any force. He also will not use any force. If your trails to marry are failing, the reason must be the results of your own past deeds, which should not be attributed to the Lord as said in the Gita (*Nādatte kasyacit pāpam*). He will not help any one by disturbing His own administration, in which, judicial system is a part. He can relieve you from your sins if you are a devotee of highest order. Even there, He suffers for your sake and thus protects the dignity of His own Law.

Rama and Krishna were the human incarnations of Lord and they need not worship the Lord. The case of other human beings is different since they have to worship the Lord for achieving His grace. Worship means recognition of the Lord in human form at present and practically participating in His mission without aspiring any fruit in return for such participation. Such practical sacrifice only can be the proof of real love. This is Yoga. Yoga means to join the Lord to serve Him in His mission. The Lord comes down in the human form in every generation so that He is not partial to a particular generation only. The Yoga you practice is only an exercise of body and mind to achieve good health, which is done even by an atheist. Such Yoga has nothing to do with the spiritual path, though it is a pre-requisite.

164. If fishes eat other creatures why should there be sin in eating fish?

[Even fish eats some creatures and so there is no sin if I eat the fish. Even plants have life. Tsunami killed even innocent children. Can You analyze these points?]

Swami replied: A goat is a pure vegetarian but you are eating that goat also. When you find a human being, who is a murderer, will you kill him directly or hand over him to the court? Assuming that the fish is also a murderer, you cannot kill it directly. God will punish it. In the case of the

fish, you need not file a case against the fish in the court of the God, because there is no need of such filing in the case of God. Moreover, you are raising your voice against the hanging of a murderer stating, “If you cannot give life, you have no right to take it away”. You are also pleading that hanging is the most barbaric deed and that several countries have banned it. Your statement applies to the fish also, which is a murderer of the creatures. Life is common in the human being as well as the fish. Both are living beings. If you don't have right to take away the life of a human being, you have also no right to take the life of the fish also. The Dharma Shastras say that non-violence is the highest justice (*Ahimsā paramo dharmah*). If you say that the fish kills the creatures for food and that there is no sin, there should not be sin if carnivorous hunters from forest enter the city and start eating the human beings. You should not object their food also, but you will kill them because your fellow human beings are killed. If you broaden your heart and see the fish as your fellow living being, you are practicing the highest form of justice, which pleases the Lord. You cannot compare the plants with animals and birds. Even in the case of plants, the green plants should not be cut. Plucking leaves and fruits is not killing. The crops are cut only when they die after losing the sign of the life, which is the Green Chlorophyll. In plants life exists but mind and intelligence do not exist.

Life is called as Pranamaya Kosha. Mind is Manomaya Kosha. Intelligence is Vijnanamaya Kosha. The life is only inert mechanism of exchange process of Oxygen and Carbondioxide and release of energy by oxidation. This mechanism has no awareness of the pain. The mind is represented by the nervous system, which is not present in the plants. The mind may be in very very primitive stage in plants as per the research of Mr. Bose. The ancient Indian sages avoided even plucking the leaves and fruits. They ate leaves and fruits when they have fallen from the plants (*Svayam viśr̥ṇa dhṛva pātravṛttitā*). They avoided this trace of sin also. In plucking the leaf and killing an animal, the sin is qualitatively equal, but there is a lot of quantitative difference. One percent sin and hundred percent sin cannot be equated. Your argument concludes that if one does one percent sin, why not hundred percent sin be done? This equates to your statement that if one plucks a leaf why not we kill an animal. Are you pained equally if I steal one rupee or one lakh rupees from your pocket? The trace of sin can always be neglected. The Lord came as Buddha and preached this non-violence. The Veda also says that one should kill his animal nature in the sacrifice and not the animal (*Manyuh paśuh*).

As you think, children are not innocent. The child of a demon has the devil characteristics in the form of seeds. The soul in a child has just entered the earth after a long punishment in the hell. The strength of the sinful attitude (samskaara) is very much reduced but did not vanish completely. A thief when released from a police station after a long torture has the attitude of stealing in very much reduced state. The attitude did not disappear. When he comes out and enters a suitable encouraging atmosphere, this seed grows as a tree and he is caught by the police again for his theft. Similarly, when the child grows, again the grown-up person does the same sin and at the end goes to the hell. This is the cycle of deeds (Karma Chakra). When a child is taken away by God, it is something like arresting the thief immediately after his release. This prevents the thief to steal again. He must be considered lucky.

The child may get a better birth. The angle of sympathy comes since you are not aware of the soul in the body of the child. The body is like a shirt and the death is only destruction of the shirt. The Gita emphasizes about this aspect in the beginning itself. The plans of the Lord are not known to us. He may give a better shirt in a better place and protect the soul. We see a brief part of the film and conclude. Only complete and thorough spiritual knowledge can remove all the doubts.

165. For a child who is weak in studies, is it proper to suggest service to God, instead of meditation?

[When somebody's child is weak in a subject, You suggested to serve the God instead of suggesting meditation etc. Is it not the proper way?]

Swami replied: Meditation means concentration, which is a physical process only within the rules of nature. Divinity is beyond the nature. You can expect a divine advice only from Me because My aim is to get you in touch with God through some context and not to simply solve your materialistic problem by materialistic ways. Sometimes, the physical plane is not sufficient to solve the problem. But the spiritual plane can certainly solve the problem. But you should note that the Lord solves your problems in the initial stage to divert you to the spiritual path. After entering the spiritual path you should not touch your materialistic problems because you are expected to serve the Lord without any fruit in return. Therefore, you should not continue to solve your problems using God throughout your life, in which case the main purpose is lost. If you continue like that, even the solved problems will reappear in a magnified way. Actually, God postpones the bad results for some time to give you relief so that you will enter the spiritual path. If you enter the spiritual path, God will cancel all the bad results in His own way i.e., He suffers for your sake. But if you are not

entering the spiritual path and continue to exploit the advantage, the postponed bad results will reappear in a magnified way since they are compounded with the interest.

Chapter 25

March 18, 2005

O Learned and Devoted Servants of God,**166. Jesus said that one can reach His Father through Him only. Does it mean that we have to follow Jesus only?**

[Jesus said that one can reach His Father through Him only and that He is the only path. Does this not mean that we have to follow only Jesus? In such case how to accept Your Universal Religion? (A question posed to Swami by several Holy Christians from all over the world.)]

Swami replied: My dear devoted Holy Christian souls, Does Jesus represent a human body? Or a word? Or both?

If human body is represented: Such a human body does not exist now. Only a particular human generation, that too, in a particular place was favoured by the association of the human body of Jesus. Is it not the partiality of God?

If word is represented: The previous human generations before the birth of Jesus were not favoured with this word and this also leads to the partiality of God.

If both are represented: Both the above objections will attack together strengthening the partiality of God.

God is impartial. He created this entire Universe. He should not favour a part of infinite time and a particular piece of the world. Since there is no re-birth of the soul, as you say, all those unlucky souls fell permanently in the hell. Now such souls cannot take human re-birth to pray Jesus for the salvation. If you say that some other prophet by name Moses or some other name, equal to Jesus, existed before the birth of Jesus, then, "***Jesus alone is the Saviour***" will be wrong. If you say that Moses was also the same Jesus, then, why not some other person, X or Y or Z, after the birth of Jesus also be Jesus? In such case Jesus exists before and after the birth of Jesus. Then Jesus is omniscient and omnipotent. In such case, Jesus in some other human forms by some other names must have existed always. In such case, Jesus can exist in different human forms simultaneously also in different countries during the same human generation to avoid the partiality, because the different countries might not have contact with each other during a particular old human generation. In fact, this was true because the countries were not having any contact with each other, a few centuries ago. God is the Father of all the people in all the countries of this Universe and therefore, He should be impartial to all His children. You have to agree with this point because only one God created this whole

Universe. It will be further better to replace the word Jesus by a general word like “*Holy Spirit*”, because the word Jesus signifies a particular human body only according to general sense of the public. The word “Holy Spirit” does not signify any particular human body and therefore, it will be reasonable to say that the Holy Spirit is the God and this Holy Spirit existed in all those divine human forms. Infact, the Holy Spirit is the purest power of God that enters a particular chosen deserving human body in every country during the same human generation. By this, every country gets equal benefit. When Jesus existed in a particular place, the other countries were not having any communication with that Holy place of Jesus. Those human generations in other countries must have gone to the hell because Jesus was the only saviour. Ofcourse, some people who were associated with Jesus also went to hell since they disbelieved Him. But those people, atleast, got the chance of association with Holy Jesus because they existed in that place. Had that chance of association been given to the people of other countries also, there might have been a fraction of the people, which might have believed Jesus and might have been liberated. Such salvation of a fraction of people happened in that Holy place where Jesus lived. This objection will charge Jesus or (and) God with lack of planning and lack of impartiality. To remove this charge, the above Universal Concept has to be accepted by open minds following a logical scientific path of analysis, which is essential in any line of knowledge including the spiritual knowledge.

Oh! Great Christians! I appreciate you from the bottom of My heart for your one pointed faith and sincerity towards God. Who can be compared with you, in this world, for your practical sacrifice in the mission of God and for your kindest hearts in the service rendered to the downtrodden people? Fortunately, you are also the toppers in Science, which is the result of most powerful practical analysis of any concept. Thus, you are the best cream of this creation in all the aspects. But, why don't you apply a trace of that powerful systematic logical scientific analysis in this spiritual knowledge also? Why should you follow the interpretations of your fellow human beings, who are just equal to you? You can yourselves analyse the divine statements of God Jesus with your own intellectual faculty based on simple logical analysis. Since only one God created this Universe, since only God is the Father of all the human beings in this world and since the father must be impartial to all the children, the same God must have written all the Religious Scriptures. These Scriptures cannot and should not contradict each other. If there is any

contradiction that must have been the misinterpretation of some closed minds.

When Jesus is going to be born, Jesus was announced as 'Emmanuel', meaning that God is coming in human form to live with the human beings. Whenever the word Jesus comes, it should mean only Emmanuel. When you say that Jesus is the only path, it means that the human form of God is the only path to reach God. Whenever Jesus utters the word 'I', that word 'I' means Emmanuel, who is a general human incarnation of God and not a particular human incarnation only. The reason for the emphasis on human form of God is that the human beings can have vision for a long time, can touch Him for a long time, can converse with Him for a long time and can live with Him for a long time when He is in the human body. The Holy Spirit can enter the body of light also, which is called as Angel. Such a body can be seen for a little time only since the light has the nature of propagation in the space. Such angel cannot be touched due to high intensity of radiation. The angel talks briefly for the same reason. The angel cannot live with human beings for a long time. Thus, human body is most convenient for the human beings. This soul goes to the upper world by taking a body of light energy. For those souls in the upper world, God also appears with a body of bright light energy. Jesus referred this form of God as the Father of the Heaven. A human being with this materialized body cannot approach the God with that powerful energetic body. The meaning of the statement that a human being can approach God only through Jesus is that a material body can approach God through a material body only. God is one and the same whether He is present in the body of light or in the materialized human body. From the point of God, Jesus and the Father of Heaven are one and the same. The milk present in a golden cup is the same as the milk present in a ceramic cup. "***Jesus will come again!***" means that God will come again and again in human form for every human generation, to avoid the partiality of the Father to a particular human generation. In this context the word Jesus means Emmanuel. The statement that Jesus is the light is a concept of science. The word Jesus indicates the external human body, which is made of the five elements i.e., earth, water, energy, air and space. Space is common for both matter and energy, which is the basis of the concept of volume. Volume is the property of the space. Both matter and energy need space. Earth, water and air constitute matter in solid, liquid and gaseous states. Thus, the matter in the human body is another form of energy according to Law of Mass-energy equivalence ($E = MC^2$). Thus, the human body of Jesus, which is constituted by matter, is a form of energy and thus it is equal to the energetic body of the Father of heaven. Thus,

from the point of external body also, the Emmanuel and the Father of Heaven are one and the same. A person present in bright silk cloth or dull cotton cloth is one and the same. Such interpretations must be logical and also must be proving the impartial love of God towards all His children on the earth.

Chapter 26

March 30, 2005

O Learned and Devoted Servants of God,**167. Isn't doing duties without mental attachment, the highest yoga according to the Gita?**

[The essence of Bhagavad Gita is that we should do our duties without mental attachment. This is the highest end of Yoga. What do You say Swami?]

Swami replied: This is just the beginning of Yoga. By doing the duties, you are attached in action, which is Ninety Nine percent attachment. If you start cutting the mental attachment, you are detached by mind and by words, which is only one percent detachment. Atleast, you have made a humble beginning. The essence of Bhagavad Gita is '*Nishkama Karma Yoga*', which means detachment by mind and action. The detachment is proved by two ways i.e., 1) Karma Samnyaasa Yoga, which means detachment from the work aimed to yourself and your family only. The work should be aimed to the Lord. 2) Karma Phala Tyaaga Yoga, which is the detachment from the fruits aimed to yourself and your family. The fruits should be sacrificed to God. If it is only mental detachment, it becomes 'Nishkama Yoga'. Ofcourse between mind, words and work, mind is the king. According to the instruction of mind only words and work are expressed. Between words and work, work clearly indicates the mind, because sometimes you speak something else other than what you think. But what you really think is expressed through the work sincerely.

This is the reason why the Lord told '*Nishkama Karma Yoga*', which means detachment from mind and work. He did not give place to words between mind and work. Mind and work are always in the same phase. The mind is still clearly proved by the goal to which you are sacrificing the fruit of your work. You may feel so much mentally for God. You may speak or sing so much about God. You may interpret your work as the work of God. But, when you surrender the fruit of your work to God, then only every thing is proved. Therefore, sacrifice of fruit of work is the real essence of the Gita.

Sometimes when you don't have any work to earn some fruit out of it, you may surrender your work to the mission of God. But when you earn some fruit from the work and if you surrender that fruit to God, that gives the real proof of your love or devotion to God. That is why, the Veda says '*Dhanena tyāgenaikena*', which means that only by sacrifice of the fruit of

work, one can attain the Lord. That is the real test of Lord Datta. Saktuprastha was also tested in the same point. That is the fire test to find whether your mind is gold or gold-like glittering brass. This family is bonded to you just in this birth. It is a family in the drama. Therefore, it is not only temporary, but also unreal. You are worrying about your duties to such a dramatic association!

God is the director and producer of the millions of dramas, which are the births and in which, you are passing like an actor. He is your employer and He maintains you as an employee. This relationship is real and permanent from the beginning of this creation. Madhva told that this relationship is the only relationship between the Lord and the soul (*Sevya – Sevaka Sambandha*). Therefore, what is your real duty? The primary duty is to serve your employer. You are forgetting the real duty and attending false duties. You say that attending these false duties is the essence of the Gita! Shankara left His mother, Prahlada condemned his father, Buddha left His wife and son and Miiraa left her husband for the sake of God. Such souls are fully liberated since they are detached from this world by mind, words and work also. They have reached the end of the Yoga. You are just in the beginning of Yoga. If you don't know this truth, you will sit on the first step itself thinking that it is the final step. Of course you are better than the people who are attached to this world by mind and work also. One mark is better than zero marks. But one mark is not hundred marks. To progress in the spiritual effort you must look at the ninety-nine steps to be climbed up and not at the first step, which you have already crossed.

168. You say that fish etc., should not be eaten. Then, what is the purpose of creating this fish etc., by God?

Swami replied:- Suppose I say that the purpose of creating the man is also to supply the food to tigers, lions, man-eating hunters in the forests, etc., how do you feel? Why don't you allow tigers and lions to freely come to villages and towns and have their food? A soul is being punished through these births of fish etc. A bird, fish, etc., does not store any thing for future. Thus, the soul is in the training of decreasing its selfish behaviour. *A sinner who amasses the wealth of others and goes on storing for selfish purpose is born as fish etc.* By leading a life of a fish, which does not store even food for tomorrow, the soul is learning the selfless attitude. Punishment is only meant for change. Thus, the births of fish etc., is for a particular purpose of its soul in the spiritual path. God is the teacher who punishes all these souls, which are His students. If you view God in this angle, you will understand God as the kindest teacher. A sinner who stores the wealth and does not donate to others, gets the birth of a plant or tree. The plant or tree

stores the excess earned food in the form of fruits and is forcibly made to donate these fruits to the living beings. Thus, a soul in a tree is forced to learn sacrifice, which is the most essential part of the spiritual effort. Thus, God is leading all the souls towards the highest spiritual goal. If you understand this real purpose, you will not dream of eating those living beings. Will you kill your classmate who is learning? This whole world is a single classroom with the single teacher who is 'Guru Datta', meaning the Lord given to this world in the form of a teacher. Even in the green plant a soul exists and therefore, should not be cut. From this point of view, the Lord came in the human forms like Buddha and Mahavir Jain and preached the non-violence as the highest duty of a human being. The Hindu Dharma Shastra (Manu Smriti) clearly condemns such killing (*Ahimsā paramo dharmah*).

169. Can You explain Your spiritual knowledge through the concepts of science to the present Scientists, since we heard that Swami is also a Scientist?

Swami replied:- Science is the logical analysis of the items existing in this creation based on only one authority that is perception (Pratyaksha Pramanam). Even in the ancient logic, all the authorities (Pramanas) are based on perception only. You see the fire giving smoke. This is deduction or perception. When you see the smoke coming from a distance and do not see the fire, you say that fire exists there and this is induction or inference (Anumana Pramanam). But this induction is based on your previous deduction only. Somebody says to you that fire gives smoke. If that person is your dearest, you believe it and infer the fire from the smoke. This is authority of word 'Shabda Pramanam'. Though you have not seen the fire, your dearest person has seen the smoke coming from fire. Like this all the authorities are based on perception only. I do not find any scripture of any religion, which contradicts the experience of perception. There are four ways of authority. 1) Shruti, which is the original scripture. 2) Smriti, which is the commentaries of Scholars on the original scripture. 3) Yukti, the logical analysis based on deduction, induction etc. 4) Anubhava, the experience based on the perception of the items in this world, which may be direct or indirect. Out of these four ways, the fourth way is the most powerful. If anything contradicts the fourth way, that is not valid or it may be a misinterpretation based on misunderstanding of the Shruti or Smriti or Yukti. Thus, Science and Philosophy are not separate. The very frame of the spiritual knowledge is Science only. Thus, Science is the basic foundation and overall underlying structure of all the Scriptures.

A true Scientist should always stand on the perception and should not deny the experience derived by perception. If he denies, he is not a

scientist. All top most scientists were philosophers and spiritual people only. Those scientists have travelled along the river of science and reached its end, which is the ocean of spiritual knowledge called as philosophy. Philosophy is pervading all the branches of science. Every branch of science gives Ph.D. as the final degree. Ph.D. means Doctor in Philosophy. If Science and Philosophy are different, why this word Philosophy is regarded so much by all the branches of science? Philosophy means the essence of the knowledge of every branch that is experienced when one reaches the end of that branch. Therefore, the spiritual knowledge, which is the ocean, is the Philosophy in which all branches of science and all the Religions merge and lose their identity. A scientist who has not reached the end of science and who is still traveling in the river only denies the existence of the ocean, since he is still perceiving the limiting boundaries of his knowledge—river. Such river—travelers are called as atheists. They neither see the ocean nor see the other rivers. Even the follower of any particular Religion is in the state of this atheist only. He is no better than these atheists because he believes that God is a particular form only, which is a small part of this creation. Some other followers believe God as formless, who is the all-pervading cosmic energy. Since cosmic energy is also a part of the creation, their form of God is very big. These atheist-scientists believe that this creation is God. Thus, all these are atheists only. All these atheists, who may be scientific atheists or religious atheists, will realize the true nature of God only when they reach the end of the Science or Religion.

A scientific atheist is contradicting his own authority, which is the perception. When the human incarnation performs the inexplicable miracles, how can they deny the perception of such miracles? You may do that miracle in an alternative way, but that does not contradict the different path of the original miracle. One may get first class by copying. Such false first class cannot contradict the genuine first class. The result is same, but the process is different. You may produce ash by putting a fine powder of wet salt in the grooves of your hand like a magician. The same ash may be produced by a divine miracle also. Since the result is same, can you argue that the process also should be same? Since the first class result is same in the case of the original student and a fraud student, do you mean that the hard work of the original student is fraud? Do you mean that the original and fraud students are one and the same? Therefore, the same result can have two different processes. Since the result is same, processes need not be same. Do you mean that a result has only one process? Is it not contradicting the very fundamentals of science? A Chemical compound can

be produced in several ways (Hess Law). Since the compound is same, do you mean that the alternative reactions are also one and the same? Same Chennai city can be reached by several ways. Since the end City is same, do you mean that all the paths are not different? Do you mean that all the paths are merged as one path only and thus, there is only one path to reach the Chennai city? Therefore, conservative scientists and conservative religious followers can be categorized as immature analysts. The immaturity indicates their position in the river and maturity indicates their position in the end of the river, which is the ocean. Einstein, Newton, Heisenberg etc., are the top most scientists who have traveled and traveled along the Science river and reached the final spiritual ocean.

Philosophy, which is the spiritual knowledge, travels in one direction in the circle of research. Science, which is the physical knowledge, travels in the opposite direction in the same circle of research. A Philosopher or a Scientist should travel extensively, so that they will meet at the same point in the circle. If they are in the middle of their journey only, they will be opposite to each other and therefore, will fight with each other. The Philosopher says that God is beyond this world and He is inexplicable. The Scientist says that this world itself is God and accepts the inexplicable points in the nature. The Philosopher says that God pervades all over the world. The Scientist accepts the inexplicable nature of the world, though some concepts of the world are explicable. When God is inexplicable, the very characteristic nature of the God is only inexplicability. Philosopher calls the explicability as the creation and the inexplicability as God. The explicable part is agreed by both philosopher and scientist. The inexplicable part of the world is also accepted by both. This inexplicability is called as God by the Philosopher and the Scientist calls the same as inexplicability. The Scientist says that there is wire and heat in a hot wire. The Philosopher says that the fire and the wire are co-existing. The only difference is in words. The Scientist calls heat and the Philosopher calls the heat as fire. The wire is the explicable part of the world, which is agreed by all. A Scientist calls the other inexplicable part as a property by calling it as heat. The Philosopher calls the same as the possessor of the property i.e., fire. The intensive heat is fire. Thus, the possessor of a property and the property are one and the same. The Scientist says the independent existence of the inexplicable power as an independent existence of a field of energy. The Philosopher says that there is a substratum of that field of energy, which is called as God and which, is not perceived so far. The Scientist accepts that they have to go still deeper. The Philosopher infers the existence of the substratum in such a deeper state. The argument of the Philosopher is that

power cannot independently exist and needs a possessor. Suppose the Sun is not seen due to overlapping cloud, it should not be concluded that the light transmitting through the cloud is independently existing power. The Scientist may see the Sun in future after piercing through the cloud. So, where is the difference or quarrel between a matured Philosopher and a matured Scientist?

The inference of the Philosopher is based on the perception of a similar concept existing in the explicable part of the world. The Scientist does not believe this because it is not a perception of the direct concept. Both have not seen the Sun. Both accept the perception of light. Both accept that their search and research has not reached the end. At this stage the Philosopher infers the Sun, whereas the Scientist does not infer the Sun but still accepts that the final truth is still to be achieved after piercing through the cloud of ignorance. At this point the support for the Philosopher is the Human Incarnation, which preaches the existence of such substratum. If the Scientist accepts the alternative genuine path of the miracles, the human incarnation definitely becomes the final authority about the existence of the possessor of such inexplicable power. If the Scientist has patience to reach the bottom most end, he will become a spiritual philosopher. An impatient Scientist existing in some middle place of the path becomes the atheist.

Chapter 27

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O Learned and Devoted Servants of God,**170. Why did Bhishma pray to Krishna for salvation?**

[Bhishma was a pure soul with purest character - Krishna is characterless, but Bhishma prayed Krishna for salvation. How is this possible?]

Swami replied: Krishna was the Lord who was covered by some bad qualities like a diamond covered by coal ash. Bhishma was the soul covered by good qualities like charcoal covered by lime powder. Both can be washed away by a jug of water. The Lord is purest like diamond and came down for entertainment to have a black coat. The Jiiva, individual soul is the very substance of impurity and might have achieved some good character like white coat. Attachment of Lord Krishna is superficial and is detached in the core. The detachment of Bhishma is also superficial and he is attached in the core. The individual soul can become pure by such white coats in millions of births. The charcoal is transformed into diamond after millions of white coats. But Lord Krishna's attachment can be broken in a fraction of a second. He was very deeply attached to Gopikas. But once, He left Brindavanam He never returned back. Bhishma could not properly understand even Dharma. When Draupadi was insulted, he kept silent thinking that loyalty to the king is the highest Dharma. But Dharma Shastra says that torture of good and innocent people is highest injustice. Prevention of such highest injustice will be the highest justice. He failed to understand the highest justice in this case. He thought that loyalty to the king is highest justice. When one cannot even understand Dharma, how can he understand spirituality? He knows that Krishna is the Lord and the Lord should be higher than even the highest justice. Again, he gave importance to the loyalty to the king and wounded the Lord in the war.

You say that Krishna is characterless because you are not aware of the background. Gopikas were sages, who asked the Lord in the previous birth for salvation. Salvation means liberation from bonds. The strongest bonds are 1) Bond with wife or husband, 2) Bond with children and 3) Bond with money. As per the request of sages, He attracted Gopikas and danced with them in Brindavanam to cut their bonds with their husbands. He attracted their children, who were not loyal to their parents. This was done to cut the bond with their children. He stole butter, which was their self-earned wealth and which was the fruit of their work. This was done to cut their bonds with

money. Thus, there was a background even for that black coat on the diamond. You can follow the logic to recognize the Lord. But once the Lord is recognized the logic should not be applied to Him. He is beyond logic as said in the Veda "*Naiṣā tarkeṇa*". Unless He Himself reveals, any human brain can never understand the logic in His actions. There is super logic in His actions, which is not grasped by us and this does not mean that He deviates from the logic. The logic in His actions is a multi-dimensional network, connecting so many parameters, which are beyond our imagination. For ex:- We don't know the incidents in the previous births, which are the reasons for the present actions. Without knowing the previous birth of Gopikas and their request in the previous birth, we mistake Lord Krishna and we think that it is a black coat. But when it is analysed, it also becomes white. Similarly, the white coat of Bhishma, which is the loyalty to the king becomes black, when the deep analysis is done.

Therefore, Bhishma is an individual soul who is the black charcoal and the white coat on this charcoal is also black on deep analysis. Krishna is the Lord who is the diamond and the black coat on this diamond is also white on deep analysis. Scholars cannot do such a deep analysis. Only Lord Datta who is the divine preacher can give such deep analysis. Bhishma realized all this at the end and prayed Lord Krishna for salvation. He could not get this realization in the court or in the war. Only on the bed of arrows i.e., in the period of difficulties he could get the self-realization. Thus, difficulties are the real friends, which activate the soul and impart the true knowledge. A happy life makes the brain mild and intoxicated with egoism and thus, the soul falls down. That is why Kunti requested the Lord to give always difficulties only.

171. Should we not condemn the false knowledge preached by fraud preachers?

[The knowledge of a Sadguru like You is correct. Should we not condemn the false knowledge preached by all these fraud preachers?]

Swami replied: In this world, only atheist is the fraud preacher and you should condemn such fraud preachers who preach that God does not exist. All the other preachers who accept the existence of God are not fraud teachers and therefore, nobody should condemn them. A person who teaches that you should not go to the school at all is a fraud teacher and should be vehemently condemned. But all the teachers in the school or college or university are not fraud teachers. They are true teachers who suit to different levels of the students. You should not scold the schoolteacher after going to college. When you leave the college and go to the university you should not scold the lecturer of the college after hearing to the University professor. The schoolteacher, the college lecturer and the

University professor constitute the ladder of knowledge for all the students to climb up. The lower step should not be condemned after reaching the higher step. In the lower stage of knowledge, there will be some errors and mistakes, which suit the students of that level. The Gita says the same (*Sarvambhā hi doṣeṇa*). The schoolteacher preaches the idol worship, which is suitable to the lowest cadre. In this stage, people are with full jealousy and egoism. Their mental capacity is also low. Due to egoism and jealousy, they cannot worship the human form of Lord. Due to low mental capacity, they cannot imagine formless God who is all pervading like space or cosmic energy. Moreover, the devotion needs the worship of a limited form. Devotees want to serve the Lord and they cannot serve the formless Lord. Due to these points, a statue, which is a representative model is the best at this stage. The college lecturer preaches the formless God. The mental capacity of the student is grown to imagine the all-pervading God like space or energy. But the egoism and jealousy are not removed. So the student goes to the second step and meditates upon the formless God due to higher mental capability, but cannot worship the human form of the Lord due to egoism and jealousy. Therefore, due to the mistakes present in the students, the knowledge of that stage should be also erroneous to suit the students. In this second stage, the all-pervading nature of God is realised, but not the living nature of God.

When the jealousy and egoism are completely eradicated and the mind is completely purified (Chitta Suddhi), Shankara says that such a student is eligible for 'Brahma Jnana Yoga', which is university level. At this final stage, the student recognises and accepts the human form of Lord. The student worships the limited human form and also gets all his or her doubts clarified. This facility of living nature is not available in formless God or statue. But unless the egoism and jealousy are completely removed this final stage is not at all possible. The student after doing P.G. course at University level goes to higher levels like Ph.D. or post-doctoral level. In this last stage a student is fixed on the concept of monoism or advaita. In this stage the student believes that the human body of the Lord and the Lord are one and the same like the electric wire and the electricity. In this stage whatever the human incarnation says is the Veda and whatever the human incarnation does is dharma. The student will not search the Vedas or Dharma Shastras to verify what the Lord said is in Veda or not or what the Lord did is dharma or not? Hanuman and Gopikas were students of such research level. Dharma Raja was a P.G. Student only. When the Lord ordered him to tell a lie in the war Dharma Raja verified the Lord's word in Dharma Shastra and refused to tell the lie.

The Veda available today is a very small portion of the total Veda said by the Lord. The present Vedas are only one-year recitation of sage Bharadwaja who recited the Vedas for 300 years. Even after 300 years, the sage found the remaining Vedas as large hills. Whatever he recited in 300 years was only a handful stone of that hill. This is said in the Veda (*Anantā vai vedāḥ*). Since the Lord is the author of the Veda, the research student believes that whatever is said by the human incarnation is the Veda, which may be existing in the remaining part of the Veda. This is 100% faith in human incarnation, which is the research level. If the devotee has 99% faith only, he will verify the Lord's preaching with the Vedas and the Shastras. For such P.G. Students only, the Lord preaches quoting the Vedas and the Shastras. For a research student the Vedas and the Shastras need not be quoted. Shankara quoted the Vedas and the Shastras for P.G. Students. Shri Rama Krishna Paramahansa never quoted the Vedas and the Shastras and His preaching was for the research level students.

Chapter 28

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O Learned and Devoted Servants of God,**172. Should I obey my parents who prevent me from donating money to the Sadguru?**

[My parents are objecting my sacrifice of Guru Dakshina to Sadguru or God. They say that God does not need money. Shall I respect my parents or shall I follow my spiritual line?]

Swami replied:- The concept of Guru Dakshina comes as sacrifice of the fruit of your work to Sadguru or God. This is the path and actually and this is only the path as said in the Veda '*Dhanena tyāgenaikena...*'. This is a big bomb for all the intellectual selfish people who tried to misinterpret this text in opposite sense by inserting the word '*na*' before the word '*Dhanena ...*'. But, the same concept was repeatedly stressed in the Gita as sacrifice of fruit of work (Karma Phala Tyaaga). These intellectuals could not misinterpret the Gita because the concept was repeated.

The main point is that the sacrifice of fruit is the real expression or sign of spontaneous true love. You are sacrificing all your wealth, which is the accumulated fruit of your work to your children. If you are not a householder or if you are a poor householder, atleast you will sacrifice the work (Karma samnyaasa). In such case, your work (a form of energy) is the fruit (matter) since matter and energy are inter-convertible forms. Sacrifice of words, mental feelings and intellectual discussions is not done in the case of your children. Therefore, you yourself gave the proof of a real love and you yourself cannot contradict it. You are also sure that your love on your children is true and is not false. Therefore, I am extending your own concept to God.

Your true love on God can be proved only by the sacrifice of work and fruit of work. Now, you cannot contradict your own concept and say that sacrifice of words, mind and intelligence to God is real love. You cannot say that since children need money, it is given to them and since God does not need money, it need not be given to God. Even if your son is well settled and is the owner of ten self-earned houses, you are sacrificing your house to your son only even though he is not in need of it. You are not sacrificing your house to an outsider even though he is in need of it. Therefore, need is not the criterion. Your sacrifice of your house is a spontaneous expression of your love towards your son. Similarly, in case of Sadguru or God, the same concept is applied.

If your wife or son opposes such sacrifice, there is some meaning because they are younger to you and are ignorant. But your old parents should not contradict your sacrifice to God because they have come to the end of life. They should sacrifice to God more than you. But, you must clarify with your parents whether they oppose the sacrifice to God or sacrifice to Sadguru who may not be really the God. Before you do the sacrifice, you must analyse the Sadguru and you must know what are the real signs of God from the scriptures. If the God is in that Sadguru, the Sadguru must show those real signs of God. You must refuse your parents if they oppose sacrifice to God, because parents are not greater than God. As long as God is not in the competition, parents are highest within the boundaries of the world. Therefore, if that Sadguru is not God, he is only a man. Then, to sacrifice to a man you must take the permission of your parents. Therefore, the whole point lies whether the Sadguru you have selected is really God or not. You must concentrate on this point because any error in the analysis will make you cheated. I have already given a very detailed procedure for analysing the Sadguru.

Your path is perfectly correct, which is the sacrifice of work and fruit of work but your goal must also be correct. You want to reach Tajmahal, which is in Agra only. If you think that Tajmahal is in Madras, your path to Madras may be correct. But, due to error in the goal you cannot achieve the goal even though path is correct. Similarly, you must believe that God comes in human form and that particular human form must be identified. If you think that God is all pervading like space or God is in the body of radiation or God is in a statue or God is in every human being, you have lost the address of the goal. It will be just equal to think that Tajmahal is in Delhi or Mumbai or Madras or Bangalore. You may be correct in the address of goal but if the path is not correct, then also you have lost the goal. It is just like that you may know that Tajmahal is in Agra, but the path to Agra is not correctly identified. You may recognise the Sadguru, who is the real goal. But, if you sacrifice words, mind and intelligence only to Him, you cannot achieve the grace of God. You must not only recognise God hidden in a particular human form but also you must serve Him by sacrificing work and fruit of work. Once you are sacrificing the work and fruit of work your sacrifice is 99%. In such case, you must sacrifice that 1% also to make it 100%. When you sacrifice food, which is your hard-earned money, why should you hesitate to sacrifice a jug of water, which is freely supplied by the municipal tap? That 1% sacrifice is sacrifice of words, mind and intelligence.

Your parents were your enemies in the previous birth. They will be your enemies in the future birth. Your bond with them neither existed before this birth nor will exist after this birth. Gaudapada, who is the Guru of Shankara said that which was not before and will not be after, cannot exist now also (*Ādāvante ca...*). Shankara also told the same in His commentary (*Yadanityam...*). He stated that which is temporary is always unreal. A father and a son in a drama are not really father and son during the time of drama also. But the producer of all the dramas is always the owner and the bond with him is permanent and real. All the souls in this world are your colleagues only. Within the drama, the co-actors acting as parents may be regarded but the owner of the drama is permanent employer and should be regarded always. Therefore, as long as God or Sadguru is not identified, parents must be regarded within the limits of this world called as Pravritti. But once God in human form is identified the entire Pravritti should be rejected which is called as Nivritti and only one bond with that God should remain as said in the Gita (*Eka bhaktiḥ...*).

173. What are the various factors, which disturb the world peace and how Your universal spirituality responds?

Swami replied:- The various factors are:

i) Communal wars based on religious differences:

Every religion says that God created this entire world. Since there is only one world, there should be one God, who must be impartial to all the children in the universe. That one God must have preached the same spiritual knowledge in different languages and different countries, which were disconnected and had no communication in the old times. At that time, had He preached the true spiritual knowledge to one country only, God becomes partial because some generations in other countries passed away without the communication of that spiritual knowledge. Had they got it, at least some of them might have reached God. Ofcourse today, all the countries are connected with communication and since that special spiritual knowledge is communicated to all the countries, the disbelievers in any country must go to hell. But what about those people of those old generations who went to hell due to only one single point, which is that, they were not communicated at that time? For no fault of them, they went to hell. The assumption that those unfortunate souls can take human rebirth now to hear that special knowledge on this earth is also ruled out since you say that there is no rebirth for the soul. All this makes God partial.

Let us assume that God taught that special knowledge in that old time to a particular country because that country only was containing all the deserving human beings. It is just like the intensive coaching given to a

special class containing top most students. This is also ruled out because at that time the worst souls were also present in every country. This is proved because at that time the people of that country only killed Jesus who gave that special knowledge. If Krishna gave that special knowledge at that time, several enemies fought with Him. Similarly, Mohammed fought with several enemies. Therefore, the partiality of God to a special group of deserving people is also ruled out. If you say blindly that God is partial to a particular country only irrespective of deserving and undeserving souls, God should have been blind like you.

Faith is the final part of the path to reach God. But faith should not be blind. It shall be the result of true knowledge, which is the fruit of logical analysis. Science also believes a concept. But that concept must have been established by practical experiments followed by detailed logical analysis. Such faith stands permanently and will appeal even to the hearts of scholars apart from ordinary people. Such faith alone can be universal. If faith is to be accepted without logic, a terrorist may come to kill you. His faith is to kill the people. Do you respect his faith and get killed by him? No, you will resist and get him arrested and produce him in the court. The advocate and judge ask for the reason and hold logical arguments. Let the judge and advocate believe the faith and let them not discuss the case. Will you be satisfied?

In the scripture of every religion, the corresponding human incarnation gave statements like 'I am the light, I am the path, I and My father are one and the same, one can reach My father only through Me' etc. Every fanatic follows that particular human being only quoting the scripture of his religion only. There is a neutral person. Which religion he should join? Every shopkeeper is shouting that his shop is only the best shop and invites the single customer. The above concept of one God and one world clearly demands the unity in all the human incarnations and in all the religious scriptures. Statements of those scriptures if properly interpreted can achieve this. The word 'I' means the human incarnation in general. It is called Emmanuel in Bible, which means that God comes to live with the human beings. The Gita also says that God enters the human body. The God pervades all over the human body like current pervading all over the wire. The current and the wire become one and the same. This is the interpretation of oneness of father and the son. One can experience God only through the medium in which he is also present. Thus, the human beings can experience God through human incarnation only. This is the interpretation of the statement that one can reach the father only through the son. The human incarnation preaches clearly the special knowledge like a

light showing every minute detail. Such interpretations reveal the real universal meaning of scriptures.

When a mother says to her children ‘all of you must serve me’, that does not mean that she should be served by all the children in the world. The children residing far cannot serve her. Her statement should be limited to her children only and you should limit her as the mother of those children only. If you generalize her as a mother, then it means that every child should serve its mother. Therefore, limitation is ignorance of conservatism and generalisation is the true universal knowledge.

ii) **Poverty, Corruption etc.:**

A poor man is suffering and poverty is the punishment given for the previous sin committed by the soul. If such a poor person is helped, it amounts to interference in the administration of God. The punishment is given for a change and you need not sympathise it. The parental love of the Lord is greater than your brotherly love. Only the grace of God can end the punishment forever. Therefore, you preach divine knowledge and devotion and then assist that poor person. The divine knowledge and devotion will bring a change in him and you have served the purpose of the punishment. Then God is pleased with you and also will show grace on that poor person. The poverty will vanish forever. Therefore, social service must be integrated with spiritual mission. Shankara told the same (*Loka sevaka mata khandanam*) and Mother Theresa did the same. Mere social service is like a simple boarding and lodging given to the hostel students without the primary teaching in the classes. Therefore, the aim of terrorism gives only temporary and apparent relief whereas the spiritual mission based social work is a permanent solution. The discoveries of scientists without any spiritual basis, which were expected to serve the society, have harmed the society. If one reads, the latest environmental science, it becomes clear.

Corruption is grabbing the wealth of others for the sake of comforts of one’s own body and one’s own family. The body is like a seat in the train and you are the soul like the passenger. The family members are like just benchmates in the same train. For the comfort of yourself and of your benchmates, you are troubling the other passengers in the train and this is corruption. Life is just a matter of one-hour train journey. Your benchmates will get down at their respective destinations and will not remember you. You have to leave your seat also. After the death, you have to leave the family members who do not recognise you in the next birth. After getting down from the train, you have to face the interview with God, which leads you to permanent happiness or misery. Therefore, you must concentrate on the preparation of interview even during journey and not on the comforts of

your seat and bench mates. The bonds with benchmates are temporary and unreal. Shankara says that whatever is temporary must be unreal. The bond, which did not exist before and will not exist in future, does not exist in the present time also. Such spiritual realisation can only give a permanent control of corruption.

iii) The Fight between Atheists and Theists:

The atheists believe the logical conclusions based on practical experience and in things present before the naked eye (perception). The real spiritual knowledge can satisfy all these requirements. The human incarnation of the God is before the eyes. All the bonds with family and wealth are before the eyes and liberation from such bonds called salvation is also before eyes. One can experience God through the human incarnation in this world itself and in this very life itself. Infinite love and bliss derived from the special divine knowledge preached by the human incarnation are enjoyed here itself. Enjoyment of love and bliss is the goal of any worldly bond. This is called Jiivanmukti, which means the salvation here itself while you are alive. Whatever one achieved while alive only, continues with the soul after the death also. Thus, perception is the basis for the invisible future also.

174. If pure awareness is God, then isn't every human being God?

[Whether it is human incarnation or I, the soul, which is pure awareness, is one and the same. The same cosmic pure awareness is God. Thus, I have an equal right of heritage from God, like the human incarnation. Should I not treat every human being as God? Is this not the easiest path?]

Swami replied: The medium in the human incarnation and human being is one and the same. The medium consists of three bodies. 1) The gross body like a glass tumbler, 2) subtle body like the waves of water present in the tumbler & 3) the cause body which is the water without waves. The gross body is made of five elements. The waves of water are the good and bad qualities (Sattvam, rajas and tamas). The cause body is pure awareness, which is called as the soul. Thus, the medium is common in both. But there is fourth item in the human incarnation, God, which entered the medium. Ofcourse God is invisible and is even unimaginable. But, the human incarnation gives the experience of God to human being. The human being is like a wire without current. The human incarnation is also a wire but with invisible current. The current is only experienced but not visible to eyes. The wire is visible to eyes. Thus, there is difference between human incarnation and human being. There is no difference between God and human incarnation. There is only difference in bodies. The body of God is this universe and the body of human incarnation is the limited human body. Both the bodies are qualitatively same but

qualitatively differ because both the bodies can be defined by three-dimensional space co-ordinates which are called as volume. But God is beyond space and so one and the same in human incarnation as well as in the universe.

It is wrong to think that God is pure awareness. The pure awareness is the finest item of creation. The Gita calls it as Para Prakruti. Prakruti means creation. Scholars have misunderstood that God is pure awareness because God wished to create this world. They bend God by the rules of creation. According to the natural laws, anything that wishes must be life or awareness. God can wish even without being life or awareness. Infact, the awareness is created as a property of the life by God only. The Veda says that God will turn this world into ash at the end. This does not mean that God should be fire. Therefore, you are the medium only and you have the right of inheritance of being part and parcel of the creation but not the creator. Even Hanuman, the greatest soul did not aspire oneness with God. Are you greater or wiser than Hanuman?

By believing every human being as God, we cannot achieve the fruit, which is the grace of God. ***Apart from your faith, that human being should be actually God.*** Mere belief cannot achieve the results if there is no truth in the object. If you have really cold water before you and believe that by touching it you will get happiness, then only the result is achieved. If you have fire before you, but if you believe it as cold water and touch it, the desired result is not achieved. Some people treat their children to be God. Such treatment cannot give the desired result because the child is not God. ***You must love God as your child but not love your child as God.*** It is only misinterpretation and self-cheating.

If you are unable to climb 100 steps, don't put the label on 10th step by writing that it is the 100th step. By such act the 10th step cannot become the final step. Don't modify the rule to bring it to your level. Don't cut the foot to the size of shoe. What is the use of false satisfaction? Realise the truth always. You try constantly to reach it. God will certainly help you. Only one in the class can get the gold medal. But, everybody has a right to try for it. ***To get the grace of God and to become His servant is the final goal but not to become God.*** Ofcourse, every human being becomes eligible to the grace of God. If God wishes, He can enter any human body for some divine purpose. During His stay in your human body, you are one and the same with the God. But, you should not demand for it as a right. ***God enters only when the egoism and jealousy in human being are completely removed.*** The jealousy and egoism in human being make him think that he is the human incarnation of God. Hanuman never aspired to

become God. He always remained as a servant of God. But God made Him the future creator. That means Hanuman became God. He never tried or even aspired even in the dream. The oneness with God is not inherited property and also cannot be achieved by any effort. It is given by God to most deserving devotee whenever there is a need for the divine mission in this world. That is given based on love and kindness of the God on the deserving devotee provided there is a need.

Mere awareness, mere love and mere bliss cannot be the integrated criterion in the recognition of God. There is awareness, love and bliss in the case of even a prostitute. She has life or awareness. She makes you love her. She gives infinite happiness. But she is not God, because she is not associated with the special infinite spiritual knowledge of truth. Wherever such knowledge exists, awareness, love and bliss follow. Therefore, the only integrated sign of God is such special knowledge, which is called as *Prajnanam* in the Veda. Love and bliss are automatically generated through that special knowledge. Where there is knowledge, awareness must be automatically associated with it. Therefore, such special knowledge, which is automatically followed by awareness, love and bliss, is the real sign of God. Mere awareness, love and bliss cannot be divine signs. This means that only a special human being like Krishna, Buddha, Jesus, Mohammed can be God and not every human being. If every human being is God, where is the necessity of spiritual effort?

175. What is the significance of early morning in the worship of God?

Swami replied:- Early morning is called Brahma Muhurtam, which means that it is the time to worship God. At that time, all the people are in deep sleep and nobody will disturb you. The atmosphere is sacred because the vibrations of mind involved in world matters are not emitted from the people since they are in deep sleep. Mind is also a form of energy. Mind disappears in deep sleep. The atmosphere is not polluted by the radiations of worldly feelings. At that time, devotees awake and pray God. Their pure mental rays pervade all over the world and make the time sacred. Thus, it becomes congenial and encouraging atmosphere. After sunrise people awake and the materialistic mental radiations are emitted through their physical senses. The atmosphere is polluted. People will disturb you dragging you to materialistic discussions. Even by seeing face, you will be affected. If you see a devotee, you become sacred. The mind and body are interrelated. Since mind is energy and energy is matter, even if you see the body, the mind in that body is emitted out affecting you. Therefore, avoid

even the vision of materialistic people, not to say about their touch, conversation and co-living.

After sunrise when you worship God, close your eyes to avoid such people. But, their mental radiations spread all over the cosmos and are inevitable. It is better to walk in the early morning while singing devotional songs. Morning walk is good for health. Apart from this, the mind desires dynamic condition of the body. The body was in static condition all over the night. Mind is always for a change. Satisfy the mind and you should not unnecessarily control the mind when it is not necessary. You can pray God even without bath. The Veda, the Gita and the very first verse of Sandhyavandanam say that God can be worshipped irrespective of physical formalities. After some time, body is tired and the mind needs rest. By that time, sunrise is over. Now you sit at a place and worship God closing your eyes. Thus, the time has its own invisible effect on the spiritual effort. Sattvam is prominent in the early morning. Rajas is prominent in the day time. Tamas is prominent in the night. Therefore, early morning is the divine time called as Brahma Muhurtam.

176. Did Arjuna not worship Lord Krishna who was the human incarnation?

Swami replied:- Arjuna is called as Nara. Nara means a human being. He perfectly represented the state of a human being. The human being has always a mixed feeling. He is a mixture of faith and doubt. Due to faith Pandavas won the war. But due to the doubt, they were really defeated because all their sons who are the heirs of kingdom were killed. Nara was associated with Narayana for thousands of years. But still he slipped from the grip. Arjuna was born as a hunter in the next birth. Sometimes he believed Krishna and sometimes he doubted. One day Krishna asked Arjuna to look up the top of tree, whether there was a bird. Arjuna told yes. Then Krishna told whether that was a flower. Arjuna again told yes. Then Krishna asked Arjuna regarding his blind support. Then Arjuna told that whatever Krishna says, it will happen. This is a scene of full belief. But you see another scene. Arjuna was prepared to fight with Krishna to protect Gaya. This is the scene of full doubt. Had he believed Krishna fully, what is the necessity for him to go to Himalayas to get Paashupatastram? Just like the present human being, he was fond of energetic body of God. Due to this, he did long penance and had the vision of Shiva, the energetic body. He worshipped Shiva lingam in Himalayas, which is a model representing the formless God. The Shiva lingam indicates the wave of energy. It represents God in the form of all-pervading energy. He kept a small statue of Hanuman on the chariot and the picture of

Hanuman on the flag. This shows that human beings are fond of statues and pictures. Arjuna also saw Shiva in energetic body walking before the chariot. But, Krishna was sitting in the front of chariot as driver. But, he did not identify Krishna as God. The energetic body in front, the statue above and the human incarnation in the front are available.

Even Ravana worshipped Shiva lingam and saw Shiva in the energetic body after doing penance. But, he disbelieved Rama, who is the incarnation. Hanuman and Gopikas had full faith on the human incarnation (Rama and Krishna) without any doubt. Hanuman just slipped in one incident. He fought with Rama for the sake of His mother. Dharma raja also just slipped once. He refused to tell a lie even though Krishna ordered. Thus, both Hanuman and Dharma raja were having 99% belief. Ravana stands for complete disbelief and Arjuna is in between them. Hanuman and Gopikas are the candidates for IAS examination. Rama gave a very tough question paper. Rama was protected by Hanuman in several incidents. Rama also behaved highly selfish by showing lot of interest on His wife. He told Ravana, to return back His wife and live happily. If Ravana did this, Rama will not harm him in spite of his atrocities. That means Rama is interested in His wife and not in the welfare of society. Similarly, Gopikas were ripened sages and were IAS candidates. Krishna acted as a thief and mischievous in all respects. Neither Hanuman nor Gopikas got any doubt. If one understands these three epics, the salvation can be achieved. They are not simple stories. Every story has a hidden ocean of spiritual knowledge. Every Purana has such treasure of spiritual knowledge. Hanuman and Gopikas never worshipped formless God or God in energetic body or God as statues and photos. They worshipped the human incarnation only with a rock of faith. But Arjuna worshipped God in other ways.

Ramayana and Bhagavatam speak about the achievement of God. Bhaaratam speaks the problems in such spiritual effort. There is no difficulty in understanding or in accepting formless God or God in energetic body or God as statue or picture. But, the human incarnation shows birth, death, hunger, illness etc., in the gross body. This creates doubt. The doubt becomes stronger when the human incarnation exhibits bad qualities (Rajas and tamas) through the subtle body. Actually, God enters only the energetic bodies or the living bodies. In the upper world, God is seen in energetic body. But, such energetic forms are meant only for the souls having energetic bodies in the upper world. When the soul leaves the gross body in this world, it immediately takes energetic body to go to the upper world. In this world, God enters animals etc., also but they are not for preaching. They are only for destroying the demons. Mainly He enters

the human body for the sake of human beings. Regarding statues and photos, they are only representative models. You can worship them assuming that they are God. But actually, they are not God. Similarly, you can love your son assuming him as child Krishna. But you should remember that it is only representative worship and your son is not actually Krishna. Thus, Brahma Vidya is most difficult in understanding and accepting human incarnation. Unless egoism and jealousy are completely destroyed, none can accept the human incarnation. That is why people see Brahma Vidya as most difficult subject.

177. Should we watch how the Sadguru spends the donated money?

[When guru Dakshina is given to Sadguru, my mother says that we should watch the Sadguru about the expenditure of that donation. Is it correct?]

Swami replied: This statement is not correct. Once you decide Him as Sadguru, you must have 100% belief that He is God. If you have any trace of doubt, then he is only guru and not Sadguru. Guru is a devotee and scholar. The word ‘*Sat*’ means God according to the Veda. Therefore, you must take long time to analyse and distinguish the guru and Sadguru. Guru is the guide and shows the path to reach God. Sadguru is the human incarnation, who is both guide and goal. Narada was guru but Krishna was Sadguru. The composition of guru is gross body, subtle body and cause body. The composition of Sadguru is also these three bodies, but these three bodies are charged and pervaded all over by God. If guru misuses guru Dakshina, he will be punished by God. If Sadguru misuses it, that is not misuse at all. It is properly used which will appear as misuse apparently. We do not know the background of it. You must have 100% faith and should not doubt Him in any angle. Infact the entire world is His immovable property. All the living beings are His movable property. You are part parcel of His property. Where is the concept of donation? The Veda says that when you give Guru Dakshina to Sadguru, you must give it with shyness and fear. Generally, people give excess of money as Guru Dakshina. You are permitted to take from His property for your basic needs only. If you have earned excess, you have stolen His wealth. The Veda says the same (*Mā grdhah...*). You are returning the stolen wealth to owner as guru dakshina. Therefore, you must fear and feel shy. You must also give secretly (Gupta daanam) because returning back the stolen wealth to its owner should not be done openly. The Veda says the same (*Hriyā deyam, bhiyā deyam*). The Veda also says that before giving guru Dakshina, a very deep logical analysis must be done to decide weather he is a guru or Sadguru. When you donate money to a temple, it is taken by the trust, which consists of good devotees. They are not God. They are most likely to

err. Certainly, they will not steal the money, but they do not know how to spend it properly. Generally, they spend it on constructions and create more facilities to visitors. A pilgrim should not be encouraged with facilities. In the old times the temples were in forests and on hills. Pilgrims will develop devotion only through difficulties. Thus, the money is not properly spent. It should be spent to propagate true knowledge and devotion to God. Pilgrims are coming to temples to fulfill their desires. They donate for that purpose only. The trust creates facilities to them. All this is business. The devotion and sacrifice without aspiring anything in return should be developed through the propagation of true knowledge. When they come to temples, the prostitute type or merchant type devotees should be transformed to real devotees. Money should be spent for this purpose. Your donation is either wasted or misused. For this he will be punished because it is a sin. Even if the poor people or beggars are helped by your money without preaching them devotion and spiritual knowledge, that also is a sin because it is interference in the administration of God which was explained by Me at several places.

Mahabharata says that donation to undeserving and denial of donation to deserving are the two sins. After lot of logical analysis only donation should be done because, donation brings both good and bad results. The candidate to receive the donation is most important. Time and place are not important. If the receiver is Sadguru, any place and any day are sacred. If the receiver is undeserving, even if it is a temple or even if it is a day of pious festival, sin is purchased. Instead of donating to ten undeserving people for ten days without discrimination in haste, it is better to donate the entire accumulated donation to one deserving person on one day. You feed hundred pilgrims in Benares on Shivaratri day. God is not pleased with that because your money is misused. With the same money select one deserving devotee and feed him for 100 days at any place. Lot of time should be taken in selecting the deserving person. Meanwhile go on accumulating the donation. The Veda says '*saṃvidā deyam*', which means donation must be done after lot of analysis. When you give it to Sadguru, He will spend in the best way. Sometimes He may give your Guru Dakshina to another individual. You are not happy about it because that person is undeserving. But Sadguru gave that money to him because you have stolen money from him in the previous birth. God is clearing your debt. You cannot understand His ways because He alone knows all the background. People used to give Guru Dakshina to Shirdi Sai Baba. Sometimes Baba was demanding for Guru Dakshina. He was taking the money and was pocketing it with lot of care. People misunderstood him. By next morning all the money

disappeared. Actually, in the midnight, He was giving secretly that money to some deserving devotees. How nice it would be if He gives the same money to the same deserving in the daytime in the presence of all! Was He foolish in not doing so? No. He was testing the faith of donor. Sadguru takes Guru Dakshina only to cut your bond with the money (*dhaneshanaa*). In Vishnu Puranm, the Lord said that He would take the money from a devotee if He wants to uplift him (*tasya vittam harāmyaham*). When you donate to Datta, He will not look at the donated money but He will look at the remaining money. When the Lord came as a guest to Saktuprastha, the Lord asked for the entire food. The family of Saktuprastha was fasting for the last ten days, since it was a severe drought.

Chapter 29

May 06, 2005

O Learned and Devoted Servants of God,

178. What is the real nature of Datta?

Swami replied: Datta is essentially a teacher. His very nature is the nature of a teacher. If you study the nature of teacher, you have understood the very nature of Datta. The aim of mother, father and teacher is only the welfare of the child. But, mother and father may become lenient due to their blind intensive love on the child. But, the love of a teacher (Guru) is never blind and is always aimed at the welfare of student. The love of father and mother may sometimes spoil the welfare of the child. Therefore, Datta treats all the living beings in the creation as His students and not as His issues. Therefore, the teacher is more than father and mother. The Lord created fruits for both good and bad actions. Why should He create a fruit for an action? Let there be acts without fruits. The child does mischief, but the mother or father does not punish. In that case, there is no fruit for that action. Similarly, let the Lord not punish our sins. If you expect like this, the answer is that the Lord does not behave like father or mother but behaves only as a teacher. The child gets spoiled if the mischief is tolerated. We are seeing this in the world. The teacher will never tolerate the spoiling of the child and therefore, He will not tolerate the mischief. God uses the fruits of your sins as punishments and the only aim is your welfare. This is the reason why Datta is always called as Guru Datta. Therefore, guru or teacher is greatest. The results of bad deeds are used as punishments to transform and uplift the student. Therefore, the result of a bad deed is very very useful for the transformation of the soul. The results of your good deeds are given to you just as a relaxation between two punishments. When He punishes systematically, He is called as Yama. In the interval when you receive happiness, He is Indra. Sometimes He gives severe punishments with roaring sound. He is called as Kala Bhairava at that time. The hell is the special equipment for punishment. The aim of the punishment is only the real welfare.

179. Scholars say that performing Yajna is important. Can You enlighten on this?

Swami replied:- It is correct that Yajna is most important, which is elaborately discussed in first part of the Veda called Karma Kanda. But unfortunately, the real meaning of Yajna is lost. Foolish people have

misinterpreted this. The word Yajna comes from the root word 'Yaj' which means worship and to donate. Therefore, Yajna means the process of worship with donation. There are three essential Yajnas.

1. **Havir Yajna:** Any item prepared by ghee should be donated as Tiffin.
2. **Soma Yajna:** Offering juice of soma, which is nothing but coffee or tea.
3. **Paka Yajna:** Offering full meals.

Every Yajna must be followed by the offer of guru dakshina without which, the yajna becomes useless (*adakshinā hato yajñah*). The meaning of this is that by offering food, you have donated the primary facility to satisfy the hunger. By offering Dakshina, the other facilities are also donated. Here the context is the occasion to worship the Lord through discussion of divine knowledge and singing devotional songs. It is started in the morning and goes up to noon. Light food must be taken in the beginning so that one remains energetic. One should not fast completely because the body becomes weak and the mind cannot concentrate. At the same time, heavy food must not be taken in the beginning, which gives inactive drowsiness. The Gita says that both extremities should be avoided (*nātyaśnatastu...*). At the end the meals must be offered.

Who should be worshipped in the Yajna? God will be first choice, who is called as Brahma. A devotee is the next choice, who is called as Brahmana meaning that he who knows the divine knowledge of Brahma. The last choice is any fellow who is not an atheist and who can be representative of God. This last choice can be a person who simply recited the Vedas without knowing the meaning and who is called as Vipra only and not Brahmana. The human incarnation is directly the God. God pervades all over that human body. The second address of God is the heart of a devotee. Both these are direct worships. The last choice of worship is indirect worship about which also God is pleased. If the representative of the king is honored, the king is pleased. But the representative is neither God nor God is present in the representative. The most important point is that the formless God or inert statues cannot be worshipped in Yajna because Yajna is essentially donation of food to a living being. That is the reason why you don't find any statue near Yajna. God in energetic body also cannot be worshipped because energetic body cannot eat the Tiffin, coffee and the meals. Foolish people who only recite and do not understand the Veda have brought the God in energetic body into the Yajna. They thought that Havir means directly ghee, which means only a food item prepared by ghee. When a doctor says 'avoid oil', does it mean avoiding

direct drinking of oil? Nobody drinks oil. It means only food prepared by oil. Similarly, a human being with hunger is called as Agni or fire. The Gita calls the hunger as Vyshvanara fire. You have to offer the food to the hunger fire. Fools who do not know Shastras and even the Sanskrit language have misunderstood that fire means the physical fire and ghee means directly ghee. They started pouring ghee in the physical fire (bhautikaagni or laukikaagni). Sages used to go to the place of a sage for such worship. Singing devotional songs is recitation of the Saama Veda. Spiritual discussions are the Upanishads, which come under Jnana kanda of the Veda. Yajna is offering food to devotees in such a divine seminar. This is the reason why I condemned the mere recitation of the Vedas without studying Sanskrit and the Shastras. Of course, My salutations are to ancient scholars who recited the Vedas and protected the pure text without any insertions. But those scholars studied meanings of the Vedas also. Now the Vedas are recorded in original form and there is no fear of any pollution in the future. Therefore, mere recitation of the Vedas is now not necessary.

180. What is the real secret of the Life? Why scientist is not able to synthesize life from matter and energy?

Swami replied:- When the energy, which is another form of matter only does a special function, that special function or special mechanism or special technology is called as life. Thus, life is the special work of energy. The scientist is unable to make the energy to do this special work. The scientist is unable to know this special mechanism. Thus, life is a special know-how or the knowledge of special technology. Since knowledge is power, the life can be called as special power. Let Me give you an example. A cook prepared a curry. With the same materials another cook prepared the same curry but with additional taste. This special taste is the life. The taste is not the extra material, which is hidden in the hand of second cook. The taste is only a special knowledge or talent of the second cook. The first cook is scientist and the second cook is God. God does not reveal this one special technology to human beings because the human being always wants to become God due to his inherent egoism and jealousy. Thus, God saved the human being from its fall. One should constantly remember this point and constantly surrender to God. The soul in the physical body is only a bundle of qualities and is just a computer chip. This chip is leaving the body in death. Even if you prepare that chip and introduce into the dead body with association of the required energy, the dead body can become only Robot. The difference between the human being and the Robot is this life only. The body of human being is made of living cells. Any cell can be used for cloning. But any part of Robot is non-living and cannot be used for

cloning. The dead cells of dead body cannot be transformed into living cells, which can alone make the dead person, a living person. The reason is that the mechanism of a living cell cannot be introduced into the dead cell since the scientist is ignorant of it. Therefore, life is a special work of the ordinary inert electromagnetic energy. The energy is inert and since work is also a form of energy, the work is also inert. Special work is also a work. Therefore, life is also inert. ***The word inert means that it is not independent and is under the control of a controller.*** When the controller is completely independent, you can call that controller only as life. That independent controller is God. The life is inert with reference to God. Before the life other items of creation are inert since life controls them. The life is called as 'Para Prakruti' in the Gita, which means that the life is supreme item of the creation. But the creator is more supreme than life and thus most supreme controller. This special working substance is only the inert energy, which is in the hand of the scientist also. This energy is also a form of the matter. When the food is taken, it is converted into this energy. Thus, it is not a special energy. Life is only a special work of the same inert energy, which is produced by the conversion of matter or food. The Veda also says the same (***Annāt puruṣaḥ***). This special mechanism cannot be known by searching the matter and energy present in a living cell. The taste cannot be found out by searching the materials used for cooking that curry. It is only in the form of knowledge, which should be revealed by the talented cook. When God came in human body as human incarnation, He demonstrated His special knowledge of life by raising a dead body.

Even matter is a special concept of energy only. Energy or bond, bonds the atoms. Most of the atom is vacant space only. When the finger is kept on atoms, kinetic energy of revolving electrons and the bond energy between atoms repel the finger. This leads to the experience of impermeability, which is thought as the rigid hardness and this characterizes a new word 'Matter'. Thus, matter is only a special mechanism of energy about which the scientist is aware. Similarly, life is also a special mechanism of energy about which the scientist is not aware. Life and matter are only special functions of energy. Work and energy are inter-convertible and thus energy is work. Therefore, the different experiences of the different works are called as matter, energy and life. Now comes the question 'What is the working substance?' The answer is God. The whole creation consists of matter, energy and life only, which are different forms of work. Immediately the question comes 'Who is working?' The answer is 'God is working.' When you say that the work is a form of energy, the work of God appeared as energy. When you say matter

is a form of energy, energy appeared as matter. Therefore, the result of work that is creation is only an apparent form of work of God. Thus, the whole creation is power or work of God. The different items in the creation are only the different ways of work of God only. This is represented by the dance of Shiva. The dance is the work and therefore, the whole creation is His dance only. This creation is the imagination of God (*Ichhā mātram prabhoh sṛṣṭih*). The imagination is work and the result or product of imagination is also the work or imagination. Here the work is not only the prior phase of the result but also the very phase of the result. That means the imagination is not only the work but also the product of work. This is proved scientifically. Creation is matter and energy. Matter is energy. Therefore, the creation is energy. Energy is work. Therefore, creation is work. The scientist is unable to catch the worker that is the God. He catches the work and the different ways of work only. He is also unable to catch that one special way of work i.e., life. An engineer planned house and constructed the house. The house is matter consisting of atoms bonded by bond energies. Since matter is energy the whole house is energy. The planning of engineer is work. Since energy is work, the house is work and since planning is also work, the house becomes the planning of the engineer. Engineer is also made of matter, energy and life. Since life is energy and matter is also energy, the engineer is also energy. Since the energy is work, the engineer himself is work or planning. Thus, engineer, planning and the house have been reduced to simply one item i.e., work. But there cannot be work without worker. The worker must exist. When you see the house and do not see the engineer there, are you not inferring the engineer? You also say that the entire house is the work of engineer. Therefore, seeing the work, you must infer the existence of the worker. Similarly, seeing the creation, which is the work of God, one must infer the existence of its invisible worker that is God. The second Brahma Sutra (*Janmādyasya yatah*) says the same. You cannot say that creation itself is the creator because worker and work are separately seen in this world. The house itself cannot construct itself. Such a systematically well-planned universe certainly demands the existence of its engineer.

Chapter 30

May 07, 2005

O Learned and Devoted Servants of God,**181. Since Jesus suffered for our sins, is He not our only Savior?**

[Jesus suffered for our sins on the cross and saved us. This aspect brings responsibility to every human being to follow Jesus only and not any other God. Jesus becomes the only saviour? What do You say?]

Swami replied: Please remember that if you say 100 times Jesus as God, I am saying million times that Jesus as God. Therefore, I request you to have patience to go through My analysis, which does not deviate, anywhere from the above statement. God or Holy Spirit pervaded all over the body of Jesus like electricity charges all over the wire. All the other human beings are simple wires without electricity. My straight question to you is ‘Do you call the wire as Jesus or do you call electricity as Jesus?’ The human body was born and died. But, the God who has no birth and death is eternal. As long as electricity passes through the wire, the wire and electricity are one and the same. Both are inseparable. Therefore, Jesus means both. But when the electricity leaves the wire, we recognise that wire and electricity are different. On the cross Jesus cried ‘*Oh God! Why did you leave Me?*’

If you call the human body as Jesus, then Jesus is the son of God. If you call the God as Jesus, then Jesus is the God. Since father and son are inseparable, both can also be indicated by the word Jesus. If you say Jesus exists now, it is only the God. If you say Jesus was killed on the cross, Jesus means the human body. Father and son are separate, but are inseparable as long as Jesus was alive.

Please analyse the following questions.

- i) Did Jesus suffer for the sins of all the human beings in the past, present and future? If so, you are born after crucifixion of Jesus and you did sins after the crucifixion. How He underwent punishment even before you did the sin? Punishment is given only after doing the sin. Moreover, if all the sins of all the people in all the times are cancelled by the crucifixion, which is beyond the concept of time, the hell should not have existed so far, should not exist now and should not exist in the future. In such case there should be no worry for any human being whether he followed Jesus or not?
- ii) If you say that He suffered for the sins of the people existed till His crucifixion, did He undergo punishment of the sins of the people

existed before His birth also? If you say yes, how Jesus existed before His birth? Do you say that the sins of the people existing before Jesus were kept in pending till Jesus was crucified?

- iii) If you say that Jesus suffered for the sins of all the people existed in His life time, then people existed before His birth and people existed after His death were not having that golden chance. This makes Jesus partial for one generation only. Therefore, to solve all these questions, the only path leftover is to call God as Jesus. God Jesus existed before and after that human body in all the generations. God Jesus is coming in several human incarnations. Every generation is blessed with the human incarnation to avoid the partiality to God.
- iv) It is highly illogical to say that God Jesus suffered the sins of all the people existed during His lifetime. Even an ordinary human being will never do this. God Jesus discriminates very well. Since in every generation God Jesus is coming in human form, He suffers the sins of His deserving devotees in any generation. This makes God Jesus impartial with high discrimination power. The very first page of Holy Bible (Matthew 1:21) states that '***He will save His people from their sins***'. The word 'His people' means, the deserving devotees and not all the people. Human incarnation is called as Immanuel, means 'God with us' (Matthew 1:23).

The word Datta also means the human incarnation of God that comes to earth to live with human beings. The human incarnations suffer the sins of deserving devotees and relieve them. God will never abolish the sin of any person. He will not cancel His own judgment. He will pay the fine on behalf of His devotee. This is the mechanism of excusing the sins. Shirdi Sai Baba, one of the human incarnations of Datta suffered the sins of His devotees by transferring their diseases to His body. This is a common feature of any human incarnation. If you become a deserving devotee, you will be also saved from your sins by the present human incarnation of God Jesus. You must assimilate the knowledge of the Holy spirit. The knowledge is called as fire. Real baptism is not sprinkling water but assimilating the knowledge of the Holy Spirit given by the human incarnation. This is also clearly stated in Bible (Matthew 3:11).

Chapter 31

May 17, 2005

O Learned and Devoted Servants of God,**182. How can we send our child to join the Lord's mission?**

[My wife Smt. Devi was pressing me since long to ask You regarding the measures to be taken by us to send out our daughter who is one and half years old now, in the work of the Lord and that the child must walk out like Adi Shankaracharya. Should we leave this task to the Lord Himself (from Nikhil, Florida, USA)?]

Swami replied:- I am shocked by this question. Swami did not see such devotee in the creation so far. Swami has seen the parents to obstruct their children when they walk out for God's work. Swami has seen very few devotees who do not have any objection if their children walk out in God's work. But here are the wonderful parents who want to throw out their only daughter for the work of the Lord. Swami is more astonished to note that this wish arose in the heart of a mother. Mother has the strongest bond with the child since the child was in her womb for a long time. The Gender-bond (Linga Abhimana) is also not working in her case, which is common in this world. Thus, she is the best of all the devotees and she is your half. Thus, she alone deserves to be called as the best half. Praising her is equal to praising yourself. When your half is praised, you are also praised. This is the appreciation coming from the deep heart of Swami. Due to such infinite real love on God only, you both are working so much for the mission of God in developing the website to propagate this infinite real knowledge of the Lord. Even the mother of Shankara obstructed her son to go for the work of the Lord. Finally, some how she agreed and gave her no objection certificate to Shankara, when the crocodile drama was conducted. She never encouraged Shankara to go out for the divine work. Smt. Devi excels even the mother of Shankara because she is encouraging her child to go for the spiritual work. Swami has seen children who walk out like Shankara but never saw any mother who encourages her child to do so. Your wife is not in the place of the mother of Shankara but she is in the place of Shankara. Swami feels that you are the luckiest devotee in this creation to have such a soul associated with you. There is a saying, which states that there is a lady behind the success of every man. This holds good even in the spiritual success. You put all your efforts on the child because she is in constant association with you. Your effort is external atmosphere, which is also essential. Swami will create the internal atmosphere in her mind, which is the main requirement. Thus, both the efforts are necessary

and your effort will reduce the burden of Swami. Both Krishna and Arjuna were necessary in the war. The effort of Swami is real and final. Even if the external atmosphere is opposite, Swami develops the soul internally. Prahlada was an example of such case.

183. How can we avoid environmental pollution and natural calamities?

[Shri Nikhil, from Florida, USA asked: The drastic effects of environmental pollution and the shocking effects of natural calamities must be avoided to save the humanity on this earth. What measures should be taken?]

Swami replied:- The application of discoveries of scientist for the welfare of humanity resulted in the environmental pollution. The discoveries were successful but the application has not ended in the welfare, but harmed the humanity. It is like saying that the operation was successful but the patient died. The essential reason for such failure is absence of faith and devotion in God. God wants to punish the people through natural calamities and pollution. Scientists cannot control His programme. Therefore, mere social service without the element of spirituality fails. Even if it succeeds, it is only temporary. The service slowly ends in injury. Such a person who serves without touching God also goes to heaven and he will be thrown out of the heaven after some time. It is only temporary happiness, which results finally in misery only. If you associate the propagation of divine knowledge and devotion in such a social service, it gives permanent best results. The punishment of God is only for a change. Your propagation brings that change. Therefore, God withdraws punishment. Mere social service without spiritual mission is like giving mere boarding and lodging to the hostel students without teaching in the classes. In such case the students get spoiled and finally you have harmed them. The nature of the punishment reveals the nature of the action of that sinner. The above punishments show either slow or sudden killing of human beings. Therefore, the nature of the deed, that is responsible for such punishment must be also killing. All the living beings are souls like your soul. You have taken the birth of the plants, birds and animals as a punishment, which in fact is spiritual training only. A selfish soul is born as a plant and goes on donating its fruits, which were the hidden treasures in the previous birth. By killing the plant, you are interfering with such spiritual training. The mind of the God is irritated and that leads to the above effects. Thus, a green plant should not be cut. A paddy plant is cut when it dies by becoming yellow due to the loss of Chlorophyll. It is equal to cutting the dead body. That is not equal to cutting a living bird or an animal. This is the reason for the propagation of non-violence by human incarnations like Buddha and Mahavir Jain. You can refer to the various

arguments given by Me, to various questions on this same topic. There is no other alternative than this. Prayers to God cannot stop these things. The propagation of non-violence (Ahimsa) is the only way. Atleast let it be reduced and slowly let it be completely avoided. The Hindu scriptures (Dharma Shastras) attempt in this line. They ask the fisherman to stop catching the fish at least in Benaras and atleast on Maha Shivarathri. When that is achieved, the scriptures mention some more sacred places and some more festival days. Slowly they control the whole sin by finally saying not to catch the fish on any day at any place.

184. How do some materialistic persons also get spiritual experiences?

[Shri Nikhil, from Florida, USA asked: Our good friend is towards the world only. But still he gets the divine experiences of Samadhi. Can You analyze his case?]

Swami replied:- The main inseparable characteristic of God is the special divine knowledge. When you are associated with God in Samadhi, you must get that knowledge from Him. When you associate with hot body, you must become hot. Shri Rama Krishna Paramahansa, associated with God in Samaadhi. When He came out He was preaching excellent special divine knowledge. Apart from the knowledge, He was also showing love and bliss. He had divine visions also. Therefore, Samaadhi means the association with God. The proof for such association is the special divine knowledge (*Prajnanam*). Awareness, love and bliss alone cannot be the inseparable identities of God. Every living being shows awareness. Therefore, every living being cannot be concluded having Samadhi. A prostitute shows love. A drunkard shows bliss. Their experiences are not proving Samaadhi. Vision of an energetic form is as good as seeing the radiating Sun. *For such an easily available petty vision you need not close your eyes and convert your mental energy forcibly to become an energetic form.* It becomes equal to digging a great hill and catching a small rat. First you must define Samaadhi as association with God. Then this analysis can be applied.

Samaadhi means only association. If you take Samaadhi as association with awareness or love or bliss only, then such experiences are consequent, which are not divine. The Prajnanam is always associated with awareness, love and bliss. The awareness, love and bliss can also exist independently without Prajnanam. Some take awareness as God and for them all the living beings having awareness are God!! Some say that love is God and for them a loving girl or boy is also God!! Some say bliss is God and for them a drunkard or a smoking person using Hukka is also God!! You have to eliminate all these people. There is a heap of stones. In that heap some artificial diamonds exist and there is also one real diamond. The

stones, artificial diamonds and original diamond look like the same by glittering. You have to eliminate not only the stones but also the artificial diamonds, which are very closer to the original diamond. These stones are all the human beings. The artificial diamonds are the false human incarnations, which exhibit love and bliss only and claim to be God. Finally, you will get a few artificial diamonds, which are very very close to the original diamond. Such very very close artificial diamonds are the preachers of spiritual knowledge. They also preach the spiritual knowledge and appear as if having the Prajnanam. Their spiritual knowledge is not associated with love and bliss and therefore, cannot transfer love and bliss to our hearts. The other type of fraud incarnations transmits love and bliss to our hearts, but cannot transmit Prajnanam. Thus, finally you have to identify that single original diamond, which transmits infinite love and infinite bliss through the special infinite true knowledge. Lord Krishna transmitted such love and bliss through preaching the Gita. There were several scholars like Vyasa, but even they were eliminated before Lord Krishna. Even Dharma Raja was only a devotee and not the Lord even though he showed the excellent character, which is the result of the quality, called Sattvam. The Lord is beyond even Dharma. The Gopikas showed infinite love and bliss. But they were not Lord because they could not preach the Gita. Only Shri Rama Krishna Paramahansa had the real Samadhi, which was proved by His Prajnanam. He never studied any scripture. Therefore, Shri Rama Krishna Paramahansa is treated as the human incarnation of Rama and Krishna. Even the Gopikas were not treated so. After hearing the preaching of Shri Paramahansa, people developed infinite love and bliss. His words were Upanishads. Adi Shankara also had such Samadhi and therefore, He radiated the Prajnanam. He never studied the Vedas and the Shastras from any teacher.

The Samadhi of devotees showed the detachment from the world. It is not possible for a devotee to turn to North and to South simultaneously. Such an impossible state is possible only to the Lord in human form as we can see the case of Lord Krishna. But the human incarnation must be finally decided by the emitting infinite spiritual knowledge, which is associated with love and bliss. If he is a devotee the external detachment to the world must be essential sign as we see in the case of Gopikas. As per your statement your friend may be the human incarnation if he emits such special spiritual knowledge associated with love and bliss. Otherwise, he can be considered as a devotee if he shows the external detachment also. Otherwise, he should be considered as a person trying to become a devotee and, in such case, he will be dancing between the world and God. He may

be also considered as 'Yoga Bhrashta' who has slipped into the world, but retains his divine contact from the previous birth. In such case he will shortly become a real devotee, who is eligible to become human incarnation also, provided the Lord enters his body to do some special divine work related to His divine mission.

185. What should we do with people, who do not realize that You are the complete and highest incarnation of the Lord?

[Shri Nikhil, from Florida, USA asked: One devotee after seeing the website, mistook You as an astrologer and sent her date of birth etc., and wants to know about her future. What shall I do? She does not know that You are the Paripurna Avatara of Lord Datta.]

Swami replied:- You have developed a rock of faith on Me that I am the human incarnation of the Lord. If your faith is correct, which must have been based on very sharp spiritual analysis, I cannot deny your faith for one reason, i.e., there is a possibility of the Lord to become the preacher. Datta is considered to be the real preacher (Guru). When Lord Krishna preached the Gita, He happened to be the Lord also. He was guide as well as the goal. Infact, thinking that Arjuna may slip in the analysis to identify the human incarnation, Krishna declared Himself as the Lord. He not only gave the procedure, but also gave the result of the practical analysis to Arjuna, due to His over compassion. Therefore, you are shocked to see a soul approaching Me as an astrologer. If I am the Lord Datta, is it difficult for Me to become an astrologer? In fact, astrologers pray Lord Datta to be blessed with correct prediction. Suppose a professor has a son, who is studying LKG standard. Is there any difficulty for the professor to become LKG teacher to his son? The actual LKG teacher is not fit even to teach UKG because of the limitations of his knowledge. When somebody approaches to know the future from astrology, we should welcome and exploit that weakness to uplift that soul. We will introduce the concept of God through astrology and slowly assist the soul to climb the upper steps. We will predict the future and say that one has to worship God to overcome the future problems. This is the nature of the Professor acting as LKG teacher. But if you take the actual LKG teacher, he will try to exploit the same weakness for his personal benefit in terms of fees. We must not find fault even with such LKG teacher, because belief in the planets is a belief in the supernatural power. Therefore, that soul is not atheist and believes the supernatural power. The soul climbed the first step and is not on the floor. The floor is atheism. The next step shall be to introduce the possessor of the super natural power i.e., God. Thus, we must excuse the angle of selfishness of the astrologer. We have to condemn only the floor, which is the atheism. The planets are only the super natural executive forces of the Lord. After

the judgment from the Lord, they execute the results. When the power is accepted, it is easy to accept the possessor of the power. Therefore, you send the date of birth and time of Deepa, who approached you through email. I shall predict her future as an astrologer only. I behave according to the angle of the soul that approaches Me. I will not introduce the other angle of Myself to that soul. I always behave as Lord Dattatreya for you, according to your angle. Even in your angle there are three sub-divisions. The first sub-angle is Advaita of Shankara. In this the human body and the Lord become one and the same like the current and the wire. The second sub-angle is Vishishtadvaita of Ramanuja. In this the Lord stays in the human body of a devotee as a guest. The Lord becomes the major component and the devotee becomes minor component. The third sub-angle is Dvaita of Madhva. In this the superpower of the Lord enters the devotee. The Lord was coming as single 'Paripurna Avatara' in every generation as the topmost Professor. Very few students can be available at that level and therefore, one Professor is sufficient. As we come down to the lower levels the number of students go on increasing. Thus, there is a requirement of several teachers in the lower levels. Such teachers are the devotees of the Lord, who are charged with the power of the Lord and come down. They are called as incarnations of Kalaa, Amsha etc. The single professor cannot go to teach various sections present at various lower levels. Even in the Paripurna Avatara the human body follows only the natural rules. The Professor cannot preach simultaneously large number of classes present in the lower levels. But now, this problem is solved. The Internet system is developed, which follows the natural laws only. Through this system, the Professor can preach all the classes present in various levels existing in the entire world. Therefore, the present situation is unique in the sense that it never happened so far. Through the internet systems, the single Professor will send various rays of knowledge simultaneously, to suit various levels. Soon this centre will become the single spiritual centre for all spiritual levels and you may not believe this as on today. Please don't mistake that I am boasting. If you get such feeling, please change your Advaita sub-angle and come to the other two sub-angles. The Lord present in My body is giving this statement and I am only a subordinate to Him. If you still disbelieve the existence of the Lord in My body, please switch to the third sub-angle. I am only the servant and messenger of the Lord, who has brought this message from the Lord to this earth. Whatever may be your sub-angle, your inner consciousness will speak that only the Lord can emit such crystal clear and wonderful special divine knowledge, which you are studying through all these questions and answers.

[Dear Deepa ji, I am one of Swamiji's disciples. He told me to write to you saying that you can send the details birth date place etc to His email address. As you know, Swamiji is a Pari Purna Avatara. He is God Himself. His main mission is to give the Divine Knowledge or Brahma Vidya. He is also very well versed with astrology (*jyotish vidya*).

He says that He will answer questions of sincere devotees and guide them to the right path. Therefore you can send in your details on His email account. It may take Him a few days to answer you. In the mean time I would suggest that you can go through the entire website and read the information on it. The information over there is not ordinary information on spirituality but it is the Word of the Lord Himself. Please read thoroughly, repeatedly and with full attention. You will find that it will answer most of the questions in your mind. Regards, Nikhil]

Chapter 32

May 19, 2005

O Learned and Devoted Servants of God,

186. What is the reason for the very strong obstruction in spreading the true knowledge in this world?

Swami replied: The true God comes down in human form with true knowledge and His few true devotees accompany Him. These few devotees belong to His innermost circle and constitute His family. In Satyaloka (True world), He is surrounded by millions of angels and sages, who will be hearing the true knowledge from His mouth. All of them are His followers and they constantly praise Him. After some time, the Lord wants some rest and He comes down to the earth along with His family. On this earth nobody recognizes Him, nobody listens Him and nobody follows Him. It is just like a big officer disgusted with the large crowd in his office goes to some foreign place along with his family, where he is not identified. The Lord emits the true knowledge on the earth and His own family members who are in the human form will only listen and follow Him. What is the use of that drama here? Already they were His followers. The aim of this drama is to inspire the people of this world so that at least one person on the earth can become His follower. The Gita says the same (*Kaścit mām...*). The Lord is not fond of money or fame because He is the husband of the Goddess of wealth. He is not fond of the fame, because He was bored with the fame as millions of sages and angels praise Him. When the Lord comes as preacher, He is called Sadguru. The other human beings are called as only Gurus.

These Gurus are fond of money and fame. They don't know the true knowledge. Even if they know they will not preach it because not a single person will turn to them. Infact even in the case of Sadguru, same is the case but His followers who accompanied Him are turning to Him. Therefore, the Guru preaches false knowledge following the psychology of ignorant people. To please the ignorant person, you must preach him strictly following his psychology. Even if you say something in addition, that should not contradict his basic psychology. For Ex:- when you preach a blind person, he will be happy if you say that there is always darkness in this world. He will be happy since he always experiences the darkness. In addition, if you say that there is Sun on the sky, you must say that the Sun is also black. He will be happy to this additional Sun because the Sun is

also black. Suppose you say that there is light in the world, he will not agree since it contradicts his experience of darkness. Suppose you establish the existence of light and the existence of illuminating Sun through powerful logic, he will become emotional and violent because your concept not only contradicts his experience, but also could not be defeated by his counter logic. It is a double blow on him. Kauravas did not concede the preaching of Lord Krishna for the same reason. The priests for the same reason opposed the preachings of Jesus. Mohammed fought with several religious leaders for the same reason. The priests who were killing animals in the sacrifice opposed Buddha. Conservative religious leaders oppose even a true scientist. The scientist wants practical and logical proof. All the human incarnations never adjusted themselves to the world. They preached the true knowledge only because their aim was the future generations. One generation is nothing compared to millions and millions of generations on this earth.

When the Lord comes down as Paripuurna Avataara, His devotees existing in Brahmaloaka or Satyaloka come down along with Him to assist in His mission. The other human incarnations are the human forms into which the power of the Lord enters. Such human incarnations are called Avataras of Kalaa, Amsha etc. Such incarnations are followed by the devotees existing in the lower worlds below Satyaloka, which are called as Jana Loka, Tapoloka, Maharloka etc. When the Lord Himself exists in the human body that is called Paripuurna Avatara like Lord Krishna. In the case of Purnaavataara also the Lord exists but does not emit the true knowledge like Rama. The human incarnations from the upper worlds come to the earth. In the same manner the human incarnations of Saturn (Kali) also come to the earth from the lower worlds below the earth. These worlds are called as Asura Lokas, which are the abodes of demons. These lower worlds are called as intensive hells. A soul fallen in these hells is condemned and can never return to the earth. There is a hell in the upper worlds also. Such souls, which can be rectified by punishment, will enter that hell in which the Lord is sitting in an energetic body called 'Yama'. The Veda says that a soul, which harmed itself by turning towards the world, is committing the real suicide. Such soul goes to the lower permanent hells. Thus, both the divine and evil forces enter the earth and fight with each other.

In this Kaliyuga the strength for divine force is only one-fourth. It is like a question with multiple choice having three wrong answers and one correct answer. Lord can destroy all the evil forces in a fraction of a second. But He allows the opposing force because both the forces are essential for a

game. This world gives entertainment to the Lord like a game. The Veda says that the purpose of the creation by the Lord is only the playful entertainment. Moreover, if one comes out with such multiple-choice questions, such success is real. Whatever the Lord does, it is always multi-dimensional. Therefore, you should not be discouraged by this severe test. Your devotion and determination in the service have a real test in this Kali age. Shankara emitted the true knowledge irrespective of various opposing scholars. Finally, He was killed by the black magic of Kapalikas. He died by the disease called 'Bhagandhara', which is flow of blood. Kapalikas tried to cut His head also. But He never feared and established the true knowledge for the future generations. Similarly, Jesus, Buddha and Mohammed. Even Swami Dayananda was killed by food poisoning, because He established the true knowledge based on the Vedas and the Shastras.

Chapter 33

May 21, 2005

O Learned and Devoted Servants of God,**187. Should we not ask the Lord for help?**

Swami replied: If you are ordinary person you should follow the rules of your deeds and nature. If you are a devotee, even then, you should not ask God for help. Your devotion must not aspire any result. You are asking God for help means that you want God to violate His own natural rules. The impression of millions of angles and sages is disturbed if God violates His own rules. That will give a poor impression on God. You are putting God to inconvenience by forcing Him to use His supernatural power. Whether you are a devotee or not, you must always try to solve your problems by putting your best effort. If you fail, even then, do not ask God to help you. Then, you think that it is your fate and worship God as usual. Arjuna was fighting with his grandfather, Bhishma. Arjuna was not putting up his best effort to kill Bhishma. He was having sympathy to Bhishma, who has brought up Arjuna. Noting this, Krishna took His Sudarshana Chakra and ran to kill Bhishma. That means the Lord tried to solve the problem of Arjuna through His divine power. Arjuna did not agree to this and forced Krishna to stop, because Arjuna knew about his inadequate effort. But when Saindhava was to be killed, Arjuna tried his best, because Arjuna took an oath to kill Saindhava before sunset and otherwise, he promised that he would enter the fire. Since the sunset took place apparently due to the Maya of Krishna, Arjuna stopped fighting and wanted to enter the fire. He was just going to jump into the fire but he never asked for help. He thought that was his fate. Therefore, the Lord helped him secretly. Therefore, if you put your best effort, still fail because it is beyond your limits, if you happen to be a real devotee and do not ask for the help from God, then you will be helped by the superpower secretly. The secrecy is due to preservation of the sacredness of His administration in the eyes of others.

188. What is the proof for the existence of hell, heaven and the world of God? Why should I waste my lifetime in these things?

Swami replied: This universe is infinite. I am unable to show the existence of these super worlds to you. I accept My incapability. But you are also incapable to prove directly the non-existence of these super worlds. Have you taken all over the universe and said, "Here ends the universe.

Beyond this point there is no universe. This is the compound wall of the space. Your super world does not exist anywhere”. Therefore, there is equal chance for the existence and non-existence of the super worlds according to the theory of probability.

Now let us analyse of our cases. Both of us are eating to live. The basic needs are satisfied in the cases of both of us. You have spent extra time also in earning more money, which may give you some problems of health like sugar, B.P etc., due to over enjoying. I have not earned more money and I am healthy due to normal food. None of us will carry the money with us after death. The money given to the children may also be lost in several ways. Therefore, I do not find much difference between us, once the basic needs are satisfied. I am poor because I have spent My extra time in the service of God.

Suppose after My death, you are correct and there are no super worlds. In such case what I have lost? There is no loss for Me. But after your death, suppose I am correct and there are super worlds, you have lost every thing and God will not save you. Thus, even on accepting your argument, based on the equal probability, it is better to serve the Lord by sacrificing the extra time and energy for the Lord after earning the basic needs. You must read the theory of probability, which is perfectly a scientific theory.

Chapter 34

May 23, 2005

O Learned and Devoted Servants of God,**189. I want to take up the pilgrimage in the entire country. Will it be useful for my spiritual development?**

Swami replied:- First you must decide in which level you are present. If you are in the beginning preliminary ignorant state, you can proceed to the pilgrimage because that will satisfy your psychology. There is no use of analyzing the psychology in the preliminary level. At this preliminary level the devotee feels that the Lord exists in a particular place only and it must be visited to see the Lord. The Lord does not dwell in any statue or does not stay in a particular place. The priests belonging to those places for commercial gains only do such advertisements.

In such preliminary level, even if the psychology is wrong it has to be satisfied in its own way. But if you have traveled up to certain point in the spiritual path, you can analyze the psychology and then only satisfy it, if it is found to be correct. I can advise you assuming that you are a developed soul in the spiritual journey. The main aim of the pilgrimage is to change the place in which you are present. You require fresh atmosphere on a hill or in a forest or on the bank of a river. The change of the place is essential because the mind desires always a change. You must satisfy the mind for such small things. You should not force the mind in every point like your child. If you force in every point it will not obey you in the major point. The fresh atmosphere is thus congenial for the mind to concentrate on the Lord. In such place you can sing devotional songs and conduct spiritual discussions about the Lord. But you need not do a long journey for such fresh atmosphere. The long journey has several disadvantages like improper food, absence of movements of the body in the train or bus, etc. Such bad food and inconvenience lead to illness. The freshness you got in the distant place is lost in your return journey. The illness you acquired in the forward journey to reach that place also will not allow you to receive that fresh atmosphere to your best capacity. Instead of such long journey, you can make short journey in the end of every week to get such atmosphere in the near most places. The short journey will not disturb you in any way. Sitting always in the house is also not good from the point of the psychology of the mind. Both extremities must be avoided. Therefore, do not stay continuously in your house only. At the same time, you should avoid the

long journey. Both the drought and flood must be avoided. Similarly, in the case of food also both fasting and overeating in one meal only should be avoided. You should not fast on the whole day. At the same time, you must not overeat once in a day and remain fasting for the rest of the time. You must eat limited food with more frequency in a day. The overeating at a time releases lot of sugar into the blood, which will damage the vital organs. Thus, both the food and the journey must be in limited quanta, avoiding both the extremities. This will maintain a good health, which will be helpful not only to your worldly work but also to the spiritual effort. The Gita says the same (*Yuktāhāra vihārasya...* etc.). You can make long journey to visit the Sadguru to receive the special divine knowledge from Him. You can also travel long in propagating the divine knowledge. Shankara travelled long distances to meet the Sadguru called Govinda Bhagavatpada and also to propagate the true knowledge. But now such long journey is not necessary in such case also because electronic media at present are well developed to meet such needs without any journey.

190. Can you please give some encouragement on this difficult path?

[You say that the human re-birth is almost impossible. At the same time the path propagated by Your true knowledge is very very difficult to follow. I am discouraged. Can You encourage me?]

Swami replied: Let Me encourage you at the very outset itself by stating that the Lord will encourage you by giving infinite number of human re-births and also help you in every human birth by providing the congenial atmosphere, on one condition i.e., provided you are always in the constant trial to travel in the spiritual path, by putting up your best efforts always. When you stop your spiritual efforts and your efforts are always towards to the world, the Lord does not sanction the human re-birth to you and subsequently you will be thrown in to the cycle of animals and birds. When a human being is limited to food, drink, sleep, sex and their blind bonds with the issues only, the human being is not different from the animal or bird in anyway. Thus, the Lord is justified in such action. In such case there is no use of the human birth at all. Therefore, you need not be discouraged about the path or the goal. It is not essential to achieve the goal in this human birth itself. If you are in constant trail with full sincerity till the last moment of this human birth that is sufficient. You should not be discouraged by the failures. You should not stop your efforts. One day or other, you will certainly succeed. Even in the worldly efforts, success is seen by constant efforts. In spiritual efforts, the help from the Lord is additionally associated. This is stated in the Gita (*Yatate ca tato bhūyah...*). The human re-birth is negated as a general rule because most of the human beings fall under this general rule. The special devotee comes

under the special exemption. If you are under such special exemption, you need not worry about the general rule. If you are in the constant trail, you will reach the Lord even after several human re-births as said in the Gita (*bahūnām janmanām...*). However, early is better always. You can treat every day as a fresh human birth and the sleep in every night as death. In such case you will achieve the goal in this birth it self. The Christians and Muslims are the best in this point, who do not believe in the human re-birth and become careful and alert. Hindus, who believe in the human re-birth are neglecting the spiritual efforts, postponing to the old age and then to the next human birth. Hindus must know that the human re-birth is only a special example and not the general case. Even in Hinduism it is said that the human birth is very rare (*Nara janma durlabham*).

Chapter 35

May 24, 2005

O Learned and Devoted Servants of God,**191. Don't we have to progress from the concept of form to that of formless God?**

[The Sikh Religion says that God is formless. We have to worship the God in the form like human being in whom the power of God exists and not the God, i.e., the beginning stage, which is easy. We have to travel from simple stage to complicated stage. We have to worship the formless God finally, which is complicated. But You are propagating the reverse. Can You enlighten me on this? (A believer in Sikh Religion).]

Swami replied: Do you think that we have to travel from clarity to confusion or from confusion to clarity? Anything becomes complicated when there is confusion. Anything becomes easy when there is clarity. Clarity is the real knowledge and confusion is the real ignorance. We must travel from ignorance to knowledge and not vice-versa. When you say that God is formless, there is no complication. God is like all pervading space or cosmic energy. A 10th class student who has studied physics can very easily understand this. But when a particular human being is declared as God the real complication arises, because He is looking like any human being. How this particular human being is God and every human being is not God? You have to analyze the internal form of the human incarnation and differentiate Him from an ordinary human being. Lot of logical analysis is required here only. Moreover, egoism and jealousy attack immediately anyone and due to this, nobody accepts a particular human being as God.

Actually, God is unimaginable and you cannot say that He has form or formless. He is not the space, which is formless. But you imagine Him like space. You have caught the space only in your imagination and not the real God. Somebody says that a peculiar animal in the forest called as Gavaya looks like cow, you have imagined only the cow and not the Gavaya animal. Unless you perceive God directly, how can you imagine Him? Your imagination itself is nervous energy. Thus, you perceive the unimaginable God through space and nervous energy. Both the space and nervous energy are parts of the creation. If you analyze the human body it is also energy occupying certain space. Therefore, you perceive God through the medium of space and energy. A medium, which is a part of the creation, is essential to imagine the unimaginable God. *Unimaginable is different from formless.* Space is formless but not unimaginable. First you distinguish between these two. The Guru of your Sikh Religion is actually the human incarnation and worshipping Him is the real worship of God.

The reason for your Guru not encouraging the human incarnation is that the fraud Gurus are claiming themselves as God. It is really difficult to recognize the real human incarnation in which, God dwells. Certainly, there is a large probability of fraud persons who claim themselves as God and mislead you. But you should not run away from analyzing the genuine incarnation fearing for the fraud persons. Any system has loopholes. The system cannot be rejected due to the loopholes. One cannot avoid the train journey since there is a risk of accident. One cannot abolish the examination system because there is a probability of copying. One cannot abolish the administration offices of the Government, as there is probability of corruption. There is a risk of artificial diamonds to be confused as original diamonds. Due to this will you avoid purchasing the necklace of original diamonds? You will take the help of an expert in selecting the original diamond. The human incarnation is the most convenient form for the worship and service. When you say that God is omnipotent it means that God has all powers. If He cannot come in human form, He is not having that power. Then He cannot be omnipotent. When He has the power to take the human incarnation, He has come in human form. Who are you to object that? He comes in human form for those devotees who are fond of worshipping Him through real service. They like to talk with God and live with God. They like to serve the God and see the pleasure in His face. They get full satisfaction by that. Therefore, God is in human form for such devotees only. Those who do not like the human form can worship God through formless inert items like space, energy, etc., or inert forms like statues. But such worship is not the direct worship and it is only a representative worship. Neither space is God nor God is in the space. Similar is the case of a statue. Both formless space and formful statue stand as representatives of God only. Ofcourse God is pleased with the representative worship also, but the direct experience of God and the possibility of pleasing Him to the maximum extent are possible in the human body only.

A devotee by name Jyothi asked a question about the possibility of talking with God directly. She should investigate the human incarnation at present and can talk directly. The procedure to identify the human incarnation based on the scriptures is extensively explained by Me in several answers to the questions that are placed in the website (www.universal-spirituality.org). One has to identify the present human incarnation using that procedure, in which the inseparable characteristics of God in the human incarnation are well explained. God is coming in human form in every human generation. If He had come only in a particular human

generation God becomes partial to that generation only. God wants to talk with His devotees to please them by clearing all their doubts. This is the main purpose of the human incarnation of God. If you don't believe the human incarnation, you need not approach the human incarnation. But there is a devotee like Jyothi, who is very much anxious to talk with God. You can neither object her nor the God to take the human form. You carry on your representative worship. She is not objecting you. If you don't want to purchase the original diamonds do not purchase. But you should not object a person who wants to purchase the original diamond. Thus, God provided both the ways separately. You purchase the artificial diamonds and let somebody purchase the original diamond. Those who want to pray God without talking with God, let them have the representative worship having formless God or statues. Those who want to pray, talk and worship the living God, let them have the human incarnation. You should not object the desire of other devotee and also the God who is capable to fulfill the desire of that devotee.

Suppose some parents requested the management of a school to provide a park for waiting. The management is capable of doing so and it is the earnest desire of some parents. Suppose, there are some parents who do not like the facility of the park. They should not object those parents who want to use the facility of the park. They should also not oppose the management in the construction of the park. It is the duty of the management to inform the availability of the park so that any parent whoever desires to use that facility can use it apart from those parents who requested for it. If this general information is not provided to all the parents, some may ask the management regarding their negligence in informing the parents. Similarly, God comes in human form based on the prayers of some topmost devotees to give direct experience. Through the human body the experience is not only direct but also complete. Such experience is not possible in the formless worship or in the worship of the statues. Such worship of formless God and statues is only a representative worship. It is just like worshipping the statue of the king and not the direct worship of the king. When you break a coconut near the statue, you can offer it by waving the hand and then eat it yourself. But when we break the coconut before the actual king, the king is fond of the pieces of coconut and will eat the entire coconut. When you want to avoid such inconvenience, you need not worship the human incarnation. You break the coconut before the statue and eat it yourself. But there is a fellow who wants to really offer the coconut to the king. He is pleased only when the king eats that coconut. He feels happy by seeing the happiness in the face of the king, while eating that

coconut. What right you have to object such person? What right you have to object the king to come directly to eat that coconut for the happiness of a real devotee?

There are two fields.

1) Pravrutti: In this, people desire the welfare of their body and family. They love their bodies and their families only. Their real love is not on the God but only on their body and family. When that welfare is disturbed and when it is not possible to rectify it by worldly means, then only they look at God. When you get fever and it is not subsided by the medicines you used, then you are approaching a doctor. Thus, God is only an instrument to achieve the welfare of their body and family. They pretend real love on God, which is not real. When you go to the doctor you respect him too much. That respect is not real. That respect is only apparent and the aim of that respect is only that he will cure carefully your disease. These people do not bother about tomorrow. They don't bother about the hell after death and about the next birth. Their aim is only the temporary happiness confined to this birth only. They worship God for this purpose, which is not true love at all. God also acts accordingly. He postpones all your bad results to the next births like pro-notes with increased interest. He brings the good results from future births with reduced values like the prematured deposits. The Lord will not save these people in the hell. They will go to the heaven and when the results of their good deeds are finished, they are thrown back to the earth. In the future births, which are full of difficulties only, these people weep scolding the Lord. But the Lord keeps silent because He acted according to their prayers only in the previous birth. In this field one can worship the Lord with single face, who is Vishnu, the embodiment of Sattvam quality. With this quality God will help you when you worship. But this quality always requires justice and logic. Therefore, within the rules of the cycle of justice God helps you. He will never harm you for your worship. In this field God in human form is not necessary. God will protect the justice by His power. In this field the aim of the people is not God. Their aim is only protection of justice and their families. Lord Krishna did not fight directly in the war because in this field His power is sufficient to protect the justice. Arjuna was charged with His power and Arjuna fought with the enemies. In this field the devotees can worship formless God or statues and can get apparent and temporary protection in this world.

2) Nivrutti: In this field, people want God only. Their aim is the permanent association with the God and not the temporary results in this world. They never care for the worldly justice. They don't care for their bodies or family bonds. Their concentration is always on God. Here the

justice is also crossed. Prahlada did not care for his father's death. God came directly and fought with the enemy in his case. Gopikas left everybody and every thing for the sake of Lord Krishna. He liberated them in this world itself. God in human form was required by Gopikas and not by Arjuna. Gopikas wanted to see, touch, talk and live with the God. The Lord came in the human form as Krishna for the sake of Gopikas only. Arjuna wanted only the power of God to protect justice by getting back the kingdom. Therefore, Arjuna worshipped statues like Shiva Lingam and energetic body like Shiva. Lord Krishna was an instrument for Arjuna in achieving his kingdom. The aim of Arjuna was kingdom and not Krishna. But in the case of Gopikas the aim was Krishna and not anything else or anybody else. They crossed even the traditional justice and ran to Brindavanam to dance with Krishna. They were unable to live for even one minute without Krishna. In this field of Nivrutti the Lord comes down in human form and donates Himself to the devotees. Such human form is called as Datta. In this field the Lord has all the three aspects of Brahma, Vishnu and Rudra. He shows Sattvam of Vishnu, Rajas of Brahma and Tamas of Rudra. In this field He gives troubles when you worship Him. Troubling a devotee unnecessarily is Rajas and Tamas. In this field only the real love on God is proved. When God troubles you after your worship and if you are unable to leave Him still then that is real love. Thus, single face Datta (Vishnu) is for Pravrutti and three-faced Datta is for Nivrutti.

God acts according to the field you choose. In Nivrutti only He protects you from hell and takes you to His eternal abode. In this field only He attracts the evil effects of His real devotees and undergoes sufferings to save His devotees. Here the attitude of God is not logic and justice but only pure love. But real devotees oppose this. Therefore, He undergoes the bad results without their knowledge. The God circulates the information regarding Pravrutti and Nivrutti to everybody so that nobody can blame Him later on for their ignorance. Except the motto of information, He is not having an intention to attract the people into Nivrutti. He is not benefited in any way by doing so. All the benefit is only for the devotee. The person following the Pravrutti always scolds the Nivrutti. The reason is that he is unable to catch God directly in Nivrutti and therefore, discourages that field with jealousy. When he is unable to succeed in that field, he does not want anybody to succeed in that field. He wants to close that field and wants that his field only to remain. Such psychological jealousy is not good because God will punish him. Even though he is incapable he should appreciate others and, in such case, God will help him to come to Nivrutti. In nutshell, God helps in Pravrutti with sympathy only and such help is only in the

apparent and temporary rearrangement of your good and bad results. In Nivrutti the fruit is permanent and real and God really loves the devotees.

If you are unable to follow Nivrutti, please be in Pravrutti at least and never become an atheist. You try constantly to follow the Nivrutti. You might have not reached the goal, but you have left your station. Only a person who is always limited to Pravrutti should worry. The attitude towards Pravrutti or Nivrutti comes from the accumulated Sadhana done in several previous births. Such a person turns spontaneously towards Nivrutti and the association of Sadguru is only accidental. In the pearl shell one raindrop fallen becomes the pearl. Even if 100 drops fall on mud pond, all the drops become mud water only. Therefore, the deservingness of the devotee due to previous Sadhana is the most important factor and not the close or long association with Sadguru. One may sit on the seashore for several hours but he has only a small tumbler in his hand. He can take only a tumbler of water even after sitting for several hours on the seashore. A fellow may come with a pot but he takes a full pot of water in 5 minutes. The Sadguru rains His divine knowledge on all the people impartially so that He should not be blamed later on. The knowledge is essential like the rain, but more essential is the deservingness of the devotee that developed based on his sincere spiritual efforts for the past several births continuously (*Puurva janma samskaara*).

Chapter 36

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O Learned and Devoted Servants of God,**192. Is the worship of Lord Shiva inauspicious?**

[I was told that worshipping Lord Shiva is inauspicious because He is related to the destruction. Is it true?]

Swami replied:- The very meaning of the word Shiva is that He is always auspicious. It is stated that Lord Shiva is the first Guru who gives divine knowledge (*Jñānam mahēśvarāt*). The divine knowledge is said to be very auspicious in the Gita (*Na hi jñānena sadṛśam*). He is indicating destruction of the world or the death of a person. One should always remember that this world will be destroyed and is not eternal. By this you must know that death is inevitable for the body and for the body relationships. The old person must be aware of the death that is going to come shortly and must become spiritually alert. Even the young man must think about untimely accidental death and that there is no guarantee of the old age. Thus, if one remembers the death constantly, he will be spiritually active. The human being is not turned to spirituality because he thinks that he will live forever. He should constantly remind his mind about the death and thus, should become spiritually active. Generally, people think that death is inauspicious. But it is the most auspicious Guru that gives knowledge about the temporary existence of the body and makes the human being alert in the spiritual effort. In Mahabharata it is told that one should constantly remember death as if it is walking by our side catching hold of our hair. Lord Shiva also appears inauspicious externally. But internally He is the embodiment of the divine knowledge and most auspicious. Lord Shiva represents the quality of Tamas.

Any quality turned towards God is always good. Tamas gives rigid firmness in the spiritual path. Prahlada was firm due to Tamas quality only. Kannappa, a hunter who is the embodiment of Tamas, attained salvation by donating eyes to Lord Shiva. Even Sattvam when turned towards world is bad. Dhritarashtra was very polite and was a devotee of Lord Krishna. He possesses Sattvam quality. But he never followed the word of Lord Krishna. All his Sattvam quality was diverted towards the world and he was very greedy. The Lord punished him. In Nivrutti one has to cross the justice also by using Tamas. Even the Lord crosses the rules of justice to protect His real devotee due to the Tamas quality only. Lord Shiva protected

Markandeya in this way. Datta appears as a drunkard and fond of prostitute due to Tamas only. Datta preaches that in Nivrutti the devotee shall not leave the Lord even if the Lord harms him. This is like the drunkard not leaving the harmful wine and the harmful prostitute. At that stage to have such firm desire on the Lord, Tamas is required. Dharmaraja was the embodiment of Sattvam quality. But he was not having firm faith on Lord Krishna. Therefore, even if Lord Krishna forced him to tell a lie he refused. This is due to lack of firmness in the faith and the firmness is always due to Tamas. Thus, the importance of Shiva is very much in the spiritual line. Moreover, the same Brahman is called Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva based on the association with Sattvam, Rajas and Tamas respectively. The same Lord is in three shirts of different colours. The Lord is not having any colour. Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva are only the three energetic bodies of the same Lord, which are like three separate-coloured shirts. If you scold Shiva, you have scolded Brahma and Vishnu. The Veda says the same (*Brahmā ca Nārāyaṇaḥ, Śivaśca Nārāyaṇaḥ*). The greatest sin is to differentiate Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva and to differentiate their corresponding incarnations i.e., Madhva, Ramanuja and Shankara.

193. What is the purpose of this human life in the light of spiritual line? Can I talk and see God? I am doing meditation (Jyothi, U.S.A).

Swami replied: In the materialistic plane one person says that the aim of his life is to achieve a particular post and then help his family members. Some other person says that the aim of his life is to serve the mankind. We appreciate the second aim as higher than the first one. The highest aim of the human life can be known only in the spiritual plane. The sole aim of this creation is pleasing God through the entertainment. Every human being is a part of the creation and so the same aim applies to every human being also. The human being becomes fruitful if it serves the Lord and pleases the Lord through the service. Service means the sacrifice of work and sacrifice of the fruit of the work. Service is the proof of the real love. The mother serves her child by sacrificing lot of work like giving bath, dressing etc., for years together continuously. The father serves the child by sacrificing the fruit of all his hard work to the child. It is a clear practical point that the proof of the real love is only service. If you serve your family, you love your family. If you serve the entire world, you love the creation. If you serve the creator, you love the creator. It is a very simple point.

Love is the attraction of mind towards anybody or anything. When the illness attacks the body, you take so much care to serve your body. You love your body. Similarly, you serve your father, mother, wife and children because your mind is attracted towards them. What is the first pre-requisite

for this love? When you love your child, you are aware that a particular small living being is your child and you have the differentiating knowledge of your child from other children who are similar. Similarly, when you love God, you must be aware of the form of God, who must be differentiated from other forms as your child is differentiated from other children. You are identifying your child by certain special characteristics like shape of the face, voice etc., you are not recognizing your child by the clothes, which it puts on. Other children put on such clothes also. Similarly, you must distinguish the Creator from the creation and then only love the creator. You cannot love the entire creation as the creator. Do you love all the children as your own children? Therefore, the pre-requisite of love is the true knowledge and the inseparable identifying characteristics of an object by which you get attracted towards it. Therefore, what is the real form of God? And how it differs from other forms? What are the inseparable identifying characteristics of God? The answers for these questions constitute the detailed true knowledge of God. Only such true knowledge generates attraction and love. When you know the separate special details of Bombay, which are not seen in any other city, then only you are attracted to Bombay and like to see it.

Before proceeding to the identifying true knowledge of God, you must also know the purpose of your attraction towards an object. You love your child, and there is no purpose in it. You also love a doctor when you are ill. But that love is not real. It is not love at all. It is only artificial apparent love exhibited for a purpose. You want the doctor to help you. Therefore, true love is that when there is no purpose in it. False love is that in which purpose is present. Generally, almost all the people love God because God is omnipotent. He has miraculous powers to do anything, which is impossible for anybody on this earth. When a problem comes and when one fails to solve it by all the means existing in this world, one starts loving God to solve that unique problem. Therefore, you love the position or power of God and not the God. A poet shows lot of love and appreciation on a king in his spontaneous poetry because the poet loves the power and the wealth of the king. He expects the king to donate some land or to give him some money after being pleased with his poems. The poet does not love the person who is the king. He loves the king only. Will he write the same poems if the king loses his kingdom and becomes a beggar? In his poetry the poet praised that the king is very beautiful with sweet voice and infinite wisdom. These qualities still remain with the king even if he has become the beggar. But the poet does not praise the same qualities of that beggar because the beggar cannot donate anything to him. The post of

the king and the kingdom are separable characteristics, whereas the qualities are inseparable characteristics. You can easily identify the person by these inseparable characteristics and if your love on him is real, you will love him whether he is a king or a beggar. Are you not loving your son and praise him whether he serves you or not? Sita garlanded and married Rama who will be the future king of Ayodhya. The love of Sita may be on Rama only or may be on the kingdom of Ayodhya for which she can become queen or may be both put together. Rama tested her love by discarding the kingdom and by going to the forest. Sita followed Rama to the forest. Her love was only on Rama and not on the kingdom. Ravana further tested this. Ravana offered her to become the queen. But she refused. Therefore, the love on God should be analyzed and should be decided whether God is loved or His omnipotent miraculous power is loved for our advantage. Some people want to take advantage in this world and some others want to take the advantage in the upper world so that they can be protected from the hell. In both cases the love on God is not true. It is only the love on His associated power. Shankara says that the true love on God should not have any desire related to this world or to the upper world (*Ihāmutra phala virāgaḥ*). If the love is on the power of the God only, what is the use of the real form of God or the inseparable characteristics of the God? The poet loves anybody as the king. For him anybody on the throne is beautiful and is very wise. In such case if the king donates the desired land or cash by seeing the poem written by a poet, the poet does not bother to see or talk with the king. Therefore, when we love God's power for some advantage, we need not worry about His form or in seeing or talking with God. You can just chant the prayers. He responds to your prayers and your desire is fulfilled. In such case one need not see the God and the God also does not want to see his or her bloody face.

When a mother wants to see her child, she is not thinking about any advantage out of it. Infact the mother presents some cash to the son as a gift and if the son needs, she will even sell all her jewels and sacrifice for the sake of her son. Similarly, if the person is having true love on God, that person wants to see God not for any advantage, but even at the cost of disadvantage. For such person only God appears and such person only can see, talk, touch and can even live along with the God. For such persons only there is need of the enquiry of the real form of God.

The real form of God is unimaginable as said in the Vedas and there is no question of seeing or talking or touching the God. The Gita also says that nobody can know God (*Mām tu veda na...*). Such unimaginable God cannot be said to have a form or formless. The Creator is beyond the

creation, which is a four-dimensional network of space and time along with matter and energy. The creation contains both formless items like space, energy and air and also formful items like water, earth etc. If you say God as formful or formless, then God becomes a part of the creation and not beyond the creation. The Veda says that no item in the creation including the pure awareness or life energy is God (*Neti, neti...*). But there are real devotees who have real love towards God and want to see, touch, talk and live along with God for no selfish advantage either in this or in the upper world. The God who has infinite kindness and infinite love cannot reject such real love.

The God is omnipotent and can satisfy the desire of such real devotees and the real devotees are crying for such fortune of vision etc. The God is capable and the devotee deserves. Nobody can put his finger between these two. To satisfy the real devotees God comes in human form and all these four fortunes are blessed upon the real devotees. If God comes in the form of space or energy, which is formless or in the form of statues, He cannot grant these fortunes. He can talk, touch and live with the devotees when He comes in the human form only. Only the human body can do such things as per laws of nature. The nature is His creation and the laws of nature are the rules of His own administration. He will not violate these rules except in the case of inevitable emergency. Why should He use His special power (Maya) and talk or touch or live with you in the form of space or energy or statues? When the purpose is served through the normal routine, why are you so rigid about the abnormal way? God need not heed to the foolish rigid behaviour of some human beings. Infact, they want to pray the formless God or God in the form of a statue for the sake of their selfish convenience only. You can offer food to formless God or statue and then you can eat the entire food. You are satisfied as if you have given meals to God and at the same time not even a grain of rice is lost. There are many inconvenient losses and troubles with the human form of God. But the real devotees are not worried about such loss and infact they are happy to lose if God can enjoy by that. They feel happy when God eats that food. The mother visits her son and pays him some cash. When the son is happy with that she derives infinite happiness and does not feel it as a loss or trouble. The mother will stay with her son and serve him day and night if necessary and feels very happy about it. Similarly, these real devotees feel happy to serve the Lord and they are happy about the loss incurred in it.

Lord came to the human form as Krishna for the sake of Gopikas only and not for others. Only Gopikas could recognize Him and served the Lord by offering butter and they felt happy in such sacrifice. They did not feel

such sacrifice as loss. Krishna was not their child. But they loved Him more than their children. They did not give butter even to their own children and offered it to the Lord. Their love to God crossed even their love to their children. When such real love exists, God comes in human form and reveals His identity to you. Your love must be real and must be practically proved by the sacrifice of work (Karma Samnyaasa) and sacrifice of fruit of work (Karma Phala Tyaaga) as emphasized in the Gita. Sacrifice of words, mind and intelligence, which are freely supplied to you by God is like offering drinking water to the guest, which was freely supplied by the municipality. But sacrifice of work and fruit of work are like offering the meals to the guest and it is sacrifice of your hard-earned money. Of course the meals must be associated with drinking water also and at the same time mere drinking water is almost nothing. ***Sacrifice becomes complete, which is the complete proof of your real love only, when you sacrifice mind, words, intelligence, work and fruit of work.*** Sacrifice of words is prayer and sacrifice of mind is meditation, sacrifice of intelligence is the spiritual discussion. Therefore, meditation alone is the sacrifice of the mind i.e., supplied freely by God. Sacrifice of anything, which is hard earned by your work, is the real main sacrifice.

When the Lord exposes Himself as the source of all infinite supernatural powers, all the people will run to Him with same speed and will sacrifice to their maximum. In such case you cannot differentiate the real devotee from a fraud devotee. The reason is that the supernatural power attracts all the people with equal force. When acids are dissolved in water, they show equal strengths because water being high polar solvent attracts the hydrogen ions from all acids equally so that their extent of ionization becomes same. The strong acid cannot be differentiated from a weak acid. This is called as leveling effect. When the same acids are dissolved in glacial acetic acid, which is a weak solvent, the acids will ionize to different extent as per their inherent nature. When an official asks for some amount of money, all the merchants will run to him with equal speed and give that amount. In this case you cannot differentiate the real donor from the real greedy merchant. But when a beggar begs for some money, a real donor donates whereas a greedy person refuses. The real nature of the individuals comes out in the case of the beggar only. Similarly, when God comes in human form and exhibits the supernatural powers all the people rush to Him with equal speeds and show equal love on God. Even if God recognizes the real devotee by His power and rewards him, the other devotees will find fault with the God. They will argue that even though the extent of devotion is equal, the Lord showed partiality. Therefore, God in

human form will not exhibit miracles and will exhibit only His inseparable special knowledge, which projects Him as Guru only and not Bhagavan. Datta means God donated to the devotees in human form. His right half is Guru and the left half is Bhagavan. The right half is only projected and the left half is hidden. In such case only the real devotees can be filtered.

It is easy to approach the human incarnation and praise Him as God. But the most important part is to retain the same faith throughout the life. When Datta becomes inconvenient in practical way the faith should persist. The faith should be practical and permanent. The recognition of human incarnation must be done with the help of the sacred scriptures like the Vedas, Brahma Sutras and the Gita. You must take a long time to decide the human incarnation. Once you have decided you must stick to that in spite of all the troubles and inconvenience, which you face practically. There is no use of catching somebody in haste and then withdraw by the next day. You will continue like this throughout your life. Therefore, you must study all the scriptures and be thorough with the divine knowledge, which generates the devotion or love. If your devotion is real you must prove it by your service. The real love is only one-way traffic. Attaining the God, seeing Him and talking with Him are useless. Demons have seen and talked with God by doing long penance. What is the use of it? They were finally destroyed. Even if you don't see or talk with God, if you please Him through your proven real love, you are blessed. Rama never saw Lord Shiva. But He was blessed. Ravana saw and talked with Shiva, but was destroyed. Therefore, pleasing the Lord should be our final aim and not mere vision or conversation.

If your aim is only to solve your problem in this world or in the upper world or in both, you have nothing to do with the formless God or form of God. Your work is done when you pray for it sincerely. But mind that your sincerity is not on God but it is on the solution of your problem. God in a temporary way only does the solution for your problems, which is not good for you in the long run. He postpones your bad results and brings your good results from the future births. By this, you have to enjoy the results of the deeds, which you have done and you cannot enjoy the results of the deeds, which you have not done. It is like sending your application to the officer through a peon paying the necessary amount and getting back the application with the signature of the officer. You have nothing to do with the personality or qualities of the officer. But when a girl loves the officer, she likes to see the personality and know about his qualities. His position as an officer is only one of the several aspects. Often, she neglects this aspect of the post, when the personality and qualities attracted her. Similarly, a

real devotee feels happy by knowing the details of God and he is not worried about the benefit from the God. In such case, the Lord enjoys the bad results of that real devotee and gives him eternal happiness. Some people are not bothered about God and go on doing the worldly works continuously. They believe in themselves only. Such people are either atheists or just neglect the God. But the so-called devotees also do not love the God really. They show false love on God and all their real love is only in the solutions of their problems. They want to visit the Lord and try to show their anxiety about the personality of the Lord. All that is only to please the Lord who may be helpful in the future problems. These devotees are also not better than those atheists in any way. But the Lord allows these devotees because there is a hope of change in their attitude and become the real devotees. Prahlada was always absorbed in the personality of the Lord and did not ask for any help even in the torture. He was only remembering the Lord in such situation. Hanuman served the Lord Rama not for any gift in return. Infact when Sita gave the chain of pearls, He broke those pearls to see Rama in those pearls. Rama never announced the gift given to Hanuman and Hanuman never aspired for any gift. Rama gave the post of creator of this world and the matter was not revealed to anybody. By revealing that, Rama never wanted to pose Himself as the Lord. Hanuman was not even aware of that post because His mind was only on the personality of Rama. Similarly, Radha never aspired for any thing and she was given a special top most world (Goloka). Arjuna had partial devotion and therefore, the final fruit was partly happiness and partly misery. Duryodhana invited Lord Krishna for a big feast in His honour. Krishna never attended it and finally destroyed them. All the respect and love shown by Duryodhana were only to exploit Lord Krishna in the war. When Krishna was found useless for him, he was angry with Krishna and tried to chain Him. This shows that he did not even recognize Krishna as the Lord. Therefore, the Lord gives vision, conversation and co-living etc., only for the real devotees who do not aspire anything in return. The worst devotees want practical fruits from the Lord by serving Him through words, feelings and intellectual discussions. The middle class devotees sacrifice practically for the Lord and aspire practical results in return. These types of devotees are businessmen and the above type of devotees are prostitutes. A businessman invests some amount and tries to get back more amounts in return. A prostitute tries to earn the amount from a person without investing any amount and investing only sweet words, sweet feelings and artificial discussions. The last type of devotees serves the Lord practically and do not aspire any result from the Lord either theoretically or practically. For such

devotees only the Lord comes in human form and gives His experience to them and save them in this and as well as in the upper world.

194. If worshipping Krishna is considered to be greater than worshipping Kali, is it not male domination?

[Somebody said that I should worship Krishna and not Kali. Is it not male domination?]

Swami replied: First you accept the existence of male domination in this world over the females. But remember that all the human beings are only females. The Lord is only the male. The Veda says that Lord Narayana is only the male. *The male domination in this world is only a representation of the domination of the Lord over all the human beings.* Two ladies acted in a drama. One lady acted as Rama and the other lady acted as Sita. Sita served Rama in the drama. Sita represents all the human beings and Rama represents the only Lord. The Veda says that all the men are not only women, but also His wives. Miiraa asked Tulasidas whether there is any male in the human beings. Ramakrishna Paramahansa was in the dress of Gopika for one month in Brindavanam. The sages were born as Gopikas to get rid of the male-egoism. Kali is dancing on Lord Shiva. Then, is it not female domination? The inner meaning in that is that Kali being a lady represents a human devotee. Shiva represents the Lord. When the devotee wins the heart of the Lord through selfless love, the Lord becomes the servant of the devotee. The Lord keeps the feet of the devotee on Him. This is representing the extraordinary love of the devotee. *Without understanding that, if you are thinking of the domination of male and female, we have lost the internal significance of all the scriptures.*

Chapter 37

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O Learned and Devoted Servants of God,

195. Is it not correct to say that we realize Brahman when the ignorance disappears as told by Shankara?

Swami replied: Shankara told '*Jñānādeva tu kaivalyam*', which means that one can achieve the grace of the Lord through the divine knowledge. Ignorance regarding the real form of the goal (Brahman), the path and the individual soul should be removed by the real knowledge of these three items. People think that if the ignorance is removed the world and the body disappear and the soul remains, which is Brahman. This is not correct angle of understanding Shankara. The world is created through ignorance of Brahman. But Brahman is aware of itself throughout the ignorance. Such ignorance is only an apparent artificial cover of Brahman used for its entertainment. The world is the imagination of Brahman, which is completely in the awareness. It is the daydream of a person imagining in the awakened state for entertainment. It is not the night dream that comes in the sleep. In such dream the dreamer is controlled by the dream. But Brahman controls this creation dream. It is true that the ignorance of Brahman is the essence of the creation. But Brahman is not in the grip of the ignorance whereas the ignorance is in the grip of Brahman. The Veda says that the wind and the Sun function due to the fear of Brahman (*Bhīṣo'smāt...*). This means that during the period of creation also in which Sun and wind exist, Brahman controls the creation. When you are watching the T.V., you can enjoy only when you are under the ignorance that a cinema in it is really happening. If you look at the screen and the T.V. Box and realize that the entire cinema is only just false imagination, the entertainment disappears. While watching the cinema you must not know the future story. The ignorance of the future story can only create anxiety and interest in the cinema that leads to the real entertainment. The soul is not the Lord since the Veda says that the souls are controlled by the Lord (*Ātmeśvaram...*). When the ignorance of the soul disappears, the daydream of the human being disappears and not the world. It is contradicting the practical experience. The human being caught in the grip of the night dream reveals the real state of the individual soul. When the Lord dissolves the world, this world disappears but remains in the subtle state (*Avyaktam*). When the cinema is stopped the scene on the screen disappears, but the

scene in the film remains the same. The cinema can be again produced in the same way if the film is protected. The Veda says the same (*Dhātā yathā pūrvam...*).

The Veda says that you can get salvation only through ignorance and you can attain God only through knowledge (*Avidyayā mr̥tyum Tīrtvā...*). The salvation means the breakage of these worldly bonds. You have to break these worldly bonds only while ignorance continues. The ignorance makes you believe that

- 1) The world is real and the bonds are real.
- 2) The human incarnation is only a human being and not the Lord.
- 3) The human being has to sacrifice the hard earned fruit of work, which is real and belongs to him or her.
- 4) The work done by the human being consumed the own energy of that human being.
- 5) This entire world is not the wealth of the Lord and even if it is the wealth of the Lord, this human being is not the Lord.

When all these factors are real the ignorance of the human being is full and the sacrifice to God by the human being is also real. The Lord also forgets that He is the Lord and feels Himself as a human being only. Then only the Lord can enjoy that sacrifice. If you are out of ignorance and think that whatever you have earned is the wealth of the God including yourself, then the sacrifice done by you is only returning back one's own wealth. In such a case it is not sacrifice at all. Therefore, the sacrifice becomes real only when the world becomes real and the ignorance continues. For the individual soul the world is real and so the sacrifice done by any human being is real. The Lord enjoys the love of His devotee through that sacrifice. Then only the Lord is pleased. Therefore, salvation means surpassing the worldly bonds under the influence of the bond with the Lord. The same mantra says that you should recognize, achieve and also please the Lord by the real knowledge. The foremost step in this is recognizing the Lord. The true path is sacrifice and inseparable identity is the divine knowledge of the Lord. By such identity only one should recognize the Lord.

After recognition you must serve the Lord through sacrifice, which can happen only under ignorance. You should continuously serve and please the Lord continuously. But the Lord is pleased only under the ignorance.

196. What do You mean by saving? Will Jesus save me if I accept Him as my saviour?

[Shri Anil Antony, Mumbai, asked: What do You mean by saving? Will Jesus save me if I accept Him as my saviour? What is truth? What is the kingdom of God? Who is Satan? Why rituals are more in Hinduism and not in Christianity? What do You think about worshipping idols, approaching astrologers, and people having supernatural powers? How do You explain the Heaven of Kingdom compared in several ways in Holy Bible? Please explain

(1) Luke 9: 60-62, 2) Luke 12 : 51-53, 3) Mathew 6 : 8, 4) John 18 : 37-38, 5) Mathew 11 : 28-30, 6) Mathew 5 : 3-8).]

Swami replied:- Saving from the troubles and misery is the general sense of the word saving. In spiritual sense, saving means cutting all the worldly bonds and establishing real bond with God, Who alone is the truth? God is truth. This means that God is infinite power. The creation is just His imagination and is almost not true. The imagining person is said to truly exist. The world, which is just His imagination and which is completely not nothing. The world is made of an iota of energy of God. God is like the infinite ocean of energy. Compared to God the world is almost nothing. Thus, this entire creation is under the full control of God. Just like the person doing some imagination creates an imaginary world in him, God created this imaginary world in Him. The imagining person can fully control the world. He can transform any item into any other item. He can raise a dead body in His imaginary world. All the miracles of human incarnations can be explained only by this concept. God who is present in the human incarnation does all these miracles only to establish this concept. If the world is equally true, then the world is equally powerful to God. In such case God cannot do whatever He likes. Since the world is least powerful and God is most powerful, God controls the entire world like a very strong person controlling very weak person. Thus, the world truth indicates the omnipotent nature of God. ***When we say that this world is not true, it indicates the negligible power of the world.*** Suppose a small ant is on your shirt, will you say that yourself and the ant are present in the house? The ant is negligible and is treated as nothing. Therefore, a person who knows this concept surrenders to God and accepts Him as the saviour. In his eyes the entire world looks like an ant before God. You are a tiny particle in this ant-world. You can understand your position by putting a relative scale. Assume that this ant is Infinite Ocean of energy. You are an iota of that ocean. This means your power is negligible before the power of this entire nature. ***The world is like the ocean and you are like a drop in it. God is like the ocean and the world a drop in God.*** You must understand this simile not in terms of volume but in terms of the intensity of the power. When we utter the word God, we immediately imagine Him as a very large

figure with unlimited boundaries. The space is largest but has no power as it is treated as nothing. The atom bomb is very small but it has enormous power. Therefore, our idea about God should not be in terms of the three-dimensional space. When a person imagines a large city, the city is very huge but the person is very small. But that small person has created, maintains and finally dissolves this huge city. He can do anything in this huge city. In fact, He is standing outside this huge city. When He wants to enter into this huge imaginary city, He will imagine a small form and He identifies Himself with that form. That small form represents the outside person. This imagined form, which is identified by the outside person, is treated as the outside person directly. This imagined small form is the human incarnation. The outside person is God. The imaginary huge city is this world. Thus, God identifies Himself with the human incarnation. From this angle the human incarnation and the God are one and the same.

There is another angle in which the human incarnation is not the original God but a part and parcel of God. In this angle, God and the human incarnation are treated as father and son. You can experience the Father only through this Son. In the third angle, the human incarnation is just sent by God into this world as a messenger with some power. Jesus talked this truth in all the three angles. Jesus can save any human being who has any one of these three angles. Acceptance of Jesus as your saviour is the essential step in the spiritual effort. Here Jesus means the human incarnation in general. Only God is the saviour. But you cannot approach God directly. Only through the human incarnation you can approach God. This means you should accept the human incarnation as that very God. In such case only, the human incarnation becomes your saviour. God is like free electrons flowing in the atmosphere. These Electrons are the electricity. Then can you heat water by keeping the vessel containing water in the atmosphere? When these Electrons enter a medium like the metallic wire, you can heat water. If the medium is human form, it is most convenient for you to clear your doubts, to love and to serve Him. Therefore, acceptance of Jesus as your Saviour means that you should accept the human incarnation as your saviour. It is told that Jesus will come again. This means that the human incarnation is coming in every human generation. Otherwise, if one generation was only blessed by such fortune, the other generations will charge God as partial and such charge is justified. Therefore, if you think that Jesus means only that particular human incarnation, which came about 2000 years back, you have lost the whole concept. Through a particular example generalization must be made. If you say that sodium atom is indivisible it means the atom of any element is

indivisible. If you say that Daniel is born, it means that every human being will be born. If this basic analysis is lost, the entire spiritual castle falls down due to the absence of its foundation.

Merely by accepting the human incarnation (Jesus) as Saviour cannot save you. It is told in the Bible that He came to save His people. Who are His people? They are His beloved devotees. They follow His instructions. Jesus did not give attention even to see His mother, when He was with His disciples. When a woman shouted that the Mother of Jesus was blessed, Jesus did not agree and told that blessed are those who followed His instructions. He says that one should leave parents, wife or husband, children and must be prepared even to carry on his own cross for the sake of Jesus. This means that one should be prepared to sacrifice even his life. Therefore, it is a narrow path with thorns. Even to hear this statement your mind is turmoiled with chaotic disturbance. That is the reason why He says that He has not come to give peace to you and that He is holding the sword of knowledge in His hand. Therefore, you can be saved only when you reach that state. If you say to the Judge that you accept him as your saviour, will he save you and cancel his judgement? If you say to the jailor that you will accept him as your saviour, will he relieve you from the jail? Therefore, He saves only His dearest devotees. He underwent the suffering of His people only on the Cross. He did not suffer for the sake of all the people and released all the people from their sins. If such thing is done the justice is destroyed. The administration becomes meaningless. ***When a devotee leaves everybody and everything for the sake of such human incarnation and participates in His service, such people are called as His people.*** Such devotees will never agree for the crucifixion of the Lord for their sake. Therefore, real saving is only at that stage.

Whether it is Christianity or Hinduism, the beginner cannot come forward if the final stage is shown. In Hinduism the saints and in Christianity, the Popes, fathers, brother and sisters who are dedicated to the Mission have left everything and everybody for the sake of God. Actually, such Holy saints only can be saved since they stand according to His standards prescribed. But if this fact is revealed no common man will come forward. It is the tradition of the divine preacher to show the final result even in the first step. We say to the schoolboy that if he goes to the school regularly and studies sincerely, he will become the professor. It is only encouragement. Does that mean that the boy will be appointed as professor as soon as he finishes the schooling? He gets encouraged and studies well in the school. Then he will go to college and university and study further, then he will join as a lecturer, become reader and then finally become the

professor. Therefore, to attract the beginners such encouraging statements are made, which need not be condemned as lies. When a lie does well, such a lie cannot be the sin. Even if it is truth, if it harms it is a sin. We tell so many lies to our children to encourage them and our aim is only their welfare and not cheating them. Therefore, such statements should be accepted with reference to the level of the devotees.

To recognize God, then to recognize God as the King of this creation and then recognizing His ultimate underlying hidden administration in the entire creation is the essence of spiritual knowledge. We recognize the Government and its administration in this world. It is clear because it is visible to the eyes. But God and His administration are invisible. Invisible does not mean non-existent. This world is filled with cosmic energy, which is invisible. That does not mean cosmic energy does not exist. You can experience the administration of God in every corner of your life. His administration is applied to both living and non-living beings of the creation. The non-living Sun, wind etc., move constantly following the rules of God only. That invisible God comes as visible human incarnation and proves all this. When Jesus ordered the storm in the sea subsided. The plants, birds and animals and all the human beings are under His control only. When Jesus told a tree to die, the tree died. Jesus was controlling the sheep and thus He controls animals and birds. The human beings are atheists, normal human devotees and real devotees. He also controls the atheists. The disciple of Jesus cut the ear of a soldier who came to arrest. But Jesus attached the ear in the proper place. Thus, His enemies are also under His control. The second type, normal devotees worship God for solving their worldly problems. He also controlled them, when He cured their diseases etc. He saved the highest real devotees by suffering on the Cross. Thus, He proved Himself to be the controller of all the non-living and living beings. This means that He is controller of the entire creation. To recognize such controlling administration in the entire world is recognition of His kingdom. People thought that His kingdom is somewhere in the heaven, which is above the sky. Jesus said that His kingdom is coming to the earth. It means that the human beings on the earth have started recognizing His kingdom on the earth, which is already existing. There is no place, which is not in His kingdom. There is no king except the human incarnation like Jesus. He is the king of kings. Even the Satan is also an employee in His kingdom. This creation is created by Him for His entertainment. In a cinema, not only the hero is remunerated but also the villain. Satan is used to test the devotees through his attractions. Thus, Satan is required in the spiritual effort of the human being. In answering a

multiple-choice question, there are three wrong answers along with one correct answer. The three wrong answers represent Satan, which appear more correct and attract the mind. The power of discrimination of the student becomes more significant in presence of such wrong answers only. What is the significance of the happiness without misery? Nothing and none can oppose the Lord. Satan is required for His divine game.

The rituals are in every religion. Their significance is the effect of external atmosphere. Baptism is a ritual. All the rituals are indicating the supernatural power of the unimagined God. Astrologers and Black magic etc., are not good from the point of the highest real devotees. But from the point of atheists and scientists, they indicate the supernatural element, which leads to the existence of the God. Therefore, every thing in the tradition is positive from the point of lowest cadre and simultaneously negative from the point of highest devotees. Even the idol worship is good from the point of lowest devotees. They cannot accept the present human incarnation due to their ego and jealousy. They cannot see the energetic forms of God by long penance. They can only retain concept of God through idols and photos. Jesus on the cross of the chain present in the neck of every Christian is an idol. Ofcourse, the idol worship is not direct worship of the God, because God does not exist in idols. It is only model or representative of the concept. We use models in teaching. When you teach the generation of the electricity through a model or flow sheet diagram, a diagram or the model is not directly the electric generator. But it represents the concept of production of electricity. The idol worship should be limited up to vision only. Therefore, cleaning the idol by bath and decorating is acceptable. You can offer also the food to the idol and feel that you are eating the remains. But you should not say that you have really scarified to the God. Thus, you can see every thing as positive from the lower level.

The kingdom of God is compared to a treasure hidden in the field. This means that God is hidden in the human body of the human incarnation. In the Gita the human body was compared with the field (*Idam śarīram...*). This means the identification of human incarnation. Purchasing the field means serving that human body. If the treasure is announced, the owner will not sell the field. Then it is impossible to purchase the treasure. This means that it is impossible to serve the real form of the God, which is beyond the imagination. The human body is a part of the kingdom of the God. Again the kingdom of the God is compared to a merchant who is in search of pearls. This means that the Lord in human body is in search of real devotees. But only one in millions can be the real devotee as said in the Gita (*Kaścit mām...*). When a merchant found such a pearl, he purchases it

by selling all his property. This means that the human incarnation will go to any extent to save that rarest devotee. Again, the kingdom of God is compared to a dragnet, by which all categories are captured and from each category good is taken and bad is thrown. This means that God captures all types of devotees. Some devotees use God for their selfish benefits. Even for them, God answers and thus the God captures them. From these devotees, those who are turned in to real devotees are accepted and the others are thrown out. These other type devotees love God as an instrument to solve their problems and that is not a real love.

Mathew 5:3-8: The mercy and purity are praised because such qualities will develop love on God. Then only God blesses them. Simple mercy and purity related to worldly bonds are of no permanent use. Such good qualities without the element of the God lead to temporally heaven, which is not a permanent fruit. Mere love on society leads to temporary heaven only from which one falls to earth as said in the Gita (*Kṣīṇe puṇye...*)

Mathew 11:28-30: The yoke of the Lord is light whereas the yoke of human beings is heavy. This means that the work of the Lord will never give misery, as there is no selfishness. But the worldly work of the human beings becomes heavy due to selfishness that create anxiety and misery since one is attached to the fruit of the work.

John 18:37-38: God is truth. But every truth is not God. For example, it is true if you say that wind moves. This does not mean that this sentence is God. He said "*I am the truth.*" He did not say "*Truth is Myself*". The people who belong to the truth mean the devotees who belong to the God. Here the word truth represents God only and not every truth in the world.

Mathew 6:8: He said that Father knows things before you ask. This sentence belongs to highest devotees. They do not expect anything in return, even for their practical service but the lower devotees aspire fruits from the God even for their theoretical service like prayers. For such low cadre He said "*Ask, that shall be given*". For the high devotees He suffers and cancels their evil effects. For lower devotees it is only postponing the punishment to another place called hell with increased interest.

Luke 12:51-53: Jesus is evaluating the love towards Him in terms of decrease in the love of the worldly bonds. As the love of a boy on his girl friend increases, the bonds with his parents weaken proportionately. At the final stage he runs away with girl friend totally discarding his parents. Thus, the detachment from the worldly bonds is an indirect measure of the attachment to the God. Without the later, the former is useless. This is

explained here. Jesus told that who could not be detached from parents, wife or husband and children and even with the life cannot be His follower.

Luke 9: 60-62: Let the dead bury the dead. You preach about God. This means that you need not worry about the dead body or its rituals. The reason is that the inert dead body will decompose in to inert five elements. The decomposition reactions are controlled by inert items like entropy, free energy etc. The inert means dead. Therefore, the inert five elements will decompose the dead body and bury it whether you do the ceremony or not. The Parsi people should be appreciated in this concept because they leave the dead bodies on hills and in forests.

197. Why does Your website represent only 6 major religions?

[Why does Your website represent only 6 religions? Why can You not include some others such as Sikhism, Jainism, Judaism, Taoism, Shinto etc.? That would be more fitting since You call the website "Universal Spirituality".]

Swami replied:- I have considered the main religions present in the world, which are taken as some examples. The concept applies to all the other religions equally. Even in the other religions the same concepts are present. I was also mentioning the name of Mahavir Jain in the context of non-violence. I also mentioned the philosophy of Jainism when I was talking about the truth, which is presented in Jainism as seven-fold. To limit the number only I have taken the main religions. This does not mean that we are neglecting other religions.

198. Why have You superimposed Your face on that of past incarnations?

[Why have You superimposed Your face on that of past incarnations? Will that not shock sincere devotees of other incarnations or religions? No other incarnation in the past did such a thing.]

Swami replied:- One of the friends of Shri Nikhil also asked a similar question and I was thinking to answer this. The original background was different. When some of My devotees were fortunate to have some visions on seeing Me, a point was noted by them. In all those visions the face was My face only. The devotees who did not have such visions were anxious to hear about the visions from the other devotees. Based on the explanations some devotees decorated My face in different forms so that the other devotees may have some satisfaction by seeing the visions indirectly. Originally these photos were restricted to the circle of My devotees only. When the Universal Spirituality was started as a Mission, My devotees suggested using these photos. I agreed based on one concept, i.e., when the same face is present in all the pictures it would give a psychological impression that the same God appeared in different forms. The face is the real identity of a person. Unfortunately, the pictures of

various deities and incarnations were only the imaginary drawings of artists. But they included different faces in these imaginary diagrams. This will give an unconscious impression that the deities and incarnations are quite different and the idea of one God does not become strong. I have superimposed My face on the faces of deities and incarnations for whom the real photos were not present. Don't you think that a real face is better than the imaginary face? My face and the imaginary faces on the photos are constituted by five elements only and there is no difference. I did not agree to superimpose My face on the face of Shri Shirdi Sai Baba, because His real photo exists. For this concept of one God, this single face helps. This single real face need not be Mine only. In fact, you can also superimpose your face in the faces of these deities and incarnations to explain that concept. It is only just a pictorial model. I will appreciate equally for two merits. 1) The face is real and not imaginary and truth is better than false imagination. 2) The face is single and this point does not exist in the imaginary faces.

In the spiritual field the only two impurities, which are the two layers that cover our two eyes are egoism and jealousy. Nobody is exceptional in these two impurities. Sadhana is only the eye operation to remove these two layers from our two eyes. Then only one can accept the existence of God and finally accept the existence of God in Human incarnation. When two eyes are completely covered by these two layers, one does not accept even in the existence of God. If the two layers are partially operated, the human being accepts the existence of God but not the human incarnation. When these two layers are completely removed, the devotee recognizes the human incarnation like Hanuman recognizing Rama. Because of these two layers many people did not recognize the human incarnations. Some recognized and respected but did not worship. A few recognized and also worshipped. Sometimes the human incarnation was also killed due to the intensity of these two layers as in the case of Lord Jesus. Lord Mohammed also had to fight with people constantly because He tried to unite the various sub-religions in Islam. Shankara was killed by black magic because He condemned all the sub-religions and united them. Swami Dayananda tried to bring out the real heart of the Vedas and was killed by food poisoning. Therefore, we must carefully watch the various effects of these two layers present within us before we analyze the object. The subjective analysis is very important before the objective analysis. Shankara told that unless the mind is purified from these impurities (Chitta shuddhi), recognition of God and recognition of Human Incarnation finally (Jnana Yoga) is not possible.

I have answered not only your question but also the root of your question. Previously the superimposition of face might not have been done due to the absence of photography and computer graphics. However, when Hanuman did not agree Krishna as Rama, Krishna did the same computer graphics by His divine power and superimposed the face of Rama on His face. You may not believe if I say that the same face of Lord Krishna was decorated by the dress of the face of Rama. Due to change in the dress the face appears different. You will find this fact in My photos also. Actually, it is the same face but appears different due to different external dress. Thus, the human body is only the external dress and the single actor present in all these roles is the same Lord. Hanuman could not recognize Krishna as Rama due to this external dress only.

When we see a film actor in the role of Rama in the cinema, the devotees look to him as Rama only. They do not see the inner actor but only the external role. But some people call him by the name of the actor and they see only the inner actor and not the external role. When the Lord comes as human incarnation the inner actor is the Lord and the outer role is the human being. This is just reverse of the above. In the case of human incarnation also the devotees see the Lord who is the inner actor and not the external role, which is the human being. But ordinary people see only the external human being and not the inner actor who is the Lord. Therefore, whether it is the world drama or a drama in this world, devotees only look at the Lord and the other people only look at the human being. When I was decorated in the dress of the Lord, I told My devotees like this "The Lord is hidden in Me and wants to give the fame to this external human being. I am just reversing this point and brought out the inner Lord to outside in the form of this decoration and hidden Myself inside the decoration. I want to say that the inner hidden Lord must be seen by all of you, who has done all these wonderful things and you must give credit to the Lord only. The Lord hid the truth and I revealed the truth".

199. When You say that You are a scientist, I do not see any evidence of that. How can I verify it?

Swami replied:- First you must be aware of the definition of Science. Science is defined as finding out the truth through logical analysis of perceived objects and the phenomena relating those objects. Objects and their phenomena are called as systems, which must have defined boundaries taken for study. There can be no philosophy without Science. In philosophy the ultimate goal is finding the truth. In such investigation the logical analysis must be adapted. Such analysis should not be mere feats of theoretical assumptions and imaginations of brain. The analysis must be

based on the experience of the objects and their phenomena. No philosopher speaks philosophy leaving this basis. That is the reason why the word Philosophy is introduced as a common word in the highest degree Ph.D., of every subject. God is beyond this creation and cannot be experienced directly. I am not speaking about such original nature of God because it cannot be experienced directly. God gives His experience through an object, which acts as a medium. Once a medium transfers the experience of God, you can call that object as God or we can say that God is in that object or we can tell that the power of God has entered the object. In any case the object gives the experience of God and can be treated as God or representative of God. The electric power is coming from a battery. We say that the source of the power is the battery and we write the word power on it. The best medium for the human beings is the human incarnation because God answers directly our questions. Even if you treat that human being as a messenger of God, it is only the God that is answering our questions through the human being. ***The questions related to God cannot be answered by anybody who is not God.*** Some may answer to some extent but God alone can answer to the full extent. All the human incarnations have answered all the questions in all the times about God. God has answered through them. You must give an equal chance to God also to argue His own case. He does not need any human being as an advocate.

All the previous spiritual preachers preached about God in a systematic way or the scientific way. The human incarnations performed miracles to show that this entire universe is only the imagination of God. You can create any object or change one object into another or make any object disappear or do anything as you like in the case of your imaginary world only. The reality cannot do like this with another equal reality. You cannot call the miracles as some magic. You may achieve the same result through magic but the path of achieving the same result need not be the only one path. For example, the human incarnation created some sacred ash from His hand. You may also create the same ash from your hand by hiding the wet powder of sodium chloride in the grooves of your hand. The final product is one and the same. But the paths are different. You should not argue that your path is the only one true path. The same Sodium Chloride can be prepared through several chemical reactions taking different materials. Since the final product is same, you should not argue that all the initial materials and paths are one and the same. You should not also argue that the materials and the reaction path, which you have followed to produce the Sodium Chloride is the only one true path and those are only

the true materials. If you see the history of Science the indivisible atom has become divisible and now the sub-atomic particles are also divisible as composites of quarks. The Science of yesterday is thrown out by the Science of today. You must sincerely find out the path in which that sacred ash was produced. Instead of doing that you are scolding and condemning that path. If a villager condemns your Science, you will laugh at him. Similarly, the human incarnation will laugh at you if you blindly condemn the miracle. Sincere scientists have approached the human incarnations and tried to observe the will-materialization very closely to find out the truth. Since there is no alternative to disprove it, they have agreed that the will-materialization is a true concept. Why you are limiting yourself to certain concepts only and discard the existence of concepts out of your boundaries? If you accept all the concepts proved by logical analysis and experience, then everything is Science. You are limiting your village only as the earth. The analysis of miracles is experimental Science, which is the most important essence of Science. The ancient preachers preached based on the Science developed up to that day. For ex:- In ancient Indian logic it is said that space or vacuum has sound as its characteristic (*Śabda guṇakamākāśam*). But sound does not pass through vacuum. We need not feel shy to discard that old concept. In Religion we accept that all old is gold and all new is wrong. The Scientist speaks reverse of this. Both are extremists. Spirituality or Philosophy examines both and takes truth from both and rejects false from both. The modern Science can discard the old Science because both are related to the concepts of the items existing in the creation. We should not feel sorry about it because we are bothered about the truth only, whether it is old or modern. But Science, which is the study of creation, cannot discard the Creator who is beyond this Creation. The Creator is neither any item of the Creation nor the total sum of the items of the creation. The Creator, being beyond four-dimensional space and time, becomes unimaginable and so wishes to give His experience to His believers through the objects, which are within the realm of space and time. This gives the experience of the unimaginable, which is yet not imagined. The existence of unimaginable God is proved and it does not mean that the unimaginable should become imaginable. How do you accept unimaginable infinity, which has unimaginable boundaries? Since the boundaries of this infinite Universe cannot be imagined, can you say that the Universe does not exist?

Therefore, throughout My knowledge, Science, which is defined as above, exists like the gold in a golden ornament. I have also dealt with the latest theories of Science separately to include them in the spiritual

knowledge. I have given an equal status of every Religion to Science separately. Please go through all those topics patiently and don't be hasty in your conclusions. Can you give Me any specific statement from My knowledge, which is not scientific? Your remark is only general without any specific example.

200. Why does a person become a devotee at some times and a worldly person chasing desires at other times?

[Why does the Grace of My Sadguru (Shri Satya Sai Baba) come on and off? Why do I sometimes become a devotee and sometimes become a worldly person full of worldly desires such as money?]

Swami replied:- You are better than a person who does not get the grace of Sadguru at all. You have not reached the goal yet. You are neither poor nor rich. You should be happy looking at the poor, but you should become serious by looking at rich. You are in the middle of the journey. You have left Vijayawada Station, but not reached the Bombay Station. You are better than the person, who is sitting in Vijayawada only and who is not having even an intention to reach Bombay. But you should not think that one day or other you would reach Bombay. In the simile, this point does not come. You have to reach the goal before this human birth. Some religions say that there is no re-human birth. Even though Hinduism mentions human re-birth, it says that the human re-birth is very rare (*Durlabham*). It means it is exceptional. The general rule is that there is no human re-birth. The omnipotent Lord may sanction human re-birth to some special cases. There is no guarantee that you will be that special case. If somebody says that water is not available in the desert or water is very rarely available in the desert, both the statements are one and the same. It means that you should go to a desert with your water bottle. You cannot take the chance of rare availability of water. Therefore, you should achieve the permanent grace of the Lord before the end of this human birth. Again, you have to think about the actual period of human birth. There is no guarantee that one gets the old age and dies. One may die at any moment in the light of accidental deaths. Therefore, try to achieve the goal today itself. At the same time do not be discouraged because you are in the journey and better than the people who have not started the journey. You have to cut your bonds with the world and attain the only one bond with Lord as said in the Gita (*Eka bhaktih...*). Unless you are relieved from the old institution, you cannot join the new institution. But as your bond with Lord increases, the worldly bonds weaken. Once you taste the divine nectar, you will discard the other drinks automatically.

The essence of this is that your effort must be on both the sides i.e., on one side you must try to intensify your bond with the Lord and on the other side you must be trying to cut your worldly bonds. The efforts on both sides are mutual and inclusive to each other. The final success depends on your determination, which is result of the divine knowledge that enters your intelligence (buddhi). You are in the plane of mind, which is just below the buddhi. The mind vibrates from one side to other doing Sankalpa (desiring something as good) and Vikalpa (desiring against that). Therefore, read all My divine knowledge patiently and once your intelligence is convinced, you will make the final determination and you will find the success on the very same day. Lord Krishna started the Gita with Jnana Yoga (divine knowledge). Buddhi is the driver and mind is the steering rod. You are the owner of the car. All the senses of the body are the wheels. The divine knowledge is the awareness of the right path in the eyes of driver. Such divine knowledge comes from Sadguru only who is the Lord Himself. If the driver is trained well, you will reach perfectly. Therefore, you spend more time on the divine knowledge and its analysis, which gives you the determination in practice. Shankara says that analysis of knowledge (*Sadasat vivekaḥ*) is a pre-requisite for the spiritual effort.

201. Why does the mind waver violently with worldly thoughts and desires? Why does it refuse to calm down in meditation?

Swami replied:- First of all, you must know that meditation is not the real path to attain the grace of the Lord. Meditation means fixing your mind on a form or formless God. You can imagine only any thing, which is in the realm of the space-time. This means that you can meditate upon only a part or total creation and not upon the creator. God is not the creation and is also not in the creation. If God is creation, you are also God and there is no need of any meditation. If God is in the creation, all the changes in the creation must affect the God. Kapila says "*Asaṅgo hyayaṃ puruṣaḥ*", which means that God is not associated with creation. The Gita also says the same (*Na cāhaṃ teṣu...*). God enters a small item of the creation and pervades all over that item for your service, which is only the proven love. Did you meditate upon your parents or wife or children? No, because you have real love to them. You serve them directly and not their photos or some other inert objects keeping as their models. You serve them in their human forms. They are different from their human bodies as souls. But you are serving the soul through the human body.

Similarly, the Lord enters a human body and available for your true love. You must take pains to detect him. Have you not taken pains to search a suitable girl for marriage to show your true love? Take the help of the

divine knowledge. The Vedas and the Gita have given the procedure to detect the human incarnation. To cut your bonds with the family members, who are also human beings, another human form of God is only the equal competitor. Formless objects, statues and photos cannot compete. Your body is also a human form. The bond with money is only for the human forms. If you develop the bond with human incarnation, which is Lord Himself called as Sadguru, He will bless you with divine knowledge, which alone can cut your worldly bonds. Since you have not fully realised, your attachment persists. ***The attachment is violent only due to the high intensity of ignorance, which is nothing but misinterpreted and twisted wrong knowledge.*** Such ignorance can disappear only by the light of true divine knowledge.

The source of that knowledge is Sadguru. Therefore, you must catch a Sadguru and hear His divine knowledge constantly. You must clarify your doubts at every stage. When you are fully clarified, the ignorance disappears like the darkness in the presence of sunlight. Thus, the root cause is only ignorance and root remedy is only true knowledge. ***When the ignorance is associated with egoism and jealousy, it is like diabetes associated with hypertension and kidney failure.*** Your case is not serious because you are with ignorance only. It will be easy to treat you.

202. Why is my life full of problems related to money, relations, stress etc? Why do all the decisions that I take always go wrong?

Swami replied:- Man proposes and God disposes to show that you should not be too much involved in the worldly affairs and that you should turn to Him. The failures in the world show that God is very much interested in your case and is constantly trying to divert you towards Him. The failures and problems are real friends, who will turn you to God. The success with fame is the real enemy, which drags you away from the God. When Lord Krishna asked His aunt, Kunti, to ask for a boon, she asked Krishna to continue only problems in her life. Her argument was that she remembered the Lord always in difficulties. She wants to remember God continuously. All the things in this world proceed according to the wheel of deeds (Karma Chakra). You cannot change the destined route of things in this nature. They reflect the systematic administration of rules and regulations laid down by the Lord. You cannot change the nature of the external atmosphere. You must cut your mental attachment to the external atmosphere and remain peaceful. With the peaceful mind, you must concentrate on God. You are standing in the sea and meditating upon the Sun. You cannot stop the waves. The waves in the sea should not move your mind. Your body or your clothes may be moved but not your mind.

For this you must think that you are not the clothes and you are not the body. You are the soul, which is pure awareness. All the external bonds are related to your body and mind (feelings) only. This is called as self-realization through self-analysis. Shankara stressed this first part of the spiritual path because this is common to all the human beings in this world. The attainment of God is the second part of the path. Mental worry is like fever. Attainment of God is like attaining special strength. All the fever-patients want to get rid of the fever. After liberation from the fever, some of the patients may try to get special strength by taking special tonics. Ramanuja and Madhva stressed this second part of the spiritual path through the propagation of devotion. But, the first part is common to all the patients as stressed by Shankara. The self-analysis is like the antibiotic medicine for the fever. First you must get rid of the fever. Without subsiding the fever, you cannot proceed for tonics to attain special strength. For the first part, there is no need of even the concept of God. Getting rid of the fever is peace. Attaining of God is bliss. Peace is required to get the bliss. Peace should not be mistaken as bliss. The soul is in your body only. If you attain the soul, you have attained your money, which is misplaced, in your house. When you get it, your worry is removed and you become peaceful. You need not become happy because it is your money only. But when you get some money on the road, outside your house, you are happy. The first part is avoiding loss and second part is attaining profit. The Advaita scholars are very happy when they have found their own misplaced money in their houses. They feel as if they have attained money from others. They are satisfied with 'no loss' and feel that itself is the profit. They invest money in business and want their original money only at the end of business. They say that this is only the maximum profit. They deny the merchants who have more money as profits. Ofcourse, these innocent scholars are better than the merchants who are in loss. They are better than mentally worried people. But they think that peace is the bliss. For them, 'no loss' is the only profit. I am therefore, advising you to take the antibiotic, which is the self-analysis as the first drug. Even for this drug to act properly and immediately, grace of God is essential as said by Shankara (*Īśvārānugrahādeva...*).

203. Your knowledge is very deep and crystal clear. Why such knowledge was not given by the previous human incarnations so far?

Swami replied:- The deeper knowledge is revealed by the Lord at present because the receiver viz. the audience is sharpened by the development of Science, which is the logical analysis based on the experience. Since the receiver has become perfectly eligible, now the Lord

has emitted the perfect knowledge at the right time. The same Lord was present in the previous incarnations also with the same knowledge. Then the time was not ripened. Moreover, with the increased logical analysis people have become very intelligent. Intelligence has both good and bad effects. With the increase in the intelligence the receiving capacity increased. At the same time, the power to misinterpret and twist the scriptures has also increased. Therefore, the present time needs more sharp analysis to cut all these misinterpretations of over-intelligence. Due to this, the knowledge has become clearer. The necessity is the mother of invention. There is one more divine secret also behind this answer.

Due to over-intelligence, the departed souls have started arguing with the Lord in the upper world for the reasons for not giving them salvation. They said that the scriptures have the possibility of another way of interpretation and therefore, unfortunately they have taken that interpretation and missed the salvation. They also say that their Sadgurus (Preachers) gave such interpretations and it is the tradition that the Sadguru must be accepted. Therefore, a necessity has come to the Lord to come down and give the crystal-clear true knowledge of the scriptures through correct interpretations. This will remove the headache of the Lord once for all in the upper world. Now nobody can blame the Lord for not understanding the truth. Whether you take Me as the Lord or you take the Lord speaking through Me or you take Me as the messenger of the Lord, as far as the knowledge is concerned it is given by the Lord only. Therefore, this point will not interfere with the contents of the knowledge in any way.

204. Are formal scriptural study, ritual worship and meditation essential for discovering the Self?

[Is formal scriptural study essential for discovering the Self? What is the role of puja, mediation etc.? I would like to think that neither is as important as the other but I'm hesitant to contradict those who have devoted their life to this. Please enlighten me.]

Swami replied:- The study of Scriptures is like studying a subject through correspondence course. The Scriptures contain the total truth. But the correct way of interpretation is very important. Several people who are over-intelligent have misinterpreted the Scriptures in their own way to suit to their convenience. These people do not want to make any effort to change themselves to become eligible for the divine fruit. They are unable to fly to the sky from the earth. Instead, they wish the divine fruit from the sky should come to the earth and should fall in their hands straightly. Everybody aspires the highest fruit through the easiest way. The easiest way is the path of knowledge, which does not require any sacrifice. The highest fruit is to become the very Lord right now from this moment

onwards. They like the preacher to say that they should just come out of their house to receive a heap of infinite treasure lying down before the doors. Anybody will be happiest to receive the news that he has become eligible to join the post of district collector in whatever stage of his study to the I.A.S. Examination, he is present. The post is offered to the fresh student who just joined the I.A.S. Course and also to the student who passed the I.A.S. Examination. Both are equally eligible now itself to join the same post. If the preacher says that already both have joined the post and that they have forgotten this truth, now all the effort is only to recognize that they are the district collectors. This gives the idea that there is no need of any future effort. This is the misinterpreted philosophy of monoism (Advaita) of Shankara. Everybody is very much attracted to this path. The influence of this path is so much that nobody is coming out of this illusion. It is so sweet that they are unable to leave this state. The basic misconception is to think that the self is the Superself. Self is any living being in this world. Superself is the Lord. They just find one common point i.e., the pure awareness (Chit) exists in both. The Prime Minister and his peon have several common points like pure awareness, similar form of external human body etc. Both eat and sleep similarly. Both are married and both have children. Because of these common points, can you treat the Prime Minister and his peon as one and the same? Based on one common point i.e., pure awareness, how can you say that self is Superself?

The Veda says that by the order of the Lord, the Sun is shining. In summer due to sunstroke a human being is killed. Let the Advaita scholar stand against the sunstroke and order the Sun not to kill him. When the disciples of Shankara thought that they are also the Lord, Shankara swallowed the molten lead and asked the disciples to do the same. Then they fell on the feet of Shankara. Then Shankara told "*Śivaḥ kevalo'ham*", which means that only He is Shiva. The word Kevala (only) is important here. Shankara while taking bath in the ocean at Puri told "*Oh! Lord! Though the qualitative identity is in between us, the quantitative difference exists. The water is common in both the sea and the wave like the pure awareness in the soul and supersoul. But the quantitative difference exists and one should not forget that the entire wave is in the sea but the entire sea is not in the wave*". This is stated as a message for the sake of ordinary soul. These Advaita Scholars filter all the differentiating points and finally get the common point filtered down into the beaker as the filtrate. The differentiating points are the residue on the filter paper and the filtered common point is in the downward beaker. They see only the beaker but not the filter paper. Therefore, the whole spiritual

path is twisted and confused almost all the human beings. Seeing this situation, the same Shankara came as Ramanuja and Madhva and clearly differentiated the Superself from the self. Some devotees have come out of this illusion but several people are still lingering there only due to their unreasonable and unimaginable ambition for the fruit. Unless this basic concept is realized, all the stages of the spiritual effort cannot be healthy. The poison injected in the foundation has spread all over the upstairs of the construction. Your question has already assumed that self is Superself. You have no doubt about that basic concept. Nobody likes to touch that basic concept. If that basic concept is analysed the entire castle of their ambition will collapse. They cannot tolerate to lose the highest fruit, which was captured by them by the easiest way of self-realization. Now for such self-realization, you are asking whether the meditation or the study of scriptures is the path. When the goal itself is absent what is the use of the path? It is something like asking whether one should pass eighth standard or ninth standard to become the district collector. Neither of these two standards can give you the post. By passing those two standards one can get the post of a peon. One has to pass the I.A.S. Examination for which he is eligible after passing degree examination, which is far from both those standards. These advaita scholars argue that the peon is the collector. They do not accept the existence of any higher post other than the peon. The reason for this basic misunderstanding is the word "Brahman".

As per Sanskrit grammar this word comes from the root "***Br̥hi-Vr̥ddhau***", which means that the root meaning of this word is greatness. Anything that is great can be called as Brahman. The soul is the most precious and greatest item of the creation and is called as Paraa Prakruti, which means the greatest of all the created items. The soul is included as a part of the creation (Prakruti) and is called as Paraa Prakruti as said in the Gita (***Prakṛtiṃ viddhi me parām...***). It is not Creator. If it is Creator, it cannot be called as Prakruti. It is only the modification of food during evolution as said in Veda (***Annāt puruṣaḥ...***). The same inert energy called as electro-magnetic radiation working through a special unknown technology is life. The materials of the technology are known and the working inert energy is also known. ***But the special technology in which it works is not known and therefore, life energy is not synthesized so far.*** Only God knows that technology. When sage Gautama cursed Ahalya, she became a stone. Now where is the soul and its subtle body of Ahalya? Is it not in the stone? If it is not in the stone there is no suffering to the soul through its subtle body. When the foot of Rama touched it, it is converted into the woman called Ahalya. This clearly shows the inter-conversion of

life energy into inert energy and vice-versa. When Brahma stole the cows and cowboys for one year, Lord Krishna created the same cows and cowboys again. If the soul is eternal, it cannot be created again. This again proves that the soul is only a part of the creation and not the eternal Creator. The soul is said to be eternal with reference to this temporary body. Thus, it is only relatively more permanent as said in the Gita (*Na Hanyate hanyamāne śarīre*). If one does not understand the theory of relativity the verses in the second chapter in the Gita cannot be realized. The soul is greater than the great body but the Supersoul is greater than the greater soul. Therefore, the soul is not greatest. But as far as the items of Prakruti or Creation are concerned, soul is the greatest and this does not mean that the soul is the Supersoul. The Supersoul is beyond the creation and is not an item of the creation. Therefore, the Supersoul does not come into the boundaries of Creation or Prakruti. In this sense the greatest soul within the boundaries of creation is called as Brahman. The Scripture Veda is also called as Brahman because it is greatest among all the scriptures. This is stated in the Gita (*Brahmākṣara samudbhavam*).

Therefore, any greatest item in a specific category can be called as Brahman. There is another path of psychological treatment of the teacher. It is to encourage the student by attaching the highest goal to every step he climbs. To make the student climb one more step, the teacher says that if he climbs one more step the final roof is achieved. In this way, the encouragement is given to the devotee by saying that the Superself is achieved if the self is achieved. In fact, the achievement of self is necessary to achieve the Superself. If one attains his own self, he attains perfect peace. If he identifies himself to be the soul, which is the pure awareness, he is detached from the gross body and the inner subtle body. By such detachment all the worldly bonds disappear and all the mental worries vanish. By this one attains the peace. Peace is a pre-requisite for attaining the Superself. Thus, attainment of self is very important, which is the middle station of the journey.

When you are mental worried and dragged by these worldly bonds, how can you concentrate and develop the single bond on God? Therefore, self-realization is the basis for reaching the Superself. But one should not stop at the self-realization because attainment of self is not attainment of Superself. One is traveling from Vijayawada to Mumbai. The middle station is Hyderabad. One should reach Hyderabad before reaching Mumbai. But one should not get down at Hyderabad thinking that it is Mumbai.

Therefore, to attain the self and thereby, to attain the peace as a pre-requisite qualification for attaining the Superself, both the study of scriptures as well as meditation are important. To know the truth the scripture must be studied. But only the Sadguru must explain the scripture. ***'the Veda, the scripture has to be studied from a Guru only and should not be read directly from book'***. Even this statement is misunderstood. People misinterpret that the recitation of the Veda should be done only with the help of the Guru or Preacher. For recitation no teacher is required. Any student can by-heart any book by self-reading and no teacher is required for that. The correct interpretation of this statement is that the Veda should be explained through a Sadguru (True Preacher) only. The teacher is required for the explanation and interpretation and not for the recitation. Thus, the study of the scripture must be done only with the help of Sadguru and not the Guru who is an ordinary human being only. Then meditation means memorizing the concept that you are the self or soul or casual body and detaching yourself from the gross and subtle bodies. Both are required to fix you in the soul permanently. Pooja is the worship of a model only, which is related to the preliminary low cadre devotees as said "***Pratimā hyalpa buddhīnām***". Thus, both the study of Scripture with the help of Sadguru and meditation are important to attain the middle station. Both these are also the indirect means to attain the Superself because unless the peace is attained by self-realization, one cannot travel further to attain and please the Superself or the Lord.

People are clinging to the fruit of the path of Shankara due to overambition, which can be obtained by spending a little time and energy in study of the scripture. It is just like the recent computer scam given by the Abidjan city. They ask you to spend a little to release the box and offer crores of rupees as the fruit of your little effort. Several innocent people were trapped and even flew to Abidjan to collect the box. But there is no trace of the box. Even Swami (Myself) played with one scam and made a long correspondence trying to change their attitude. Atheists, who believe only the gross materialistic world, surrounded Shankara. He tried to lead them from gross state to subtle state by introducing the subtle soul. The journey from gross state to subtle state can be a pre-rehearsal for the journey from imaginable creation to unimaginable God. He stressed on the detachment from the body and attachment to the self. This gives a training to detach from the imaginable world and to attach to the unimaginable God. In fact, the Superself or God is unimaginable whereas the self or pure awareness is imaginable. Therefore, even awareness cannot be the common point in Superself and self. How can you say the unimaginable God to

possess the awareness? The awareness or life energy is imaginable item of the creation. The Scholars have misunderstood that God has awareness because God wished to create this universe. Since God wished, God must be awareness. This logic applies only to the items of creation and not to the Creator who is beyond creation. The unimaginable God can wish even without being the awareness. He is above the laws of Creation. The Veda says '*Apāṇipādo javano grahīta...*', which means that He can run without legs and He can catch without hands. Since God runs you say that God must have legs based on the natural laws. But the supernatural God does not require legs to run. Similarly, He can wish to create the world without Himself being the awareness. If this is understood the Superself is just beyond your imagination. The Superself enters into one of the items of the creation to give its experience to you. If the medium is human form, it will be most convenient for the Superself to preach you and receive your love and service directly. The Superself present in the human form is Sadguru who will lead you from the gross body and subtle body to the self and then finally to the Superself, which is none else than Himself. Therefore, identifying and catching the feet of Sadguru is most important than all these things mentioned by you.

The reason for Brahman to be stated as awareness is that, Brahman enters only a living being and not an inert object. Ofcourse, the inert objects can be worshipped as models of Brahman by the lower cadre. Such worship is called as Pooja. If you see the incarnations, all of them were living beings only like fish, tortoise, pig etc. The living being can only do certain action independently. For the sake of human beings, Brahman enters the human body because preaching and clarification of doubts is impossible if it is not a human body. Even the energetic bodies of Brahman contain innermost soul and inner subtle body. The energetic body is only the outer gross body. The subtle body is made of qualities. If it is Brahma, it is of Rajas quality, if it is Vishnu, it is of Sattvam quality, if it is Shiva, it is of Tamas quality and if it is Datta it is of three qualities. When Brahman appeared as Yaksha to angles, it was Datta who tested them and talked to them. The inert item is not independent and is always controlled by life. Therefore, Brahman never enters any inert body, which is not self-controller. If Brahman is identified with any inert object, Brahman has to be controlled by another living being. This is impossible because Brahman is the controller of all the inert and living beings. Therefore, the Veda says that Brahman can never exist in a statute or a photo (*Na tasya pratimā...*). But the inert object can be kept as a representative of model of Brahman and can be worshipped. But such worship is very much limited to cleaning

and decorating the statute etc., only and should not be extended to offering food, dakshina (money) etc. The priests and the managers of temples are taking that food and dakshina keeping the statue in front of you. The priests and managers are not of the level of the Sadguru. Either they are enjoying or spending the money improperly. Therefore, the worship of statue is not liked by realized souls. But it should be respected because there is no other alternative except this for the beginners. Therefore, whenever a soul or self (Atman) is referred, Atman means a human being. In Sanskrit Atman means the human body. In fact, even the soul is called as casual body, which is the innermost component of the human body. The human body consists of the outermost gross body, the inner subtle body and the innermost casual body or soul. Therefore, whenever the word Atman comes in the sense of the Lord, it means the human body (human being), which is charged and pervaded all over by the Lord. Only such self is the Superself or Brahman or the Lord. This should not be extrapolated to every self or every human being. Every human being is only the human body, which is composite of the three bodies. The Veda says that the Lord is controller of all the selves (*Ātmeśvaram...*). If every self is Lord Himself, how can He be controller of the self? It means He controls Himself. Therefore, the self-realization and attainment of self in the first of half of the spiritual journey means realizing and attaining your own self and finally fixing you in the self. But the word self in the second half of the journey means the human incarnation or Sadguru and here the self-realization means the recognition of Sadguru and the self-attainment here means catching hold of the feet of Sadguru. You should not sit at the end of first half of the journey thinking that yourself is Sadguru. Therefore, it is better to catch the Sadguru in the beginning itself so that you are well aware of the whole of journey in the beginning itself. Of course, you can go to the middle station by your self with the help of scripture and meditation. But there is a danger of your stagnation in the middle station thinking that, that is the final station. Once you are caught up by this Abidjan scam in the middle station, you will never go further, because the scam is so sweet. The Advaita scholars are caught up by this scam even in the beginning of the journey itself. Therefore, nobody can save them.

205. Why should I leave my father when he himself wants me to become a saint?

[My father wants me to become a saint? Then why should I leave my father? Do You think that leaving family members is only the true love to God? Can I pray God to help the poor people?]

Swami replied:- You must not be hasty in drawing fast conclusions, which may vary from case to case depending on their merits and defects.

The first pre-requisite in the spiritual field is patience (Sama) as preached by Shankara in His commentary on the very first Brahma Sutra. You must analyze very carefully with a lot of patience even in the research work of even any science topic. Then how much you should be careful and patient in analyzing the spiritual knowledge (*Brahma Vidya*)? In this field, one should have the purest mind also filtering all the impurities like attachment to worldly souls and things, jealousy, egoism etc. Please go through My analysis carefully and patiently.

Since your father wants his son to become a saint, he must have been a saint since he is detached from his son for the sake of God. You can become the saint only when you are detached from your father. Therefore, stay with your father and treat him as your Sadguru and learn the detachment from him. Your learning becomes complete when you practice it and your father will be very happy when his student (not son) has completed the learning. Detachment from worldly things and family members alone cannot be the ultimate goal. Of course, such detachment is called as salvation, which is the liberation from all the worldly bonds. These bonds will create disturbance in the mind one-day or other. To be detached and peaceful while staying in the family is impossible in the case of ordinary human beings. The Sadguru, Vashishtha preaches the same in Yogavashishtham. It is possible for the human incarnation or for a devotee who has already reached the Lord and came down to assist Him. The Veda says the same (*Yadahareva virajet tadahareva pravrajat*), which means that the moment you are determined to attain God (Nivrutti), you should walk out from your house. The environment affects the ordinary human beings and the surrounding fire burns them. Only Datta, the human incarnation of the Lord can remain unburnt by the surrounding fire. To preach this, Shanakra left His mother. Buddha left His wife and son. Miira wrote a letter to her Sadguru, Tulasi Das, about her intention to leave her husband. Tulasi Das replied that she should leave the house and that is not a sin. Shankara also wrote that in the case of God, there is no question of justice and injustice. One has to cross both for the sake of God as said in the Veda (*Puṇya pāpe vidhūya...*). The Gita also says the same (*Sarvadharmān parityajya...*). Shankara also wrote in His commentary that the rules of justice would be futile in the case of a real devotee like the knife losing its edge when hit on a stone (*Śilāprayukta kṣurādivat...*). The whole point in this is that the detachment should not be merely for the sake of detachment only. A stone is detached from all the bonds but it is of no use.

The basis or the reason for the detachment should be the attachment to God. Your detachment to all the drinks is based on the attachment to the taste of divine nectar, which you have tasted. The detachment can be done even during the trial to taste the divine nectar, if attachment to the drinks is found as an obstruction. After tasting the nectar, you will automatically discard the drinks. Therefore, the detachment from the worldly bonds should be done if it is found to be an obstruction to your spiritual trials. If the environment is neutral or favorable, you need not leave the house. Shri Paramahansa told a devotee to leave even his newly married wife, when she was obstructing his meeting with Paramahansa. Nobody and nothing should be equal to God as said in the Veda (*Na tatsamah...*). The Gita says the same (*Mattah parataram...*). Anasuya was equally spiritual like Atri and therefore, there was no need for Atri to leave the house. No better spiritual soul is available in the world. But Shankara left His mother for three reasons. 1) His mother was a devotee but not a highly spiritually elevated soul like Anasuya. She was fond of Shankara. If Shankara stays with her, she will not be liberated. 2) The Sadguru, Govinda Bhagavatpada was staying far from His place, whom Shankara wants as His Guru. 3) Shankara wanted to propagate the knowledge, which is duty of the saint, and one had to wander all over the country due to the absence of the present electronic media. Buddha left His wife and son because they were not encouraging His spiritual effort. Miira wanted to leave her husband because he was neutral and she wanted to go to Brindavanam where more encouraging devotees are available. In all these cases association is very important, which may help or harm your spiritual effort. Markandeya did not leave the parents because they were very much encouraging his devotion. Smt. Sakkubai finally left the house and went to Pandaripuram because the environment in her house is opposing her devotion.

In the case of Tukaram, the wife was encouraging him, but she was not up to his level and could not follow Tukaram because she was attached to the house unlike Tukaram. Prahlada did not leave the house in spite of the opposing atmosphere because the Lord has some programme to kill his father and Prahlada was made instrumental. Prahlada did not mind the Lord to kill his father. This shows that Prahlada is completely detached and was completely attached to the Lord even though he stayed in the house. Thus, the reasons and analysis differ from one case to the other and one has to be very careful in this delicate issue. Finally, it is better to surrender to the Sadguru and do according to His instruction, who is the best judge of your individual case. You cannot take a general conclusion and treat yourself for your disease based on the medical pamphlets or the medical shopkeeper.

You have to approach a perfect specialist-doctor, who is the best judge of your case and you must follow his prescription. You cannot understand your own X-ray photograph. Only the qualified doctor-specialist can analyze and judge perfectly. However, in general it can be told that one need not leave the family if the family members are also perfect devotees and encourage the value of spiritual effort. Even if the family is opposing, you should not leave the family at once. You must start propagating the divine knowledge first from your family level itself. You must try to preach them the unreality of these worldly relationships, which did not exist before and will not exist after this birth. You should say that the relationship with God is only permanent and real. You must say that all this advice is in their interest only and not in your interest. Like this you must try to help your family in the spiritual line if you really love them. If you are encouraging their blind love by showing your blind love, the blind love increases mutually on both sides and finally all will fall into the well as said in the Veda (*Andhenaiva nīyamānāḥ...*).

The love should not be for one's pleasure. It should be in the welfare of the other person whom you love. If your love is real on your family, you must be interested in their permanent welfare, which is possible only in the spiritual line. You love them for your pleasure and they love you for their pleasure. The Veda says that one loves the other family member because the other person is instrumental to one's happiness. The wife loves the husband because he gives happiness to her. If he gives misery to her, she will run away for a divorce. Similarly, all the relationships like father, son etc. The Veda says that love is selfish because you love anybody who gives happiness to you (*Ātmanaḥ kāmāya...*). Even if you are unhappy, your love should be for their welfare and not for your selfish pleasure. Thus, you love yourself provided you keep yourself in the spiritual line, which alone helps your soul. If you are not in the spiritual line and only in the material line, you are throwing yourself into the hell. This is said in the Gita (*Uddharet ātmanā ātmānam...*). The spiritual line alone gives a permanent and final welfare. Therefore, you should help yourself and your family members by keeping yourself in the spiritual line and by preaching the spiritual line to your family members. Shankara loved His mother really. Since He left her, she got detached from her son and was deeply bonded to the Lord till the end of her life. She reached God and got permanent welfare. Shankara helped His mother in this way and this was only the true love to His mother. Had He remained with His mother, she would have been more and more attached to her son and should have gone to the cycle of birds and animals, which love their issues blindly.

Praying for the sake of poor people is not the true path. The Lord is kinder than you towards those poor people because all are His children only. You are only a brother of these poor people and He is the Father of all of you. The love of father is far greater than the love of a brother. When you pray the God to show kindness on your brothers, is it not insulting your Father? The Father has given punishment to your brothers for their sins. If you just help them that is also interference in the administration of the divine Father. The best way is to help them in all the ways practically either before or after preaching them the divine knowledge and make them become devotees of the divine Father. Devotion will purify the hearts and make them eligible to receive the grace from God. He can only solve their problems permanently. Your help is only temporary. Therefore, help the poor practically and make them become devotees. The practical social service mixed with spiritual mission will please the Lord. The spiritual preaching will change the hearts and serves the purpose of the punishment. Punishment is only for the change and not for any revenge.

206. Can You please interpret my dream, in which I found broken pieces of an idol of Vasudeva in a car?

[My son is trying to become a star in Hollywood. Can You bless his trials? I like to help a poor lady in a problem. Can You bless her? In a dream I found broken pieces of the statue of Vasudeva in a car and the driver was asking me whether the pieces belong to me? Can You explain this?]

Swami replied:- Swami sends His heartfelt blessings to your son. This whole world itself is the Universal Cinema. The real Hollywood Hero is the Lord Himself. Ask your son to surrender to that Real Hero and for Him it is nothing to grant this boon to your son. Moreover, you are going to be saved by that real Hollywood Hero at your end. Your son cannot save you because he himself has to be saved by that Hero only. All these family relationships are only the bonds between the roles acting in this world cinema. These bonds neither existed before this birth nor will exist in the coming birth. All these family members are only your co-actors appearing in different roles from one cinema to other cinema. Thus, these dramatic bonds are temporary and therefore, are unreal. According to Shankara that which is temporary must be unreal. The dramatic bond neither exists before the drama nor will exist after the drama. Therefore, the bond does not exist really even during the period of this drama. There is only one bond, which is permanent and real. That bond is between that real Hollywood Hero, Who is the producer and director of the entire field and the actors. That bond is the Employer (Swami)–employee (Sevaka) relationship. This bond is permanent from the beginning of this creation and will never break. Therefore, you treat that real Hollywood Hero as your Son from now

onwards. He will definitely fulfill the wish of His younger brother about whom you are dreaming.

You want to help a poor lady in her problem. No doubt! Social service is good and you will get the heaven for such good deeds. But the heaven is also temporary and you have to return to this world as said in the Gita (*Kṣīṇe punye...*). Therefore, mere social service is of no permanent use. You have to mix the social service always with the devotion to God. That lady is in the problem because of her deeds. The problem is a punishment given by the Lord. If you simply try to help her without preaching the divine knowledge and devotion, it is interference in the administration of the God. Therefore, tell her to pray the Lord in difficulties. Then your help mixed with divine preaching will serve the purpose of punishment. Punishment is only for a change. When she becomes a devotee that is the best change. Then there is no need of the punishment. Then God will bless her and her problem will be solved. However, Swami has already sent blessings to her.

Your dream has some divine significance. The car is your body. You are the owner of the car. The steering rod is your mind. The wheels of the car are the senses of the body. The driver is your intelligence. The driver must have a proper training to drive the car. Lord is the owner of such training center. The training is nothing but divine knowledge. Therefore, if the driver is properly trained in the divine knowledge, you are sure to reach the correct divine goal. The broken pieces of the statue of Vaasudeva indicate that the statue stands only as a representative of the Lord. Vaasudeva means the son of Vasudeva or the human body. The Lord enters the human body and pervades all over the human body so that the human body should be treated directly as the Lord as said in the Gita (*Vāsudevah sarvamiti...*). Vaasudeva stated that He would be born again and again for every human generation as said in the Gita (*Yadā yadā hi...*). The Lord stated that He is not modified into the human body and therefore, you should treat that human body only as the wire into which the electricity entered. During the lifetime of Vaasudeva that human body was the Lord and devotees never differentiated between the Lord and that human body. But at the end the Lord left and that human body was cremated by Arjuna. The Lord again appears in another human incarnation. The human body is just a shirt. The shirt is changed but the person is not changed. Therefore, if you are talking about Vaasudeva, does the word mean the Lord or the human body? The human body was inert and was not different from an inert statue and which disintegrated into pieces. The Lord only is eternal and therefore, the word Vaasudeva refers to the Lord only. Thus, every

human incarnation is Vaasudeva. The body of the Rama disappeared. The same Rama came as Lord Krishna but Hanuman could not recognize Him. Lord Krishna showed that He was Rama. Lord Krishna taught this entire concept to Hanuman after giving the vision of Rama. Therefore, your dream conveys a message to you that you should search and find out that real Hollywood Hero present in a role today. Brahma sutra says that the Lord utilizes the dream as a medium for the divine message (*Sandhye sr̥ṣṭiraha hi...*). I convey My apology to you for the delay in My reply since I had to answer several letters. As Swami I convey My blessings to you for your spiritual development.

Chapter 38

June 14, 2005

O Learned and Devoted Servants of God,**207. What should be the motivation for a spiritual aspirant to excel in his career and worldly interactions?**

[Shri Balaji asked: For a spiritual aspirant, what should be the motivation/enthusiasm to excel in one's career and day-to-day interactions?]

Swami replied: The materialistic field (Pravrutti) consists of the day-to-day interactions. The spiritual field (Nivrutti) consists of the interaction with the Lord. Both these fields are quite opposite like darkness and light. The Veda says the same (*Dūramete viparīte viṣūcī*). This means that Pravrutti and Nivrutti are like North and South poles. They are opposite in the direction. The goal of the Pravrutti is the happiness of this body and your family members, fame, riches, etc. This goal is temporary and one has to struggle every time in an atmosphere with lot of risk. The goal of Nivrutti is permanent and there is no struggle and risk. The Pravrutti is like doing a job and getting salary every month. If you do not work the salary is stopped. Nivrutti is like getting interest on the fixed deposit and you work without any binding. The Lord is one and the same for both the fields and acts as the controller for both. But the nature of Lord differs in these two fields. In the field of Pravrutti, the Lord is strict and follows the rules of justice. In the field of Nivrutti, the Lord is very kind and shows love in solving your problems even without your knowledge. Now you want to bring the advantage of Nivrutti into Pravrutti. You want to have the result of Nivrutti while keeping yourself in Pravrutti. People in the materialistic field pray God to solve their problems related to this world.

The Lord has invented a way for this line also. He will solve your problems based on your prayers. But He will postpone your evil results to the next birth or to the hell (if the rebirth is not believed) with increased interest. He will draw the good results from the future birth with decreased interest like a pre-matured deposit and handover to you as happiness. You think that your evil result is cancelled and the good result is given to you without doing the good deed. If it is done in that way the justice is insulted. Only a rearrangement of the deeds in the wheel (Karma Chakra) is done. By this your future births become full of difficulties and you will scold God in those births. However, if you are not bothered about the future and is particular of the present only such rearrangements are done by the Lord. In

the case of some people, the prayers are not answered because there is no possibility of even such rearrangement. All the good deeds got exhausted and therefore, God keeps silent. You are unnecessarily attached to the enthusiasm in the materialistic field, which consists of bonds with your body and your family members. These bonds are neither before this birth nor will exist after this birth. They are temporary and therefore, unreal. All your anxiety and enthusiasm are for unreal bonds. This truth will be known if you do the analysis through Vedanta, which is called as '*Sadasat viveka*' by Shankara, which means the discrimination of reality from the falsehood. Thus, the materialistic field has strict and limited boundaries and you cannot cross the justice. There is no element of love and kindness in its real sense. If you however get full detachment from this unreality and attach yourself to the reality (God), you have entered the field of Nivrutti. In this field, you will have the only real bond with the real God. In such case, the Lord crosses the boundaries of justice and attains the nature of complete love and kindness. In this line, you are not aspiring for any happiness and your happiness lies only in the happiness of the Lord. You are prepared to undergo any misery if that pleases the Lord. You will realize that the sole aim in your manufacture itself is the entertainment of the Lord. In that state the Lord also becomes your true reflection. He will behave in such a way to maintain your happiness forever. For that, He will undergo all the misery, which is the result of all your evil deeds. As you are prepared for the misery to please the Lord, the Lord is prepared for the misery to please you. In this field, people think that the materialistic field is spoiled. It is utter foolishness. In Pravrutti you have gained ten rupees. In Nivrutti you have gained one hundred and ten rupees but lost the ten rupees in Pravrutti. Therefore, the loss in Pravrutti is very much compensated in Nivrutti. You will find wonders in the materialistic field. All your day-to-day interactions will be so perfect, which will amaze not only yourself but also the entire world. It is a very far superior level. You will be unable to tolerate the benefits of the materialistic field, which will fall on you as mountains. His real devotee is neither insulted in this world nor in the upper world. Your file in the hell is completely closed. Your route is entirely different and leads to the permanent abode of God. The route of the pure materialistic person is towards hell and heaven. Even from the heaven he has to return back into this world where the atmosphere is risky again and you have to overcome the attraction from sin to do good social service. The result of your social service is temporary heaven only. Both these roads are clearly different as said in the Gita (*Śukla kṛṣṇa gatī...*).

208. Why did the Lord create this creation? Do we have a free will or should we just do our duty?

[Shri Saijeevan asked: Was the Lord not satisfied with Himself that He started this dolls-play of creation with animals, plants and humans? For the Lord it is a game to engage souls in deeds and then clear their sins (or good deeds). If He has set the rules of the game and He has predetermined how much sin of each soul to clear in one birth, then does the soul have no independent will and freedom of choice. Should we just do our duty as told in the Gita and not worry about steering our own lives as we see fit?]

Swami replied: Infact the Lord is satisfied by Himself as said in the Brahma Sutra (*Lokavattu līlā kaivalyam*). The Lord gets satisfaction when His devotee gets satisfied. The essential aim of this creation for the God is only the sweetness of love. The Lord enjoys the sweetness in the love of His devotees to Him. The Devotees enjoy the same sweetness of love of God to them. Therefore, the devotees who are satisfied with such sweet love will not put this question. Only the devotees who could not get such love which flows to both sides are subjected to this question. Such devotees love these unreal bonds in this world. They do not get satisfaction because when such love is analyzed, the inner selfishness comes out. When the essence of such love is realized, this question comes to the mind and the creation looks waste. They have seen only the false love of the world but have not seen the true love of God. If they enter the spiritual line and experience the true love of the Lord, they will certainly find the necessity of this wonderful creation. Without this creation the existence of such divine love is not possible. Therefore, on realizing the false love in this world one has to turn towards God to experience the real love. When they experience the divine love, they will appreciate the Creator, the Creation and the aim of the Creation. Thus, the game, which is the aim of the Creation, is not just for the selfish satisfaction of the Lord. In fact, the divine love is more enjoyed by the soul than the Lord. The reason is that the Lord Himself is an infinite ocean of bliss and does not require any more enjoyment. It is actually the soul, which is an infinite ocean of worry and misery enjoys the divine love, which contains bliss. Shri Rama Krishna Paramahansa told that He likes to be the ant to enjoy the sugar than to be the sugar itself. The ant, which is not sugar, enjoys more the sugar. The sugar being itself the sugar cannot enjoy the sweetness. In fact, even the Lord imposes ignorance on Him and becomes an ordinary soul to enjoy really this sweetness of divine love. Hanuman was the incarnation of the Lord Shiva. He cannot enjoy the divine love of the Lord to a devotee. Therefore, He imposed ignorance on Himself and became a devotee. Hanuman enjoyed the divine love of the Lord Rama more than Rama Himself. Infact Rama also could enjoy the divine love by imposing self-ignorance and by acting as an

ordinary human being. Therefore, this game is more meaningful for the sake of the souls than the Lord Himself. The Lord transfers the evil results of such real devotees to Himself and enjoys actually the misery. By this the devotee enjoys permanent happiness. ***Therefore, this game of the world is finally resulting in the permanent happiness of devotees (souls) only and not for the enjoyment of the Lord.***

The rules of the game are well defined. Violation is not possible as long as you are in the field of Pravritti. Even in Pravritti if you accept and surrender to Lord unlike the atheist, some concession is given as the rearrangement of the results i.e., postponing and preponing. Since the interest is increased and decreased respectively, the concession is not beyond the rules of justice. When the person to whom you have to pay the loan comes to you, he may postpone the payment on your request but will not cancel the interest. But, in the Nivritti the loan and the interest are cancelled. But the Lord pays all that for your sake. The main purpose of the human incarnation is only this. Through human body, He suffers as you suffer. He will not avoid suffering using His superpower because it will be again cheating the justice. Thus, the rules of the game, which are called as the administration of justice is never violated either in Pravritti or Nivritti. But you have the full freedom in the game to win or to be defeated. The rules will not affect your chances of either success or defeat. You have to play the game following rules. Sometimes the rules may help you to succeed. When the soul with its subtle body returns to the earth with a gross body as a baby, the subtle body contains very little remains of the original qualities. In the hell the intensity of these qualities is very much reduced. The remains of these qualities are called as Karma Shesha (remains of deeds). Actually, it is Samskaara Shesha (remains of qualities). People misunderstand at this point and think that the subtle body is associated with the remains of the deeds. The deed is inert and cannot be present in the life energy (subtle body). Only a quality, which is a wave of the life energy, can remain in the subtle body. When a thief was beaten in the police station and is left, he comes out with reduced intensity in his quality of stealing. The deed of stealing does not remain with the thief. It is this remainder of quality that generates its corresponding deed of stealing. The remaining quality of stealing grows in the encouraging atmosphere and generates the deed of stealing. Now, you are caught and again punished. For the second punishment, which is the cause? The root cause is only the remaining quality of stealing. Thus, you are said that you are undergoing the result of the past deed. The word "Past deed" means the past remaining quality only. If that past remaining quality is destroyed, there is no second punishment.

How to destroy the quality? The quality is made of life energy and is constituted by wrong knowledge. Therefore, only the right divine knowledge can destroy the quality. If the qualities are destroyed by the divine knowledge, the deeds are destroyed. This is said in the Gita, “*Jñānāgnih sarva karmāṇi ...*”, which means that divine knowledge can destroy all the deeds. What is this divine knowledge? It is the knowledge of the Lord, yourself and path to attain Him and please Him. If He is pleased, He will give you the divine knowledge and all the deeds are burnt. If you are unable to use the knowledge fully and if some deeds are still leftover due to your improper assimilation of knowledge, the Lord will burn those deeds also by suffering with those results. The Lord clearly stated in the Gita that the divine knowledge alone could relieve you from all the sins. Once you are determined due to the divine knowledge you will practice it without any doubt. The result of that is the full grace of the Lord.

The divine knowledge consists of two parts. 1) If you are in Pravrutti only, you can attain your self by the self-realization. In this, you will be fixed in the self and get detached from the both subtle and gross bodies. By this all the bonds related to gross body and related to feelings (subtle body) are cut off and you will attain the eternal peace. All your worries, anxiety, tensions, misery, mental pain, dissatisfaction, confusion etc., will disappear forever. You will live with perfect peace throughout your life. Peace is your property, which is the characteristic of your soul. You have to think that you are the pure awareness, which is standstill (called as Atman or soul). When you are attached to the gross body or subtle body (mind), you have lost the peace. If you are attached to the casual body (soul), you have gained your lost peace. 2) In Nivrutti you attain the Lord who has come in the human form for your sake to give the bliss. Bliss is only the characteristic of Lord as said in the Veda (*Ānando Brahma...*). The Veda also says that the Lord alone can give bliss to the soul (*Eṣa hyeva ānandayati...*). Bliss is not characteristic of the soul. Your property is only the golden chain and not the diamond necklace. You should not think that peace is bliss. By your effort you can attain only peace but not the bliss. You can get the bliss only by nearing yourself to Sadguru who is the human incarnation. You can get the cool breeze when you are near the sea on the shore. If you are in the house, you have avoided the hot sun. By attaining the soul, you have come to zero from minus, but that is not plus. Zero is within yourself and bliss is from external agency. When you have attained what you have, it is avoiding loss, which can give only peace but not the bliss.

Thus, the divine knowledge of Sadguru gives you atleast peace, which is the earth, if not the bliss, which is the sky. He will give you the knowledge of Atman to give peace. This is essential requirement for any one in this world. A few blessed people can also get the bliss if they realise that the Sadguru is the Lord Himself. Therefore, you must utilise the full freedom given to you in this human birth and you must destroy all your sins permanently through Nivrutti only. You should be very active to use this unlimited freedom with in the limited span of lifetime. When you leave this gross body and go to upper worlds, you have no freedom at all and those upper worlds hence, are called as Bhoga Loka which mean that they are the worlds in which the results are to be enjoyed without any freedom. This earth is called as Karma Loka which means the world in which you are given full freedom to do any thing. You are given the opportunity to receive the divine knowledge here and if you practice it by determination, your entire fate is changed here and there also.

The sages did long penance and sat in the process of self-realization for several ages. They obtained peace of the self but not bliss of the Brahman. Then they realized and approached Lord Krishna as Gopikas for the bliss, which they got in Brindavanam in the vicinity of the Lord (Saayujyam). You can smile or laugh with bliss only by attaining the Lord in human form. You can get atleast a shadow of the bliss by remembering the Lord. But without any external agency you cannot get happiness or bliss. If you are peaceful and silent, nobody will ask you the reason but if you are laughing and dancing in bliss stating that there is no external reason for it, it is unnatural and people will admit you in the mental hospital.

Chapter 39

June 15, 2005

O Learned and Devoted Servants of God,**209. How can You reject imagination when the world itself is an imagination?**

[How can You say that the photos of Gods are mere imaginations of the artists? They saw those forms in their meditation. How do You say that imagination is false? The world also is an imagination. The bliss must be found in the self and not from an external agency.]

Swami replied:- I like to answer a question, which is in quest of truth only. Such a question is called as Pariprashna in the Gita. The person asks such questions with salutation and service. Shri Shirdi Sai Baba told Shri Nana Saheb that a question should not be asked to fight or to test the teacher or to expose one's own knowledge. There will be no end to such discussion because the intention is not to find out the truth and it is only for the sake of argument. Shankara advised to drop such bad logic, which is not in accordance with the Veda, the Shastras and the Gita (*Dustarkāt suviramyatām...*). The Brahma sutra "**Tarka Apratiṣṭhānāt...**" also says that there is no end for the dry logic, leaving the basis of scriptures. I am giving the arguments in the traditional way.

Chapter 40

June 20, 2005

O Learned and Devoted Servants of God,**210. Why does Your preaching contradict that of Shri Satya Sai, who is also a Sadguru?**

[I am a devotee of Sadguru Shri Bhagavan Shri Satya Sai Baba. He always tells that every human being is God. But You say opposite to this. Then, how to reconcile this contradiction because I am treating You also as Sadguru? You have condemned the idol worship. But, Shri Baba says that idol worship should not be condemned. Also how this?]

Swami replied:- I agree that Shri Baba told that every human being is Brahman. But did you hear His discourse on 16th June, 2005 (Thursday) in Gemini Television around 6 A.M. His words are *“Let the human beings behave like human beings. They are not Brahman and Brahman is also not in them. Brahman is only in one place”*. Similarly, regarding the idol worship He gave a discourse in T.V. sometime back and His words are *“Fools criticize idol worship. See this is a flower and this is My index finger. To see the flower My index finger is necessary. But once you saw the flower there is no need of the finger. Similarly, the idol indicates the God. But once you have seen God idol is not necessary”*. This is the whole problem. People do not have patience to study completely what the Sadguru says. People censor a portion of the concept, which is convenient for them. When a single sentence is isolated, it gives a different meaning. Once an Indian Minister has gone to a foreign country. The press media there wanted to present him badly in the newspapers. They asked him as soon as he got down from the aeroplane *“do you want night clubs here?”* The minister was astonished and asked them *“Are there night clubs here!”* Next day the press published the news like this in bold letters *“As soon as the minister got down from the aeroplane his first enquiry was “Are there night clubs here?”* His sentence was ending with an exclamatory mark originally. But in newspapers the same statement ended with a question mark indicating his anxious enquiry. The whole concept is turned to 180 degrees opposite! Therefore, you must study all the concepts patiently given by Sadguru, which are interrelated with each other like a polymer. The entire divine knowledge of Shankara which consists of various interlinked concepts is like a co-polymer. The polymer consists of several monomers of the same type or of different types interlinked with each other. If you want to understand Shankara you must read all His commentaries, all the prayers done by Him and all the incidents of His life. You should not

simply study what He wrote only. But you should study what He practiced also. You may misunderstand what He wrote. But you will never misunderstand what He practiced. His practice is the correct interpretation of what He wrote. Apart from the commentary, you should study the incident in which He swallowed the molten lead and asked His disciples to do the same. You must also study the verse in His prayer in which He stated, “the quantitative difference exists between the Lord and the soul like the difference between the ocean and its wave” (Refer prayer to Lord Jagannatha at Puri by Shankara). You should also understand the significance of the word ‘*Kevala*’ (only) in the prayer ‘*Śivaḥ kevalo'ham*’. This means that He alone is Shiva and not others. The Advaita scholars are forgetting the word ‘Kevala’ here. Then in His commentary He established that there is no difference between the human being and the Lord. Therefore, the commentary is referring to human incarnations like Himself, Lord Krishna etc. This should not be extended to all the human beings and this point is explained by Him in His prayers and that practical miracle. Therefore, a total observation is necessary to understand the total concept of Shankara.

In the initial stage He might have attracted Buddhists with the theory of monism i.e., the Lord and human being are one and the same. After this initial attraction the whole divine knowledge was preached thoroughly. Finally, He established the concept of human incarnation and told to a few deserving disciples that He alone is the Lord Shiva. Some disciples who misunderstood extrapolated the concept to them and told ‘*Ahaṃ Brahma asmi*’. He taught the truth to them through the miracle.

Similarly, Sadguru Bhagavan Shri Satya Sai Baba also initially attracted all the people and preached the divine knowledge in depth. Finally, He disclosed the truth. This is the tradition of Sadgurus. A doctor hides the injection at his back with one hand and shows chocolate to the boy with other hand. When the boy comes near and is immersed in eating the chocolate, the doctor gives the injection. Therefore, the psychology of teaching is same as you can see in both Shankara and Shri Baba. I am the doctor with the injection in both the hands keeping in front of Me. The boys will never approach Me and only adults will come to Me! I never condemned the idol worship. I only told that the idol worship is a worship of model or representative of God. It is meant for the lower cadre people as said “*Pratimāhyalpa buddhīnām*” and ‘*Na tsya pratimā*’. Since the statue is inert and the inert object is not independent, God, who is always independent, can never be identified with inert object. If statue is God, God is in your control as the statue. But that is essential for beginners. I cannot

condemn the textbook of LKG class. I have only advised that you should come to UKG class before this human birth ends. Shri Baba tells the same. The photo of any God is not even a direct photograph. It is only an imaginary picture. ***If you argue that the pictures of the artists are the results of the divine visions in which the Lord appeared, then there should be uniformity in the faces of atleast one particular God like Lord Krishna.*** But different artists draw different faces for the same Lord Krishna. When Lord Krishna was alive, all the people saw only one face. Therefore, if all the artists had the real divine vision of Lord Krishna, there must have been the same face in all their visions. But, they have drawn different faces for the same Lord Krishna. This clearly proves that they did not have the real visions of Lord Krishna and their pictures are just imaginations. Thus, the uniformity of even one form of God like Lord Krishna is not existing in these pictures! Then not to speak of the uniformity of God in different forms like Lord Krishna, Shiva etc. Thus, statues and photos spoil the uniformity of God in different forms. But if you catch the Sadguru, you will treat Him as the single God and you will see all forms of God in Him only. Therefore, the concept of human incarnation is higher divine knowledge and to this higher level one should reach before the end of this human birth.

211. Please can You explain the case of a man who feels that he is the wife of Lord Krishna?

[Smt. S Gayathri, from Kuwait, asked: I received a letter from Shri. Krushnanad Baba who is I.G. of Police. He loved Lord Krishna and feels that he is the wife of Lord Krishna. He wears the jewels etc. Please explain about his case?]

Swami replied:- The sage Durvasa was very powerful and furious and He was born as Radha. Shri Rama Krishna Paramahansa stayed in Brindavanam for one month decorating Himself with a sari and jewels and felt that He is one of the lovers of Lord Krishna. The sages requested Lord Rama to allow them to embrace Him by turning themselves into ladies through the power of penance. But Rama did not agree for this. He asked them to be born as Gopikas in the next birth. The reason was that the masculine egoism would not vanish unless one is born as a female. All the human beings, whether males or females are females only in essence and are also the wives of the Lord as said in the Veda (***Striyah satīḥ puṁsa āhuh***). In the Gita it is told that the soul is also a part of the nature or creation or Prakruti and is called as Para Prakruti. Prakruti is considered as female and the Lord is considered as male (Purushah). The Veda says that the Lord is only male (***Atha puruṣo ha vai Nārāyaṇaḥ***). Miiraa asked Tulasidas whether there is any male in human beings. She considered only

Lord Krishna as the male. The ultimate idea in this point is removal of masculine egoism. The sages were having three types of egoism. 1) Masculine egoism, 2) Caste egoism because they were Brahmins, 3) Egoism of Knowledge. To get rid of these three types of egoism, they were born as illiterate non-Brahmin females called as Gopikas. Therefore, it is not the question of the gross body, which may be male or female. There is no difference in the gross bodies of male and female except in the deformation of some muscular organs. The inner subtle body and the inner most casual body are exactly same in both. Even in gross bodies there is no difference since they are made of the five elements only. There is no any importance of sex between male and female because it is only a physical abrasion of the skin of muscles of the external gross bodies as said in the Gita (*Ye hi saṁsparsajāḥ bhogāḥ...*). Thus, sex is only an inert process between two inert bodies and has no significance in the spiritual field.

To be born as a female is to remove the masculine egoism only and not to have sex with the Lord. However, the sages took the female births and interacted with the Lord by bodies and such a desire was personal but not essential. Such interaction is called as ‘Sweet Devotion’ (*Mathura Bhakti*). When such desire exists, the devotee will get the female birth and will certainly become the beloved of the Lord. The Lord just responds to the desire of the devotees and He Himself does not have any desire as said in the Veda (*Āpta kāmasya kā sprhā*). He is the ocean of the bliss and does not require happiness from the external agencies. The fire itself is hot and does not require heating from outside. The love of the Lord takes the same colour of the love of the devotee to satisfy the devotee and this is not needed for the Lord because He is always in satisfied state as said in the Gita (*Na me karmaphale sprhā, Nānavāptamavāptavyam*). The Lord has attained everything because everything is in Him only. There is nothing for Him to attain from outside. If such egoism is removed, there is no need of these external agencies. Ofcourse for the beginners, the external agency effects the internal psychology also. If you can get rid of these three types of egoism, you can be liberated even if you belong to higher caste and even if you are a male scholar. The internal meaning should be taken. Ancient sages only to indicate how an individual soul should submit to the Lord as husband established the traditional domination of male over female. The male stands for the Lord and the female stand for the individual soul. This does not mean that the male is Lord and female is the only individual soul. Both are individual souls in essence. In a drama two girls acted. One acted as Rama and the other acted as Sita. The domination of Rama and submission of Sita indicates the domination of the Lord and the submission

of the devotee. It does not mean the domination of one girl over the other girl. If this secret is understood every man will lose the masculine egoism and will treat every female member equal to him. The final birth to get the salvation must be an illiterate non-Brahmin female only. The inner meaning of this statement is that the final salvation is given only when the egoism of male, caste and knowledge vanishes. The meaning should not be taken literally. Shri Rama Krishna Paramahansa got salvation directly even though He was a male, since He lost the masculine egoism completely. Therefore, one should try for the internal spiritual effort and need not attach any importance to the external agencies in the advanced stage of spirituality.

Whenever we think of Lord Krishna and Gopikas, we think only the sexual relationship between them. We have a wrong notion that the sexual relationship is only the highest form of love. If that is so, why Buddha left His wife and why Miira left her husband for the sake of the Lord? It is only one of several forms of the love. Among the Gopikas who got the highest abode (Goloka) some loved Lord Krishna as their son, some loved Him as brother and some loved Him as their husband. The Lord does not consider the form of the love but estimates the intensity or quantity of love. There may be parrots or swans or even donkeys made of sugar. Whatever may be the form, the price depends on the weight of the sugar. A lady devotee, Kubja developed lust on Lord Krishna. Krishna satisfied her, sleeping with her one night in the Madhura town. Kubja was not given Goloka. She had lust but not love on the Lord. Lust is related to simply the physical form. Love is related to the total personality. One day the finger of Lord Krishna was cut when He was eating sugarcane. All the wives ran here and there in search of a piece of cloth for bandage. But Draupadi, who loved Lord Krishna as her brother tore her sari and banded the finger. The love of the sister excelled the love of the wives. Therefore, it is not the form of bond but it is the weight of the bond that matters for the Lord.

All the Gopikas who were having different types of bonds with Lord Krishna became mad after the departure of Lord Krishna from Brindavanam. Not only Radha, who had the sexual relationship, but also Yashoda, who nourished Lord Krishna as mother became mad after His departure. Both Yashoda and Radha reached Goloka because their intensity of love was equal. Therefore, one should love God by cutting all the worldly bonds and must be prepared even to sacrifice the life for the sake of the Lord like Prahlada. Jesus told that he who does not leave wife, children, wealth and even life for His sake is not His beloved disciple. This refers to any human being whether male or female. The extent of sacrifice of these

worldly bonds indirectly gives a measure of the intensity of the bond with God. More you are attached to God, more you will be detached from the world. Therefore, such form of bond with Lord Krishna is not important but the intensity of love to Lord Krishna, which is measured by the sacrifice of the world, is important. Such form of bond is not the invariable path to the Lord. The other bonds are also the alternative ways to reach the same goal. All the paths are parallel to each other and it is a running race of different candidates. The speed in running is important and not the path assigned to him. I am neither encouraging nor discouraging the path because it is purely of personal taste. But the success depends on the intensity and vigour in the love to the Lord.

212. A criminal was sanctioned heaven by Lord Jesus. How do You explain this?

Swami replied:- On the cross, when Jesus is present in such a horrible condition, the two thieves who were also crucified got the same universal doubt that how the Lord in human form is crucified who is crying loudly asking *“Oh! Lord! Why did You leave Me?”* This scene will clearly establish the doubt in the heart of any human being that Jesus cannot be the Lord. The doubt comes with a main point that why the Lord was unable to protect Himself and that how can He protect others? But the doubter should also think the scene in which Lord Jesus asked a dead body to become alive. Only the Lord has the power to give the life. Thus, we find both the contradicting concepts of the Lord and the human body of the Lord. The concept of the Lord attracts the human beings. The concept of the human body tests the human beings and filters the real devotee out of them. The second thief believed Holy Jesus as the Lord even in that pathetic condition. Such devotion is great and real. He did not show this belief when he saw the Holy Jesus raising the dead body. When a girl loved the son of a king who is in the disguise of a beggar, such love is great. When the king declares himself as the king, every girl loves him to marry and become the queen. The thief did not ask any worldly desire. He could have asked Holy Jesus to give him the life itself and Holy Jesus could have given it because He is still the Lord even on the cross. The thief asked only protection in the upper world and did not ask for any materialistic boon. Thus, he is certainly a higher devotee also. He did not see any miracle and believed Holy Jesus as the Lord, who placed Himself in such a worst situation. The human incarnation is a game of the Lord (Narayana) and human body (Nara). The thief showed correct understanding of the human incarnation. The internal Lord is great and the external human body follows all the natural rules. A blade can cut even the shirt of a king. Even though his shirt is cut the king

does not lose his powers and quality of kindness. The thief approached the internal Lord and the internal Lord assured the thief. This shows how realized soul the thief is? That is the highest test for the faith in the spirituality and so the thief deserves complete grace of the Lord. The other thief got confused the Lord with the human body. Like all the other human beings he thought if the shirt of a king is torn, the king lost all his powers. The Gita says that even the highest criminal is blessed by the Lord if he is a real devotee (*Api cet sa durācārah...*). The Lord considers the faith and devotion as the criteria and not the qualities of the devotee. We pay for the contents in the cup and not for the colour or material of the cup. Kannappa, a hunter was given salvation by Lord Shiva. The Lord sees the selfless sacrifice and faith, which are the fruits of real devotion and real knowledge. When Lakshmana became unconscious Rama was weeping. Hanuman brought the Sanjeevini Hill and saved Lakshmana. Rama expressed His gratefulness to Hanuman. In this scene even the audience will believe that Hanuman is God and Rama is a devotee. But Hanuman Himself declared that He could do the service by the grace of the Lord Rama only. This is a test for His faith and faith is the fruit of determination that comes out from the divine knowledge. Sacrifice is fruit of the devotion or love. Lord tests your faith and your sacrifice so that you will know in what stage of divine knowledge and devotion you are.

213. What is the special work, which leads to the difference between a robot and a living being?

[What is the "special work" that life does? What is the special function that life performs? In what substrate is the soul information contained after death? What's the difference between being "only a robot" and being alive?]

Swami replied:- The aim of the creation is the entertainment of the Lord. When you are seeing a cinema, you will be bored if the entire cinema shows only inert bodies and inert changes and interactions between them. The inert and living are required for the complete entertainment. A cinema must contain all types of inert items like stars, hills, rivers etc., and also all types of living beings like plants, birds, animals, human beings, ghosts, angels etc. When you take meals in a feast the variety of the items shows the dignity of the feast. You feel happy with many different items in the feast. Therefore, the main or special work or function of any item in the creation including life is only the entertainment of the God. The speciality in the work and function of life is that it is differentiated from all other items, which include robot also. The robot contains the chips introduced by the scientist. The human being contains the strongest concepts of various chips that are accompanying the soul for the past millions of births. The

electricity in the robot is the life energy in the human being and is called as casual body or soul. The chips introduced in robot constitute the subtle body of the human being. The information is stored in the subtle body, which is the life energy existing in the form of pulses. If the pulses are lost, only life energy remains, which is called as the soul or casual body. Since the information itself is the bundle of pulses, certainly the substrate for the information will be the soul only. The information itself is the subtle body. The external metallic structure of robot is the gross body of the human being. In both robot and human being, several microprocessors can simultaneously work so that both simultaneously grasp the various characteristics of an object. When the chip is removed from the robot, it is the death of the human being. The chip of the human being leaves the gross body and enters a similar energetic body. The chip works with the electricity in the energetic body also. Thus, a special technology exists in the case of a human being, which is not caught by the scientist. Robot resembles human being in all the aspects but certain other aspects, which are termed, as special technology is additional with the human being. When Lord Jesus raised the dead body, He ordered the chip along with its power to enter the same gross body. When it was done, the energetic body vanished in the space by dissipation. This technology is in the hands of the Lord and not in the hands of the scientist. He also ordered a tree to die on the spot and the tree died. The life left the tree based on His order. The discussion about the life and how the creation took place is not very important because the main aim of the whole spiritual field is to please the Lord. Such topics like life and process of creation are in the interest of Science only, which aims only at the materialistic benefits of the human beings. Therefore, the interest of spirituality is different from the interest of Science. We give the explanation of the creation but finally we have no interest in our own explanation. It is only in the interest of Science in which, we are not much interested.

Chapter 41

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O Learned and Devoted Servants of God,

214. Can You explain the human rationality and introduction of God through the human body?

[I am a true Christian. I do not believe the human rationality and introduction of God through the human body. Can You explain?]

Swami replied:- What is the meaning of human rationality? Does it mean

a) Whatever the human being says, rational (reasonable) or irrational (reasonless), should not be accepted

or

b) Whatever reasonably said by the human being should not be accepted.

If you take the first case, since you are a human being, whatever you say should not be accepted, whether you say reasonable or reasonless. If it is the second case, you should be accepted because whatever you said is reasonless. Then you should be a mad person because only mad people speak reasonless. If you say that you are not mad person, then you should have spoken reasonable, in which case you should not be accepted, since, a reasonable saying of the human being should not be accepted according to the above version (b).

You say that God should not be introduced into a human being. Then you are not a true Christian because Christians believe that God is introduced into the human being just like the blood of father is introduced into the son. Christian believes that Jesus is the son of the Godfather. If you say that Jesus is only messenger of God and not the Son of God, then you are not a Christian and you belong to Islam. Islam says that a messenger is not Son of God but He is only a servant of God. At this point only Christianity separated from Islam. Originally both Islam and Christianity were one religion only. Islam treated Jesus as the messenger like Mohammed. Christianity is separated from Islam because they treated Jesus closely related to God like a son to his father. In fact, Christians of higher order believe Jesus directly as God because Jesus told the same "***I and My Father are one and the same***". This saying proves clearly that God and the human incarnation are one and the same. Therefore, being a true Christian, you should accept that God enters the human being or even temporarily becomes the human being. In both the cases, God either enters or pervades

all over the human being. In the case of human incarnation, if you deny both these possibilities, then your Christianity becomes Islam and you are not at all the Christian because you are denying the very fundamental of the Christianity.

In Hinduism all the three concepts are present

1. Advaita of Shankara says that the Lord and the human being become one and the same in the case of human incarnation. Example is Rama. In this case, God pervades all over the human body.

2. Vishishta Advaita of Ramanuja says that the Lord is present in the heart of human being as in the case of human incarnation, for example Hanuman, who tore His heart and showed Rama in that.

3. Dvaita of Madhvacharya says that the Lord is separate in the heaven and sends His servant to this earth as a messenger. For example, Balarama is the Adi Shesha who is the servant of Lord Vishnu in heaven and is the human incarnation.

Thus, Hinduism contains all the three concepts. The first two concepts are called Christianity and the third concept is called Islam. The Mahayana branch of Buddhism worships Buddha in the form of statutes as God or the devotee in whose heart God is present. In fact, according to Hinduism Buddha is directly the Lord since He is treated as one of the ten human incarnations of the Lord. Just like Christianity arose from Islam, Buddhism arose from Hinduism. The Heenayana branch of Buddhism treats Buddha as a preacher of divine knowledge and treats Him as an ordinary human being. This concept is the concept of Islam or the concept of Madhvacharya in Hinduism. Thus, Hinduism is a mini-model of the entire universal religions. The Science represents atheism. Even this atheism is represented in Hinduism by the sub-religion of Charvaka (Nastika Matam). All the sub-religions of Hinduism are the religions in the world. Whatever is in the world, it is present in Hinduism.

Universal Spirituality brings the unity of all religions in the world and thus, it brings the unity in all the sub-religions in Hinduism also. Rationality is the essence of the science. The scientist will laugh if you speak any thing irrational (reasonless). Even in the small matters of this world, we analyze with reason and logic before we follow it and we say that we should not be emotional in taking any decision. Then, how much logical we should be in such great spiritual effort, if you want to attain real success?

In Christianity, Jesus is called as Emmanuel, which means that God comes down from heaven to live with us. Only a human form can live with us and guide us through knowledge. The Popes at that time also did not

believe Jesus as God or at least as Son of God or even as messenger of the God. They did not like the God to be introduced in human being as you say now. They believed only the dead messengers and not Jesus, who was the then messenger. The same logic applies today also. You believe the messenger who does not exist now. You do not believe the messenger who now exists before your eyes. Jesus told that He would come again. It means that the same human incarnation will come again and the same story repeats. The same Jesus is present today and the same people who were blind with egoism and jealousy are present again today. Therefore, I say, the history repeats. As Jesus was insulted, then, today also the egoistic and jealous people will insult Jesus. Jesus will come in every human generation to give His direct contact. Otherwise, God Jesus becomes partial, because He gave direct contact to one generation only and not to the other generations. He clarified the doubts of one generation only through His direct voice and now He allows the immature human devotees to answer the doubts directly in the other human generations. He provided the fortune of touching His feet in one generation only and other generations are deprived of that fortune. This makes Jesus totally partial and you say that God is impartial. All the religions also say the same. How can you justify this important statement that God is impartial? Therefore, we have accepted that God is coming in human form like Jesus in every human generation. To avoid answer to this, you are saying that reasoning should be avoided. When reasoning is discarded, you need not answer any question. Whatever you say that must be the truth. You are rigid without any logic and this is the blind conservatism. This cancer is present in every religion and humanity is always is divided by this cancer. You are opposing the unity of humanity and want to disturb the world peace. God will not tolerate you, and you will be thrown in to permanent hell for misleading the ignorant people.

If you see the Bible, Jesus gives reason everywhere in His concepts. For every statement He gives the reason. When the priests asked Him that He should not have saved the animal, which has fallen in the pit on the festival day, He gave the reason for His effort to save that animal. He analyzed the Old Testament and gave logical interpretations. He did not mind to cut some irrational blind statements present in the Old Testament, by giving rational modifications. He has fulfilled His duty to be the true guide of the humanity. Whenever He leaves the world, these rigid people twist and pollute the meanings of scriptures. To rectify He comes again and again. When the teacher leaves for a few minutes the class becomes undisciplined. The teacher comes to the class again and again. For teaching,

the human form is essential. A statue cannot teach you. If you think Him formless, He is not speaking to you from the sky or space or air. The human body is most convenient medium for the human beings to hear preaching of the God. The main goal of God is to preach the human beings and correct them to put in the right spiritual path. For beginners, He does some miracles as signs for His presence in the human body. The realized souls will detect Him even without those signs. Sheep see the shepherd and come near by recognizing him with eyes. Some milder sheep come near by hearing his voice, which is a miracle. The mildest sheep try to go away and are punished by the stick of shepherd, which is nothing but permanent hell.

Therefore, if you keep Jesus in the place of the present human incarnation and place the same blind priests in the place of present blind followers, you can understand the truth because the same story and the same cinema is repeated with different actors having different names. This is the best way of understanding the truth. Those priests also opposed Jesus, when He argued with wonderful reason. The duty of the teacher finishes by teaching clearly to the class. It is up to the student to grasp it and pass or twist it and fail following the sweet emotional advises of bad blind friends. The Lord is not worried about the percentage of pass because there is no fault in His teaching. He should not be blamed for the pass or failure of the students. A student himself is to be blamed. When the messenger comes to the earth, he delivers his duty so that the God is pleased with him in the upper world. He is not bothered about the fame in this world or the number of followers. God will not find fault with the messenger if the human beings did not pass. He finds fault with the messenger if the message is not properly delivered. Jesus never bothered about propagation of His knowledge. His aim was only to sit on the right side of His pleased Father after doing the duty assigned by Him. He never cared even if the people rejected, insulted and even crucified Him. His aim was God but not the world.

For ignorant people the personality of Jesus is a human being crying on the cross and shedding the blood. This personality will kindle the heart of any human being. Initially this will be the attraction for the beginners. But if you stick to this personality only, that body has gone once for all. You can now only worship an imaginary statute of His form on the cross. That human body will never appear again in the same physical level. For such ignorant people, Jesus will never come again because the same physical body will never appear again. Only an energetic form can appear to the eyes for a few moments. If you say that you have seen the same physical body, now also, you cannot show it to others. When Jesus was

alive and some one told, "He is the Jesus", every visitor saw Him with his eyes. Now that same situation is not present. The real inner personality of Jesus is His divine knowledge, which is the Holy Bible. That divine knowledge is inseparable characteristic of the inner unimaginable God. Then that inner God comes in another human body. This divine knowledge appears again, as it is the inseparable sign of the God. Jesus is the inner personality for the realized scholars. Similarly, the beautiful Krishna with flute attracts the beginners but His inner personality is His divine knowledge, which is the Bhagavat Gita. When Jesus told that He will come again and Krishna told that He would come again and again whenever there is necessity that refers to the inner personality. The unimaginable God along with His inseparable sign, which is the divine knowledge, is coming again. This interpretation is reasonable. The inner God by Himself is unimaginable or irrational and is beyond reason. When such inner God wants to give His experience to the human beings, He cannot follow the irrational or unimaginable ways, in which case, He cannot be experienced. The purpose fails. Therefore, the irrational God adopts rational procedures and enters rational medium to give experience to human beings. God is unimaginable but His experience should be imaginable. For this purpose, He enters reasonable medium i.e., human body that can be seen and touched. Only the human body can live with us (Emmanuel) and we can clarify our doubts only with the human body.

You blame Me that I am introducing God into human body, but what have you done? You have blended God with the human body of Jesus and say that only Jesus is God. You say that Jesus became alive again since the dead body disappeared. I agree. He might have controlled His life for some more time. It is against the rules of nature and science, if you say that the same physical body is alive even today. It is completely irrational because you should show the physical body of a person even to a non-believer. Now to avoid My argument you say that the rationality must be rejected. I apply the same argument even to the body of Krishna. It was cremated by Arjuna and cannot return back. Of course, the Lord can use His special power to make it permanently alive. But that will violate the rules of His own administration. All the rules in the creation are His rules only. No sensible administrator will violate his own rules, when an alternative is possible. The alternative is to come again in another human body. The body is like a shirt as told in the Gita. The person is not the shirt and shirt is not the person. The Gita says that the God is not modified into the human body (*Avyaktaṁ vyakti māpannam...*). The person did not become the shirt but He wears the shirt as said in the Gita (*Mānuṣiṁ tanum...*). The Lord wears

the human body and does not become the human body. If you touch the shirt present on His body, you are getting the experience of the inner body. Similarly, the inner God gives His experience through the external body. You are blaming Me for introducing God into human body but you have made the God to become the very human body itself. You have made another mistake by saying that God is that particular human body only, called as Jesus. It is a mistake because in such a case when the human body is destroyed, God is not destroyed. The shirt is torn into pieces but the person is not cut. Recognition of this inner personality in all the shirts of various religions, which are various human incarnations, is universal spirituality. You may change any religion but you are in the house of universal spirituality. You have gone from one room to another room of the same house. If you go out of the house, then you have become atheist and then only your case is miserable. As long as you remain as theist, you are in our house only. In whatever room you may be, My advice to you is that you should recognize the same air, the same space and the same light present in every room. Also, all the walls and roof of every room are made of the same material. In whatever room you may be present you must realize the truth and awake with divine knowledge, but should not sleep with ignorance. The sleep and awakening are also common in every room. Every religion contains both the ignorance (sleep) and the divine knowledge (awakening). Every religion contains the same human incarnation having the same external physical body and the same internal unimaginable God. Change from the ignorance to awakening in whatever room you may be present.

You are not Jesus, who is the judge and whose statement should be taken without any logic. Both of us are devotees of Jesus and the statements of both of us cannot be the judgments. We have to argue like advocates in the court, to find out the true version of the statement of Jesus. No human being has the right to reject the logic in finding out the truth. The judge can say "No argument. Here is my judgment". But the advocate cannot say this to another advocate. When the truth is found out by the mutual arguments of both the advocates, both are benefited because the truth is now known to both. Therefore, you should take My knowledge in the search of truth and should not take it as personal defeat or personal success. We both are colleagues having a common aim, which is finding out the truth.

Without medium no fruit can be achieved. Without the wire, you cannot move the fan with the help of the electrons (Electricity) flowing in the atmosphere. Even for an abstract thing, a physical medium of expression is needed. When you love some body, you are giving a gift to

him. The gift is the physical medium through which abstract love is experienced. Abstract means imaginable but unseen. God is unimaginable and also is unseen. Therefore, the physical medium is very essential for experiencing God. Even if you treat the messenger as an ordinary human being, He brought the message to you from God and He is the only person who can take your prayer to God. The Sun is in the sky and the lens is on the earth. The power of Sun entered the lens. Both the Sun and the illuminated lens are the sources of the solar energy. Both can be treated as one and the same. If you insult a policeman, the I.G. feels insulted. Thus, God identifies Himself with the servant. Adishesha was the servant of Lord Vishnu and came as the human incarnation called as Balarama. Balarama is one of the ten incarnations of the Lord. When the divine power (Holy Spirit) dawned on Jesus, He became God throughout His life. By this, God pervaded all over the body of the Jesus. God lived in His body and so He said that He and His Father are one and the same. When the body is ready for destruction on the cross, God left that human body and so He cried "***Oh! Lord why did You leave Me?***" Therefore, the eternal God leaves one human incarnation and enters another human body for the next generation. Without the physical medium, one cannot directly approach the unimaginable God and so He told "***One can approach My Father through Me only***". Here the word Me means the human body and not that particular human body only. If God is that particular body only, it was the God that was crucified and so God was destroyed then itself. Then "***Jesus will come again***" becomes false. Here the word Jesus indicates the internal eternal God through body of Jesus.

If you follow anyone with blind faith, who exploits you by kindling your ignorance and emotion, one day or other your inner consciousness will repel and rebel. Jesus never told, "Follow Me blindly. Ask Me no reason". Those priests told like that, and blind people followed them and discarded Lord Jesus. But the preaching of Lord Jesus convinced a few people. They always addressed Him as preacher. A preacher will always teach the subject with logic and analysis only. Only military officer will say "No argument – Follow me". God is fully capable of preaching through logic and analysis with fine reasoning. What is the necessity for Him to stoop down to the level of a layman or a mad man to avoid the reasoning? In catching the Lord, you must analyze thoroughly. Otherwise, there is a danger of catching a false blind preacher.

Once you are sure of the Lord, your faith should start, which should be above the analysis and logic. The reason is that He is above logic. But to filter the fraud preachers, analysis is essential. Your faith should not contain

logic, but it should stand on the firm logic. You must achieve the faith through logic and stop the logic after attaining the faith.

The human incarnation is never accepted in past, present and future because the egoism and jealousy of the human beings are never crucified. When God is fully revealed in the human incarnation, people reject Him due to egoism and jealousy. If God is hidden in the human incarnation, then also they will reject by treating Him as an ordinary human being with negligence. Therefore, the human incarnation should neither express God fully nor should hide the God completely. He should express the God to that extent only, which can remove the negligence but should hide God to that extent, which cannot raise the egoism and jealousy. The behavior of the human incarnation is thus a balance point of the mixture. The human incarnation itself is a balanced mixture of the unimaginable God and physically perceivable human body. The unimaginability or inexplicability of the God, called as Brahman or Jehovah or Allah, is expressed through the silence of Buddha. Buddha kept silent about God to indicate that God is beyond the words and imagination. Some followers immediately misunderstood Buddha as an atheist and the most pitiable point is that He Himself is one of the ten incarnations of the Lord.

You can neither reach God directly due to His unimaginable nature, nor recognize Him when He comes to you in human form due to negligence. The final result is only total loss in any case. I pity this unfortunate humanity in this ultimate spiritual point. This makes the souls to rotate in the cycle of creation continuously for the entertainment of the Lord forever and perhaps that is the intrinsic wish of the Lord!

215. Is the mind destroyed by an objective approach to God?

[A sincere devotee asked: Some one advises me that the mind is destroyed by objective approach to God. He generated bliss in me. Oh God! Lead me in the true path?]

Swami replied: This entire Universe is objective because the Creator is the subject and the Creation is the object. Any item in the Creation is also object. The human body is the most convenient object. Through such human body only the Lord should be meditated upon and should be served. The subjective God (Creator) is beyond words, mind, intelligence, logic and imagination as said in the Veda. The Gita says that if one approaches the subjective God directly, he will end in misery (*Avyaktā hi gatih duḥkham...*). This verse in the Gita means that the souls having human bodies cannot worship the subjective God directly because such worship leads only to misery. You cannot even imagine the subjective God. When the approach is subjective, the mind is destroyed as said in the Gita in the above verse. Only the objective approach will give happiness because there

is no difficulty in capturing the God through an object. ***Since you are an object, you can capture the boundaries of another object through your mind.*** Any object is within the four-dimensional space-time model. The subjective God is beyond the dimensions of space and time. When you try to capture the subjective God, the mind is unable to catch Him and undergoes lot of difficulties leading into strain that destroys the mind. But when you experience God through a human being you will not have any strain in capturing God who is identified with the object. When the subjective God is not at all experienced, how His characteristic sign, which is bliss, can be experienced? You are not seeing the Sun directly and how can you enjoy the heat or light? Even if the Sun is not seen directly if an illuminated lens by Sun is seen, you are enjoying the light and heat at least in small quantities in reality. When the Sun is completely hidden by the clouds, neither Sun nor his heat nor his light is experienced. Bliss is defined as the continuous happiness, which is infinitely intensive. You may mistake sometimes the temporary happiness also as bliss. ***When you have not tasted the infinitely intensive happiness, you may misunderstand even a small shadow of the bliss (happiness) as bliss itself.*** Moreover, the bliss of yourself is not the highest goal. You must please the Lord and pleasing the Lord must be highest goal. Therefore, your experience of the bliss need not be necessarily the pleasure of the God. The Bliss can be obtained from materialistic things like drink etc. Only the divine knowledge followed by the divine love and bliss can give you the identity of the Lord. But once you recognized the Lord by the knowledge, love and bliss, your aim should be the service of the Lord through which the Lord must be pleased. In service you may not have the bliss or sometimes you may have to face even lot of unhappiness. Jesus told that unless one detaches even from his life for His sake, he couldn't be His dearest disciple. But you should feel all that unhappiness as your happiness, if your unhappiness in terms of service pleases the Lord. You must have patient analysis and power of discrimination in the search of the truth. Your aim should not be the attainment of bliss but making the Lord blissful through your service and sacrifice. If this ultimate goal is realized, the soul gets the topmost place in the heart of the Lord.

You have entered the heart of the Lord deeply through your proven love towards the Lord in the very first step itself. The Lord wants sincerely to hold on you in the path of the truth. The Lord does not want to use any superpower in this matter because the path of the knowledge and devotion should be spontaneous, natural and real. The final result of the effort of Swami thus depends only in the power of your discrimination and on your

patience to analyze in search of the truth. You will have firm faith only when the divine knowledge helps you as a fertilizer to germinate the devotion and also acts as a pesticide to remove worm like attractions and illusions of Saturn, who always tries to take away the sheep from the Lord like a wolf or a fox.

Chapter 42

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O Learned and Devoted Servants of God,**216. The knowledge should give bliss to me. Is it not correct? (A sincere devotee)**

Swami replied:- Every spiritual aspirant aims at the bliss to be obtained by himself (Aatmaananda). Salvation means liberation from all the worries and misery. Saayujyam or Kaivalyam means reaching the God to attain the bliss because God is Infinite Ocean of bliss. If this is the aim of spirituality, how is it different from materialism? In materialism also everybody wants to release from worries and misery and wants to attain permanent happiness, which is called bliss. Therefore, there is no difference between a materialistic aspirant and a spiritual aspirant. The only difference between these two aspirants is that the materialistic aspirant uses the worldly items as instruments to attain the goal and the spiritual aspirant uses God as instrument to attain the same goal. ***Remember that enjoying bliss is enjoying the fruit you have earned.*** If you enjoy the bliss in this world, nothing remains for the upper world. In the upper world, you cannot do any effort (karma) and earn the bliss because it is only the world of enjoyment (Bhogaloka) and not the world of any effort (Karma Loka). Therefore, you must think of reducing your desire to enjoy the bliss-fruit obtained from God. Even if you store a part of the fruit for the upper world you have to come back to this earth again to do the spiritual effort. It has lot of risk because when you return back again, we don't know the atmosphere in which you will be placed and so you cannot be sure of this spiritual effort.

Then what is to be done? Go on doing the spiritual effort without aspiring for the bliss-fruit. Surrender the fruit to the Lord and you have no aspiration for that fruit. You are entering into the service of Lord as His beloved servant. You must aspire the bliss of the God and not the bliss for yourself. This means you should do such service to the Lord so that it pleases Him. The bliss or pleasure of the Lord should be your goal. If Lord is pleased you are pleased. In the service even if you undergo loss and get troubles and misery, it should be a pleasure for you because the service is going to finally, please the Lord. This is the highest path in which your bliss-fruit is infinitely multiplied and is beyond any account. When the finger of Lord Krishna was cut, Draupadi tore her sari and banded the finger. It was a very costly sari and she is sitting in the sacrifice of

Rajasuya. If then the sari is torn, she will lose wealth. She knows it and Pandavas lost the kingdom after the sacrifice. She was prepared for all this because her goal was only to please the Lord. When she applied the piece of cloth as a bandage, she never aspired the bliss-fruit for that service. Therefore, that piece was infinitely multiplied into several saris and was given to her by the Lord at a proper time. Similarly, when you sacrifice the bliss-fruit to the Lord, it will be infinitely multiplied and He will give you whenever the right occasion comes according to His discrimination. In this stage, the Lord is pleased to see you enjoying the bliss and therefore, you must enjoy the bliss because that pleases the Lord.

Shankara prayed the Lord telling "*Na mokṣasyākāṅkṣā*", which means that He has no even trace of desire for the salvation and bliss. He wandered all over the India, debated with several scholars and took lot of strain to do the service of the Lord. He was killed by the black magic in such debates at the end. He did it in the service of the Lord because He felt that if the Lord is pleased by this service that must be His pleasure. He took even the death with pleasure in the service of the Lord. Even Jesus took the death by crucifixion in the service of the Lord while doing the propagation of the divine Knowledge. He felt even the death as bliss because that pleases the Lord. Hanuman took all pains to participate in the war and once the arrows of Meghanatha horribly wounded Him, He took that also as bliss because that pleases the Lord. Radha wept throughout her life when she left Lord Krishna and that was her bliss. Arjuna killed Bhishma by shooting arrows on every inch of the body of Bhishma. You know how much he wept in doing so? Arjuna lost his father in the childhood itself and the grandfather Bhishma nourished him like his father. The love of Bhishma on Arjuna was highest among all the grand sons. The extreme pain in doing so is felt as bliss by Arjuna because that was the wish of the Lord and that pleased the Lord. Therefore, sacrifice to the Lord is highest path and aspiring bliss for yourself and using God as instrument for that is not spirituality at all. You are in the materialistic path only under the mask of spirituality if you aspire bliss for yourself. In all the above examples, the service was done only to God in the human form. Shankara propagated the knowledge on the order of His Sadguru Govinda Bhagavadpada who was in human form only. Jesus spread the knowledge based on the instruction of His baptising preacher. Radha and Arjuna served Lord Krishna. Hanuman served Lord Rama. ***The service is meaningful when the Lord is received through the human body, which is the best object in this creation.*** You can find the pleasure on the face of the Lord for the service you have rendered. Therefore, sacrifice in service and

selection of human incarnation, which is the best object, is the result of the true divine knowledge. In all these examples you can find the knowledge with analysis and logic. *The Veda says that in the heart God lies in the name 'Prajna' who will give bliss to you as the salary for your job.* That is a lower state because the bliss belongs to heart, which is the lower level of mind (Manomaya Kosha). But in the brain (Vijnanamaya Kosha) the Lord dwells by the name Eeshwara who gives the divine knowledge. The Gita starts with Jnana Yoga stating that you should depend on the divine knowledge before you start the spiritual effort. In the entire the Gita, sacrifice and service to the Lord is explained, which is the proven love. Therefore, the knowledge of Shri Datta Swamiji is blissful knowledge but the word bliss refers to the bliss of the Lord and not to the bliss of the devotee. This knowledge is a scheme in which your bliss-fruit is infinitely multiplied and will be rendered to you whenever the Lord feels it as the right occasion. The blissful knowledge given by other preachers gives you bliss to yourself here itself and that will be finished by your enjoyment here itself and will lead you to the risk. When you identify the human incarnation, you get love and bliss from His divine knowledge. When the identification is over you should leave the aspiration for the bliss and enter the service of the Lord, which is the path of thorns that leads to permanent heaven. *The bliss you receive from the human incarnation at the time of identification is just a temporary experience only and you should not aspire for that forever.* The service of other preachers will give you bliss immediately as long as you are alive or at the maximum in the upper world also. But it is a path of roses leading to the hell, which is this earth to which you have to return again and fall in the horrible cycle.

217. Is it possible to practice Your spiritual knowledge?

[A sincere devotee asked: Is it possible to practice Your spiritual knowledge? When shall we open the divine knowledge and when shall we open the blissful heart?]

Swami replied:- You analyse the bond with wife and the bond with the son. You are loving your wife for your happiness only as said in the Veda (*Ātmanaḥ kāmāya...*). If the wife troubles the husband, husband leaves wife by taking the divorce. The same bond exists from the side of wife also towards the husband. Therefore, this bond is for self-bliss. The wife or husband is an instrument to attain self-bliss. The wife or husband does not love the other for the sake of other's happiness. Similarly, the people of Pravrutti love God for their selfish bliss. If you take the bond to the son, the father or mother works hard for the happiness of their son. In this case the bond with the son is for the bliss of the son and not for the self-bliss. Similarly, the devotees in Nivrutti love God to please Him and

not for any self-bliss. Therefore, you treat God in the place of your son and then this spiritual knowledge becomes practically possible.

When you are searching for an ideal wife and seeing several matches, you should use your brain to analyse and select the best girl as your wife. While attending the matches, you should not open your blissful heart with every girl. Before selection, take time and have all the patience and use your brain and logic in evaluating the qualities of every girl. When you have decided the best girl, then you should close your brain and open your blissful heart. If your love is real on your wife, you will not aspire for self-bliss and you will do anything to please her. Similarly, in selecting the form of God (some say that God is formless, some say that God is your self, some say that God is in form of statues, some say that God is in the form of natural items like sun, some say that God is in a particular human form etc.) you should use your brain and logic and take the help of the divine knowledge. Then to select the path also to please God, you should use the divine knowledge (some say prayers, some say meditation, some say self analysis, some say sacrifice of work, some say sacrifice of fruit of work etc.). Now you should open your blissful heart before God. Here also your aim must be to please the God and not your self-bliss. ***When you are traveling to reach a town, you must use your brain and logic. Otherwise, if you use your blissful heart and follow an attractive wrong path, you will not reach your destiny.*** After reaching your house, you can open your blissful heart before your family members.

Chapter 43

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O Learned and Devoted Servants of God,**218. Do Hinduism and Christianity agree on the human incarnation and getting direction from God?**

[A sincere Devotee asked: How to get direction from the Lord? Do Hinduism and Christianity agree the concept of Human incarnation?]

Swami replied: The direction from God is always true. But then how to approach formless God? If you ask God, He will not reply from the sky. If you approach God in form, it must be human being only because only human form can reply. But in which human form God is present? God is present in a particular human form. Even some human beings in which, God is not present are also stating that they are God. The actual human incarnation some times is keeping silent, some times says that He is God and some times says that He is not God. Arjuna asked Krishna for direction. But Krishna may be or may not be God. Therefore, even though Krishna is preaching about the direction, Arjuna did not believe blindly. He asked questions at every stage and analysed the direction given by Krishna. Taking benefit of doubt, he considered Krishna as a human being only and discussed with Him at length and in depth. Even after seeing the vision of Vishwaroopam, he continued the discussions for a long time. This means he did not give any value to vision.

Even demons can give visions. Ravana showed a vision to Rama in which he appeared killing Sita. Rama believed and wept and wanted to stop the war. But Vibhishana told Him that the vision is false and is created by the demon Ravana. Therefore, one should not decide based on the visions seen by eyes. Saturn showed a vision to Jesus in which he showed the entire world offering to Jesus. One should not believe the mind with emotion. Sometimes the mind is also affected by the tricks of Saturn. When Rama went to catch the golden deer, Sita heard the voice of Rama crying for help. Sita decided that Rama was in danger. But Lakshmana gave the argument that Rama can never be in danger. Finally, Sita was proved wrong and Lakshmana was correct. ***Therefore, emotional mind will mislead but not the logical and analytical knowledge of the brain.***

Hanuman thought of committing suicide when Sita was not found in Lanka. But He analysed and dropped the idea. Therefore, logical and analytical knowledge and discussion can alone give the correct direction. In the beginning of the Gita, Krishna told “*Dadāmi buddhiyogaṃ te...*” which means that only by logical analysis of brain, God can be achieved. After achieving God, logic must be closed and the heart must be opened. Shankra also told “*Jñānādeva tu kaivalyam...*” which means that only through divine knowledge one can achieve God. After achieving God, devotion and service will come. One cannot achieve God through devotion, because unless you recognise the correct form of God, how can you devote yourself to that form? You must select one girl through analysis and fix her as wife and then only love her and serve her. How can you fix the best girl without analysis?

At the time of Jesus, priests were there who always think that old is gold and past is the last word. They hate the present. They have no logic. When they arrested Jesus, there were no proper discussions and logical analysis about His case. When there were no logical discussions, He was crucified based on simple emotional slogans. His death was not justified and therefore, He rose and walked out. When the soldier was leaving finally, he pierced the stomach of Jesus with his weapon. Then blood came out. Blood will not come out from dead body. Jesus was alive and He was brought down by His disciples. Then He was kept in the cave. He knew the protection of His life. He walked into India and met the king Salivahana and talked with him. His conversation was recorded in “Bhavishya Purana” of Vyasa. This scripture speaks about the future. Vyasa wrote this long back. The verse in scripture is ‘*Īśa putraṃ ca māṃ viddhi, kumārī garbha sambhavam, mleccha dharmasya vaktāram...*’, which means “*I am the son of the father of heaven. I was born to unmarried girl. I preached spirituality to Muslims.*’ Thus, spoke Jesus to Salivahana. He stayed in India till He attained the age of eighty five years and died in Kashmir. You can find the buried tomb of Jesus there even today. On the tomb it is written “Jesus” in Hebrew language. Jesus disappeared from home at the age of 16 years. He returned at the age of 30 years. He was crucified in 32nd year. From 16th year He was in Himalayas in the association of several sages. He was a good Sanskrit scholar. He studied all the Hindu philosophy and this is the reason why the Christian and Hindu philosophies are almost similar in concepts. Krishna told that He is God. Jesus told that He and His Father are one and the same. Krishna told that

He would come whenever there is necessity. Jesus told that He would come again. Krishna told that He is the only ultimate goal. Jesus told that one could attain God through Him only. All these are same concepts.

There is difference between God in human form and human being posing as God. To differentiate both, analysis is essential like in the separation of original diamond from artificial diamond. Once you select the original diamond, no need of further analysis and you can kiss and love the diamond. Krishna was God in human form and Paundraka Vaasudeva was human being posing as God. Krishna told the Bhagavad the Gita and the latter could not preach any knowledge. Except this difference, external dress and doing miracles were common in both.

The priests believed the dead messengers and did not believe the then alive messenger. Jesus told, "***Let the dead bury dead***". This means the priests were dead because they always lived in the past and never in the present. Those who live in past are dead and those who live in the present are alive. This means that the dead priests will attend the dead messengers and the living disciples will attend the present living messenger. When Jesus told that He would come again, that means the human incarnation will come again for every next generation. Therefore, Christianity believes in the human incarnation that comes every time as in Hinduism. There is no difference between the two philosophies. The human incarnations of all the religions tell always the same point. The followers do not take the right interpretation and mock the other religion. The Christians criticize Krishna and Mohammed for killing the evil people. They say that Jesus changed all the evil people also through love. Then why the people crucified Him? Why they did not change by His love? Why Christianity suggests the permanent hell for sinners after enquiry? If love can change everybody, there should not be hell at all! Jesus told that it is better to punish yourself instead of falling into hell permanently. Therefore, He was indicating the punishment and hell. He is never against the punishment of evil people. The LKG students cannot be controlled by speech like college students. They need a strong cane for discipline. The followers always misinterpret their original preachers. Krishna tried His best to change Kauravas but as a last resort only, He punished them. Similarly, Mohammed fought as last resort only. In fact, Mohammed was the incarnation "Kalki" who killed evil people with a sword riding on the horse. Krishna is Buddha while preaching the Gita. He was Jesus when He showed kindness on Sudama

and Draupadi. He was Mohammad in killing the demons. For protecting the good people (Pandavas) and for punishing Kauravas, He was cursed by Gandhari because of which, He died by the arrow shot on His foot. This is crucifixion only for the sake of good people like Pandavas. Both died shedding the blood. He took the punishment on Him to protect the real devotees like Pandavas. Krishna and Jesus were born in the similar situations. Devil people killed the children born on their birth dates. Krishna left Brindavanam when He was 16 year old. Similarly, Jesus. Krishna met Gopikas again on the seashore at His age of 30 years. Similarly, Jesus returned to home at the same age. Jesus quoted several scriptures of Hinduism, which were filtered from the Bible.

219. Hindus are converted in to Christians. How do You stop this conversion?

Swami replied:- I am neither Hindu nor Christian. I belong to Universal Spirituality, which means that I am a true Hindu and therefore, simultaneously a true Christian. I like to question the conversion being done is whether based on conversion of religion or spirituality. If it is religious conversion, I am not interested in the topic. If it is a spiritual conversion, there is no need because all religions have the same spirituality. Religion is only an external dress and spirituality is the same person present in all the types of dress. If the religious conversion is aimed at a political background by which a religion wants to increase its number and thus wants to have a single kingdom of Christians or Hindus, there is no spirituality. When Jesus thought of spreading the kingdom of God, a revolutionist thought that Jesus was aiming to remove the Roman Government and establish Jewish rule, Jesus refused to join hands with that revolutionist. *If you are prosperous, the first people who are jealous are the people of your religious community only.* If you are trying to convert the entire world in to one religion, the entire world will become jealous when you prosper. Is this your ultimate result?

Only minority indicates real spirituality only to reach God as said by both Jesus and Krishna. Jesus told that the path leading towards Him is very narrow. Krishna told in the Gita that one in millions only can reach Him. Therefore, the minority is supported by the Lord and not the majority. Quality lies in minority only and not in majority. Jesus told that wherever two or three people associate to praise the Lord, the Lord dwells there. This indicates a qualitative minority and not ignorant majority. You say that Hindus are worried about the conversion of Hindus into Christians. But I find at least a few Christians are also

converted in to Hindus. Perhaps, the Hindu is worried since both the rates of conversions are not equal. If your worry is based on this point, you are not against the concept of conversion. If you are against the concept of conversion, you should not have agreed to convert Christians into Hindus also.

I am completely against to the conversion from one religion to the other religion because any religion has the same spirituality and same God. The external dress of God and the language of spirituality, syllabus differ from one religion to the other religion. Therefore, there is no meaning in the conversion. It is like two different classes of the same school in different languages. The two classes belong to the same standard and the same teacher goes and teaches the same syllabus to the two classes in their respective languages. Even if a person changed one class to the other, the teacher and the syllabus remains same. Whatever may be the religion, he remains as a theist only. If a theist becomes an atheist, then, we shall worry about him. Thus, by conversion no religion gained anything and no religion lost anything. After all, the person is in the same house of spirituality and he has changed form one room to the other. I don't know why some people are anxious about conversion and some other people are feeling for the conversion. The person does not develop by conversion. If a student changes one section to the other, his standard did not raise. Only his language is changed and syllabus remains same. Thus, by conversion, one has changed the culture and language only but not the actual substance called as spirituality. ***Change of culture is not spiritual progress.*** In every language all standards are present. He should try to go to the higher standard in his own language and then that is called as academic progress. Similarly, one should try to go to higher levels of spirituality in his own religion. One should go up vertically from lower standard to higher standard in his own religion to reach the goal quickly, but not go horizontally from one religion to the other religion. The former is called as progress and latter is waste of energy and time.

If a Christian is converting Hindu in to Christianity, I advise him *“why you are so much particular about the change in the culture which is the external religion. The internal spirituality remains same and therefore, you have done only external conversion but not the internal conversion. Since spirituality in both religions remains the same, you have not converted him at all. You have plenty of money and broad mind to sacrifice. You help the poor Hindu because he is a poor theist. He is*

not atheist.” On the same occasion I advise the Hindu also like this, “Most of Hindus are poor. The rich Hindu minority has no broad mind to sacrifice to poor fellow Hindus. Neither you help the poor people of Hinduism, nor allow them to get help from broad-minded rich Christians. Majority of Christians are rich and also are broad-minded. Why do you worry? The Hindu did not become atheist by becoming Christian. Only his external dress is changed. He changed just his shirt only and you need not worry about this.”

I wish every human being in this world to recognize the underlying common basis of all the religions, which is the Universal Spirituality. If that is realized, a Christian will not worry even if the entire world becomes Hindus and a Hindu will not worry even if the entire world becomes Christians. Either the Christian or Hindu should worry if the entire world is filled with atheists. Any human being can wear dress of any colour. Nothing is gained if majority wears shirts of a particular colour and if one celebrates that as victory, there cannot be more foolish ignorance than this. One should become the fish living in the unlimited ocean of Universal Spirituality. One should not linger as stagnant fish of his own river called religion. If the fish of the river is patient to travel to the end of its religion- river, it will find the above said ocean.

One can chose any religion of his choice in this world. All religions are equal but not all the steps in any religion. All standards in a school are not equal but all classes in different languages of the same standard are equal. The formless God, the formfull God like statues and the human form of God are gradually school, college and University levels. Hanuman is the highest among devotees and He also gained the highest result, which is the post of creator. Nobody can be wiser, more devoted and more gifted than Hanuman. He worshipped Rama who was human form of God in His time. In the Valmiki Ramayana, there was no single reference for Him worshipping formless God or energetic forms like Brahma, Vishnu etc., or statutes. Similarly, there was no single reference to Him doing Bhajans or doing meditation by mind or discussing about God using intelligence. Hanuman silently worked for the Lord and got the result also silently. Thus, human form of God and practical participation in His work are highest steps to please the Lord. You should not say that all the steps are equal in a staircase, but all the staircases are equal.

220. I am a devotee of Lord Hanuman. Kindly explain to me about Him?

Swami replied: I received your question today, which is a Tuesday and which is dear to the Lord Hanuman. Today two stars exist. The first star is 'Mrigashira', which is indicating the period of Mars and Mars again represents Tuesday. The second star is 'Aarudra', which indicates Lord Rudra or Shiva. Hanuman is having the head of animal, which is the meaning of Mrigashira. Hanuman is the incarnation of Lord Rudra, which is indicated by the star Aarudra and which occupies the second part of the day. This indicates that though you see Him with the head of animal externally in the beginning, if you understand Him carefully you can realize gradually that He is Lord Shiva Himself. I have elaborated all this to tell you that the time to answer your question is very congenial and therefore, I will reveal the essence of Lord Hanuman. Unless the time favours, even the divine knowledge cannot come out. The divine knowledge comes out only at the appropriate time.

Hanuman represents a total institution that preaches from LKG to the highest P.G. Class. His appearance as an animal and the body of a human being indicates that there are plenty animals in the human beings. The head represents the brain and mental set up. Several human beings behave like animals though they have the form of human beings. Therefore, starting from such LKG students who are like animals in their mental set up, Hanuman stands as Guru and leads them to the Lord Shiva who represents the PG class. He stands representing both the path and the goal. He acted as a servant of the God, which is the path. It indicates that only the service to God can please the God. If you take an X-Ray photograph of His face, you will find four more faces embedded in His face. The four faces are 1) The face of Hayagriva which is the face of horse, that represents the knowledge. Hayagriva is very famous to grant the knowledge. This represents the face of Brahma, who is representing the Veda or Knowledge. 2) The face of Varaha. Lord Varaha represents Vishnu because He lifted the earth and maintained it on His mouth. Vishnu is famous for the maintenance. 3) The face of Narasimha, which is the face of a lion that represents Lord Shiva. Narasimha destroyed the enemy against all the obstructing rules. Thus, it represents the total destruction, which cannot be opposed by any force. These three heads represent Lord Datta. 4) The fourth face is the face of Garuda. Garuda represents the highest position in the devotees because none can fly to that height. He has the strength of the bull (Nandi) and tremendous velocity of the Swan. This shows that Garuda is again

another form of Datta with three faces. The Swan represents the knowledge of discrimination because the swan separates the milk and water and thus represents Brahma. Garuda is always associated with Lord Vishnu and the mark on His forehead (Tilaka) indicates Vishnu. The bull represents tremendous power, which is Lord Shiva. Thus, Garuda is another form of Lord Datta representing the service or path. Thus, Hanuman represents Lord Datta along with His most powerful and faithful servant called Kalabhairava. In fact, Garuda is another form of Kalabhairava. Thus, Hanuman represents a total picture of the path and the goal.

Hanuman, is the best example for the Yoga written by Patanjali. The first five steps in Yoga refer to perfect physical health and perfect mental health. A sound mind exists in a sound body. Both mind and body are inter-related and affect each other. The 'Yama' and 'Asana' are related to the exercises of physical body. The monkey form represents a good physical exercise because the monkey is always in the exercise of long and short jumps. The physical exercise and good strength of the body is essential for both the worldly life and spiritual life. The Niyama and Pratyahara represent the mental exercises and control of mind. Hanuman had no family and left His parents permanently. He was waiting in Kishkindha as per His mother's instruction to meet the Lord. Thus, He has no selfish mental tensions. Pranayama indicates inhaling fresh oxygen. The air is inhaled for long time and stored for a long time. The air should be fresh oxygen. Otherwise, if the air contains polluted gases only there is no use of Pranayama. People misunderstand Pranayama and go on doing it in their houses. The very purpose is lost because fresh oxygen is not available in the house. You should go to at least to a near by park containing many trees in the morning time. Only in the morning time fresh oxygen is released from trees because the photosynthesis takes place only in the presence of Sunlight and the water drops that have collected on the leaves during the night. As the Sun becomes hot, the water evaporates and there is no photosynthesis. Therefore, in the early morning you should go to a park and do the physical exercise. While doing that you can chant devotional songs and let your mind be absorbed on God. Otherwise, worldly matters will spoil the mind. Thus, the first five stages represent good physical and mental health, which is essential for efforts in this world as well as in the upper world. Thus, Hanuman represents the success of the efforts in this world as well as the success of spiritual efforts in the upper world. He is a

complete personality, both materialistic and divine. The sixth stage is Dharana, which is the formation of bond with the Lord. The Lord came to Him and the bond was formed. The 7th stage is Dhyana, which is strengthening this bond. The eighth and final stage is Samadhi, which is complete determination. Hanuman decided that Rama is the Lord. He never became egoistic by His superpowers and even if the Lord did not show the superpowers. Ravana who had enough superpowers did not attract Him. Thus, Hanuman gives us a message that we should not decide the Lord by mere superpowers.

The best point in the spiritual effort of Hanuman is that He selected the then human incarnation for worship, which is only the service. In the entire Ramayana there is no single reference where you can find Him doing Japam or Bhajans etc., except the service to the Lord. He never worshipped statues or energetic forms like Brahma, Vishnu etc., Thus, He gives us the message that one should select the human incarnation present in his time. He also worshipped Lord Krishna and heard the Bhagavat Gita by standing on the flag of the chariot. This shows that He believed in the human reincarnation of the Lord again and again. His path is the best and the real one because He was given the post of the creator (Brahma). He never served the Lord accepting anything in return. He served only to please the Lord. With that aim only He cut all the pearls in the chain given by Sita to find Rama in the pearls. Again, Hanuman gives a message here that the Lord does not exist in the inert objects because inert objects are not independent whereas the Lord is independent. Thus, Hanuman is the best and complete personality to show the path and also the goal. When Hanuman fought with Rama for the protection of Yayati, He acted like that to show even high devotee slips. Hanuman left His mother permanently in search of Rama. For Him the Lord is far greater than His mother and He did not fight with Rama really for the sake of His mother. It was only a role to give us the message that the Lord should be higher than any individual soul in this world. Blessed are the people who follow Hanuman. Simple worship and devotional songs of Hanuman to solve your worldly problems are of no use. Analyse the personality of Hanuman and keep Him as an ideal for your spiritual effort.



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