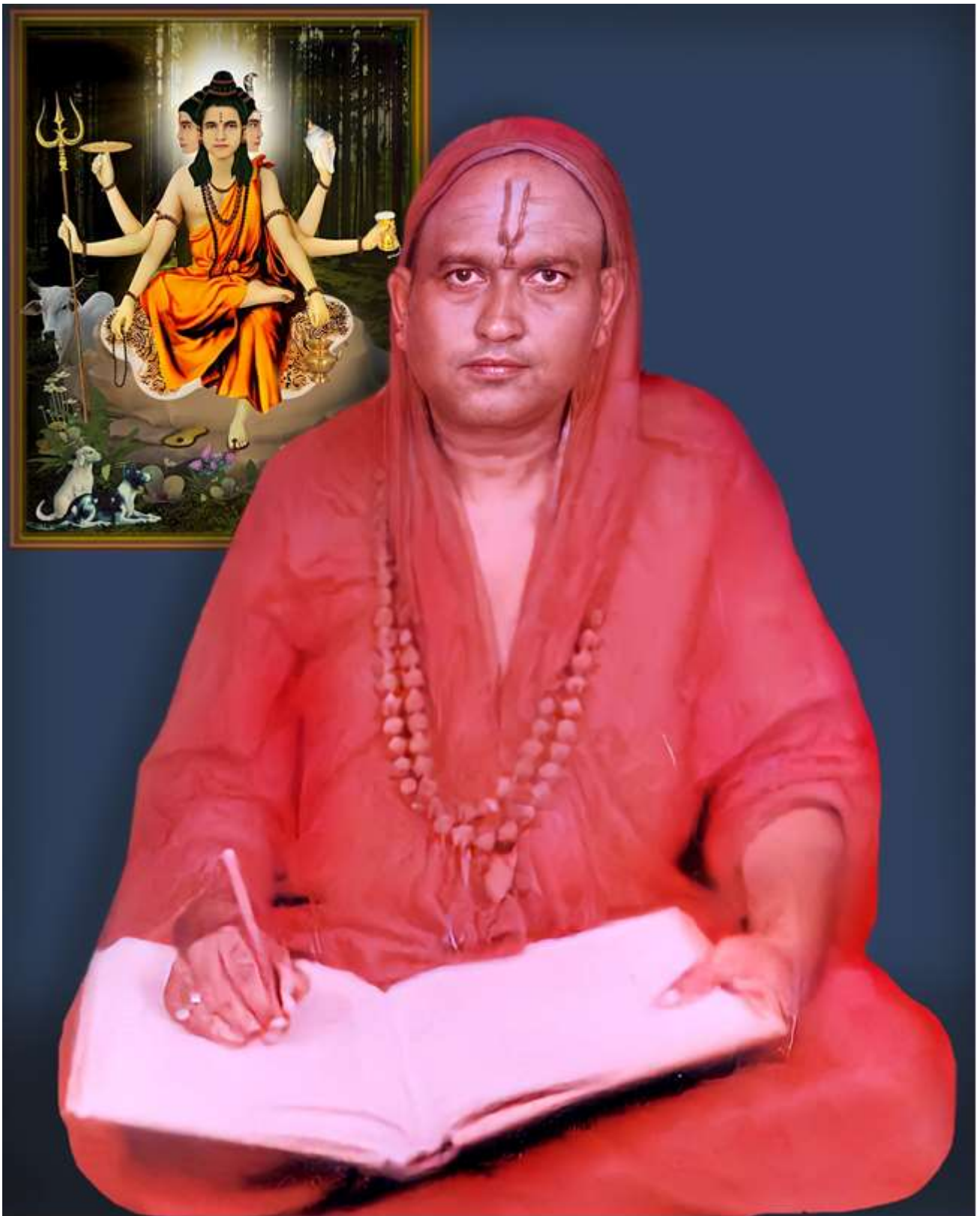


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Chapter 1
ESSENCE OF THE VEDAS

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O Learned and Devoted Servants of God,

All the Vedas describe ‘Yajna’ (Sacrifice) only, which is nothing but the preparation of food only. The fire is lit and is called ‘Laukikaagni’ i.e., fire meant for cooking but not for worship. The three parts of the fire (Gaarhapatya, Ahavaniya, and Dakshinaagni) are only the three stoves for cooking various items of food. “Fools put the cooked food in this fire” says Kapila, the incarnation of Lord Vishnu in the Bhagavatam. This food must be offered to the guest shining like fire, who must deserve.

- 1) The first preference is ‘Sadguru’ who is the human incarnation of God that comes in every human generation.
- 2) The second preference must be a poor devotee; God dwells in the heart of a devotee, as per Narada Bhakti Sutra.
- 3) The third preference must be a beggar who is incapable of earning food.

In this case, the beggar is a sinner punished by God. So you must turn him into a devotee by preaching knowledge and devotion. Food, cloth, shelter are only secondary like hostel for a student. Otherwise he may do sin after eating your food. Then, you will get that sin. A ‘beggar home’ is better than an independent beggar is. In a beggar home, the beggar is in controlled condition and the beggar can be converted into a devotee easily.

Dakshina (Money) must follow giving food (Yajna) for the other needs. ‘*Adakṣiṇo hato yajñah*’ means that the Yajna goes waste without Dakshina. This Dakshina is ‘Karma Phala Tyaaga’ (Sacrifice of the fruit of your work) and is very much stressed in the Gita.

The Vedas and the Gita put together teach sacrifice of food and money. By such practical sacrifice only, God is pleased. Sacrifice of words (prayers) and sacrifice of mental feelings (meditation and devotion) are useless without practical sacrifice, which make God to hate you only.

Sadguru like Shirdi Sai Baba is the best deserving person, because, He will use the energy of your offered food also in preaching only. He knows the deserving devotee or a beggar and He will help them in a proper way. Thus, the money you offer to Him is fully utilized and you get the full fruit of your charity. For Him, the entire world is His family. A devotee

confines to his family only and even if he donates to others, he may err, since both God and soul co-exist in his body. In the case of Sadguru, only God exists in His body. Sadguru comes in every human generation. Recognize Him with proper identity marks.

Short Cut of the Gita

Karma (work with selfishness) is the first step in which you do work for yourself and your family only with selfishness. Jnana (Knowledge) is the second step in which you identify the Lord who comes in human form in every human generation. The identity marks for recognizing such incarnation is His Jnana and not His miracles. Miracles are done by demons also. Bhakti (devotion) is the third step in which you become mad of that incarnation of Lord like Hanuman or Radha. You are permanently bonded with the Lord by your selfless love or devotion to Him. Your attraction to Him is only due to His divine personality. Karma Yoga (work without selfishness) is the fourth step, in which, you participate in the work of the incarnation, which is only to uplift the entire world. In such work, there is no selfishness because you work for the Lord aspiring nothing in return.

Now, the Gita says that you can straightly go to the 4th step from the 1st step. You start diverting your work to God by reducing your selfishness. Let your Karma be transformed to Karma Yoga completely. Then, you have become Hanuman. You will be near the Lord here and there, which is called 'Saayujyam'. In 'Kaivalyam' some souls enter the body of the Lord there (Gita says this '*Nivasisyasi ...*'). Whenever the Lord incarnates these souls come out and incarnate whether they are near or in His body. This is the final salvation.

So, the Gita gives the short cut way from 1st step to 4th step straightly. The kindest Lord Krishna gave such facility to this world. Out of these 4 steps, the 1st and 4th steps relate to Karma (work). The 2nd and 3rd steps relate to mind and words. So, the final step is only Karma Yoga, which is work. The Jnana and Bhakti are only the intermediate steps. Jnana and Bhakti help you to transform your karma into karma yoga.

Karma Yoga consists of sacrificing the work (Karma Samnyaasa) and sacrificing the fruit of work i.e., money (Karma Phala Tyaaga). The Second, third and fourth steps are inter-linked and mixed in a homogeneous manner. If 100% Jnana is attained 100% Bhakti is automatically attained and he will do 100% Karma Yoga instantaneously. Out of these three, 1) Jnana Yoga, 2) Bhakti Yoga and 3) Karma Yoga, if any Yoga is achieved the other two are automatically attained. Therefore, in the Bhagavad Gita these three get mixed everywhere. Lord Krishna says '*ekamapyāsthitaḥ...*'

Which means that both Jnana Yoga and Karma Yoga are same. The Karma Samnyaasa Yoga means leaving the works that are done with selfishness. When a bread is poisoned the bread has to be rejected. You cannot separate poison from it. Similarly, when you cannot separate the selfishness from your work, that work must be rejected. However, if you can separate the poison from the bread, you can eat the bread after removing poison. Similarly, if you can remove the selfishness from a work and sacrifice the fruit of that work to God's work, then that work need not be rejected. For example, you are doing a job with some selfish outlook. Now if you leave the job for the sake of God's work it is called Karma Samnyaasa, i.e., leaving the work to do God's work. But suppose you continue the job and submit the fruit (money) of that job to the work of God, then your doing the job is Karma Yoga. Thus, by Karma Phala Tyaaga (sacrifice of the fruit of the work), the Karma becomes Karma Yoga. Lord says that this Karma Yoga is better than Karma Samnyaasa (*Tayostu...*) i.e., instead of leaving job for the sake of God's work it is better to do the job and sacrifice the fruit of the job for the work of the God. Doing job with selfishness is the first step (Karma) and doing job for the sake of God's work is the fourth step (Karma Yoga). The Gita gives this short cut, which is the high jump from first step to the fourth step directly. This is the essence of the entire Gita and the greatest short cut given to the humanity by Lord Krishna, who was the human incarnation of Datta. Lord Krishna asked Arjuna to fight (Karma) not for attaining the kingdom with selfishness but to destroy the injustice. Destruction of injustice is the work of God and so if Arjuna fights with that aim he is sacrificing the fruit of his fight to God only. In such case the fight of Arjuna becomes Karma Yoga and not Karma. So, when the fruit of the work is sacrificed to God, one can directly jump from 1st step to the 4th step. This is the real heart of the Gita. The Gita preaches you not to leave the work but to leave the selfishness and sacrifice the fruit of the work to God. When you do such sacrifice your knowledge of God and devotion to God is full. Then your Jnana and Bhakti are perfect. Therefore, if you follow Karma Yoga, your knowledge and devotion are at the highest level which are proved through Karma Yoga. The Gita emphasizes the sacrifice of Kama (the desire to do the work for selfishness purpose) and not Karma (work). The sacrifice of Kama is proved only when you sacrifice the fruit of that work to God i.e., Karma Phala Tyaaga.

The Four Great Sentences

There are four great sentences (Maha Vakya) taken from the four Vedas. The first sentence is '*Aham Brahma Asmi*'. This means that I am

like the Lord externally. That means when the Lord comes in human form He looks like Me. Here the figure of speech is ‘Upamaa Alankaara’ (Simile). One mode of this figure of speech is ‘Lupta Upama Vaachaka’ i.e., the word ‘Like’ will be missing. Then the meaning should be taken in the following manner: Aham= I, Brahma = God (Iva = like), Asmi = Look. Now the meaning is: ‘I look like God’ i.e., when God incarnates in human form like Lord Krishna, He just looks like Me as far as the external appearance is concerned because the Lord is also in a human body. Similarly, the second sentence is ‘*Tat Tvam Asi*’. Tvam = you, Tat = God, (Iva = Like), Asi = Look. That means you look like God. This means that Lord Krishna looks like you externally. The third sentence is ‘*Ayam Aatma Brahma*’ i.e., Ayam Aatma = he, (Iva = Like), Brahma = God (Asti = looks). This means he looks like God externally. The essence of these three sentences is that Lord Krishna looks like you, him and myself, when He is viewed externally because the human body is same as any other human body. The fourth sentence is ‘*Prajñānam Brahma*’. This means Brahma = God, Prajnanam = a scholar with special divine knowledge. The fourth sentence differentiates Lord Krishna from the other human beings because He possesses special divine knowledge, which nobody can possess in this world. This sentence relates to the internal form of the human incarnation.

All these four sentences conclude that God comes only in the human form in every human generation to avoid partiality to a particular human generation. The fourth sentence also indicates that you should recognize such God in human form by His special divine knowledge and not by miracles because miracles are done by demons also. The Lord is said to be the true and infinite knowledge by the Veda. The Bhagavad Gita says that the Lord comes to this world only through a human body (*Mānuṣīm tanumāśritam...*). The Gita did not mention that God comes in any other form. People have taken the direct meaning of these sentences and thought “I am God, You are God and He is God”. If you take the meaning like that, do you mean that everybody in this world is Lord Krishna? If so, Lord Krishna preached the Bhagavad Gita to Lord Krishna (Himself) only because Arjuna is also Lord Krishna!

Chapter 2 APPROACH TO GOD

God and Your Efforts

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O Learned and Devoted Servants of God,

The Gita says “*Bahūni me*” i.e., “*several births have passed away for you and for Me. I remember all those but you do not remember*”. Sometimes the ‘Saadhanaa’ of a devotee may be less during this birth. God shows lot of grace on that devotee. The reason for this is the penance done by that devotee during the previous births. Even that devotee forgot that penance done by him. The other devotees who are doing lot of penance to God in this birth become jealous about that devotee. These devotees do not know that their penance done in this birth is very less compared to the penance of that devotee done in the previous births. The wealth of a person should not be decided by looking into his current account only. His fixed deposits, which are the fruits of the penance of his previous birth, should also be taken into account. Only the Lord can see these fixed deposits but not by the people. Vivekananda came to Paramahansa for the first time. Paramahansa taken him into a room and placed a sweet in his mouth and wept with folded hands. Vivekananda could not understand this and was confused. Paramahansa is the incarnation of Rama and Krishna. Vivekananda is the incarnation of Arjuna and he does not remember his previous births. But Paramahansa remembers all the previous births. The other disciples could not digest this and became jealous of Vivekananda. Once Satyabhama hit the forehead of Krishna by her left leg. Krishna pressed her feet stating that the foot might have been pained. This looked very odd for all the other devotees. They thought that Krishna became the slave of her beauty. Any external beauty in this world cannot attract the Lord. Only the internal beauty attracts him, which is the sacrifice and love. She is the incarnation of Goddess Earth. She was bearing the violence of all the demons that were strengthened by the boons of the God. Like this she tolerated God indirectly. She is tolerating the feet of all the living beings. She is another form of tolerance. Even though Lord killed her son Narakasura, she kept silent. In fact, she helped Him in that war. She crossed the wheel of ‘Anaahata’, which is connected, to the children. Nobody can have more tolerance than the Goddess Earth. God knows all this

background. Without eligibility, God will never give anything to anybody at any time. But the devotee must put the first step towards God. The necessity is for the devotee. The Veda says '*Āptakāmasya*' i.e., "***God has attained everything and there is nothing which He has to achieve***". You have come near the sea with a pot. You should put a step into the water and make an effort to fill your pot. Then the sea moves the water into the pot. Therefore, the human effort is necessary even in the case of God. When the God is in the human form, He is bound by the manners of humanity. The properties of human body co-exist. The electric wire is having both the qualities of wire and electricity. Giving shock is the property of electricity. Being thin and lean is the property of the wire. The property of the wire is clearly seen by the naked wire. Similarly, the properties of the human body of the God are clearly seen by the people. As people misunderstand the electric wire as a common wire without electricity, the human body of God is also misunderstood as an ordinary man. As the current is not seen the divinity in the human form is also not seen. But whenever a necessity arises the electricity becomes intensive in the wire and heat is radiated out. Similarly, the divinity in the human form exposes its divine qualities like Jnana, Love, Bliss and Miracles whenever necessary.

Sudama felt bad to approach Krishna who was his classmate even though he was suffering with poverty. Krishna also kept silent, though He was ready to give infinite wealth. But Sudama did not put even one step towards Dwaraka City to meet Krishna. Sudama was chanting the name and worshipping the statue of Krishna. But even a trace of poverty was not removed because he neglected the human form of God. Unless he approached the human form of God and did Karma Phala Tyaaga by offering some rice, Lord did not respond. At his level the offering of that handful rice to Krishna is the best sacrifice. Similarly, Krishna gave infinite wealth according to His level. When Sudama went to Krishna, Sudama did not ask Krishna to remove his poverty. He was prepared to undergo the result of his sins. At the same time, he did the highest sacrifice of that handful rice. His family is starving and if that handful rice is cooked at least a little food can be given to his children. But he offered it to the Lord. He did not ask anything and also did not even think in his mind to ask. Similarly, a devotee should not ask or even think in his mind about the removal of his difficulties by God. He should be prepared to undergo the results of his sins. He should offer Guru Dakshina to the human form of God to his level best. Then God will remove his difficulties.

Swami sees only the quantity of love in you and not the things you are offering to Him. The squirrel rolled in the sand particles and showered them

into sea with full faith and so the Lord patted it. Monkeys were placing big stones in the sea to construct Varadhi. But they were not patted since their faith was disturbed. Both the stones and sand particles were drowning in the water. The squirrel did not stop putting the sand particles but the monkeys stopped putting the big stones. So, the Lord does not view what you have surrendered. The spirit with which you surrendered is only viewed by the Lord. So, surrender what you have with full faith and love. Whatever sin may be present with the fruit, which you have surrendered to the Lord, due to your sacrifice, such offer becomes a most pious deed. Kannappa offered flesh obtained by hunting to the Lord. That is the greatest sin. There is no greater sin than killing harmless animals. “*Ahiṃsā paramo dharmah*” i.e., the greatest sin is to kill innocent harmless beings. Kannappa attained the same salvation of Shabari who offered pious fruits. The real dharma is to please the God. God created everything, created us and is present with us in every minute of every life as the highest well-wisher. Nobody should be dearer than God. Sudama went back home without begging anything from the Lord. Sudama wanted to beg Krishna in his heart of hearts. That is not Nishkama Yoga. He was caught by the influence of prestige. While going home to his place, he was suffering thinking about his poverty. Krishna also kept silent. But Krishna is also ocean of kindness. So Krishna came down. Here the victor is Lord Krishna. Kuchela, due to his prestige, was defeated. Krishna defeated His principle and so came out of it. Sudama gave importance to the manners of the external human body and could not understand the Lord as ocean of Love.

Veda says three qualities of God.

- 1) Jnana belonging to Brahma. (*Satyam, Jñānam, Anantaṃ Brahma*)
- 2) Love belonging to Vishnu (*Raso vai Sah*)
- 3) Bliss belonging to Shiva (*Ānando Brahma*)

If one quality is present, the other two must also co-exist. When Datta takes the human form, these three are transmitted out. These three are the current in the metallic wire. It is like the heat coming out of the fire covered by ash. If the ash is absent, we cannot tolerate the heat. Ash controls the heat to the extent of our tolerance i.e., the human body works like the ash. Even angels like Indra cannot see the inner form. If the inner form is exhibited or comes out, the entire Universe disappears. Therefore, only through the human form one can worship or enjoy the essence of Datta. Nobody can establish a direct bond with Datta, because, when Datta appears the devotee also disappears along with the Universe. So, you cannot attain Datta except through Human body.

Jnana, Ananda and Bliss cannot be obtained either from formless or statues. Therefore, for human being Naraakara (Human form) is the only source. If you neglect the human form, you cannot get human birth, and you will therefore be put to permanent loss.

The Veda says the same “*Iha cedavīdīt ath satya masti na cedihāvedīt mahatī vinaṣṭih*”.

About Swami (Datta Swami) – In Detail

Swami, born in a village in Guntur District (Andhra Pradesh), is a professor of Chemistry in Vijayawada. Two months back He resigned from the job and took Samnyaasa for the sake of humanity. Swami is an expert in coaching for IIT Entrance Examinations and lakhs of rupees will rain on Him if He continues in that line also. For the past twelve years, Swami is doing the spiritual work based on His personal funds only. He was spending part of His time for spiritual work due His job. But now He wants to spend all His time for the spiritual work only. Throughout His life He donated about Rs. 30 Lakhs for services like eradication of leprosy etc. Swami did not save a single rupee for His personal purpose. Swami is doing mainly

- 1) Publication of spiritual books written by Him. (22 books published in Telugu)
- 2) Distribution of cassettes containing beautiful devotional songs composed by him and sung by him and other devotees. (in Telugu and Sanskrit).
- 3) Helping poor devotees and beggars in all aspects and converting the beggars as devotees. (Swami chooses only four categories of beggars i) Children, ii) Very old people, iii) Disabled and iv) Suffering with diseases i.e., those who are unable to earn).

Books and cassettes are distributed freely. Till two months back Swami was carrying on all these programs based on his own funds only. If somebody offered even a rupee he refused. Only on this Guru Purnima day, Swami told “*All should do ‘Karma Phala Tyaaga’ (sacrifice of fruit of the work i.e., money) practically as told in the Gita to get salvation which cannot be obtained by mere prayers, meditation etc.*”

Swami refused a few foreign and Indian billionaires who offered their money singly to support this program. Swami stated that all the human beings should participate and should get the salvation so that the Hell should be permanently closed. Every rupee sent by devotees is used to print this divine knowledge of Swami given in his discourses, which is wonderful, and it is now propagated to poor people also freely. This

knowledge is new and is not given by anybody so far and is not written in any book. Scholars are telling like this. That is why we are interested to propagate this. Recently when Swami gave lectures in Bombay, one day He gave a lecture from 10 a.m., to 12 midnight (14 hours) continuously without raising from His seat! Swami wants all this knowledge to be propagated in all the languages to bring peace in the world and salvation to everybody. Swami says that this is the right knowledge, which is revealed now clearly present in the scriptures. Swami is beyond all the religions and His path is spiritualism. Swami treats all the religions equal.

Swami performed several miracles from childhood for which, He does not give any importance. Swami says that miracles belong to people of basic level only and that His Knowledge is the greatest miracle. Swami got Ph.D. in Chemistry in His 19th year! Swami published several original research papers in Chemistry in various international journals. Swami told poetry in Sanskrit and Telugu at His 11th year and was author of 100 books in Sanskrit at His 16th year! Swami spoke all the Vedas and the Shastras without studying under any Guru at the age of 7th year. Devotees and scholars consider Him as the direct incarnation of Lord Dattatreya.

We will send you a few discourses and a brief account of miracles of Swami. Please go through them. If you get interest you can participate in this divine service as per your convenience. Swami says, “The spiritual field is so much spoiled by the fraud and ignorant gurus that even the God comes down, He will be misunderstood. I blame those gurus only and not the innocent public”.

Swami tells, “By 2030 the main center of divine knowledge will be set up in the world. Propagate this knowledge to all your circles consisting of Indians or foreigners. Such work of propagation is called Karma Samnyaasa (sacrificing your work for God). Karma Phala Tyaaga is sacrificing some fruit i.e., money of your work for the sake of God’s work. Both these put together are called Karma Yoga (Service) as explained in the Gita. Only by this practical Karma Yoga, one can achieve the grace of God and not by mere words (prayers) and meditation (mind). Without the practical service, only prayers, meditation etc., by words and mind are only the pickles in the plate without the central bread”. The submission of Guru Dakshina to Swami is like submitting Guru Dakshina to Shirdi Sai Baba directly who spent it directly. Several times Swami appeared as Shirdi Sai Baba to several devotees apart from the other divine visions of other forms of God He gave to devotees.

Every rupee submitted by devotee as Guru Dakshina to Swami is spent for the propagation of knowledge and devotion only under the

complete strict control of Swami. Swami practiced sacrifice for a long time and is preaching us to do at least a little sacrifice for God's work.

Datta in Human Form

Datta means the God given to the world. The Veda says that the only one God (Parabrahma) creates, maintains and destroys this world. This God cannot be even imagined by the people. The Veda also tells this. The Sage Atri saw this ultimate God through a form for the first time. This form, which was given (seen) to Atri was called Datta. God Himself told Atri that He gave Himself to Atri through that form. Datta means the form that is given. Datta is the only form, which satisfies the definition of God as said by the Vedas. Datta is only one. Through the three faces He creates, maintains and destroys this world. This Datta form is also an incarnation of God (Parabrahman). But this is the only fullest incarnation of God among all His incarnations. Therefore, this incarnation is the original form of God. In this form also, which is named as Datta, God is present. You cannot imagine God if you go beyond this form. So, if you want to imagine God, Datta is the only original form that is imaginable. The starting point of your imagination is Datta. If you leave Datta the imagination ends. Do not try to imagine God beyond Datta. Such imagination is impossible for anybody. So, God means only Datta. This Datta is very powerful as He radiates energy of infinite millions of suns. Only Atri who became very powerful by penance, could see Datta. All the deities and all the planets are just His external dresses. Datta hides in deities and planets with the help of His inexplicable power called Maya. The planets, which we see in the sky, are not the planets, which I mentioned here. The planets, which you see in physical form, are inert. The planets, which are mentioned by Me, are divine forms. These physical planets are just symbolic representations of those divine forms. The Veda says "*Ādityam Brahmeti*" i.e., worship the sun as God. People started thinking that the sun is the God. So the Veda again says "*Nedam tat*" i.e., this sun is not God. The deity form of sun is invisible. Therefore, the planets in their original sense (deities) and the other deities are invisible forms. The planet deities and the other deities put together can be called as deities in general. These deities are also very powerful and are like the radiating sun. Of course, they are not as powerful as Datta. A man can see deities with some effort and care. But you cannot touch them. We can talk with them. But they cannot live with us because of their radiation.

We should not consider Datta as the incarnation of God because God is beyond imagination. Hindus call this God beyond imagination as

Parabrahma. This God is called Jehova by Christians and Allah by Muslims. You cannot say that this God is even formless because the formless object can also be imagined. For example: light is formless which can be imagined, but God is beyond imagination. Therefore, we have no direct right even to mention the word God. The word ‘God’ indicates only that unimaginable thing. That unimaginable thing can be understood only as something existing due to its effects. The Bhagavad Gita says “*Avyaktā hi...*” i.e., worship of the unimaginable God is impossible and leads to grief. So the form of Datta is inevitable and we should start with Datta. Now the word God should mean Datta. However, if you are particular of that unimaginable God only, you can pray to Him but you cannot worship Him. Do not call Him formless. Call Him unimaginable. If you imagine Him as formless light, again your imagination is His incarnation only. Any imagination cannot be the unimaginable God. The Veda says “*Namadhayā*”, “*Naiṣā tarkeṇa*” etc., which means that God is beyond imagination and logic. When you were imagining the light, your mind contains some limiting boundaries for it and so the light that you imagined cannot be formless. Moreover, light is made of particles called photons. Each photon is a packet of energy. So light is not formless. In this way also you cannot imagine a formless object. You can only submit your prayer to the unimaginable formless God. But this does not satisfy devotees. They want to describe Him. They want to see Him. They want to touch Him by embracing. They want to talk with Him. They want to live with Him throughout their lives. To give full satisfaction to devotees, Lord Datta takes the human form, which is made of five elements. The Bhagavad Gita says “*Mānuṣīm tanumāśritam*”. Just like Datta takes radiation bodies and becomes deities; Datta takes human bodies. Those deities and these human bodies taken by Datta are all incarnations. Incarnation is a two-in-one. The first is the inner form, which is Datta. The second is the external form, which is either deity or human body. The inner form pervades all over the external form like current in the metallic wire. The whole wire is the current. Wherever you touch the wire the current gives the shock. There is only one i.e., current here and so the purpose is served for the devotees. Therefore, the devotees see and touch God. They talk and live with God.

How to recognize Datta in human form?

He performs miracles. He gives blissful knowledge because He is both bliss and knowledge. He quotes all the Vedas and the Bhagavad Gita because He spoke the Vedas and the Bhagavad Gita. He treats this entire world as His family. He always tries to uplift all the living beings. He is the

embodiment of love and kindness. The incarnation of Datta is filled with all these divine qualities. Do not decide a person as Datta by miracles only. Even demons and devils perform miracles. Do not decide a scholar as Datta who can give knowledge by quoting the Vedas and the Gita. The knowledge of Datta gives bliss. The bookish knowledge of a scholar cannot give bliss. A scholar can explain the Veda and the Gita based on the meaning given by another scholar. These scholars cannot grasp the actual view of God present in the Veda and the Gita. The Veda says “***Brahmavit Brahmaiva...***”. In this sentence the first word Brahma means the Veda. The second word Brahma means God. The meaning of this sentence is that God Datta can alone give the real meaning of the Veda. So, Datta can only give the real interpretation of the Veda and the Gita. Such real knowledge is called Prajnanam. The fourth great sentence (Mahaavaakya) says that Datta should be recognized by such ***Prajnanam*** only. Such Prajnanam is the characteristic property of the internal form in the incarnation. The first three great sentences (Mahaavaakyas) say that the external form is like Me, like you and like him i.e., like an ordinary human being. Foolish people think that He is an ordinary man by seeing the external human body, which follows all the rules of the nature. The Gita says the same “***Avajānanti māṃ mūḍhāḥ...***”. The aim of such a human body is that He wants to suffer by taking the sins of His devotees in a real way. He will not suffer really if His body is beyond the rules of nature. Then it amounts to cheating the God of justice. Another aim of such human body is that all the other people, who are not devotees, should not recognize Him. If all recognize and follow Him, this drama of world gets disturbed. He came only for devotees and not for all. Only devotees prayed for Him. Only strong devotees can recognize Him. He will throw the weak devotees by negative talks and negative deeds (Maya). Generally, people are not interested to recognize God in human form due to their jealousy and egoism. One in thousands will try to recognize. One among those recognizes and reaches Him. The Gita says the same “***Mānuṣyāṅām...***”.

Chapter 3 HINDUISM REVEALED

Vedas And Shlokas

2003

O Learned and Devoted Servants of God,

Shlokas are verses in Sanskrit, which can be composed by any Sanskrit scholar and cannot be the authority. The present Hindu is unable to distinguish the Veda and Shloka. Anything read in Sanskrit is Veda for him! Anything read in English is not the Holy Bible!

Merchants and Sanskrit scholars colluded and constructed this bad tradition. Merchants of flowers, coconuts, oil and camphor are doing the business in the temple. A devotee is giving Rs. 10/- to these merchants and he is giving Re. 1/- to the priest. The priest is not doing his duty of preaching about God to the devotees. He just recites some Sanskrit verses as a labour man and gets his one rupee. His place is taken by 'Agarbatti'!, which is now declared to be the co-ordinator between God and devotee! Since the priest is not doing his duty, this is also correct. The dog is not barking when a thief is entering the house. So the donkey is barking. The priest should take all the eleven rupees after performing his duties perfectly.

The duties of priests are: he should clean the statue so that people see that statue and get attracted. The statue should be carved beautifully and there is no need for further decoration. This is the stage of '*Drashtavyah*'. Next, he should explain the true knowledge of God in mother tongue (even if he reads the Sanskrit verses) so that devotees can hear about God. This should be done in performing the rituals also. This is '*Śrotavyah*' stage. The devotee should be caught up by that knowledge in his mind and this stage is '*Mantavyah*'. At last, the devotee is unable to quit the temple and sits there immersed in God. This is the last stage '*Nididhyāsītavyah*'. Such procedure brings the real grace of God to the devotee and the priest.

Let the priest become a qualified doctor, take Rs 100/- as fees and give the correct tablet, which costs two rupees only. The present priest is an unqualified doctor who takes ten rupees as fees and wastes 100 rupees

in purchasing wrong medicines. The ultimate is the public, who shall be really benefited even if they spend.

Know Datta

All the Gods are the qualities only. Brahma is the quality of greatness. Narayana is the quality of knowledge (*Nara*=knowledge, *Ayana*= source). Shiva means the quality of peace and pious nature. Ganapati means leadership. Like this, all Gods represent the qualities only. Sage Jaimini also told the same in his sutras. When the God comes in human form, He possesses all these divine qualities. Such a human form is Datta because He was given to the world in such human form only. When you worship Datta (human form), you leave worshipping all the Gods. The statues of all Gods are only imaginary forms representing those divine qualities. Only a top level realized soul can understand this.

Datta suffers the punishments of His devotees. Datta=given. He gave Himself for such purpose. That is His very nature. Devotees need not sympathize Him for that. You need not sympathize Fire for burning, because burning is the very nature of fire.

Who is Datta?

Datta means that form of God, which is given to you in your lifetime. Suppose somebody presents you a cloth. You call it as '*Dattam*', which means that the cloth is given to you now. Somebody presented a cloth to your grandfather. It was *Dattam* (given) to your grandfather. You can call that only as *Dattam*, which is given to you now. Of course, if a house was given to your grandfather who is present even now and you are residing in it, you can call it as *Dattam*. Similarly, if the incarnation present in the past generation still continues to be present even today, then it is called *Dattam* to you also. Hanuman never worshipped Vamana, Narasimha etc., (previous incarnations) because those incarnations did not continue to the lifetime of Hanuman. Hanuman worshipped Rama who was the incarnation of His time. After sometime Rama disappeared. Lord Krishna came. Hanuman did not disappear but continued. Hanuman did not worship Krishna in 'Dwapara Yuga'. He worshipped Rama in previous Tretaayuga. But in Dwapara Yuga also Hanuman was worshipping Rama only. But He did not worship Vamana when Rama was available. Similarly based on the same logic Hanuman should worship Krishna in Dwapara Yuga and not Rama. Therefore, Krishna taught Him that He should worship Krishna only. The then incarnation Krishna showed all the previous incarnations in Himself and told that the same one God is taking

different human incarnations. Hanuman realized and worshipped Krishna like Rama along with Radha. Radha worshipped only Krishna and not the previous Rama.

It is useless to worship the previous incarnations and also the invisible forms like Brahma, Vishnu, Shiva etc., why? The simple reason, which is the answer for this question, is that they are not directly and fully available to us to see, to talk, to touch and to live continuously along with them. Why are you keeping the statues of those forms? The aim is at least you can see the statues and touch. But when the human form is available to you like Rama to Hanuman and Krishna to Radha to fully satisfy you, so that you can see, touch, talk and live with it, why are you particular of those past forms and invisible forms which cannot give you full satisfaction? This is the reason why Hanuman never worshipped the statue of the previous form like Vamana or statue of the invisible form like Vishnu. When He started worshipping Krishna, He did not worship the statue of even Rama.

The whole essence is one simple point. You cannot see God. You cannot talk with God. You cannot touch the God. You cannot live with God. The Vedas emphatically say this (*Na cakṣuṣā, Yato vācaḥ, na medhayā, Naiṣā tarkeṇa* etc.,) Such God has three main qualities i.e., Knowledge, Love and Bliss. God without these three qualities is called 'Nirguna'. God with these three qualities is called 'Saguna'. You cannot enjoy the three qualities of God directly. If the fire comes to you directly, you cannot tolerate its intensive heat directly. Similarly, you cannot bear the intensity of these three qualities directly. Neither you can withstand the God nor the qualities directly. So the fire is covered by ash and you are receiving little heat, which only you can bear. The ash acts as an insulator. Similarly, the human body in the human incarnation acts as an insulator and you are receiving knowledge, love and bliss of the God in controlled quantities to the extent of your tolerance. If the God comes directly to you, the world disappears along with you. So, there is no other way except the human incarnation. The Veda says the same '*Nānyaḥ panthāḥ*'. The Gita says that God comes only in human form (*Mānuṣīm...*).

Therefore, Datta means the present human incarnation, which is given to you in your lifetime as a gift of the God to give you full satisfaction and to enable you to perform a complete worship of God. Datta is the human form of God, which came in different parts of the world like Krishna, Jesus, Mohammed, Buddha etc., but every human generation is blessed with such divine human incarnations. People are not

recognizing them due to jealousy. When such human incarnations leave the world, then only they are recognizing those human incarnations, which are not present before their eyes. If the egoism and jealousy, the two curtains of your eyes are removed you can see the divine human incarnation expressed in different human forms in several places at the same time also. Different human incarnations are meant for different levels of the people. Such incarnations are called partial incarnations (Amshaavataaras). But one fully expressed human incarnation (Datta in the original form) comes down to preach the true divine infinite knowledge to the people of highest level. Such human incarnation reveals that He is the original Datta (God). Knowledge is only the main identity mark to recognize this original Datta (God). Miracles are not the identity marks, which were performed even by demons and devils.

The human incarnation present before the eyes itself brings negligence. If there is a long and continuous association, that brings more negligence. Arjuna neglected Lord Krishna in the case of protection given to Gaya. The reason is the long association of Arjuna as Nara with Narayana during the previous 1000 lives. Gopikas were the sages living with Datta. But Datta went into a tank and disappeared for 1000 years. Thus, there was along separation with the sages. Hence Gopikas never neglected Lord Krishna. One should be careful about such points, which will develop the negligence on the human incarnation of the God.

Real Path

The Lord gives the results of your services. He is just like a principal presenting the certificate and gold medal to the top student. The student studied two years post-graduation course, and wrote examinations and topped the class. There is no need of begging or weeping or praising the principal for the gold medal.

Similarly, Hanuman got the gold medal i.e., the position of Creator (Brahma) by His selfless service rendered in the mission of the then human incarnation. He never praised or begged or wept for that fruit before Rama. The fruit was not in His mind at all. His mind was full of the work of Lord only. Be a hero like Hanuman and get the highest fruit by participating in the service of Lord in human form, present in your generation. This is the only royal path. Without the sacrifice of work and money in His service, trying to get the fruit by praying by words and loving by mind is only trying to fool God, which is impossible. In whatever way you approach

Him, He gives the result in the same way. He will praise you for your prayers and love you for your love. He will act for your practical sacrifice.

When the incarnation leaves the body Narayana goes to the uppermost world (Satyaloka) and His body with pure consciousness merges in this world. When a servant to God leaves his body, the body dissolves here. But the soul (consciousness with Divine thoughts) accompanies Narayana. Servant follows Narayana again, when He comes to earth. Both take human bodies. But the births and deaths of these two do not have any agony. During lifetime also, the servant enjoys with the Lord here. The servant will never leave the Lord either here or there (Saayujyam or Kaivalym). Whatever the facilities are for God, the same will be for the servant.

So service is the real path.

Chapter 4 SYMBOLISM OF TEMPLES AND RITUALS

Astrologers And Priests

2003

O Learned and Devoted Servants of God,

When a policeman beats a thief with his stick, he should not think that the stick is beating him. Of course, the stick is directly beating him, but the stick is inert and cannot beat him by itself. Only the policeman is beating him through the stick. If the thief prays the stick, there is no use. If he prays the uniform of the policeman then also there is no use. Only he should pray the policeman who wears the uniform and is holding the stick. The uniform is also inert. Since the thief has stolen something from somebody, the police beat him. The judge has given that punishment. The judge became the policeman and is beating the thief. Similarly, the person who is acting as judge as well as policeman is God. The thief is the individual soul (Jiiva) who has done the sin. The uniform of the policeman is the deity. The stick is the planet. Even if the thief praises the judge who is the police also there is no use because the judge or the policeman is very strict. So, there is no use of praising either the inert uniform or stick or the living being i.e., police or judge. There are three ways here. The first way is that the thief should receive hundred beatings today itself. The second way is that the thief can postpone the punishment by one day and he can receive hundred twenty beatings tomorrow. The third way is the policeman or judge will receive hundred beatings today or one hundred twenty beatings tomorrow on behalf of the thief. The second way is unnecessary because the interest is unnecessarily paid. In the third way what is the relationship you have with the judge or police i.e., God? When the God comes in the human form you have treated Him as an outsider. You have not treated Him even on par with your son. You have served your son in his childhood. When he is grown-up instead of reciprocating by serving you, he started insulting you. But still you have given all your property to him only. Let us take God. You have worshipped Him. Suppose God is giving you difficulties instead of boons, if God is on par with your son you should continue to serve the God because you continued to serve even your troubling son. But you are leaving God if He gives difficulties for your worship. So, God is not equal to even your son. But you are praising God that He is above all the bonds

and that He is more than anything and anybody. So, your prayers are lies. God is treated as an outsider and your love on Him is not real. Then why should He undergo the punishment on your behalf? Moreover you tried to fool the God with your false prayers, which are lies. Therefore, the third way is ruled out. Only the first way remains and you must undergo the punishment today itself. God is infinite Ocean of kindness. If you pester Him by weeping pitiably, He will postpone your punishment by one day and you have to pay the interest for that day. He cancelled the punishment for today only. You are misled since you think that the punishment is cancelled forever. God can also transform the punishment from one form to other form. In that case instead of one hundred twenty beatings you will receive one hundred knife injuries tomorrow. In this case also the beating is transformed to the knife injury and you are thinking that the punishment by beating is cancelled. He is not only the infinite Ocean of kindness but also the infinite Ocean of intelligence.

Therefore, there is no use of worshipping the deities or planets, which are inert, like uniform and stick. God is like the policeman or judge, which is the living force. The beating by stick is mechanical force, which is used and controlled by the living force. That living force is God. If you want to escape the punishment really and forever you have to catch that living force. That living force which is the judge or policeman has power to cancel the punishment. But He will not cancel the punishment. Instead, He will undergo your punishment for your sake if you can catch Him. He can be caught by true love. The love can be proved only by Service or Seva i.e., you participate in His mission when He comes down in human form. He will appear as if He is giving some difficulties to you as soon as you serve Him. He is only settling your future sins. He undergoes ninety nine percent of your future sins and makes you pay one percent only. The ninety nine percent from which you escaped is not seen by you. Since you see only that one percent, it will appear as if He is giving difficulties to you as soon as you worship Him. He appears like this to test you whether you can still serve Him on par with your troubling son. If you pass His test and continue to serve Him in spite of the difficulties, He will be pleased with you. Then He will suffer for all your sins by undergoing one hundred percent punishment. Your devotion to Him is so much that you will not agree if He reveals this truth to you. So, He undergoes the punishment secretly. This is the only way to get rid of your sin completely. But remember that you should not aspire to get rid of your sins completely by following this path artificially. You should be prepared to suffer your sins really and follow this path sincerely.

The Veda says '*Bhīṣodeti*' and '*Tasya bhāsā*' i.e., all the planets work only by His power. The Veda also says '*Ekena vijñātena...*' i.e., by catching that one power you can catch all the deities and planets. The clue to catch that one power, which is God, is already explained above. The fans and lights are working by current only. Similarly, by the force of God only deities and planets work. The inert planets, which we see in the sky and their divine forms and other deities also, are working only by His power. These planets are the executive forces, which catch a person and pass on the results of his deeds at the prescribed time according to the judgement of God. They are bound by their duties. There is no use by performing 'japas' chanting. People think that the planets are giving good or bad results by their movement. This is wrong. The planets are giving only the results of your deeds. Auspicious planets give you results of good deeds and malefic planets are giving you results of bad deeds. A planet is called as 'Graha', which means that it catches you wherever you may be in this universe and gives you the result in the scheduled time.

Similarly, the Kenopanishad (Veda) says that when the deities became proud of their powers, God appeared as 'Yaksha' and proved that all their powers are only His power. So, the deities also cannot do anything without the will of God.

Priests and astrologers do not know this truth and are misleading the innocent public. They have spread so many meaningless tales. They say that the planet Saturn approached Lord Shiva to punish Him for seven and half years. These people who have created this tale did not have even the basic knowledge. For any punishment there should be a sin in the background. What sin Ishwara (Shiva) did to receive the punishment from Saturn? Eshwara is supposed to be sinless and very auspicious. So, this story is meaningless as it contradicts the doctrine of karma. Saturn cannot punish Ishwara as he wishes because Ishwara is said to be the highest power as per the Vedas and the Gita. This story is not in Veda. If anything is absent in the Veda and is present in Purana is not valid as said by the Gautama Dharama Shastra i.e., '*Śruti smṛti virodhe tu*'. The third Brahma Sutra also says that Veda is the only authority. Vedas are protected by recitation from several generations. There is no possibility of introducing anything extra in Vedas but several verses were introduced into Puranas, which are called '*Prakshiptas*'. Vyasa wrote only seven thousand verses originally in the Mahabharata. But scholars added several new verses and now the book has become one-lakh twenty five thousand verses!

Ishwara can change the positions of the planets just by His will. Duryodhana asked Sahadeva for a good 'Muhurtam' to start the war.

Sahadeva was a great astrologer. According to his discipline he will help anybody who asks in astrology. Therefore, he calculated and fixed Muhurtam on Amavasya day. Duryodhana wanted to oppose the doctrine of Karma and also the judgement of God given to him by using astrology. Then Lord Krishna played a small trick. One day before Amavasya, He started offering water for the forefathers in the Yamuna river. The Sun and the Moon in the sky jointly came down and requested Lord Krishna not to do that because Amavasya is only the next day. Then Lord Krishna asked them ‘What is meant by Amavasya?’ They replied that when Sun and Moon unite it is Amavasya. Then the Lord Krishna told, ‘Now you both are united. So that this is Amavasya’! So, He brought Amavasya one day before and started the war from the side of Dharama Raja and they won the battle. Duryodhana started the war on one day after Amavasya thinking that day is Amavasya and so he was defeated. See, Lord Krishna changed the planets just by a small trick. He can also join the Sun and Moon by His force. But He did not do it because it was not necessary. Similarly, when a Sadguru who is the human incarnation of God says ‘*Sarve grahāḥ śubha sthaneṣu tiṣṭantu*’ i.e., let all the planets sit in auspicious positions, it really happens but now the priests also says this sentence and nothing happens. Lord Krishna and the Sadguru are human forms of God who have controlled the planets. If you catch such Sadguru He can change the planets also but the Sadguru should be God in human form. The deities and planets are the inert external dresses of God. The God must be only Datta. The definition of the God in the Vedas is that He is only one and He is who creates rules and destroys this Universe. This definition applies only to the form of Datta because Datta is only one who creates, rules and destroys the world through His faces of Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva. Therefore Sadguru means the human incarnation of Lord Datta.

Astrologers and priests can take even more Guru Dakshina from the public if they can keep the people in the right path with right knowledge so that people get real benefit. If they take Dakshinas and keep the people in wrong track they get sin. In wrong track the people will get punishments of their sins postponed or transformed to some other forms.

Chapter 5
MESSAGE ON GOOD FRIDAY

Father and Son

April 18, 2003

O Learned and Devoted Servants of God,

My Father and I are one and the same. Father means the Creator who is beyond words, mind, intelligence and even imagination. This Father is called as God and has different names. Christians call Him as Jehovah. Muslims call Him as Allah. Hindus call Him as Parabrahma. Buddha kept silent about the God because the God is beyond words. But followers of Buddha misunderstood the silence as negation and interpreted that Buddha denied God.

This God incarnates on the earth. He creates a human body and pervades all over that human body as current pervades all over the metallic wire. Since God created His human body for incarnation, the God is called as Father and the human incarnation is called as His Son. The electric wire is current because wherever you touch the wire it gives the shock, which is the property of current. For all the practical purposes the electric wire is the current. Similarly, the human incarnation is the Creator or God. Therefore, the Son is the Father. The human incarnation can be seen by us and we can talk with Him. We can touch and can live along with the Son. Thus vision, conversation, touch, and co-living are the four fortunes given to the devotees. By any human effort, God cannot be even imagined. But by infinite kindness He is not only seen but also talks, touches and lives with us. If you cannot utilize such infinite kindness of God shown to us and if you neglect the human incarnation due to your egoism and jealousy you are losing everything forever. Neither you attain the unattainable God nor you retain the human incarnation that approaches you. You are loser on both sides. Such human incarnations come to various parts of the earth and they are Jesus, Krishna, Mohammed, Buddha, Mahaviir etc. Therefore Jesus is Jehovah. Mohammed is Allah and Krishna is Parabrahma. The electric wire is the current. The Son and the Father are one and the same. One should not extrapolate this truth by saying since every man is His Son and so every man is the Father. If every son is the Father, there is no necessity of preaching.

God has to come in human body only to preach the human beings. But there is natural repulsion between the human beings as in the case of like charged particles due to jealousy and egoism. The crucifixion of the Lord Jesus is the best example of such jealousy and egoism. Holy Jesus suffered for the sins of the real believers of God only. One of the basic ideas of the human incarnation is to suffer for the sins of deserving devotees. For such purpose only the human body is selected for incarnation. The human body of the incarnation suffers like any other human body. Then only the real transfer of sins is fully justified. The incarnation can avoid the pain during suffering by using the superpower of God. But God never deceives the justice. Therefore, Jesus really suffered all the punishments of deserving devotees as any other human body suffers and fulfilled the justice in the transfer of sins. This is the real reason why the God selects a human body and gets identified with it. If it is inert statue such suffering cannot take place. Though the Son is suffering on the Holy Cross, but actually the Father who pervaded all over the Son suffered. This is the essence of saying that Father and Son are one and the same. The Father does not suffer for the sins of the wicked people who will not change at all. Those who are the real devotees and those who served the Lord without aspiring anything in return are only liberated from their sins. Such devotees never pray the Lord for the liberation from their sins because they never desire that the Lord should suffer for their sins. Therefore, they never agree for the liberation from their sins. If they come to know they will object such transfer of sins because they are the real devotees of the God. Hence the Lord suffers for their sins without any information to them. If you are not turning towards the Lord, you have to carry all your sins with you and go to hell. If you turn towards the Lord, He will liberate you from all your sins provided you change and continue your future life in His divine service. His work is to bring peace in this world and see that every human being gets the salvation. He wants the hell to be permanently closed. But you should turn towards God without aspiring for your liberation from the sins. You must participate in His service and yet you should be ready to undergo the punishments of your sins as per the rule. You should not ask Him or even desire for such liberation from your sins. Once you desire for such liberation you are indirectly asking the Lord to suffer for your sins. In such a case you are not His real devotee. He takes your sins and liberates you when you serve Him without any aspiration for such liberation.

[We also enclose herewith the original Photo of Swami. This Photo was taken when Swami was working as professor in Chemistry. Shortly we will be sending you the photo of Swami decorated

as Lord Jesus. On this day Swami suffers all the pains which He underwent on the Cross from 10 A.M., to 3.00 P.M.]

Chapter 6 TURIYA STATE

May 13, 2003

O Learned and Devoted Servants of God,

1. Why is there no awareness in deep sleep state when actually all the living beings unite with the Brahman at that time?

[Shri G. Lakshman asked: Dear Swamiji, My humble namaskarams to you. Swamiji You are my Master and the Spiritual guide. Please give us few drops from the ocean of Knowledge, which could become the spiritual messages for all aspirants. Otherwise, people would be seeking for miracles to strengthen their belief.

I wanted to know what is Turiya State. This has been going on through my mind for the past few months and I could not muster courage to ask you over phone. I subscribe to the monthly magazine brought out by Sri. Ramana Maharishi Learning Center, Bangalore. Their last month issue contained a reference to the Turiya State. I was surprised, initially, to receive the answer but then it has not satisfied me. I am reproducing my understanding of the Turiya State

A person goes through 3 states when he is asleep, i.e. the dream state, the deep sleep state (shushupti) and the waking state. The fourth state is called the Turiya State which is also called the Transcendental State.

My question is as follows: Why there is no awareness in deep sleep state when actually speaking all the living beings unite with the Brahman (Consciousness) at that time? Why it is said that one must meditate at the Waking State? Then what is Turiya State and when does it occur?

Please explain to me Oh! Lord Datta, as I have surrendered at Thy Lotus Feet and sought refuge in You. Thanking You, I remain, in the service of Bhagavan, G. Lakshman]

Swami replied: The Veda says '*Turiyam Brahman Uchyate*'. That means it is the state of 'Parabrahman' which is beyond words, mind, intelligence and logic.

Veda says like this: 'Words cannot reach Brahman, even mind cannot reach, He is beyond intelligence, He is above logic'. So, nobody can reach Turiya state. In the Badari forest, Siddhas asked 'Lord Datta, what is Your Ashramam'. Datta replied '*I am in Turiya Ashram*'. The word 'Turiya' represents 'Brahman'. Your trail to reach Turiya state means it is something like trying to touch the sky by high jumps. Then, how to reach 'Turiya' state? The Turiya state that is Parabrahman comes down as incarnation i.e., Avataram.

Brahman i.e., the Lord comes down in 3 steps. The first step is 'Sushupti. In this step, the Lord is called as 'Prajna'. In this state, sages see Him in their hearts through meditation.

The next step is 'Swapna'. In this state the Lord is called as 'Taijasa'. In this state devotees see Him in their dreams.

The third step is 'Jagrat'. In this step, the Lord is called as 'Vaishwa'. In this state the devotees serve Him as servants. 'Vaishwa' is the Lord with human body. 'Taijasa' is the Lord with body of energy i.e., light. 'Prajna' is the Lord with body of 'Bliss'. In these three states the Lord is possessing a body, and therefore He has come down as 'Jeeva' that is individual soul.

At this point followers of Shankara are confused. They think that these three names of Lord in the three states belong to 'Jiiva'. Therefore, they say that the Jeeva is passing through all these three states and therefore, this Jeeva must try to reach the Turiya state and become Brahman. No doubt Jeeva is passing through all these 3 states i.e., state of awakening (jagrat) state of dream (swapna) and the state of deep sleep (sushipti). These three states are the 3 levels of Jeeva. The Lord comes down to these three levels so that different jeevas can attain Him, according to their convenience. Since the Lord is Turiya you can reach Turiya even in the awakening state. The Lord becomes more clear and clear as He comes down. Therefore, you can reach Turiya with your effort combined with His grace. You are leaving Turiya, who has come down to your level and your trial to reach Turiya presenting His original level becomes waste. Turiya is the name of the Lord and not the name for the level of the Lord.

Turiyam = the word Turiya, Brahman = you can reach Turiya that is Brahman only when Brahman comes down to your level. Hanuman reached Rama who is Brahman that is Turiya, which has come down to this world. Recognizing Rama as Brahman is the essence of Sadhana because Rama looks like other ordinary human beings.

Chapter 7
GOSPEL ON GURU PURNIMA

Morning Discourse

July 13, 2003

O Learned and Devoted Servants of God,

Today all of you have surrendered Guru Dakshina in the form of some money at My feet for the sake of propagation of divine knowledge and devotion to Lord Datta. The full moon today represents gold or a silver coin (money), which you have to surrender to Guru as Guru Dakshina. Every month, you have to do this on every full moon day and this is reminded by the full moon. But every human being cannot be a Guru. He shall be a Sadguru which means the Lord in human form. Only then your money is properly utilized. The money proves your real love. To whom are you giving the money? To your children. So, your real love is on your children, simple and straight test. If you have real love on the Lord, you will give that money to the Lord. No more argument. This is the practical test. Prayers by words and meditation by mind are only the ways to prove your devotion on God to others, which is not real. Of course, they act as side pickles if the main item i.e., rice is present in the meal. The main item here is Guru Dakshina, which is called as Karma Phala Tyaaga i.e., sacrificing the fruit (money) of your work for the sake of God. Without the Gurudakshina, simply by singing and thinking about God is like offering a meal plate in which only pickles are present. You should recognize the Sadguru so that your Guru Dakshina does not go waste and misused.

The Sadguru is to be recognized by the infinite true knowledge possessed by Him. The Veda says, '*Satyam Jñānam ...*', which means that the Lord in human form should be recognized by His true and infinite knowledge. The four greatest statements from the four Vedas also say the same. The first three statements say that God appears in human form like Me, like you and like him. The last statement says that such human incarnation is recognized by His special knowledge. Even scholars give knowledge but their knowledge gives you a headache. The knowledge of the Lord touches your heart and gives you immense pleasure as said by the Veda, '*Ānando Brahma*'. So, by His blissful knowledge, you can recognize the Lord like the fire is recognized by heat. Miracles are not His identity marks. Miracles are performed even by demons like Ravana etc.

They are the jewels of the Lord, which are taken by the demons through rigid penance. Demons are also the foolish children of the Lord. So He gives those jewels to the demons as they do penance for them. But by these jewels, demons could not become God, as they could not get His inherent quality i.e., blissful, true and infinite knowledge. Demons claimed that they are God. But sages did not agree for the same reason.

The entire Bhagavad Gita stresses on this Karma Phala Tyaaga. The first hymn of the first Upanishad (*Īśāvāsyam*) says that you should return the extra money you have earned to the lord, which is not permitted by Him. It says that this entire world is His wealth only. Gopikas donated the fruit of their whole work viz., butter to the Lord in human form (Krishna), avoiding even their children and reached the 15th uppermost world called 'Goloka'. They also surrendered their bodies to the Lord. This body is also the fruit of your previous action called 'Prarabdha'. By this, they sacrificed even justice and did not even fear for Hell. Their love to the Lord was the highest and so the Lord granted the highest world to them. Their Gurudakshina was everything i.e., their money (butter), their bodies, their minds, their words etc., and what not?

Lord was misunderstood that He was always after Gopikas and not males. He was abused as a fan of women. What is the secret in this? A man is surrounded by several egoistic (Rajas) qualities. But a woman has several submissive qualities (Sattvam) like fear, obedience etc., which are required for salvation. This is the reason why the male sages were born as Gopikas to attain the salvation. According to Lord Datta, any soul has to take the last birth as a woman. But, this does not mean that every woman is in the last birth.

A hunter called Kannappa sacrificed his eyes to the Lord, which are the best parts of the body and is the best Guru Dakshina. Veda says that you can earn the minimum which is required by yourself and your family which is permitted by the Lord and not extra. If you have taken extra, return it to the Lord. For example, when you have gone to your friend's house, you are offered a cup of milk. You can drink the milk but not take away the cup. Veda says that if you have taken extra, you are a thief and it is a sin. If you return the extra, you will be excused by the Lord. Otherwise, that sinful extra money will lead you to all problems. Some devotees offer even from their minimum or sometimes even their entire minimum. Patil, a devotee of Shirdi Saibaba used to offer his entire annual crop to Baba and took back whatever was given by Baba. When a rich man came for the spiritual knowledge, Baba said, 'You could not give Rs 5/- required by Me. How

can you know God?’ Baba used to ask Guru Dakshina from everybody only to teach this most essential aspect of Karma Phala Tyaaga.

The Lord does not need your money because the entire money is left here only in this world and you go alone with your sin. So, all His money is in His bank only i.e., this world. You are in His bank. You took extra from His bank and while dying, left those extras in His bank only. You have not taken the extra with you except the sin committed by you by taking that extra and at least by not returning it to Him with your own hands.

Shabari offered even her meal i.e., fruits to Lord Rama. This represents good money. The hunter (Kannappa) offered raw flesh to Lord Shiva, which represents sinful money as it was earned by hunting. Both reached the same Lord because Rama (Vishnu) is Shiva. The Veda says, ‘Shiva is Vishnu (*Śivaśca...*)’. The intensity of love is same in both the devotees. So, if you offer Guru Dakshina with full love to the Lord, He will not find fault with your sins. Kannappa was given salvation irrespective of his sinful hunting since he did not enjoy that flesh but offered it to the Lord. But if one enjoys, he gets the sin.

You are offering Guru Dakshina to the Lord in Tirupati after getting some help from Him in your problems. The money offered by you was His money only, which you have stolen as extra. Instead of returning that extra money with humble apology, you are giving that extra to the Lord to get some work from Him. Here also, first you get the work done and then only pay. That is your faith! An atheist is giving money to another man and is getting his work done in the same way. In what way you are greater than him? Shri Venkateshwara in Tirupati is only the external dress of Guru Datta. So today, Guru Datta is giving the true knowledge to you to rectify this. Guru Datta says, ‘Today, you should leave all this chain of sins and offer Guru Dakshina to the Lord without expecting anything in return, because whatever you possess belongs to the Lord only. You are giving the money to the shop, which was stolen by you from the same shop. So you should not take any article from the shop in return. You should give the stolen money to the shop with all apologies and go back. Datta is so kind that by the time you reach your house, hundred articles will be present in your house.

You must return the stolen cup to its owner, in which he has given milk required by you. Similarly, you must return the extra money stolen by you to the Lord. This is Guru Dakshina. So the attitude here must be apology and fear, but not pride. The Veda says, ‘*Bhiyā deyam*’ which means, give to the Lord with fear. The Veda says, ‘*Samvidā deyam*’ which means that you should recognize the Lord by His knowledge. The Veda

also says, '*Śraddhayā deyam*' which means that you should have patience to search the deserving person i.e., the Lord, for your Guru Dakshina. The point here is that you should return the cup to the actual owner and not to some other person. Similarly, you should give Guru Dakshina to the Sadguru only because He is the Lord and the actual owner of this entire wealth.

People are hasty in doing charity. Store the money with patience day by day and once you recognize the Sadguru, offer the entire stored money to Him as Guru Dakshina. That day is real Guru Purnima. Every day, the moon is growing indicating your money, which is being stored with patience. Place, time and deserving person are the three main parts of charity. The last part is the most important. You are giving Guru Dakshina to some person at a particular place like Varanasi and on a particular day like full moon day. You are giving unnecessary importance to place and time. But, you are not analyzing that person with your knowledge to know whether he is the Lord or not. Whatever maybe the place and whatever maybe the day, if you are giving all your stored money as Guru Dakshina to the actual Guru Datta, that place is Varanasi and that day is Gurupurnima.

But, if Datta is not available as an incarnation (Sadguru), the next best alternative is a poor devotee of Datta, because the Lord dwells not only in the incarnation but also in devotees. Sage Narada said this in his Bhakti Sutra (The principles of devotion) '*Tanmayāhi te...*'. But in the body of a devotee, both Lord and the soul of the devotee co-exist. Lord advises the soul and that soul has to preach or do the service. In such cases, errors occur. For example, you have donated money to a spiritual trust containing devotees. They simply provide food to 100 pilgrims on a Shivaratri day at Varanasi, which is a total waste. All the pilgrims are capable of earning their food and are not in need of food. In this context, Sadguru feeds one deserving poor devotee for 100 days with your donation. Your money is fully utilized and you get its full fruit. In the case of Sadguru i.e., the incarnation, only Lord lives in the body. So, He directly preaches and He does the service without any error. Shirdi Saibaba used to give the Guru Dakshina given to Him to several poor devotees and He knew what, when and to whom it should be given. He knew all the past deeds of each soul. He can never be deceived. But, beggars deceive you by many tricks.

After giving Guru Dakshina to the Sadguru, you should not verify Him about the use of it. You should have complete faith in Him. If He is Sadguru, naturally He knows its full utility. If you believe the fire is really fire, you need not test it by putting your finger. If your faith is partial, it is like the child of a monkey, which catches the stomach of its mother.

Transferring from one place to another is the duty of the mother. But catching firmly is the duty of the baby monkey. In such a case, the baby may fall. But when you have full faith, the Lord catches you and takes you up, just like a cat catches its child by her mouth and carries it along. Saibaba after receiving Guru Dakshina was not advised or observed by any devotee regarding its expenditure. An income tax officer tried, but failed. He was not giving anything to the poorest devotee called Mahalsa. All the devotees were worried. But, Saibaba was testing Mahalsa for his firm devotion. If he is helped, the test is disturbed. Tests by Datta are only for your use. He knows your levels even without a test. He also teaches you the same. But you do not take it seriously. When you are tested practically and the reality comes out, then only you realize your levels. For this purpose only, Datta conducts tests, but not to know the level of a devotee. He is Sarvajna (omniscient) and knows your level even without the test. The full moon represents not only the stored money for Gurudakshina but also represents the full mind or faith. As per the Veda, 'Moon stands for money and mind. Moon is Goddess Lakshmi which is the money (*Candram...*) and the moon is born from the mind'. Saibaba could have asked the people who gave Guru Dakshina straightly to give to those poor devotees to whom He wanted to give. But, He took and gave it to the poor devotees secretly. This tested the faith of the people in him.

Chapter 8
GOSPEL ON GURU PURNIMA

What are Spirituality And Religion?

July 13, 2003 Evening Message

O Learned and Devoted Servants of God,

Every Religion in this world wants you to get rid of bad qualities at least from today for the admission into that religion which is practically impossible. The reason is that these bad qualities were grown like hills for the past millions of births. This small human life is insufficient even to move them, not to speak of removing them. People can control the bad qualities to some extent by their efforts. These bad qualities are frequently sparking in the minds of even the most pious sages. If one says that he is good and he is devoid of all the bad qualities, it is only cheating others which in turn is cheating oneself. Due to this practically impossible condition, for the religious admission, people have developed allergy towards any religion because the eligibility for admission is impractical.

The religious preachers have confused the whole situation by fusing religion and spiritualism. ***Religion is the context of God to establish peace and justice in this world.*** In this context, you must control your bad qualities so that you will not disturb the peace and justice and will not harm any good person in this world. If you disturb the world by your bad qualities, God will punish you. But, in this context, it is sufficient if you control the bad qualities since you cannot remove them. The Religion ends here. Some religions strictly end here without any spiritualism.

The spiritualism is the context in which you have to make efforts to reach God. In this context, you need not even control your bad qualities because, God has no personal objection towards your bad qualities. These bad qualities cannot be obstacles in any manner in this context. Moreover, when you turn these bad qualities towards the God, they become your helpers. Any quality whether good or bad, is created by God only to help you in reaching Him. If you realize the original aim of all these qualities, good or bad, why should you control these qualities which are with you as a helper. No fool controls his helpers. So, any quality when involved in spiritualism is used for its original aim, it becomes a good quality. So, all your qualities become good in spiritualism and you need not put any effort to remove or even control them. When the qualities are not used for their

original purpose, they become bad qualities. Therefore, whatever qualities turned towards the world, are bad qualities. In this spiritualism, there is no need of any effort even to control these bad qualities. Then, for what, our effort should be made? Our effort should be concentrated to achieve “Bhakti” which is the love on God. Bhakti is achieved and is grown by the knowledge of God. For example, you came to know that Bombay City exists. This is the knowledge of existence of Bombay. By this you want to see Bombay. As you know the details of Bombay more and more, your desire to see the city becomes more and more. Knowing details about the Bombay City is again the further knowledge. So, knowledge is directly proportional to desire. First Rukmini heard that there is Lord Krishna on this earth. As she heard more and more about Lord Krishna from Sage Narada, her love on Krishna increased enormously. Narada means he who gives knowledge. Therefore, Jnana (knowledge) generates and develops Bhakti. Due to Bhakti, the Lord is attained. The Gita says the same ‘**Only by bhakti I Am attained**’ (*Bhaktiyā...*).

In the spiritual path all your effort must be concentrated in acquiring the knowledge of God, day by day. Once this knowledge-based Bhakti is achieved, your qualities good or bad are immaterial. Whatever may be the vessel, the drink in it is important. The value paid in a hotel is for the drink only. If you have taken a cup of coffee, you are paying the cost of the coffee only whether the cup is made of glass or metal. Similarly, God gives value only for your Bhakti and not for your quality. I will give a beautiful example here. Shabari is with good qualities and offered fruits to the Lord Rama who is Vishnu. A hunter called Kannappa gave flesh to the Lord Shiva. Shabari reached the World of Vishnu and Kannappa reached the World of Shiva. Both have reached the same Lord because the Veda says, “*Shiva is Narayana*”. Both of them have been given the similar value by the Lord because in both cases, the intensity of the devotion is the same as both gave even their food without eating. Therefore, this proves clearly that the Lord has no objection for your bad qualities. Hence, all the effort should be only to achieve and increase the intensity of love devotion or Bhakti on God. It is not necessary to bother about your qualities that are inherent coming from millions of births. They are the born qualities. The tail of the dog is curved. Any effort cannot make it straight. By force, we can keep it straight but it has not become straight. Similarly, you can control your bad qualities for not disturbing peace of the world by some force. When you come to God, you come in your natural state because you can deceive the world showing that your banded tail is straight but not the God. Whether the river comes in straight path or curved path, the ocean receives only the

water with equality. Similarly, God receives your love irrespective of your quality. He received Shabari and Kannappa equally. Shabari with good qualities and Kannappa with bad qualities reached the same Lord, as their devotion is of same intensity.

A piece of gold is wrapped in an old cloth. A stone is wrapped with a metallic foil. Which has more total value? Similarly, the love with high intensity covered even by a bad quality has more total value than the love with lesser intensity covered by a good quality. When the blood flew from the eye of the Lord, the Priest who is a person with good qualities is trying to apply the medicine. But, his devotion is less. In the same situation, Kannappa plucked his eyes and donated to the Lord. Kannappa is a person with bad qualities but his devotion is the highest. Devotion is the highest good quality. Now let us evaluate the total cost of the priest and Kannappa. The devotion in Kannappa is +100. The bad qualities in Kannappa are -10. The total cost is +90. The priest with good qualities is +10. The devotion in him is +20. The total cost is +30. So, of the two who is good? Obviously it is Kannappa. The Gita says, that, “*Even the worst is best by Bhakti*” (*Api cet...*)

Therefore, what is the eligibility for the admission into our religion of Guru Datta? The eligibility is that you should be a living being. Even animals and birds are eligible to reach God irrespective of their qualities. Even serpent, spider and the elephant got salvation in Shri Kala Hasti. The serpent has all bad qualities. God did not insist the serpent to get rid of all the bad qualities. Even if God says, the serpent is unable to understand and put the efforts. When such a serpent is eligible, why not a man? All the people are depressed and dejected with the eligibility conditions stipulated by various religions. For example, if an Institution stipulates the eligibility condition as that one should remove his head and come, nobody can be admitted. Similarly, the religions stipulate the removal of all the bad qualities, which is impossible. Only a temporary control is possible which is necessary for you to live in this world with peace. This control is possible. In our religion also we are stipulating this condition which is possible. So, in our Datta religion, the eligibility condition is that if your bad qualities do not disturb the world, the Lord has no personal objection to them and you need not even control them. Moreover, they will help you in spiritualism.

How to turn the bad qualities towards God and make them helpers in reaching the God? There are six bad qualities that are inherent in any living being since millions of births. They are Lust (kaama), Anger (krodha), Greediness (lobha), ego (mada), Blind attraction (moha) and Jealousy

(Maatsarya). Anger, greediness, ego and jealousy come under Rajas quality. Lust and blind attraction come under Tamas quality. I give you an example to divert your bad qualities towards the Lord, which can be used as powerful vehicles. Example:- Love in cinema songs can be diverted to the Lord by little change in words. Then, the powerful tune that created sweet feelings in you is now a powerful vehicle to make you to reach the Lord.

A film song (*Churaliya Tumne...*) instead of 'Sanam' replace the word with 'Hare'. All the sweetness of your mind is now on the Lord Krishna (Vishnu). See how a person, mad after cinema songs become a powerful devotee in his own way without any change! You can sing this as your prayer for which you need not put any effort by force. Your worship should be natural and spontaneous, which alone can be true.

But remember these worships with mind and words are only side pickles in the main meal, which is only Karma Phala Tyaaga. Without the main food what is the use of the simple pickle?

Bilhana was going, thinking about his lover and his leg touched a sage on the way. The sage became angry. Bilhana asked "*you are in the meditation for the Lord and I am in the meditation of my lover. I did not feel that I touched you. How you felt the same?*" The sage was pleased and told "*Your meditation is excellent but the direction is wrong. Turn it towards the Lord Krishna instead of your lover. You will reach the Lord faster than me*". Bilhana became the saint as he turned his meditation towards Lord Krishna from that moment.

All the good qualities like knowledge, kindness etc., come under Sattvam quality. So, Sattvam is good quality, Rajas and Tamas are bad qualities. Rukmini stands for Sattvam. Satyabhama stands for Rajas quality. Radha stands for Tamas quality. The intensity of love on the Lord increased in one after the other. Therefore, Rukmini, incarnation of Lakshmi is given the position in the heart. Satyabhama, the incarnation of earth is kept on the mouth in Varaha incarnation, which is a higher position. Radha is given the highest position i.e., Goloka above His head. Lord gave the position not for the quality but for the intensity of love which increases the total cost. In fact, if the qualities are only considered, Sattvam is greater than Rajas and Rajas is greater than Tamas. Let the lust be concentrated on the beauty of the Lord. Let your blind attraction be only towards the Lord. Radha filled these two qualities with love on the Lord. Show your anger on the Lord for His delay in appearing. Become greedy in not spending you time and energy for the world. A greedy person does not spend even for essential needs. Similarly, the highest devotee does not spend his time and energy even for his essential duties. Be proud that you are the devotee of the Lord.

Become jealous, seeing the great devotees of the Lord and intensify your efforts. Satyabhama filled all these four qualities with love on the Lord.

What do you mean by the ‘Love on the Lord’? It is the real attraction towards the Lord, which is generated and developed by knowledge. It is the mental feeling. It is expressed by words. It is proved by action. Some people think to prove it by mind and words only. They are unable to prove in action and they are covering their inability. They say that meditation meaning an act of mind and chanting or singing meaning an act which is connected with words are the proof of their devotion. But the real love is proved only by action called Karma yoga, which consists of two parts viz., Karma samnyaasa and Karma Phala Tyaaga. Karma samnyaasa means sacrificing your work for the sake of the Lord. It is pressing the feet of your Guru as an example. This path has the possibility of some tricks. You may press the feet to give exercise to your fingers. You may also be doing the work of the Lord for your food. But if such tricks are not present, it is definitely better than meditation and singing because it is related to action.

The second part called Karma Phala Tyaaga is the real and best proof, which is offering Guru Dakshina. This part applies only to the people who have earned the unnecessary extra money and store with their selfishness. All the money in this world is the wealth of God only. To the extent required by you, is permitted by the Lord. But you are taking extra which is not expected of you. You are given a cup of milk in a house. You can drink the milk when given which is permitted but not to take away the cup. The milk is yours for which the house owner has no objection. You have taken the cup and claim it as yours, then, you are a thief. The first mantra of the first Upanishad (*Īśāvāsyam*) says the same. The Lord is preaching you to return back His extra wealth which was taken by you and which was not granted by Him. The Lord is not asking to return back the milk given to you for drinking. He never asks for the sacrifice of your minimum, partly or fully. For example: A person is having ten rupees that is his minimum. Another person has one hundred rupees. The first person gave one rupee to the Lord. The 2nd person gave ninety rupees to the Lord. The first person is greater than the second person because the first person has sacrificed even from the minimum. The second person should subscribe at least ninety plus one rupee so as to become equal to the first person. In the case of first person, Shakti (power) is less but Bhakti (devotion) is more. But in the case of the second person Shakti (power) is more and Bhakti (devotion) is less.

But the devotees sacrifice even their minimum. Shabari collected some fruits that are required minimally for her daily food. But she offered the entire food to the Lord. Such sacrifice is not expected from the side of

the Lord. But it is done from the side of the devotee. The devotees sacrifice their minimum partly or fully based on the intensity of their devotion. Kannappa sacrificed even his eyes, which is the bare minimum of his body. Even the body is the fruit of Prarabdha karma. The most essential part of the body is eyes. Prahlada was prepared to sacrifice even his life for the sake of the Lord. For some, character and prestige are much higher than the life. Gopikas sacrificed even these for the sake of the Lord. Veda says '*nothing and none should be equal to the Lord*', (*Na tat samah*). Prahlada sacrificed his father. Shankaracharya sacrificed His mother. Buddha sacrificed His wife, the only son and the entire wealth. Shastras say that the wife, issues and wealth are the three strongest bonds (*Eshanas*). For Buddha, God was greater than these three. Meera sacrificed her husband. Gopikas gave the butter to Lord Krishna. Butter was the ultimate fruit of all their daily work. They can sell it in Mathura and get money. They did not give it even to their children. This is the real Karma Phala Tyaaga. The simple and total concept in this is that you will give your Karma phala to those whom you love the most. All give their Karma phala (money) to their own children. So, the Lord is not equal to their children and their highest real love is on their children only. So, Karma Phala Tyaaga is the only real fire test to prove the real love. There is no second thought about this. For any test, paper and pen are required. Similarly for Karma Phala Tyaaga test, the money and the human form of Lord are required. If you offer the butter to the statue of the God and eat it, that is not real Karma Phala Tyaaga. Though money is not great, but the love proved by the sacrifice of the money is greatest. Veda says '*Only by Karma Phala Tyaaga one attains Lord*' (*Tyāge naike...*).

Then, how to detect the Lord in human form?

The Veda says that '*God is knowledge*' and '*God is the Bliss*' (*Satyam Jñānam..., Ānando...*). These are the characteristic properties of the Lord. As you detect the fire by its heat and water by its cooling, you can detect the Lord in the human form by His infinite knowledge giving in Bliss. A human scholar also can preach the knowledge. But that gives headache shortly. This is the difference between a Guru and a Sadguru. Miracles are the associated jewels of the Lord. Even demons like Ravana and Hiranyakashipu performed miracles. But sages did not accept them as God. They got those jewels from the Lord by force i.e., by penance. They are the rigid children of the Lord. They could not get the inherent form of the Lord. Such human form of the Lord uses your money to propagate the knowledge and devotion and uplift all. Donating food can be done by all.

But God only can donate the knowledge. Food ends with this life and suffering for food is limited to this human life only. But if knowledge is donated it continues with the soul during all the future births. If the knowledge is not gained in this life and if the devotion is not developed, the human being is going to fall in the cycle of births and deaths of animals and birds forever. The knowledge transforms a bad person into a good person but the food strengthens a bad person even to a bad person. Even in the donation of food, people are not using their knowledge. They donate food to all pilgrims at Varanasi on Shivaratri day. This entire donation becomes useless because no pilgrim needs the food. Here also, the deserving is neglected. Instead of feeding hundred pilgrims on Shivaratri day at Varanasi you feed one poor deserving devotee for hundred days whatever may be the place. Then that particular place will become Varanasi and every day becomes Shivaratri.

When Rama approached His Guru Vashishta for the spiritual path, Vashishta told Rama “First You go and earn some money and then come”. The Guru always asks for Guru dakshina to teach this Karma Phala Tyaaga. Guru is the human being and uses that money for himself and for his family. A Sadguru is the Lord in human form and he uses that money for propagating knowledge and devotion in the world to uplift all people. People sacrifice their money to feed the beggars? But remember if the beggar does a sin with the energy given by your food, you have to share that sin. You must spend lot of time to detect the deserving person. People are hasty in giving donations at a temple and distribute ten coins to ten beggars in five minutes and came back thinking that they have earned Punyam. You were very particular of the place and time (Desha and Kaala) of your donation. You think that if you donate at Varanasi on the day of Shivaratri you can get the punyam. You don't care to search for the deserving person (Patra). Store all the coins that you want to donate and go on searching for a deserving person. Whatever may be the place and whatever may be the time, when you get a deserving person give all the coins to him. That place becomes Varanasi and that time becomes Shivaratri.

The Veda says that donations should be done with knowledge and patience (*Samvidā...*, *Śraddhayā...*). Use the knowledge to identify the deserving person and have patience to wait till you get that deserving person. Who is the utmost deserving person? The Lord Himself is the utmost deserving person. His first address is the human incarnation and the second address is His devotees. Between these two, the first address is better. The reason is, in the case of human incarnation, the Lord lives in the

inert human body. In the second address, the Lord and Devotee live in the inert body. The amount so, donated will be used by the Lord only with utmost utility. Blind and hasty donation without knowledge and patience may bring sometimes even the sin. The Lord in human form is the proper channel for your donation because there will be no error when He utilizes the funds. Devotees may waste due to improper knowledge.

People often say that Service to man is Service to God. This is a very dangerous statement if it is not properly understood. Service does not mean simply giving food, clothes, medicines etc., to suffering poor and needy people. That poor person is suffering due to the punishment given by God due to his bad deeds. You have not seen his past deeds but you are showing sympathy on him at present. Your help is only temporary. Make him a devotee by imparting knowledge. Then the Lord will help him and that help is permanent. So, the word “service” should not be limited to donating food etc. In such case after receiving your help he may do sins which you have to share. So, convert him into a devotee by donating knowledge so that he becomes a devotee, to get personal help from the Lord and also helps others. Since this is the work of the God, such service of yours’ becomes God’s service. Donate knowledge and devotion, even for the wealthy people. Poor did not mean lack of money only. Poor means lack of knowledge and devotion also. Actually, the original sense of this statement is different. When the Lord comes in the human form, He appears as a man. You have to detect Him by His inherent quality that is blissful knowledge. When you serve such a man your service becomes God’s service because that man is God. When the God is born as a man called as Krishna, some people think that Krishna is a man and some others think that Krishna is a God. So, there is a controversy. God pervades that man as the current pervades the metallic wire. So both God and man co-exist. Shankaracharya discussed that particular context only and concluded that though two are present, both become one and the same only. Though wire and current are present, the wire is the current because the wire gives a shock wherever it is touched. Similarly, when God pervades the human body, that human body is the God. So, touching Krishna is touching God. But people extrapolated this concept to every man and said, “Every man is God”. The disciples of Shankaracharya also thought like this. When Shankara swallowed the molten lead and asked His disciples to swallow the same, disciples realized. Shankara proved that He alone is God and not His disciples. If every man is already God what is the use of all this Sadhana? Who is to get salvation? If you are already God, do you mean that God gets salvation? If there is no salvation, why is all this sadhana (effort)? Why Prahlada did not accept his

father as God? Narasimha killed Hiranyakashipu. Both of them are Gods. Then God killed God, which means God committed suicide!

The ultimate God, Datta appears as the pious scholar with all good qualities. Sometimes, He appears as a person drinking the wine and at times with a prostitute. The reason for such different and opposite qualities is that He is indicating that any person with good or bad qualities can reach him. The three faces of Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva indicate Sattva, Rajas and Tamas qualities. This means that God is associated with all the qualities, and He is called as Saguna Brahma. The word Saguna means all the qualities. Since Rajas and Tamas represent bad qualities, two-thirds are only bad qualities. It means that people with bad qualities are more in number. The fans of Vishnu think that Vishnu is good because He is associated with Sattvam, Rajas is worse and Tamas is the worst. So, they say that Vishnu is the best and highest. They think that Brahma is lower and Shiva is worst. These three forms are only the three dresses of the same Lord Datta. The God is the same and one, untouched by these three qualities. The Gita says the same. Veda says that Vishnu is Brahma and also Shiva. These three qualities are the three coloured clothes of the same Lord. The colour of the cloth is not the colour of the person. A person is not touched by the colour of the cloth and the colour of the person is not affected. Sattvam is white, Rajas is red and Tamas is black. So, the colour of Vishnu should be white and colour of Shiva must be black. But the colours are interchanged. Vishnu is black and Shiva is white. This means Vishnu and Shiva have exchanged their qualities. Shiva is sitting in meditation with a good quality. Vishnu is dancing with the Gopikas and it is a bad quality. Now tell Me who is greater? So, Datta is the single God present in all these three divine forms. He is not touched by any quality. Therefore, He is called as Nirguna Brahma. The colourless person is looking red, white and black due to those colours of his clothes. This form of Datta indicates that Bhakti is untouched by good or bad qualities. Pure water is present in three glass cups with three different colours. The water is not coloured but appears to have a colour. Similarly, the Bhakti i.e., love on God appears to have the colour of the quality. But it is always pure and colourless. So, the person whether good or bad can reach the God through any path. When Bhakti is present in the person and also present in the path, it is the driving force beyond good and bad qualities. Shiva with Tamas as a bad God invites the bad people in a bad path. Vishnu with Sattva as good God invites all good people through good path. But remember one thing, Vishnu and Shiva are one and the same. A good person and a bad person reach the same God because their Bhakti is one and the same. The three

faces denote creation, administration and destruction of this universe by one and the same God. The Veda says that these are the three activities done by one and the same God called Parabrahman. So Datta is Parabrahman as per the Vedas. We have three Gurus Shankara, Ramanuja and Madhva. They are the incarnations of Shiva, Vishnu and Brahma. That means Datta came down as these three Gurus. So Datta indicates that He is the single Parabrahman present in the three divine forms called Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva. Datta further indicates that He is the Sadguru present in all the three Gurus. The voice of Datta is the single theory present in the commentaries of the three Gurus. Datta indicates that any living being is eligible to reach Him and get the salvation irrespective of his/its good and bad qualities. Datta also indicates that whether the path is good or bad, only the Bhakti is given value by Him. The Bhakti should be real and pure without aspiring anything in return from Datta. A beggar comes to you and praises you a lot. You are asking him to move away. But a guest is given all the comforts with special love. What is the difference between these two? The intention of the beggar is to get food from you but the intention of the guest is to see and talk with you. Since the intention differs, the treatment differs. So come to Datta as a guest and not as a beggar. If your intention is only to love Datta without aspiring anything in return, Datta will give everything to you, as you are His guest.

So, any human/living being in this world is eligible to have the admission into our Datta Religion irrespective of his good or bad qualities. Whatever qualities may be present in him or his path, he need not feel embarrassed when the quality is bad and need not feel proud if quality is good, provided he does not disturb the peace of the world. After entering into our Datta religion you will be imparted knowledge (Jnana) by Lord Datta directly which will generate and also develop the devotion. This devotion real, selfless, proved love on Lord Datta will make you attain Datta.

The unique speciality here is Datta donates Himself to you and merges in you while you are alive. Datta means He who donates Himself to you. In other religions, you are merging with God after death. But here God merges with you when you are alive. Datta religion is the actual material present in all the religions in the universe. It is the water present in all the rivers and also exists separately as the ocean. All the rivers have to merge in the ocean. All the religions merge in this universal religion. Datta is the universal God and the Universal Guru. Datta is the universal love present in all the living beings and in all the spiritual paths. Datta is called the Digambara which means the actor Himself, who removed all the dresses of

His roles and is present in His original and natural dress. Datta is also called as Avadhuta which means if you taste Datta all your bonds in this world with all the people and all the things will be thrown away.

Shirdi Sai Baba used to ask everybody for Guru dakshina, which is only teaching Karma Phala Tyaaga. Patil is the highest devotee, who used to give all the crop of the year, which is his required minimum. Baba used to give him some part back. This means, he left to the Lord to decide the quantity of minimum also! Baba told a rich person, who came in quest of Parabrahman ‘you could not give Rs.5/- to your Guru from your pocket. How can you know the Parabrahman? That rich man could not recognize the Lord before him present in human form. He was prepared to give one crore of rupees to his children, but not Rs.5/- to the Lord. The value of the Lord in his eyes is almost nothing. In his heart, there is no trace of love for Parabrahman. This is proved clearly by his Karma phala (money). The family bonds of Indians are very strong and they store money even for their grand grandchildren. They can donate only their mind (meditation), intelligence (logical discussion) and words (chanting and singing etc.). Their love stored in their hearts like water in tanks flows into their bonds that are like side tubes. Not even a drop is leftover in the heart for the Lord. Only Karma Phala Tyaaga proves your love on the Lord. At least, luxuries can be cut and that can be subscribed as Guru Dakshina.

Saibaba used to distribute the Guru dakshina to the devotees who are in need as He can only know who is the deserving. The human devotees err and waste, many a time. Guru is only Parabrahman and so Guru Dakshina means the fruit of your work (Karma Phala) offered to the Parabrahman in human form. Human form of God is only full form of God as it alone can give ‘*Darshanam*’ (you can see), ‘*Sparshanam*’ (you can touch), ‘*Sambhashanam*’ (you can talk) and ‘*Sahavaasa*’ (you can live with Him). The Gita says ‘*I come in human form*’. All the four Vedas (Mahaavaakyas) say that the Parabrahman comes in human form and you have to recognize Him by His special blissful knowledge and not by miracles. No devotee is greater than Hanuman and Radha. Hanuman became future Brahma. Radha became the queen of the 15th uppermost Goloka. Both worshipped the human forms available in their time only viz. Rama and Krishna. Are you greater than Hanuman and Radha? He is impartial and so comes in human form for every generation to give the full satisfaction to devotees. Other forms like statues etc., which are useful to see only are only the intellectual means to avoid real Karma Phala Tyaaga, because you can show the food to a statue with your hand and eat the whole.

Guru means the human form of Lord Datta. Purnima means full moon. The Veda says, as in Shriisuktam '*Candrām hiraṇmayām*' meaning Moon is the money, that is Goddess Lakshmi and that is Karma Phala. Full moon also represents strong mind by which you have to sacrifice that to the Guru, who will utilize it correctly. Money in another form is the essence of work. Returning the stolen extra money back to the Lord can cancel that sin. Otherwise, '*A camel may pass through the eye of the needle but a rich man can never reach God*'.

Datta means He who donates Himself to undergo the sufferings of His deserving devotees. If you are ordered to pay fine by a judge, your father can pay that fine and can get you relieved from that punishment. Datta takes the human form for this purpose and undergoes sufferings really. During the suffering, He should not use His power and avoid the experience of suffering. If He does so, it amounts to cheating the God of Justice. To get the real experience of the suffering, the human body He takes, should be following all the rules of the nature. His suffering process is continuous from birth till He leaves this human body. During this continuous process, His human body is continuously damaged. When He gives divine visions, a high voltage current flows in His body that further damages the body. You are associated with a few Karma Phalas only. But He is associated with several Karma Phalas of His devotees continuing from several births. You can weep while suffering but He should smile. If He leaves the suffering even for a minute, He is not Datta in that minute. But Datta remains Datta always. He is sitting on the thorny throne. You are seeing only the throne but not the thorns.

Datta is the practical aspect of God. "*God is infinite bliss*" is the theoretical aspect of Brahman. The philosophers of Advaita attracted by the theoretical aspect, but once they come to know this practical aspect, they will like to remain in Dvaita only as servants of Datta.

Why is India suffering with poverty always?

The Indian Scholars have developed several ways to do Karma Phala Tyaaga by tricks and keep the fruit with them only. For Karma Phala Tyaaga – test both the human form of Lord and the money (Karma Phala) are required like a paper and pen for a test. One intellectual way is to offer the food (Karma Phala) to a statue and then eat it as remains but the God has not eaten even a grain. Another intellectual way is to say that every man is God and the eating of food by a man is considered as eating by God. So, you eat the food and say that God has eaten the food. Now you say that you have done Karma Phala Tyaaga to the God. Such intellectual tricks result in

storing all your Karma Phalas with yourself only. Like this Indian Scholars have covered their greediness by intellectual interpretations. The heart is full of love and the brain is full of intelligence. Indians have connected brain to God and the heart to their family. It is reversed in the case of foreigners. Love result in Karma Phala Tyaaga. Only intelligence result in knowledge, praying etc., without practical sacrifice. This brought poverty to India. When the wheat flour has gone from the hand by wind, an Indian Scholar says 'I sacrifice this flour to the God'. You take a foreigner. He earns, enjoys and donates for good cause. He will ask his child to earn and live after certain age. The family bonds of the foreigners are very weak compared to the Indians. Hence, huge love is stored in them without much diversion to the family bonds. Hence, once they come to know about the Lord fully, they will jump with full intensity of love and devotion. They reach God quickly by their strong Karma Phala Tyaaga. He does not store even for his children. Due to such frankness and simplicity in his thoughts, God blessed almost all the foreign countries with lot of wealth. However much knowledge may be rained in India, it does not come into practice. All the rain on loose soil goes down only. In foreign countries, when the knowledge is rained, it is converted into practice immediately. The rain on a rocky soil flow on the surface as a river and becomes useful for all the people. Even in the path of science foreigners are practical people whereas Indians are theorists. This is the psychology that is coming in the Indian tradition for the past several generations. God blessed Indians with lot of intelligence and blessed foreigners with lot of wealth. The Gita says that in whatever path you approach the God, in that same path God approaches you.

Today is Guru Purnima indicating the full moon. Moon indicates mind. The full moon indicates the strongest mind i.e., strongest determination as indicated by the word "Purnima" which should be diverted to Guru Datta. You should direct all your love on Guru Datta that can be proved only by Karma Phala Tyaaga (donating the money) i.e., by offering Guru Dakshina. Lord appeared on Purnima day so every full moon day is Guru Purnima. Guru Dakshina proves the real love on the God and not the Pradakshina that is moving around Guru Datta. Give Guru Dakshina on every Purnima that comes in every month.

The Gita goes on stressing on Karma Phala Tyaaga by stating "***Do Karma. Do not aspire for the result and for the fruit – surrender the fruit to Me***". In the first chapter of Yoga Vashishtam even Lord Rama asked to come with money to offer the Guru Dakshina. The first Mantra of the first Upanishad says, "***The whole world is the wealth of the Lord. Take the***

minimum requirement. If you have taken more, return it back to the Lord. If you claim that the extra belongs to you, you have stolen the wealth of the Lord. The stolen money will bring you all the sufferings only”.

Guru Datta

Sri Datta

Prabhu Datta.

Chapter 9

UNITY OF RELIGIONS IN THE UNIVERSE**(Conversation between SWAMI and a Christian Father)**

2003

O Learned and Devoted Servants of God,

[Following is the divine experience of Shri Phani Kumar, a devotee of Swami as narrated by him.]

Recently, I had the fortune to accompany Swami in a train journey from Narasaraopet to Vijayawada. A Christian father was our co-passenger. The conversation between Swami and the Christian father took place as given below.

Father: Those who do not have faith in Jesus Christ are destined to be consigned to the flames of liquid fire in Hell. This is the declaration of our faith.

Swami: Does that mean that there is no salvation to all the devotees on this earth prior to the incarnation of Jesus Christ? If so, all those devotees were subjects of prejudice of God, as they were deprived of that revelation, their successors had?

Father: God is impartial in that subject. He gave Jehovah to mankind for their salvation before the incarnation of Jesus.

Swami: Fine! If that be so, devotees of this land have no knowledge of either Jehovah or Jesus Christ prior to the arrival of Vasco da Gama. Vasco da Gama discovered India and only later on, the Christian literature that speaks of Jehovah or Jesus came to India. All those innocents, who lived before the arrival of Vasco da Gama deprived of the revelations of either Jehovah or Jesus Christ, were consigned to the flames of the 'liquid fire' for no fault of theirs. They were not to regenerate by taking human births again and reclaim the salvation since the doctrine of the faith you follow has no place for the rebirth of the soul.

Does this mean that God intended to provide the revelation only to a handful in a small country and deny the opportunity to all those living in rest of the world? Why did God reveal Himself at a particular point of time, in a particular land, to a particular section alone? Does that not inflict the God with prejudice?

Father: No faith is free from such blame. Does not the faith you belong to, charge the non-believers of your faith to the same danger of hell?

All mortals in other land, not aware of the virtues of the faith you follow, are subjects of the same punishment in hell! Does this also not inflict God with prejudice?

Swami: There are enthusiasts who are fans in every faith. Christian enthusiasts maintain that non-believers in Jehovah or Jesus Christ shall be subjects for the flames of the liquid fire. Hindu enthusiasts maintain that non-believers of Lord Vishnu or Lord Shiva shall be subjects for affliction in hell. They further introduce and adopt sectarian salvation, which limits it to certain sections only. Followers of different sects castigate each other by such warnings.

All these partisans fail to appreciate the unity in thought of all the world religions. All these 'approaches' to God, afflict Him with prejudice. The only way to keep God unblemished is to perceive His generosity correctly.

The same single God revealed Himself distinctly in different places, in different times, to different people in different forms. He granted the same enlightenment to all in different tongues. All those faithful attain salvation upon receiving the enlightenment. Those who fail to receive are subjected to the liquid fire in hell. This approach towards God makes Him unblemished. The God of all religions is one and the same. He may appear to be different due to differences in His approach to different people, in different times, in different forms and in different tongues. He nurtures all with same compassion.

The sea receives all the rivers in the same way, whether they are straight or curved. The devotion is important and not the religion or path. If the straight river becomes proud and mocks at the curved river, God will see that the straight river will never reach Him. By His will, people will build a dam on that river to divert all the water!

Everyone needs to follow the path assigned in his faith to attain salvation. Every religion has different levels of spiritual enlightenment. One should move up to the higher level for comprehension of the total enlightenment. Such enlightenment alone is the means of salvation.

These levels of enlightenment in each religion are similar to the levels of education. Different religions are similar to different language mediums. The content of the curriculum is same in all the language mediums. A pupil of a certain language should strive to reach higher levels of knowledge in the same medium of his choice. He is a pilgrim in pursuit of divinity. His medium is his opportunity. It is neither superior nor inferior to any other medium. He need not move on to another language medium to uplift himself. All the language mediums are different religions at different levels

of knowledge. A school student studying science in a particular medium (language) need not change his medium, because even if he changes, the syllabus will not be changed. He should strive to change his syllabus by raising his standard of knowledge and reach to college level in the same medium. The school and college levels exist in every medium. A school student does not become a college student just by changing the medium of his class. He becomes a college student only, when the level of his knowledge rises up. Similarly, a devotee of any religion should try to reach the higher spiritual level in his own religion. Changing his religion does not raise his spiritual level. Every religion has the lower and higher levels of spiritualism meant for devotees of corresponding stages. Religion is the medium and spiritualism is the curriculum or syllabus with different levels (school level, college level etc.,) present in the same religion.

One shall strive to reach the higher levels of knowledge that are carved out in his own faith. No one needs to move on to another faith for higher level of knowledge for the will of final salvation. All faiths lead to the same destination. In any path, you will have to proceed vertically to reach the goal. At any point of your path, if you travel horizontally, you will reach the same point of level in another path, which is a waste. The realization of this truth alone ensures harmony among different faiths of the world. Failure to perceive the truth will not make anyone enlightened.

When Swami concluded like this, the Christian Father stood and touched his heart in the model of a cross and said, "we believe that Jesus will be born again. Yes. Jesus is again born now. Nobody else can explain like this. I am fully convinced".

When we came to our house, Swami told me, "See, the Christian father did not rigidly limit his mind with conservatism. Every religion contains good and broad-minded devotees. My effort of propagation of knowledge is for such devotees who are present in every religion in this world".

Chapter 10

MESSAGE ON KRISHNA ASHTAMI

August 19, 2003

O Learned and Devoted Servants of God,

Today, the main item of the celebrations is to break the pot containing butter, which is kept very high. What is the inner meaning of this? Butter represents the money that is stored. This is the extra money, which is earned. The Eshavasyam Upanishad (Veda) says, “All this world is the money of the Lord. Take whatever is required for your maintenance and the Lord permits that much only. If you have taken extra, return it to the Lord. Otherwise, you are a thief and so you will be punished”. The shepherd families used to live on selling buttermilk, curd and milk. These three items were their livelihood. God has no objection to this. But by selling butter, they earn extra money that was stored. This butter pot at such height indicates the extra ordinary care you have taken to store that extra money. Some maidens kept the butter pot at a reachable height so that the Lord can take the butter easily. Such maidens were blessed. But some greedy maidens kept the pot very high with selfishness. Lord Krishna stole that extra money which they have hidden with such care. Similarly, the extra money that you have hidden will be certainly taken by God. Krishna used to break the pot kept at such a height with a stick and all the butter fell on the floor, which was wasted. This means that all your hidden money will go waste through spending to cure diseases etc., by the will of the Lord. Storing extra money is a sin and because of it, you will be attacked by several problems like diseases etc. Some shepherd maidens used to give this butter to the Lord secretly and they were blessed. Similarly, if you return the unnecessary extra wealth to the Lord, you will be blessed. They gave butter to the Lord even avoiding their children. They crossed the bonds of even their children for the sake of the Lord and gave the butter (extra stored money) to the Lord. Similarly, you should also cross the bonds of your children and surrender atleast a part of the extra money you have stored for your children. Sacrifice of the butter (money) is the most important test for devotion. This is the meaning of the butter and Krishna. The shepherd maidens surrendered their mind, words and bodies to Krishna in ‘Rasa Keli’ (dancing with shepherd maidens at midnight) by crossing bonds with their husbands. But this is not the highest sacrifice. The bond

with children is far greater than the bond between husband and wife. In offering the butter to the Lord, the bond with children is broken and this sacrifice is the highest. The highest sacrifice is only regarding the wealth. The Lord is called as 'Lakshmi Narayana'. Lakshmi means money or wealth. Narayana means the Lord. You can reach Narayana only when you prove your devotion with Lakshmi. If you are devoted to Lakshmi, Narayana cannot be obtained. The Lord tests you whether your bond is on Lakshmi or Narayana.

Chapter 11

WORLD PEACE & REMOVAL OF TERRORISM**Root Causes of Terrorism**

September 09, 2003

O Learned and Devoted Servants of God,

There are two root causes for the entire chaos and terrorism in this world. One is the thirst for earning money and the other is the religious fanatic. Due to money, people are quarreling, whereas due to religion, countries are quarreling. Unless these two root causes are eradicated, we cannot achieve world peace. The tree will not die by cutting leaves and branches. It dies only by cutting its roots. There is no use in earning the extra money. Due to excess money, quarrels, mental worries and several other problems arise. Finally, it ends in loss only and not in any profit. You have to leave all this extra money here only and quit this world alone. Your issues may lose that money given by you. Such sinful extra money brings problems not only to you but also to your children. Neither yourself nor your children will be happy and peaceful. This entire world is the property of God and take whatever is required from it. This is said in the Gita, (*Yavānartha...*). In these days, buffet system is followed during feasts. In this system, large vessels contain various food items and people take food from these vessels according to their requirement. Similarly, God created this entire world and you can take the wealth from it according to your requirement. People are not following the same system when they are taking wealth from this world. The peculiarity is that most rich people follow this buffet system in the feasts but do not follow the same when it comes to earning the money. 'Ishaavaasya Upanishad' says that one should return back this extra money to the Lord. Otherwise, the Lord will give the troubles. In buffet system, if one takes extra food in his plate by overambition and ignorance for a moment, he returns back immediately before starting eating. Veda says that you must return back the extra money for the God's work if taken by ignorance. In the buffet system if you eat the extra food, you will suffer from diseases. Similarly, if you enjoy the extra money, God will punish you in several ways.

In this world, people belonging to any religion think that their religion only is the true religion. They think that the God of their religion can alone give the salvation and the worship of that God should be according to their

religion only. They also condemn other religions and invite people to convert people into their religion. They do lot of work to establish their religion only in the entire world which shows their ambition. It is just like Alexander's ambition to make the entire world his kingdom. Alexander wanted to extend his kingdom. But, even he returned back after fighting with Porus (Purushottama) on seeing the loss of life in the battle. But, the ambition of religious fanatics is not subsided on seeing any amount of loss of life. Religion is considered to be backed with spiritual knowledge and the religious people are expected to be free from ambition. We can excuse ambition of any ignorant person like Alexander. The heart of a religious fanatic will not change by any amount of kindness or love expressed in the appeals. Such appeals can change only the heart and the change in the heart is always temporary. Change in the intelligence brought by knowledge based on logic is always real and permanent. Intelligence (buddhi) is considered to be the driver of this body, which is like a chariot running by the senses, which are like the horses. If the driver is convinced, the entire chariot along with the horses is in the correct path. The terrorist will not change by love or kindness shown to him. He becomes the terrorist due to the wrong knowledge that enters his brain. He was convinced by that knowledge. That knowledge can be changed only by the right knowledge. A diamond can only be cut by another diamond. Similarly, one type of knowledge can only be replaced by another type of knowledge. Then only, he will be convinced and changed forever. So far, the trials made to change the terrorist were beating around the bush and therefore, they did not have much effect. This knowledge, which is given below, hits the bird directly in the bush and so this should be spread all over the world. Today, Shri Guru Datta is giving the right knowledge to remove the religious conservatism. I am giving the right knowledge taking the Hindu terrorist as an example. But, the question put by Me applies to all the religious fanatics who become terrorists. If I take the terrorists of other religions, they may misunderstand Me, thinking that I am criticizing their religion. Since I am born in this Hindu religion, the fellow Hindus consider Me as a Hindu. So, Hindus consider Me as their man and will also not misunderstand Me. Really, I do not belong to any religion. I belong to all religions equally. Now, the real knowledge is explained here. I am in the role of a foreigner talking with a Hindu terrorist.

Hindu terrorist: You will get salvation only if you worship God Narayana. No other God can give salvation. Oh foreigner! Leave your religion and

accept my religion. You will get salvation; otherwise, you will go to hell.

Foreigner (Myself): I will certainly convert Myself and become Hindu. I will definitely worship God Narayana and get salvation. But, one question. About 1000 years back, our country came to know about India. Before that, our forefathers did not know about the existence of India, not to speak of God Narayana. Therefore, My forefathers could not worship God Narayana. It was not their fault in not knowing God Narayana. Had they known God Narayana, at least some of them would have worshipped Him and got salvation. But, for no fault of them, they had gone to hell. At that time, God Narayana was introduced to all over India. So, God Narayana was partial to India and He is prejudiced. Therefore, you charge your own God Narayana to prejudice? You are poking your eye with your own finger.

Hindu Terrorist: This defect applies to your religion also. Your religious fanatics also say that those who did not worship your religious God will go to hell. This blame is common in all the religions.

Foreigner (Myself): Because this defect is present in all religions, this defect cannot become merit. A defect is always a defect, whether it is present in one person or in several persons. If this defect is not cleared, Gods of all religions are blamed and so God in general is blamed. Showing the defect in all is not the solution. We have to prove that God in general is always impartial. That means God of any religion should be impartial.

Hindu terrorist: When there is no solution, you have to neglect this aspect.

Foreigner (Myself): But there is a solution. In all the religions, the same God is worshipped in different forms. So, God in general i.e., God in every religion is impartial. Since the same God expressed Himself in different parts of the world at the very beginning of this creation itself and gave the same message in different languages, all the people got the equal opportunity from the beginning of this creation. At no time, no part of the world was favored particularly. Hence, Gods of all our religions i.e. God in general, becomes impartial. Except this solution, there is no other solution to solve this problem. Hence, this solution must be accepted. In such a case, there is no need of conversion from one religion to another religion. Since, the same syllabus of a particular class is present in all the languages, there is no use of changing the language. Even if the student changes the language, he will be in the same class. All classes are present in all the languages. So, you need not change the language at any stage. You have to go from a lower class to

the higher class in the same language. Similarly, every religion contains the lower, higher and highest levels of spiritualism. You can achieve the goal by rising vertically to the higher level in your own religion. What is the use of travelling horizontally by leaving your own religion and accepting another religion? By doing so, you are at the same distance from the goal.

I have given the Hindu terrorist as an example here. Please do not forget that the same analysis applies to the terrorists (religious fanatics) of all the other religions also.

Chapter 12 **WORLD PEACE**

Why God expressed in different forms in Hinduism?

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O Learned and Devoted Servants of God,

Why did God express Himself in different forms in a single Hindu religion in India? In the universe, God expressed Himself in a single form in every religion. In Christianity, there is only one expressed form i.e., Jesus. In Islam, there is only one expressed form i.e. Allah or Mohammad. But in Hindu religion, there are different expressed forms of God like Vishnu, Shiva etc. Diversity in the forms of God is only the first point in Hindu religion. The next point is the unity in all these forms that also exists in Hindu religion. People criticize the Hindu religion showing only the first point. Why don't they see the second point? The concept is not complete by the first point. Now, the question comes, "Why should there be diversity at all and make the unnecessary effort to bring the unity? Why Hinduism is not having a single form of God as in Christianity or Islam?" All right. Let us assume that there is a single form in Hindu religion and let us assume that Vishnu is that single form. Then, does this solve the problem when you take the entire world? Now, there are three forms of God i.e. Jesus, Allah or Mohammad and Vishnu. Now, if you take the world as your system for studying, is there a single form of God for the entire world? Even if we solve the problem at micro level i.e., Hinduism, but the same problem is appearing at the macro level i.e., the world. The solution at macro level is very important than at the micro level because in India, wars never took place between the followers of Vishnu and the followers of Shiva. But in the world, wars have taken place and are still taking place among the followers of Islam, Christianity, Hinduism etc. The problem at the micro level never disturbed the peace. But, the problem at macro level always disturbed the peace of the world.

To use a medicine on human beings at macro level, it is first tested in the laboratory on a micro system like a rabbit. When the medicine is proved in the case of the rabbit, it is administered to all the human beings. Similarly, the concept developed in the unity of various forms of God in Hinduism should be taken totally by all religions in the world. As the medicine cured the disease of the rabbit, it cures the same disease in all the

human beings. Similarly, the knowledge of unity of various sub-religions in the Hindu religion should be applied as it is to the case of all the universal religions. This knowledge is the medicine. The fanatic is the disease. This knowledge not only cures various fanatics in the Hindu religion, but also cures the various fanatics of religions in the world. In fact, there is only one God in Hinduism i.e., Lord Datta who appears in various forms like Vishnu, Shiva etc. Actually, God Datta purposely created the diversity in the forms of God in Hinduism to teach the unity in diversity in all the religions in the world. This is just like a mini model prepared to represent the entire world. The same design in the mini model appears as a huge building when constructed. Similarly, the concept in Hinduism is the message for the entire universe. Lord Datta is the teacher for the world. A teacher praises his student in one subject and praises another student in another subject. He will ask them to help each other. Similarly, India should learn the sacrifice from abroad and the rest of the world should learn about unity in diversity from India.

One has to take the good aspect from every religion. I do not belong to any religion but belong equally to all the religions. I do not support or condemn any religion blindly. I pick up the pearls from all the oceans. I criticize Hinduism for several points like not doing the sacrifice of money or work for God, caste system etc. As per the point of unity in diversity is concerned, I praise Indians. I criticize the rest of the world. So, irrespective of the name of the religion, one has to pick up the good points from every religion. Are you rejecting the diamond from a foreign country? Diamond is a diamond anywhere in the world. You cannot differentiate an Indian diamond and a foreign diamond. The logic in the unity of Hinduism is based on the same God appearing in various forms and qualities to satisfy the tastes of different people when He comes in human form. The nature of Vishnu is 'Sattvam' i.e., soft nature. So, soft people like Vishnu. The nature of Shiva is 'Tamas' i.e., emotional nature. People of such nature like Shiva. When there is synchrony in nature of the devotee and the human form of God, the attraction and adaptability is more. Then the message of God through that human form reaches the devotee easily. The message is same but the forms of God are different. The same milk is given in different types of cups. Somebody likes a ceramic cup and somebody likes a glass cup. The form of God is as per your liking, but the divine message preached by all forms of God is the same. It is just like the same syllabus present in different language mediums. The unity in diversity in Hinduism is actually practiced by almost all the people. In every house, people celebrate the

festival of Vishnu and the festival of Shiva. In every house, the photos of almost all the forms of Hindu God are worshipped in India.

Unification of Three Acharyas' Commentaries

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Shankara – Ramanuja – Madhva are three Acharyas

A mother feeds her child singing that the moon will come down from the sky if the child eats the food. She is worried about the welfare of her child and does not bother about the truth. The mother grows this body, which is perished by this birth. But a teacher (Guru) grows the soul by knowledge, which is permanent in all births, and the knowledge accompanies the soul forever. The love and compassion of a Guru on his student is million times more than that of the mother. 'Sadguru' is the God of the mother who came down as the teacher and the love of the Sadguru is beyond description. Shankara, Ramanuja, Madhva are the three incarnations of the three divine forms (viz. Shiva, Vishnu and Brahma) of the same Sadguru, who is Lord Dattatreya (Datta). The commentaries of these three Gurus may look different, which are meant for the people with different mental maturity at different times. But the essence in these three commentaries is one and the same.

First, Shankaracharya came, who was the incarnation of Lord Shiva in human form. India was full of atheists who were either Buddhists or Purva miimaamsakas. An atheist can never tolerate the greatness of God and so denies His existence. Shankara said, "*I am Shiva*" (*Śivoham...*). Can an atheist tolerate this and accept that another man is God? But, the Sadguru should also uplift the atheist. Shankara made a trick. He told that every man is God. An atheist likes his own greatness and so becomes the follower of Shankara. Atleast some atheists changed. Shankara equally distributed God, which is like a treasure to all. There is a secret in this trick. When an atheist says, "I am God" he has accepted God!

Shankara: Do you exist?

Atheist: Yes I exist.

Shankara: You are God. So God exists.

So, at that time, the goal of Shankara, was only the first step i.e., atheists should become theists. When a bull is running, you have to run along with it for some time and then only you can stop it. Similarly, you have to follow an egoistic person for some time and then only you can bring him gradually into your grip. The psychology of a student is well understood by a good teacher. This is the concept of incarnation (Avataara). *Ava*= down, *Tara*= coming i.e., coming down to the psychological level of

the student. As we go down, the truth is to be hidden and the upliftment of the student becomes more important.

Some disciples became fully pure and got rid of jealousy and ego in course of time through constantly serving Shankara and they were eligible to grasp the truth. Shankara revealed the truth to such deserving disciples. Shankara swallowed molten lead and asked them to swallow the same if they were God. The disciples were unable to swallow the same and fell at the feet of Shankara since they grasped the truth. But, Shankara limited this revelation of the truth to some of His close deserving disciples only, since others were not able to grasp the truth due to their egoism. Shankara left the earth at this stage.

In course of time, people got rid of their egoism and jealousy to some extent but not completely. Ramanuja came and told that every man is a spark of God. This is like Socialism in which some wealth of a rich man is donated to the poor. After some time, when people almost got rid of their egoism and jealousy completely, Madhva came down and told that man is not at all connected to God and man is only a servant of God. This is like Capitalism in which a wealthy man remains rich and the poor people always remain poor. These three philosophies apply to different people at any time, which vary as per their mentalities. Anytime, all types of people are present in this world.

An egoistic person likes Shankara in his own case. He likes to be God. He does not like Madhva since he does not want to be a servant of God. He likes Madhva in the case of Lord Krishna who looks like a man and does not like Shankara there. He likes Krishna to be called as a servant of God and not to be called as God. This entire case is reversed in the case of a person who got rid of egoism. He likes Madhva in his case and likes Shankara in the case of Lord Krishna. He thinks that he is the servant of God and that Krishna is God. Hanuman is the best example. He believed Madhva in His own case and Shankara in the case of Lord Rama. He always thought that He was the servant of Lord Rama and that Rama was God and not a man. Hanuman is the practical Guru for every human being. Shankara gave the identification mark of God in human form stating, “*Jñānādeva tu kaivalyam*”, which means that one has to unite the God (that is to join the God) by His knowledge. The Veda says that knowledge is Brahman. That means, you have to recognize the Lord in Human form by His knowledge and not by His miracles etc.

Shankara–Ramanuja–Madhva

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These three preachers in India are the three divine forms of Lord Shiva, Vishnu and Brahma. Shri Guru Datta, the one and only divine form present in all these three divine forms, came down as these three preachers. In India, the followers of these three preachers are quarrelling assuming that these three preachers wrote different commentaries. Such quarrels are also bringing poverty to India. The Veda says, “*Brahma is Vishnu, Shiva is Vishnu*” (*Brahmā ca...*). Followers of Vishnu do not enter the temple of Shiva and followers of Shiva do not enter the temple of Vishnu. These followers are abusing Shiva and Vishnu. Two disciples are pressing the feet of their teacher. A fly flew from one foot to the other foot. The second disciple started beating the first foot. The first disciple also started beating the second foot. The teacher started crying because both students beat the same teacher. Similarly, if any one of these three divine forms or preachers are abused, only Guru Datta is abused. All the Gods in the world are divine forms of Lord Datta. One should not abuse Buddha, Jesus, Allah etc., also. If you cannot cross the differences of Gods present in Hindu religion, can you cross the differences in Gods present in this world? If you cannot break the walls of rooms in a house and make a big wall, can you break the walls between houses and make a big house? So, first you must bring unity in the Hindu religion and then only bring unity in the religions in the world.

First Shankaracharya came down. Upanishads discussed that a man is God. If every man is God, who is to be liberated? Who has the ignorance? For whom is all this effort put? So, the man discussed in the Upanishads is not an ordinary man. It is the Lord in human form. The Gita says, “*Mānuṣīm...*” which means that Lord comes down in a human body like Lord Krishna. In the case of this human body, the discussions are on Advaita, Vishishtadvaita and Dvaita. Advaita says that the soul in Lord Krishna’s human body is ‘Brahman’. Vishishtadvaita says that this soul is a spark of Brahman. Dvaita says that this soul is different from Brahman and has come down as a servant to do the work of God. In the Upanishads, the discussion was about the human incarnation in general. So, the names like Krishna, Rama etc., were not mentioned. In every generation, Brahman is coming down as human incarnation. So, a particular name cannot be assigned. Since the name is absent, this concept was extrapolated to every man. Therefore, Advaita philosophers say that every man is God. Vishishtadvaita philosophers say that man is a spark of God. Dvaita philosophers say that every man is a servant of God. These three sects

quarrel among themselves. The actual point that the whole discussion is about Lord Krishna is lost. The fruits have fallen in the drainage and people are quarreling over the empty basket.

Some people with full jealousy can never agree that a human being like Krishna is God. For them, God is separately present above. Krishna is only a servant of God who does the work of God on this earth. Dvaita philosophy satisfies them. Some other people with less jealousy treat Krishna as a spark of God. For them, Vishishtadvaita philosophy satisfies them. Some people with no jealousy agree that Krishna is the Brahman. For them, the Advaita philosophy is meant. All the three preachers are 'Guru Datta' only, who taught the same concept in different ways to different levels of students. Advaita, Vishishtadvaita and Dvaita are the three steps to climb up. First in Dvaita, you join the service of God. Then in Vishishtadvaita, you become a part and parcel of God. A father says to his sons, "You both are my two eyes". You become a limb of God here. As your service reaches climax, you become God. God pervades all over your body. This is Advaita. There is also the fourth stage, which is Datta's philosophy in which God becomes your servant. Hanuman climbed all these steps through His service to God. He reached the fourth stage also and He defeated Rama in a battle. The Gita says that service means sacrificing work (Karma samnyaasa) and sacrificing the fruit of your work (money) i.e., Karma Phala Tyaaga. You may do either or both as per your convenience and circumstances. Karma Phala Tyaaga is better than Karma samnyaasa and both put together is the best, which is called Karma Yoga as said in the Gita.

Chapter 13
MESSAGE ON PURNIMA

Majority Loses

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O Learned and Devoted Servants of God,

In the spiritual path majority should not be taken. As an example, since the gravel stones are in the majority and diamonds are in minority, we cannot say that the gravel stone is more valuable than diamond. There is only one Adi Shankara, one Miira, one Swami Vivekananda, and one Tyagaraja etc. Such people are very rare and only one in millions happen to be such a person. Our spiritual aim should be such rare diamond only. We should not take the majority as an example in our spiritual life. The Gita says that one only in millions reaches the God. So, should you follow the path of the majority or the path of that single person? Everybody should follow the path of the majority for the matters of this materialistic world. You have to do the job for earning livelihood. You have to earn and you have to sleep. So in all these worldly matters, you have to follow the majority. But in spiritualism you should not follow the path of majority because majority did not reach the God. Only one person like Adi Shankara or Meera reached God. So the concept of the majority fails in spiritual path.

You must serve and love God without aspiring anything in return from Him. This is pure love. Your aspiration is impurity and the selfishness is the bad smell by which the Lord gets repelled. If you serve the Lord without aspiring anything in return, such a love is the purest and highest devotion. For such devotion only Lord is fully pleased and the Lord will do anything or will go to any extent. This can be understood from the world itself. To learn philosophy world is the real picture. Books may contain faulty knowledge, but the world contains only truth. To know whether the concept in the book is right or not you must refer the world. This first one is the Scripture; the second authority is logic. Logic is more important than scripture because you should decide the validity of a concept in the scripture by the logic only. The third authority is experience in the world which is the topmost authority. Any concept in the scripture should be discussed by logic and it is finally approved only through its experience in the world. These three authorities are called Shruti (Scripture), Yukti (logic) and Anubhava (experience in the world).

So the purest love can be seen in the world. Suppose somebody loves and serves you without aspiring anything in return and his love is pure by all your tests, you imagine how much you are pleased! You will do anything for him.

It applies to God also. If you serve Him without aspiring anything in return from Him, and if your pure love passes all His severe tests, He will do anything for your sake. Love is proved only through service. Mere words and feelings are of no use. Service can be associated with words and feelings, like a plate of rice is associated with curry and pickles.

So how should we be before God? We should not ask Him for anything. We get troubles, which are the fruits of our own sins only. By mere payers, tears, weeping, begging and meditation, you know what He does? He postpones your problem to the latter part of your present life or to the future life. We have to receive the trouble with compounded interest. You do not know about this. You think that you have fooled the God by your tears and weeping. Do not forget that God is cleverer than anybody in this world. Just see this infinite universe, which is designed and created by Him! You can understand His intelligence.

There are three types of people in the world. The first type is foolish who do not think anything for their old age. The second type of people is neither foolish nor wise. They save for their old age and so they are not foolish but they are not wise because they do not save anything for their future birth. The wise people save for their future birth.

If the file of any person is opened after death in the hell that person normally is subjected to severe torture there and will be born as an animal or bird or insect or worm. The human birth is almost impossible. Therefore, the Christian faith says that the human birth is final birth. After this birth according to Christianity one has to go to hell or heaven forever. This is true because if one falls in the life cycle of birds and animals, he will be rolling continuously in that cycle only. This is a permanent hell. If you have done some service to God here which alone can be the proof of real love, your file is not opened and you are sent to Heaven to take rest for some time. When the Lord reincarnates in the human form, you will follow Him by getting a human birth. You are always associated with God in the heaven as well as on the earth. So that is a permanent heaven. Your service to God must be only to the human form of God and not to the statues or photos. The service to statues and photos results in your cheating or the cheating of the priests. You have cheated God when you have offered food to the statue and then enjoyed it or the priests cheat you if they have enjoyed that food which was offered by you. The real sacrifice and service

is proved only with the human form of the God. Gopikas offered butter to Lord Krishna, which was actually eaten by the Lord. The Gita says that God comes only in Human form (*Mānuṣīm tanum āśritam...*). The Gita also criticizes, the worship of statues by such offerings. The Gita says “*Bhūtejyā yānti bhūtāni...*”. This means that those who worship the five elements as the forms of God through offering will become those five elements. This means that if you offer food to a statue made of stone you will be born as a stone.

Why the Lord cursed too severely? You are offering the food to the stone and you are eating it. You are greedy and fooled God. You are not offering to the human form of God because of your greediness. Sometimes you are offering the food to a statue in the temple. The undeserving priest may enjoy it. The priest is undeserving because he is cheating you in the name of God. Sometimes you may distribute that food to the devotees who come there. Such a distribution becomes waste because the devotees may be capable of earning their food. You must distribute the food to the beggars who are incapable of earning that food. Lord Datta says that there are four types of beggars to whom you can offer the food. They are children, very old people, diseased and people who lost the limbs. Except to these four types food should not be offered to beggars who are capable of doing work. For such beggars you can help showing the work. So lot of analysis is needed whenever you are doing charity. By your charity if somebody gains strength and does a sin you have to share that sin. If you give milk to a snake with pity it will bite you and others. So, you have to analyze and use lot of discrimination in doing the charity because sometimes you are purchasing the sin. Therefore, you must take the help of Sadguru in doing the charity. You pity a beggar but he is a sinner punished by God for his previous sin. Your pity and charity to him may annoy God because God wants to punish him and you are obstructing his punishment. Such a fellow may do the sin again due to the effect of his previous mentality. In such a case you are sharing his sin. The beggars are also adapting to certain cheating methods. So before doing charity you spend some time in analyzing the case history of the beggar. Instead of giving Re. 1 to ten beggars by giving ten paise each, you spend sometime in the analysis and give a rupee to the deserving beggar. Such a charity brings to you lot of good results. You are always hasty about the place and time for charity. You think you will get good results if you donate at Varanasi on Mahashivaratri? Place and time are not important for charity. The deserving person is important. If you get a deserving person that place is Varanasi and

that day is Mahashivaratri. So you must have lot of analysis and patience in doing charity.

The Veda says “*Samvidā deyam*” which means donate after analysis. The Veda also says, “*Śraddhayā deyam*” which means donate with patience. Vyasa in the Mahabharata told that sin comes if you don’t donate to a deserving person and also if you donate to an undeserving person. The Lord can only know correctly the deserving aspect and the undeserving aspect. So, if you can identify the Lord in human form you better donate to Him and He will give it to a deserving person. He knows all the previous births of every human being and He knows perfectly who deserves and who does not deserve. Shirdi Sai Baba was such incarnation of the Lord. The Guru dakshina given to Him was properly utilized. He used to distribute the dakshina given by the devotees to the deserving people.

Sometimes He used to give the money submitted by one devotee to some wealthy person also because the devotee has to give to that person, as he was indebted to him in his previous birth. Therefore, catching a Sadguru is very important for your spiritual effort.

Don’t attach much importance to this material life because it is just like one-hour journey and it hardly matters whether you traveled by 1st class or 3rd class i.e., whether you are rich or poor. All will get down at the same station and will leave to lead the life there. That part is important than the journey. So, the scene in the upper world after death is important.

Chapter 14

WHY DOES INDIA SUFFER WITH POVERTY?

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O Learned and Devoted Servants of God,

Swami Vivekananda cried loudly facing the sky, “*Why India, with such rich spiritual knowledge, is suffering with poverty*”. Only Lord Datta can give the answer to this question. Today, the answer is given. Any country means its people and their mentality. Mind decides everything and action follows accordingly. If the mentality is analyzed, the action and its fruit become clear.

Almost all the foreign countries are blessed with wealth except India. So, the mentality of all the people in this universe is different from the mentality of Indians. This difference in the mentalities is responsible for the difference in the attitude towards God to bless all the countries in the world except India.

Let us compare the rituals, which are considered as worship of God. In every ritual, the essence is to praise the Lord and develop devotion. This brings universal equality in the rituals. Otherwise, if you say that God is worshipped by such and such hymns only, God becomes prejudiced since that hymn is restricted only to that part of the country. When the Lord is pleased, He will bless the person performing the ritual. In India, does anyone know that a ritual means worship of God? Let us take the marriage ceremony as an example. Indians think that once the ceremony is performed, the couple is bonded. For such a bond, a registrar’s office will do. Then what is the use of the ritual performed for so many hours? The hymns are uttered in Sanskrit and neither the priest nor the couple, know the meaning of the hymn. The priest does not explain the meaning of the hymns. The meanings have inner meanings, which end in praising the Lord only. It is the foremost duty of the priest to explain the inner meaning of the hymns to the people and make them devotees of the Lord. This is the main aim of the ritual. By the time the marriage ends, the couple should become devotees of the Lord. The devotion not only bonds the couple but also brings the blessings of the Lord to them. For a mere marriage, a registrar’s office will do, which can substitute this ritual. Actually, people are thinking in this way and the youngsters are following them.

In other countries, prayers are sung in their mother tongue. At least the people are catching the meaning of the prayers in this case. But, there also, the priest should explain the inner meaning that can alone bring the divine knowledge and devotion in the people. But, the situation in India is worse since the meaning is not known. A priest should be a scholar in Sanskrit and simple recitation is of no use. Shastras say that there is no use of mere recitation of the Vedic hymns (*Anarthajñah...*). People have started using a tape recorder for the chanting of hymns. The reason is that people think that a ritual is a mere recitation of hymns. The Gita says that knowledge is more important than the action of the ritual (*Śreyān...*). The aim of the priest is to make the people devotees of the Lord. This main aim is completely lost. This aim is the aim of the work of the Lord in a human incarnation. So, the priests are the real helpers of the Lord in His work. When this aim is lost, the life of the rituals is lost. The aim of the ritual today for a priest is to get some money for the labour of recitation and for the people, the aim is to finish the formality.

For a ritual, several people are invited, so that they also become devotees by that ritual. But now, people are attending the function as a formality only to bless the couple. Can a human being bless another human being? The people should become devotees and get the blessings of the Lord by attending a ritual, if the ritual is done in the right sense. If the priest performs the ritual in the right sense, the Lord will bless him and the people and also the country with the immense wealth. The rituals are the paths of divine knowledge and devotion and not mere formalities or paths of earning some petty money. Today, Lord Datta is advising all the Indians to rectify this mistake and please the Lord so that He will bless India with wealth.

Let us take good from the west not only in science, but also in spiritualism. Let us not be egoistic that we are the masters in spiritualism. Egoism is never liked by the Lord. Good is good and diamond is diamond in any country. All the human beings are one and the same coming under one category called "Creation". The second category is "Creator" who is also only one. People are putting food, ghee etc., into the fire in the name of sacrifice, which leads to pollution only. Kapila, the incarnation of Lord Vishnu, criticized such practice as mentioned in the Bhagavatam. It is only giving food to a deserving hungry person. The Veda says that such deserving person is a devotee or human incarnation of the Lord, who is considered as fire (*Vaiśvānaro brāhmaṇah...*). The Gita says that the Lord is in the form of fire in the stomach to receive the food. Lord Krishna with hunger came and asked for the food that was to be offered to the fire and the wives of the sages gave the food to Him. Krishna taught the real sense

of sacrifice. He discouraged the sacrifice to a God Indra, for the same reason.

In Sadguru, all Gods live as said in the Veda (*Yavatīh...*), Offering food to the Sadguru is like offering food to all the Gods. The word ‘Agni’ comes from ‘*Agri*’, which means the Sadguru is to be fed first. Fire is only an aid to cook the food. This incarnation, Sadguru, called ‘*Agni*’, stands as witness in the marriage and not the inert fire.

Another misinterpretation is about the ‘Gayatri mantra’. Women and some other castes were prohibited to chant this. You also say that no hymn (mantra) is equal to Gayatri. Does this not charge God with injustice? Gayatri does not mean a particular hymn. Gayatri means ‘*the sweet style of a song*’. Mantra means, that which spontaneously attracts the mind to chant something again and again. Any sweet song on God that attracts the mind to sing it repeatedly and gets the protection of God is called Gayatri (*Gāyantam...mananāt*). Even a cinema song, slightly modified in the name of God can be a ‘Gayatri mantra’. For e.g., replace the word ‘Sanam’ by ‘Hare’ in the cinema song “*Churaliya hai tumne...*” and sing it on Lord Vishnu. You are singing spontaneously without any force. This is a mantra. Gayatri means a meter but not a deity as said “*Gāyatrī chandaḥ*”. This takes you near the Lord, because He likes the Sama Veda (songs) as said in the Gita “*Sāmavedo'smi*”. Upanayanam, the ritual in which Gayatri is given means taking you near the Lord. (*Upa*= Near, *Nayanam*= taking through a song). So, Gayatri is with women and other castes only who sing about God.

Indians are blessed with lot of spiritual knowledge and devotion. Both these are side dishes in a meal. The main item, which is bread or rice, is lost in India. The main item is Karma Phala Tyaaga (as said in the Gita) which means sacrifice of money, which is the Karma phala (fruit of the work). Indian scholars have interpreted the meaning of Karma phala as meditation or chanting songs. So, you meditate or chant some hymns and at the end say, “I have sacrificed the fruit of this work to the Lord!” The Lord blessed you with good intelligence because of your meditation and good pronunciation for your recitation. As the work, so the fruit. Such intellectual interpretation is only due to your greediness. Indians connect their heart to their children from which love flows. These connection tubes are large and very long. These bonds are very strong and extend even to their great grandchildren. Hence, their heart is empty. They connect their intelligence to the Lord which results in such tricks.

The straight test for love is sacrifice of the fruit of your work (money) only. In the west, family bonds are very weak and the love stored in them is

diverted to the Lord. How much money they sacrifice for the work of the Lord! They fund even the Indian spiritual centers. Is it not a shame to Indians? The foreigners consider the Lord is same in all the religions and fund Indian centers also. They ask their children to earn and live after a certain age. But in India, people are worried of their heirs in the coming ten generations also, and go on storing the money. When you love your children, you get happiness which is selfishness only and this cannot protect your children. If you love God, God can protect your children and that is your real love on your children. Can your love give longevity to your children? Only God can give longevity. Indians do not want to sacrifice even a rupee for the Lord. But they want to get the blessings of the Lord. They want to please the Lord by mind and words and get money from the Lord! For such purpose, they follow all the intellectual tricks to please the Lord. They eat the food and say that the food is offered to the Lord. For this, the Advaita philosophy is exploited which says that man is God. The aim of that philosophy is to say that a particular man, like Lord Krishna is God. The philosophy is extrapolated to every man.

Showing food to statues is another trick. Offering food and money to a deserving person is the actual Karma Phala Tyaaga in this context. Statues are meant only to see the incarnation of Lord in His absence, just like a photo of your son who is elsewhere.

A Guru criticizes the student not with a negative view. His aim is rectification of the defect and get the subsequent benefit to his student. This criticism of Indians is done by Lord Datta only to rectify their mistake, to make India rich, and to get India blessed with immense wealth and prosperity.

Right approach to Guru Datta

September 10, 2003

The Veda says that God is true and infinite knowledge (*Satyam jñānam anantam...*) and Guru Datta is the God. So Datta always speaks the truth whether you like it or not. This is the reason why Datta did not become famous. But now Datta is becoming famous since people are realizing the importance of truth. The effect of truth is permanent and real.

Generally, the approach of people to God is a sort of business. If you get a problem or you want something from the Lord, you approach God and bribe Him with money. Now, people are very alert with God! They pray to God Balaji in Tirupati, “Let this work be done. Then I will do such and such worship or I will offer so much money to you”. This shows that people even doubt God to offer anything prior to the work. This attitude

cracks the very foundation, which is the faith in the existence of God. Another approach to God is like a beggar praising the house owner for food. The beggar explains his poverty and pitiable condition. This approach of a beggar is similar to the approach of a devotee of God with prayer and meditation without offering any money. The inner consciousness of this sort of rich devotee will be like this, “God may exist or may not exist. If God exists, let me please Him with prayers. If He does not exist, my work might have succeeded on my own effort. Then I might foolishly attribute the success to God and offer Him money”. A poor man approaches God like a beggar. That is understood. But, a rich man also approaches God like a beggar only through prayers because he doubts the very existence of God in his sub-conscious state. A thought in the sub-conscious state is very subtle and is not perceived by the mind. So, he does not agree to this point. But, Lord Datta knows even the subtlest thought, so He analyses it.

Offering money to Lord Datta as ‘Guru dakshina’ is really appreciable because it is the practical sacrifice, which is the real test for love. You really love your wife and children and so you are giving your money to them. If you really love the Lord, you will give the money to Him. Money is called ‘Karma phala’ in the Gita i.e., the fruit of your work. Sacrifice of that money is called ‘Karma Phala Tyaaga’, which is stressed throughout the Gita.

But offering money to the Lord as a bribe for getting some work is the worst aspect. Eshavasyam Upanishad says in the very first hymn, “***All this money belongs to the Lord. Take the minimum required. If you have taken extra, return it to the Lord***”. Veda further says, “***Return it to the Lord with shyness and fear because you have stolen it, which was extra and not permitted by the Lord***”. So, you have to offer Guru Dakshina (money offered to the Lord) without aspiring any result from it. The stolen extra money will bring you all problems.

The Veda also says, “***Return it to the Lord with love (Śraddhayā deyam)***”. This is the best aspect and a real permanent bond is created with God. In such a case, there is no account. You give your money to your son or daughter and he or she serves you in your old age. Are you maintaining an account for it? You never analyze, whether the money given by you, is equal to the service given to you or not. Nor does your son or daughter analyze it. You have given the money whatever you can give. He or she served you to that extent whatever he or she can serve. Similarly, offer Guru Dakshina to the Lord with love. You will have the real and permanent bond with the Lord. Whenever you need some help from God, He will do it with love to the extent required by you.

When the finger of Lord Krishna was wounded, Draupadi tore the edge of her new sari and bandaged His finger. That was her Guru Dakshina and that was only required by the Lord. She forgot about the incident because she never aspired anything in return. Even when Dussasana dragged her sari, she cried loudly for Lord Krishna but did not mention about her service. Had she mentioned, that small piece of sari might have become a sari at the maximum, even if the interest was compounded. Since her sacrifice was without aspiring anything in return and there was no account in it, Lord Krishna multiplied it infinitely, which was required in that situation. Requirement is the criterion of love.

So, Lord is a wonderful bank! You should offer your extra money as Guru Dakshina with love and forget about it without aspiring anything in return. When the need comes, Lord will multiply it infinitely to the extent of your requirement. One rupee offered by a poor man is equal to one lakh offered by a rich man, because the requirement of your status decides the extra you have taken.

Faith

September 10, 2003

[This discourse was given by Swami in Bombay (Mumbai)]

Once you recognized Lord in human form, follow Him blindly. Hanuman followed Rama and served Him in His personal work of getting Sita. It should not be mistaken. It is clubbed with protection of the world that is killing Ravana. So, you should not analyze God. Whatever is dear to Him is Dharma and whatever is not dear to Him is Adharma. So, do what He orders you. You do it. Shirdi Sai asked a Brahmin on Ekadashi to kill the goat. He was ready to do it. Then Sai stopped him. He tested his faith in Him. Dharma came as a cow and Datta protects Dharma. Protector is greater than the protected. He competes with Dharma to test your love on Him. You must prefer Him and leave Dharma. After all the aim of Dharma is only to please Him. To be grateful to the creator of this entire universe is the highest Dharma. Dharmaraja went to hell for telling truth. He was ordered by Lord to tell a lie. But Dharmaraja voted for Dharma and told truth and so he went to hell for not hearing the Lord. Even very great devotees fall down at this point. You have to give Him topmost priority.

Gems from Universal Religions

Let the world pick up the gems present in all the religions without any hesitation. The petrol from Muslim countries, scientific technology from Christian countries and the analytical brain from Hindus are used

everywhere. Then why not the spiritual gems from all religions are used to get the grace of God?

Firm faith of Muslims is a wonderful gem. They pray God five times per day, irrespective of it being a working day or a holiday and whether the time is convenient or not. This clearly shows their most sincere attention and obedience to God. This is really an admirable discipline and regularity.

Love and Compassion of Christians is a wonderful gem. They love even their enemies and do not harm anyone. They believe that God takes revenge only. This love, which is infinite, is really appreciable. Love is God and since God is infinite, love must be also infinite.

Tolerance of other religions of Hindus is a wonderful gem. In Hinduism itself, there are different forms of God with their corresponding different paths. Every Hindu worships all forms of God, recognizing the single God pervading in all those forms. This represents all the world religions as a mini model bringing the unity of religions.

Different food grains are grown in different parts of the country. The civil supplies department distributes all these grains equally to all parts of the country so that every citizen has a full meal with all variety of items. Such a meal gives full satisfaction. Similarly, salvation from God in terms of infinite bliss can be achieved only when your effort contains all the gems together.

Chapter 15

KNOWLEDGE OF GOD AND THE PATH**Does God Favor the Rich?**

September 10, 2003, Discourse at Mumbai

O Learned and Devoted Servants of God,

The incarnation of God concentrates more on rich people, than the poor people. People are criticizing for this. But remember, that all the human beings are the children of God. Father concentrates on the child, who is suffering with cancer. Though cancer is incurable, still the father attempts to do something for the child. He is more concerned with that child and pays more attention. A rich man is a serious case and is very dangerous. He has all the powers to do sins and disturb the peace of the world. To keep him in the right path or at least, to control him temporarily, is very important for the peace of the world. So, the incarnation pays more attention to him, to save the world. A poor man cannot disturb the peace of the world, because he has no power of money, he is always involved in earning his livelihood. So, he is not dangerous. Without knowing this inner truth, people criticize God man.

Knowledge of the right goal and the knowledge of the right path, are very essential. Suppose your aim is to go the biggest city and enjoy. Then you must have the right knowledge of that biggest city. There are several big cities. Which is the biggest? First you must know it. Similarly, there are several forms of God. Which is the real form of God? You must know that. After knowing the name of the biggest city, then you must know the right path to reach that big city.

Similarly, you must know the right path to reach the real God. So, what is the essence of all this? Knowledge is very important. If you have no knowledge of biggest city, you may reach a small city. Even if you have the knowledge of the biggest city, if you don't have the knowledge of the right path to reach that biggest city, you may travel on the wrong path and reach a forest.

So, the essential duty of a Guru is to preach the right knowledge to the people who approach him. These people are serving the Guru in several ways like pressing the feet, giving Bhiksha and giving Dakshina etc. If the Guru keeps silent, it is not justified. You pay the fees to the teacher and if the teacher keeps silent, is it justified on his part to take the fees? Some

Gurus are giving wrong knowledge and they will be punished in the Hell, because they have misled the people, after taking the fees.

A doctor takes the fees from the patient and keeps silent. Another doctor takes the fees, gives the wrong medicines due to his inefficiency and kills the patient. Both such doctors are criminals. God punishes the Gurus who do not preach and the gurus who preach wrong knowledge, because they have taken the service from the people, who surrendered to them.

The Sadguru gives the right knowledge, even without your service. When you are convinced then only, you can do service to Him which will help Him, to help others. In fact a Sadguru does not need your service because He is the God. He can help others, by His own powers. But you will not have the right benefit, because you did not show, the gratefulness to Him. Suppose a doctor gives you medicines, without taking any fees and you get good health. If you are not paying the fees, even though you are capable, due to greediness, you will die, with a new disease. So, only for your safety, Sadguru advises you to participate in the service.

Service consists of two parts.

1. Paying the fees in terms of money, which you have earned by your work.

2. Doing some work for the Guru.

You can do either of these or both as per your convenience. When you have taken meals in the hotel, either you must pay the bill or do some work in the hotel or you can partly pay the bill and partly do the work. The first part is called as Karma Phala Tyaaga; the second part is called Karma Samnyaasa. Both, these put together, are called Karma Yoga or service. This is explained in the Bhagavad Gita clearly. So, either you must pay the fees to the doctor or do some help, by working as a compounder. Without doing either of these two, you come to the doctor, praise him by words or express your love by feelings. What is the use of all these?

Similarly, your prayers and meditation are of no use, without service. Your prayers and meditation are like pickles, served in the plate and the bread or rice, which is the service, is missing in the center of the plate.

You are offering the plate with pickles, as meals then God, takes the pickles only, His stomach will burn and God will become furious on you. Even if pickles are absent, the rice or chapati can be eaten. Hanuman, participated in the work of God, and did prayer and meditation. That is like a plate of full meal, which is the service, associated with prayer and meditation. I'm only telling that prayer and meditation should be associated with the service. If you are unable to do prayer and meditation you need not bother. You do service alone. God will bless you.

Real form of God is Lord Datta. Scriptures say that God is only one and that one God only creates, rules and destroys the universe. Lord Datta is only one, who creates, through the face of Brahma, rules through the face of Vishnu, and destroys through the face of Shiva. In no other form of God, this definition of the scriptures is fulfilled. The right path is to do service to Him, without aspiring anything in return from Him. When somebody serves you, without expecting anything from you, how much happy you are with him. Similarly, Lord Datta, becomes happiest, with your selfless service. This is only the right path. Then, how to detect Lord Datta. Scriptures call Lord Datta as knowledge and the bliss. The Bhagavad Gita says that Lord Datta comes in human form only to satisfy the human devotees. You cannot get full satisfaction with a statue or photo because it does not talk with you and clear your doubts. The Gita says that if you worship inert objects you will be born as an inert object. If you worship the human form, you will get human birth again. Scriptures say, that God Datta is Guru. You call a teacher Guru. You are not calling a doctor or engineer or a lawyer a Guru. So that human form that gives you the knowledge, that creates bliss in your heart is Lord Datta and you have to recognize Him by this way only.

Today ignorant people are thinking that the Human form, which does miracles, is Lord Datta. Demons and devils also do miracles. Are they God? Even if they claimed themselves as God, sages did not agree. Miracles are only jewels of God, which can be given to others, by God. If the king donates his jewels to beggar, does the beggar become the king? Demons and devils are also children of God. They take the miracles from God, by doing rigid penance. If your child is rigid, for your gold chain, will you not give it to that weeping child? When the child wears that gold chain, will the child become the father? Similarly, by getting the powers from God, one does not become God. Knowledge is the shape and bliss is the beauty of God. The child can get the gold chain from his father, but not the shape and beauty of the father. Similarly, demons and devils may get the powers from God to do miracles. But they cannot get the knowledge and bliss of the God. A real devotee recognizes the God in Human form by His blissful knowledge and not by His miracles. A Queen recognizes her husband who is the king, by the inseparable shape and beauty of her husband and not by his jewels. The foolish Queen requires the crown and jewels, to identify her husband. She rejects her husband, if he comes without crown and jewels. If some thief comes with that crown and jewels, the foolish queen recognizes him as her husband. Actually, people like miracles, because through miracles, they will detect the existence of the powers of God, in that human form. Then they want to use the powers for their selfish end, like getting

wealth, curing disease etc. This is not selfless love and so it is not the right path to reach God. Hence miracles are harming the devotees. Hanuman recognized Lord Rama as God in Human form, even though Rama did not show any miracles and nobody is more intelligent than Hanuman in this spiritual path.

I'm not condemning statues and photos. They have limited use. When your son is in foreign country, you are keeping his photo with you, just to see him in his absence. For that one purpose only, photo is kept and you cannot talk with the photo. The Veda says "*Drashtavyah...*" i.e., you must see Him. For this purpose only, temples are built. You can wash and decorate the idol. But there is no necessity of offering food. For maintaining the statue, the priest can earn his livelihood. Why to take the food offered to the statue? Why to earn based on falsehood, when there is an alternative to earn based on the Truth?

Guru must preach referring the Vedas, the Shastras and the Gita etc., which are the scriptures. An advocate while arguing must refer to the sections in the constitution. Mere talking without the Vedic authority is not valid.

Datta is incarnation of highest knowledge. Humbleness is the fruit of the knowledge. So, Datta is most humble without any trace of egoism. So any Datta avatars (incarnation of Datta) will not have a trace of egoism and He will attribute full credit of any great thing done by Him to the inner Datta only. Any incarnation is just a metallic wire through which the Datta current is passing. From the point of any of the devotee the incarnation must be treated as Datta only because the wire touched anywhere gives the shock of the current. The wire has attained all the characteristic properties of the current and so the electric wire must be treated as the electricity and this is Advaita. The current pervades all over the wire. Both the current and the wire are inseparable. So, the devotee must worship the incarnation as Datta as there is no other way to worship Datta (because one cannot have a direct contact with Datta). So Advaita must be from the point of the angle of the devotee. But Advaita should not be from the point of the angle of the incarnation. The incarnation must always think that He is metallic wire only and not the current. Parashurama the incarnation of Datta, thought that He killed all the kings so He was insulted at the hands of Rama. Hanuman though not an incarnation (in public view) and is just a devotee only defeated even Rama because He always attributed the credit to Datta. Shirdi Sai an incarnation of Datta always said that He is the servant of God (*Allah Malik*). The incarnation may not say the Truth but He must always feel the Truth at least inside. If He says the Truth with His own mouth the Advaita

angle of the devotee might be disturbed. But sometimes the incarnation says it with His own mouth to test whether the devotee is having the advaita angle or not. Here both Advaita and Dvaita coexist at the same time in two different angles. Hence, Shankara who thought Advaita is correct and Ramanuja & Madhva who thought Dvaita are also right. If the devotee thinks that the incarnation is Dvaita he is lost and if the incarnation thinks that He is an Advaita He is lost.

Datta hides in the incarnation and does everything and gives the credit to the incarnation. If the incarnation is real, He will immediately divert all the credit to Datta who is hiding in Him. If the incarnation is a man he should immediately pass on the credit to Datta at least by his mind. If he thinks that he has done that great thing then he is not the real incarnation of Datta because Datta does not reside where egoism exists. When you are incarnation of Datta you are Brahma and Brahma created the Vedas then why you are not quoting you own Vedas at every step of you preaching. This will clearly eliminate all the false incarnations of Datta.

Sometimes to satisfy the jealousy of the devotees the incarnation has to speak Dvaita. If Advaita is spoken the devotee gets repelled due to jealousy on any human being.

Chapter 16
DATTAM CHHINNAM

Lord and Real Love

September 10, 2003

O Learned and Devoted Servants of God,

When you see your son, your love flows on him spontaneously. Do you love him, since he serves you? No. Even if he beats you, you love him and you give your property to him only. But, what about God? You love Him only because He removes your difficulties and gives you benefits. If He keeps silent to your prayers, you will remove His photo and put another photo of God. If He gives troubles to your prayers, you will crush His photo! But, you love your son, whether he serves you or not and even if he troubles you. People often say that if we worship Datta, He gives troubles. Yes, it is true. But, if you know, what is really happening, you will jump and fall at the feet of Datta. Do you know what He is doing? He drags to present, all the sins, which you have to receive in the future, and 90% of those punishments, He undergoes. 10% you have to receive which is the minimum justice. Since you have done the sins, you have to undergo at least a little of it. You are paying only 10% now and 100% sins are cleared. Now, your future life is cleared with full happiness. The pains of operation performed by the doctor are temporary and you are going to enjoy a happy life in future as the disease is fully cured. “*Dattam Cchinnam*” is said which means “*Datta cuts*”. What does this mean? He operates and removes the sin completely. He clears all your future debts. He pays 90% and makes you pay 10%. When you pay 10%, you are taking it as a loss given by Datta. Then, let Datta clearly show the fact. No. He will not show. If He shows everyone will love Him and such a love is not true love. If anyone is benefiting you, you love him, naturally. But, if someone is troubling you, still if you love him, that is real love, which is shown by you on your troubling son. So, Datta appears as if He is troubling you. He is really helping you and this part is hidden by Him. This is called “Datta Test”. Doctor appears with a knife to cut your stomach to remove ulcer. You mistake him as a murderer! He will not reveal the truth to you to see whether you have real confidence on Him or not? Your faith and love on Him must be to that level, in which you should think, “even if He murders me, I like it, because how sweet it is to die in His hands!” Bhishma thought

similarly, where Lord Datta in the form of Krishna ran towards him to kill in the battle. So, worship Datta, even if He gives troubles, because, they will give you permanent happiness like the operation done by a doctor. Like a doctor, Datta, always sees your welfare only.

What do you mean by worship? Prayers? Meditation? No, No. Prayers involve words. Meditation involves mind. Worship means action i.e., service, called Karma Yoga, which consists of two parts.

1. Karma Samnyaasa: Sacrificing your work for the sake of God
2. Karma Phala Tyaaga: Sacrificing a part of your fruit (money) of your work for the mission of the God.

Where is Datta? Datta means God given to the world in human form. When electricity is traveling as electrons in the atmosphere, you cannot touch it. But when it enters the wire and pervades all over the wire, you can touch it. Similarly, you cannot see Datta, who is pervading all over the world. When He enters the human body, you can see Him. Among these human beings, how to recognize Him? Recognize Him by His characteristic property like the heat of the fire. That is Jnana (knowledge). The Veda says that He is Jnana. (*Satyam Jñānam...*). Even the scholars are giving Jnana. How to recognize Him among the Scholars? He is also bliss or ananda. The Veda says “*Ānando Brahma*”. His Jnana gives you bliss in the heart. Jnana of Scholars gives headache. As the wind carries the coolness of the river, His preaching carries the bliss. Miracles are His jewels only, which can be given by Him even to demons. In fact, demons like Ravana showed miracles. Miracles are not His characteristic properties.

Lord Datta comes in human form in every generation of mankind. Otherwise, He become partial if He blesses only one human generation. He comes down and preaches knowledge and devotion in the world. Recognize Him and join His mission as a servant by doing Karma yoga and serve Him in the propagation of knowledge and devotion. Don't think that you are helping Him. You are only serving Him. Your property is His property and you are also a part and parcel of His property.

Is there a possibility of His clearing the debts 100% by Himself? Yes. He will do so, if you serve Him without aspiring anything in return from Him and if your service continues even if He troubles you. Your love must be real and must be proved in action by sacrifice of work and money.

Chapter 17

TRUE ESSENCE OF YOGA**Imaginary Chakras & Lotus flowers**

September 18, 2003

O Learned and Devoted Servants of God,

[Divine discourse of His Holiness Shri Datta Swami at Mumbai, India]

Yoga is the most prestigious field of spiritualism. People think about 6 wheels (Chakras) or lotus flowers present in the spinal cord, which are not seen by the eyes. They are imaginary and so they carry some inner meaning. When you say a face as a moon, fools search for moon in that face. But, wise people see similarity in the face and moon. Similarly, wheels and lotus flowers should not be searched in the spinal cord. Spinal cord is the main nerve, representing mind, which is the base of love. All these wheels or lotus flowers are the bonds of love in the various relatives like parents, wife or husband, children etc. They are compared to wheels or the revolving whirlpools in the ocean, which attract a swimmer and drown him. Similarly, these love wheels are compared to lotus flowers, since the lotus flowers attract the bee by sweet fragrance and bind it. Similarly, these love flowers attract any one and bind them. Kundalini is the mind which is the energy travelling as waves like a serpent, should cross all these love wheels connected to 7th lotus flower in the head called Sahasraara, which is Buddhi or intelligence that takes the decision, which is the firm love on God.

The Bhagavad Gita is called as the main scripture of Yoga (Yoga-Shastra). Why there is no even single reference to these wheels or lotus flowers in anywhere in the Gita or even in Upanishads? Since they are not real, they are not even mentioned. The author of the Gita was Krishna, who was called Master of Yoga (Yogiishwara). Krishna also says that the real yoga was lost since long (*Sa kaaleneha mahata...*). This means that in the beginning, Sages in India knew the real yoga and loved God only crossing all their family bonds. In due course of time only, this true yoga was lost. Why? The middle age Indians were unable to cross their family bonds and so failed to succeed in Yoga. They wanted to cover their inability by twisting the very concept of Yoga. The family bonds were removed from the concept and only wheels or lotus flowers are left fixed. Now, they close the eyes and say that they have seen the lotus flowers or wheels, which are

only imaginary. Now they cross these wheels by their imaginary Kundalini and say that they have succeeded in Yoga. These blind teachers are also not to be blamed, because they were trained like that by their blind teachers. This misinterpretation was done long time back and hence, even at the time of Krishna, He told that Yoga was lost since a long time. We cannot catch those original culprits, who were the topmost twisting masters and so the present tradition also cannot be blamed. Only rectification is the way leftover. Some say that they see light, which is only an imagination. After all, the mind is a form of energy and on its concentration imaginary light can be imagined. Instead of such a weak light, you better see a strong light with your open eyes. What is the use of these imaginary lights and colours, without achieving the Lord through your love, which excels the various worldly loves?

I pity the foreigners, who are trapped in this false imaginary line of Yoga, who are wasting their precious lifetime and energy. In fact, they are the best to succeed in Yoga, if the reality of the Yoga is exposed. Their family bonds are very weak and their love towards God is real, which is proved by their huge sacrifice of money to God's work. Money is the fruit of work and its sacrifice for God's work is Karma Phala Tyaaga as mentioned in the Gita. Again, the middle age Indians twisted this word Karma Phala Tyaaga as sacrifice of the fruit of the work like praying God instead of sacrifice of money. The reason was that these Indians were unable to sacrifice money to God due to their strong love on their children. Foreigners ask their children to earn after certain age. Indians store money even for ten generations and still continue to store only. Since prayers, meditation and knowledge are very much diverted to God, India was blessed by God with good language, good mind and good knowledge. Since foreigners are good in sacrifice, God blessed them with good wealth. Even Indian spiritual centres were strongly funded by foreigners only. Swami Vivekananda cried, "Why My India suffers with poverty in spite of so much spiritual knowledge?" Sacrifice of money (Karma Phala Tyaaga) and sacrifice of work (Karma Samnyaasa) put together constitute the God's service, which is the real Yoga (real proof of love) called Karma yoga in the Gita. Foreigners are the best in this karma yoga and so they easily succeed in yoga. Throughout the Gita, this karma yoga was explained as yoga and wheels or lotus flowers are not at all mentioned.

Kundalini represents the life energy. When it is passing through wheels, it is in the state of mind i.e., it doubts whether to do this way or that way (Samkalpa and Vikalpa). For e.g. when it is in Anaahata wheel, it thinks whether one should love God in human form more than the children

or not? When it reaches Sahasraara which is the state of intelligence (Buddhi), it decides that highest love should be on God in human form. Even after taking that decision, the decision is split when that God in human form starts testing by exhibiting negative nature (Maayaa) and various petals of the Sahasraara lotus flower represent this split of decision. When this split disappears, you reach to take the central part of the lotus flower i.e., a single firm decision to believe that human form of God as the ultimate truth. The whole essence of yoga is like this. You pass from mind to intelligence without split. i.e., you leave all the doubts about the human form of God and dedicate all your firm love to Him even if He tests you and finally associate with Him. If you never fall from this state, it is called Nirvikalpa Samadhi which is the 8th state of yoga. Gopikas, who were real yogis, reached this state and Lord Krishna in human form was Yogiishwara. Their association was Yoga.

Sahasraara is the lotus flower with many petals, represents intelligence (buddhi) and the petals represent various decisions taken by the intelligence. This shows that the buddhi, which is nothing but the decision, is divided in several ways. At the centre of Sahasraara, the real God i.e., Datta is present. The centre part of the lotus flower is joined with all the petals. That means all the different decisions combine to become a single central decision at this place. Real God exists there at that central point. This means deciding the human form of one God, which is correctly recognised is that single central division. To divide the human form of God, buddhi splits and takes various decisions at various times which are represented by the various petals. To decide the human incarnation of God, it is very complicated matter, which is called the knowledge of God (Brahma Jnana). Therefore, Brahma Jnana (Brahma vidya) is very difficult. If we say that God has no form and is pervading all over the world, like cosmic energy, there is no trace of difficulty to understand. If you say that God is a particular statue, again there is no trace of difficulty to understand it. But, when we say that a particular man is God, there will be various splits in our decisions, because that particular human body also follows the usual laws of nature. That particular human body further complicated the topic by showing some misleading negative actions to test our faith. Hanuman worshipped the Rama, who was in human form present at His time. Radha worshipped Krishna in human form only present at her time. Jesus was also in human form and Mohammad was also in human form. Loves with human beings can be obstacles only, when God in human form competes with them. If the God is formless or a statue, loves with human beings cannot be obstacles, because a formless thing or a statue cannot

compete with human beings. Krishna competed with family bonds of Gopikas in human form. This is the true interpretation of Sahasraara.

Yoga means to recognise and reach such a real human form of God. Actually, this word means 'to meet'. If your association with Him is permanent that is called eternal yoga. For this purpose, you should love that God and your love with such God should exceed all your loves in the world. Your love in the world is with non-living things like wealth and living things like your relatives as parents, wife, husband, children etc. This non-living wealth is meant for the living things only. So, if your love with living things is cut naturally love with non-living things is also cut. These loves with your relatives are the obstacles to your pure love with God. This clearly means that you should not love anything or anybody except God. These worldly loves are the revolving whirlpools present in the ocean of world. When you are crossing this world (Samsaara) by swimming, these whirlpools will attract, revolve and drown you in the way. Hence, you should not swim straightly. You should swim in a curved manner like a serpent. This point has again the inner meaning. This means you should not be straight in the case of your love or bonds with your family members. You should act as if you are loving them because all your love is only on God. To avoid hurting them such a behaviour is not cheating or a sin. Therefore, you are called as 'Anagha'. Anagha means sinless and she alone attained and is seen by the side of Lord. Anagha is the wife of Datta. This means that Anagha is that human being who reaches Datta. Anybody irrespective of male or female is Anagha because God is the husband of all the human beings. Therefore, Anagha does not mean a lady. Why cheating the family bonds is not a sin? Instead of such cheating you may say that it is better to cut the family bonds and leave the family for the sake of God. You should not do like that. If you do so, you get the sin by hurting them. Then you cannot be Anagha and you cannot reach Datta. Cheating them is not a sin but hurting them is a sin. Actually, if we analyse, your cheating is not at all a cheating. Actually, such a cheating is justified because the family bonds are temporary for this birth and so unreal. Anything temporary is unreal as proved by Aadi Shankara in His commentary. For example, a temporary mother-son bond in the shooting of a cinema is unreal during the shooting time also. Therefore, cheating the unreal bond is not a sin.

Cheating the family bonds is not at all a sin, from another angle also. The family bond itself is a cheating bond. The reason is your relative loves you for his or her happiness only and not for your happiness. A wife loves her husband because her husband is giving happiness to her. Similarly, the husband loves his wife. Similar is the case in all our loves of the world.

When Sage Yajnavalkya was taking Samnyaasa, his two wives followed him stating that they love him. But, Yajnavalkya told as said in the Vedas ‘one loves anybody for his or her selfish happiness (*Ātmanah kāmāya sarvaṃ priyaṃ bhavati*). He told them that if they leave him, he will be happy and then only their love on him was real. Both the wives who were scholars understood the truth and left him. So, all these worldly loves are cheating bonds. Therefore, cheating of a cheating bond is not a cheating. This is called Raja Yoga, which is greater than Samnyaasa yoga in which you leave the family and hurt them. In Raja Yoga you reach the goal and also make the family happy. Therefore, King Janaka, a Raja Yogi was greater than Shuka who was a Samnyaasi and the former was the examiner of the latter.

Kundalini is your mind which is the base of your love and which is called as the serpent going with curves. Generally, the mind of the people is curved by nature. Mind is energy and is propagated as waves according to science. These wheels are the family bonds and crossing them in a curved way is cheating those cheating bonds. This justifies that Maya can be crossed by Maya and a thorn can be taken out by another thorn. The first wheel represents earth, which is the bond with mother and is called as Muulaadhaara. Only from earth living beings like plants etc., (life) are born. The Kundalini sleeps in the Muulaadhaara wheel. This indicates your sleeping state of mind in the womb of your mother. The awakening of Kundalini means that you are delivered and came into world and you are trapped in bonds as your mind grows. So, there is no need of awakening the Kundalini, which was already in the awakened state. By closing your eyes, you are encouraging Kundalini (mind) to sleep. First you have to cut your bond/love with mother for the sake of God. The second wheel is Manipuura of water representing the father. The sky having clouds is said to be the father in the Veda. When water falls from the sky and unites with earth, life is produced. The bond with the father should also be cut as Prahlada left his father for the sake of God. Now, you may argue that the Veda says mother and father are God (*Mātr devah, pitr devah*). These words have two meanings as per the grammar. The first meaning is that mother and father are God. This is correct because in the world among all the people, they should be very highly respected and loved. The second meaning for these words is that God is mother and father. This meaning should be taken, when God comes into your life and competes with mother and father. The third wheel is Swadhishthana (fire) representing the bond between wife and husband. The union of a couple takes place only due to heat (fire). Buddha left His wife and Miira left her husband for the sake of God. The fourth

wheel is Anaahata, of air, representing the bond with children. The Veda says air is the strongest. This wheel is placed in the heart, which means that this is the heart or the essence of all the bonds. Buddha left his one-year old son for the sake of God. The fifth wheel is Vishuddha of Akasha (space), which is in the throat, representing the bond with false gurus (preachers). A fraud guru preaches only nonsense, which represents nothing like space. To reach the God who is the Sadguru you must leave all the gurus. Prahlada left such teachers. The final wheel is Aajna, in between the two eyebrows, representing the Jnananetra i.e., the sight of knowledge. This is of mind. With the help of knowledge i.e., the Vedas and the Shashtras, you must decide the real form of God as Lord Datta and all other forms are only His various dresses. The Vedas say that Datta is only the ultimate and real God (Brahman). The Veda says that God should be one and that one God creates, rules and destroys the universe. Datta is only one and does these three works through His three divine faces. But, such ultimate God cannot be reached because the Vedas say that even words, mind, intelligence, logic and even imagination cannot touch him. But, He comes in the human form and then only you can see, touch, talk and even spend your whole life with Him. Such human form is called Datta. Datta means the God who is given to devotees, you can meet Him in this world in human form only. The Gita says that God comes in human form only (*Mānuṣīm...*). The Gita also says that if one worships formless, he or she gets sorrow only (*Avyaktā hi...*). The Gita also says that if you worship a statue, you are born as a stone (*Bhutejyā...*). A statue has only a limited use of being seen by devotees (Darshanam) and is not meant for worship. A human form only gives full satisfaction to devotees during worship.

Krishna is called Yogiishwara. He is Datta because the unattainable God is given to the world in that attainable human form. Gopikas crossed all the family bonds and reached Him. In fact, they were sages who were doing lot of Sadhana for the God from several births. Nobody else has reached God except Gopikas or let Me say that those who reached God are called Gopikas. Gopikas mean only human being who stores his or her love for God secretly, so that the relatives are not hurt. A person who is doing job and studying in the evening college is greater than a full-time student when both attained the same degree with the same rank. The word Gopi means 'storing love secretly' (*Gopayati...*).

Yoga means joining the God after cutting all the family bonds through cheating to avoid hurting as explained above. The bonds can be cut only when a new bond with God is formed. Without the new bond, the old bond cannot be cut. First attachment to God (Bhakti) should come and

detachment from the relatives (Vairagya) is a natural consequence for which no effort is needed. Once you taste the divine nectar, you will naturally stop drinking coffee. Without tasting the divine nectar, it is impossible to leave coffee, because we desire always to drink something. So, without Bhakti, Vairagya is impossible and meaningless. It is meaningless because a stone having no bond at all is not salvated.

Lord Datta who is called Yogi Raja (Master of Yoga) can only bring out the real essence of Yoga and He has given the true explanation today to show the real path to ignorant people. The strength of this discourse is only Truth and hence it will pierce into the heart of anyone having open mind in this world. My aim of this discourse is all foreigners and those Indians who have open mind without blind conservatism. Dr. Khurana could not get a teacher post in India. But when he got a Nobel Prize in foreign country, Indians become proud of him! Indians appreciated Swami Vivekananda only when foreigners appreciated him. This is historical fact. This means foreigners grasp the truth very easily and quickly.

There are 2 lines. One is line of science in which human effort gets results. The other line is Supernatural line in which powers are attained by God's grace only. Even demons did penance and got powers by the grace of God only. Now the middle age scholars mixed these 2 lines and developed 3rd line in between i.e., by human effort, you can get powers. People are fooled like this. By human effort, like controlling breath, you can get health only which is not a power and this is completely first line only. People are attracted like this in the name of Yoga. To get powers, Ravana should have joined Yoga centre. Why he did penance for God Brahma? Yoga means achievement of grace of God by which only powers are attained.

Chapter 18
MESSAGE ON VIJAYADASHAMI

Destroying the Buffalo

October 5, 2003

O Learned and Devoted Servants of God,

Today is Vijaya Dashami festival. Today Goddess Durga got victory over Mahishasura. Durga represents the highest power that is knowledge. Mahisha represents the foolish rigidity of blind tradition. On the Mahisha Yama Dharma Raja is sitting. Yama means the rules and regulations imparted by the tradition. Dharma means the age-old practice. Raja means the strictness and egoism. Therefore, Mahisha represents ignorant, foolish, rigid person who is completely controlled by the traditional egoism, with rules and regulations in the name of Dharma.

You cannot change such a person. Only the divine Guru can change him. No other deity could kill Mahisha. Goddess Durga is the single deity present in all three deities, i.e., Saraswati, Lakshmi and Parvati. These three deities are the powers of Brahma, Vishnu, and Shiva. Datta is the single deity present in these three Gods. Therefore, Durga is the power of Datta. Datta is called Guru. The power of Guru is knowledge. Datta is the only God who creates, maintains and destroys this Universe. Therefore, Datta is Parabrahman according to Vedic definition (*Yato vā*). Veda says that Parabrahma is the true knowledge (*Satyam, Jñānam*). So Datta means true knowledge. Since Durga is the power of Datta, Durga also should mean true knowledge. Mahisha fought with Durga using various weapons. Similarly, the traditional rigid person quotes several scriptures with diverted meanings. The weapons of Durga condemn all the weapons of Mahisha. The weapons of Durga represent the correct interpretations of scriptures. As Durga killed Mahisha, Shiva (Datta) also killed Yama Dharma Raja who is on the Mahisha. Yama violated his duty and gave life to Satyavan because his wife Savitri praised him. But when Markandeya was praising Shiva, Yama wanted to kill Markandeya. What does this mean? The tradition was violated and exploited by Gurus for their selfishness. They preach rules for others only. Therefore, Shiva punished Yama. Yama controls the Mahisha. This means the ordinary public has become rigid followers of tradition without analysis and is under the control of their Gurus. Mahisha (He-buffalo) does not move even if the rain falls

from the sky. This indicates that however much even the highest Guru may shower knowledge the rigid people do not change. Durga, the power of Datta, killed this Mahisha today. Similarly, the traditional rigid ignorance present in the brains of the people is killed by the powerful message of Guru Datta.

People are doing abhisheka (bath) to a stone, which is in the form of a wave (Shivalingam). This stone represents the wave nature of energy. Consciousness or life energy is the best energy. So, the Shivalingam represents the life energy that is in all the living beings. Among all the living beings, man is the highest form. Therefore, Shivalingam represents the human being. Among all the human beings the human incarnation of the God is the best. Therefore, Shivalingam represents the human incarnation of the God. Since God is coming in human form in every generation, a particular human incarnation cannot be represented. The worship to Shivalingam thus represents the worship or service to the human incarnation of God. If such human incarnation is not available, you have to go to the next best. A devotee is the next best among the human beings. Therefore, one can serve the devotee if human incarnation is not available. The human incarnation of God represents knowledge (Jnana). Jnana is highest. The human incarnation of God always preaches the divine knowledge. The next best alternative is devotion (bhakti). If Jnana (human incarnation of God) is not available, bhakti (devotee) should be given next higher value. You should not serve a person who is not a devotee. You can serve and turn him as a devotee. Under any circumstances the atheist should not be served or helped. Every living being is indebted to God. If you do not express the gratefulness to God that is the highest sin. God created everything and everybody. Thus, worshipping inert matter i.e., statues and photos is a very low form of worship. A statue represents matter. Energy is greater than matter. Worshipping sun, fire etc., which is the inert energy is better than worshipping the statue. Life energy (living beings) is more precious than the inert energy. Thus, Shivalingam represents the highest and the best life energy i.e., the human incarnation of God which preaches the divine knowledge. Participation in His mission of propagating the knowledge is the best worship.

Unless you take the internal meaning, you are not benefited in your spiritual effort. If you take the external meaning it only gives entertainment. Today Rama got victory over Ravana. Rama represents Sattvam quality. Sattvam represents knowledge. Ravana, the demon represents ignorance i.e., Tamas quality. Today Arjuna defeated Kauravas and cows were liberated. Arjuna means white (in Sanskrit) representing the bright

knowledge. Kauravas are the sons of blind king who represent the Gurus of blind tradition. The cows represent the innocent public. Therefore, today is the day of victory of Guru Datta over the blind ignorance.

Chapter 19

THE CORRECT PERSPECTIVE OF GURU DAKSHINA

October 11, 2003

O Learned and Devoted Servants of God,

Guru Dakshina is the money offered in the service of God. Money is the fruit of work. Therefore, money and work are inter-convertible forms. In the Gita, donating money is called as Karma Phala Tyaaga and donating work is called as Karma Samnyaasa. Both these put together are called as Karma Yoga or Seva (service). One can do the service by doing both or one of these two according to the convenience. Only this proves the real love (bhakti) on God. In front of this, feelings and meditation by mind and prayers by mouth are like pickles in the plate without the central item i.e., bread. One can eat the bread without pickles, but without bread, only pickles cannot be eaten. If pickles only are eaten, that will burn the stomach. We are giving only pickles to God. That is why He is not responding to our chantings of His name. Anybody will respond if he is called by his name once. But you are calling God lakhs of times by His name. He is not responding even once by saying “Hello” at least. This shows the anger of God. If a prostitute called somebody by name, he will not respond since his prestige will be lost in the respectable society. Similarly, God is not responding to us since if He responds, His prestige will be lost among sages and angels. The devotees are really like prostitutes because their devotion on God is only to get some benefit from God. To get some material benefits, one is spending money for the sake of God. Astrologers, priests etc., are exploiting the people and are earning money in the name of Supernatural powers of planets and deities. The money of the devotees is wasted and stolen. There is only one God in all deities and planets and all the supernatural powers in the creation belong to God only (the Veda says “*Bhīṣodeti*”). Such God comes down in human form only to this earth as said in the Gita “*Mānuṣīm*” and not in any other inert form. The Gita condemns the worship of inert forms like statues “*Bhūtejyā yānti...*” The statues are useful only to have a vision of the past human incarnations (the Veda says “*Draṣṭavyah*”). Only the present human form of God is to be worshipped. Worship again means not mere words and feelings but by participating in His mission through service. His mission is

only to spread the divine knowledge and devotion in this world and to uplift everybody.

This Guru Dakshina is according to one's capacity and devotion. Of these two, devotion is more important. In construction of bridge on the sea (Varadhi) for Lord Rama, monkeys are putting big stones and a squirrel is putting small sand particles, according to their capacity. Both the stones and sand particles are drowned in the sea. Monkeys stopped the work, but the squirrel did not stop the work. It thought "whether I participate or not, the work of the Lord will not stop. Let me do whatever I can do for the Lord. Lord does not require even the bridge to kill the demon Ravana. He can kill the demon even just by His will. This is only an opportunity given to me to participate in the Lord's work and get salvation". Lord Rama patted the squirrel and not the monkeys.

So, while participating in His service, do whatever you can. But do it with full faith in Him.

Some rich people approached Me (Swami) everyone saying that he alone will fund this mission. Swami (Myself) told them "Let all participate and let all get salvation". The aim of Swami is not the money required for this work. If that alone is My aim, I could have accepted the donations of the rich people. The aim of Swami is that all should participate practically and get the grace of God. My aims are:-

- 1) World Peace.
- 2) All should get salvation and the hell should be closed.

Swami does not need any money for His personal purposes also. I am an expert in coaching the students for IIT Entrance exams (Chemistry) and lakhs will rain on Me if Swami continues in that line. Swami has sacrificed everything for the sake of saving the humanity from the ignorance and misleading paths. Every rupee i.e., donated by the devotees will be used to publish this divine knowledge in all the languages and distribute to all the people in the World.

Today several fraud preachers spoil the spiritual field. They do not know why and what they propagate. They propagate that knowledge which is already there in the books. They have no other work to do. They failed in all lines of business and have taken up this line of spiritual business. They are blind leading the blind followers and all fall in the well. The Veda says the same "*Andhenaiva*". Swami is happy even if they earn, if they can show the right path explained in the scriptures. The propagation is needed when there is a new knowledge. Shankara propagated since He discovered Advaita theory. Several disciples of Shankara further propagated it. Those disciples are teachers but not preachers. A preacher should show new true

dimensions. Several devotees have participated in this mission of Swami and they are working very sincerely by sacrificing their work and money. Datta blesses all of them.

But let Me tell about one devotee called Ajay. Ajay means 'undefeatable'. It is true that nobody can defeat him in the devotion. He spends all his leisure time for the God's work only. He sacrificed all savings (in lakhs) for God's work. He has two kids and he has still some hand loans to be cleared. His salary is about Rs. 20,000/- per month. He donated about 1/3rd of his salary per month for God's work. One day he thought "Swami is giving sweet fragrance to several devotees. What about me?" Immediately a whirlpool of sacred ash (Vibhuti) surrounded him for one hour with a sweet fragrance. Datta expressed His grace in this way.

Let Me tell you about Smt. Gayatri and her husband Mr. Chandra Sekhar (Kuwait). They do not have any trace of selfishness in their thoughts. Their two daughters are also of same nature. The entire family is a bunch of four flowers with sweet fragrance of sacrifice. The husband and wife donated Rs. 55,000/- already and they are sending Rs.10,000/- per month as Guru Dakshina. Both of them always press Swami for doing more and more service. Swami is very much pleased with their sacrifice. This family was in Kuwait and at that time Iraq war was imminent. Swami stopped this war by His will. The moment they landed in Indian airport the war started.

Shri V. Sudhakar (USA) met Me three four times at Vijayawada. He was worried with a legal case. Swami told him that he need not worry about his case and he should think about propagation of divine knowledge of Swami. But he was worried constantly. Swami assured him again and again that He will solve the problem. Swami selected him for His Service because his mind is crystal clear and he is a very sincere person. He was connected to Swami in his previous births also. When he was going to USA from India, Swami told him "I am Lord Rama. I will not break My word. I am sending Hanuman with you. Hanuman will solve your problem and will come back". As soon as he went to USA his problem was solved. He is doing the propagation sincerely. His sister Smt. Gayatri is also doing the propagation sincerely. Swami told her "I know you are very sincere and I am very confident of your service. So, I am giving the certificate of your service now itself". She is also propagating this divine knowledge in a sincere way.

Smt. G. Pushpa got the photo of Swami (Myself) decorated as Lord Venkateshwara. I told that this photo responds to materialistic problems and the photo in which I was decorated as Lord Dattatreya will respond to the

spiritual problems. She prayed the photo of Lord Venkateshwara that a particular problem should be solved on that day. It was solved. On another occasion she locked the door and she returned. She was not having the key. She prayed Swami. Immediately Swami responded and the door was opened through some person. Swami appeared as Lord Panduranga to her in a dream. She talked with Swami on phone and wept mentioning the divine vision. She and her husband are very pious devotees and will do the work of propagation with full devotion. Shri. G. Rama Murthy (USA) is another pious devotee who is interested in this service of Lord Datta.

There are several other devotees who are participating in the mission of Swami in the similar level according to their capacity. Swami has just given two cases as an example. In this mission devotees are participating without aspiring anything in return. This is the main point because such type of participation only results in the formation of true and permanent bond of love with God. In such type of relationship God protects you and gives you whatever you require without asking. God knows everything and one need not ask God for anything.

What is the main aim of temples:-

The main aim of the temples is to show the beauty of the past human incarnations to the devotees through statues. Beauty is one of the sixteen divine qualities of God. It is just like seeing the photo of a person who is no more in this world. Just as we maintain the photos of our ancients by wiping out the dust (you will not offer food etc., to the photo). Similarly, the statue in the temple should be washed and maintained by the priest. The statue should be carved in the most beautiful way, so that the eyes of the devotees are fixed on the statue attracted by its beauty. This is the first stage called 'Vision' as said in the Veda i.e., "*Drasṭavyah*". The second stage as said in the Vedas is "*Śrotavyah*" that means the devotees should know about all the other divine qualities from the priest. The priest must quote all the scriptures and explain the divine qualities. Now the devotees enter the third stage as said in the Vedas '*Mantavyah*' i.e., the mind of devotees is absorbed in God. Now they enter the fourth stage "*Nididhyāsitavyah*" as said in the Vedas i.e., they sit in the temples for some time immersed in devotion.

But what is happening in the temples? The devotees fix their eyes on the statues not due to attraction but due to fear of desires. They think that by such constant vision God will be pleased and grant their boons. If the vision is due to attraction by beauty, God will be certainly pleased. Since God knows everything, He cannot be misled by your misleading vision.

The Priest is washing the statue and decorating. But he is not doing the next step properly. He is chanting the hymns in Sanskrit. Neither the priest nor the devotees know their meaning. When the meaning is not known the mind cannot be fixed. The scripture says “*Anardhajñah*” i.e., there is no use of mere recitation of the Vedic hymns without knowing the meaning. So the priest is doing the unnecessary chanting. Apart from this the priest is doing some more unnecessary works like lighting the lamp and burning perfumes and camphor. In these works, neither God enjoys nor the priest. By these unnecessary works the pollution increases. Only some merchants are benefited. Suppose a devotee is spending about RS. 10/- on this type of worship. The priest gets only half of the coconut who sells it in a hotel and gets just only one rupee. About nine rupees are wasted. The devotee does not get any result out of this wastage.

The very purpose of going to a temple should be to develop devotion on God, so that a true and permanent bond with God is formed. You should not go to the temple with any desire. Prepare yourself to suffer the result of your own sins. If you pester, God will postpone your sins, and you have to suffer in future with interest. Your future life will be miserable. Instead of these, if you develop devotion without selfishness God will be pleased and will get you released from your sins. He will come down in human form and suffer by taking your sins. Except this way there is no other way to avoid the suffering of your sins.

Let the priest take all the ten rupees from the devotee as Guru Dakshina and perform his real duty, which is to explain the divine qualities of God. Let the devotee come to the temple with such aim only. Let all the unnecessary worships like lighting lamp, burning perfumes and camphor, putting flowers and jewels, breaking coconut etc., be stopped.

The statues in the temples are in human form, which indicate that God comes only in human form. The Shivalingam in the temple indicates the shape of the wave. Energy is in the form of waves and best energy is only life energy. The best form of life energy is man. The statues and Shivalingam indicate that God comes in human form. Some people are doing initiation of life in statues (*Praanapratishtha*). Such efforts are useless because the statue is not becoming a living being. Before doing the sixteen services (*Shodasa upacharas*) this initiation of life is done. This means that, the sixteen services can be done only in the case of human form and not to the inert bodies. Therefore, these services need not be done to a statue in which there is no life and the initiation does not bring the life. The sixteen services are like ‘Avahanam’ (invitation), ‘Asanam’ (offering the chair) etc., In fact these services are meaningful in the case of human

incarnation and are of no use in case of statues and photos. The human incarnation or the priest or devotees can be worshipped by these sixteen methods of worship. While carving the statue garlands of flowers and jewels can be carved on the statue. This will stop the business of flower merchants and will avoid the robbing of jewels by thieves. The purpose of light is to remove the darkness and there is no need of a light in the daytime. There is no need of keeping the statues in dark rooms. The perfumes are burnt to avoid the mosquitoes etc., in case of human form and not in the case of statues. In Vedas all the sixteen methods of worship are not mentioned. Only the service called 'Naivedyam' is elaborately described under the name Ijyaa/Yajna. This consists of preparation of the food and offering it to the human form. The first choice is Sadguru, who is the Lord that came down in human form to uplift the World. The second choice is Guru who is a Scholar of the scriptures and explains all the virtues of the Lord. The third choice is a poor devotee. The last choice is a beggar who is incapable of earning his food. In case of beggar, devotion must be imparted on him after giving food. Donating Dakshina (money) according to once capacity and devotion must follow the Yajna. The Scriptures say "*Adakṣiṇo hato yajñah*" which means that offering food (Yajna) must be followed by donation of money (Dakshina). Both Yajna and Dakshina are the sacrifice of money (Karma Phala Tyaaga) only because food is also a form of money. This is very important as the Veda says "*Dhanena tyāgena*" i.e., only by sacrifice of money you earn; you can attain God. By this only the real colour of the love on the God comes out. The Veda says '*Na karmaṇā*' i.e., without the sacrifice of money and work there is no use of prayers and rituals. The first choice is the best because the Sadguru uses your Dakshina only in uplifting the World. After taking your food also, He spends the energy in preaching.

How to recognise the human incarnation?

All the following characteristics must be present in the Human incarnation. Even if one is absent, it is not the complete incarnation of God Datta. A swan is recognized by white colour, two wings, the red nose and red feet. If any one of these four characteristics is absent, it is not a swan. The divine characteristics of the human incarnation are

Satyam Jñānam Anantam (the Veda) this means that He will be preaching true and infinite knowledge.

Sarvajñah (the Veda) this means that He quotes the Vedas and the Gita at every step of the preaching. The Veda says that He is the author of all the Vedas (*Asya mahato*). So, He should quote from His own scriptures.

He is also the Lord Krishna who told the Bhagavad Gita. So, He quotes from Gita.

Ānando Brahma (Veda) this means that He is the bliss. In His presence itself one gets the bliss. His preaching carries the bliss.

Raso Vai sah (Veda) this means that He is the embodiment of Love. He loves all the living beings which include even the birds, animals etc. He loves all the people irrespective of nationality, religion, caste, sex, age etc. As the devotion of the devotee increases, He loves such devotee more and more. This is not partiality.

Sa Satyakāmah (Veda) this means that He is having all the supernatural powers. But He will not exhibit them with egoism, and show. He does not exhibit these also for fame or to increase the devotees or to do the business with devotees. Those who deserve get divine visions. Sometimes He performs those miracles to generate the devotion. Realized people serve Him even without the miracles.

If any one of these five qualities is absent, He is either the incarnation of radiation of God (Kalaavataara) or the partial incarnation (Amshaavataara). The fifth characteristic is present even in demons and so that alone cannot be the characteristic of the incarnation.

Arjuna, Krishna And Hanuman

Before the war starts Arjuna is on the earth falling at the feet of Krishna. Krishna is on the chariot. Hanuman is on the flag above Lord Krishna.

Arjuna represents the below average person who is not doing the duty i.e., war due to the illusion of family bonds. The war is like the job of a person to earn the kingdom (money). Arjuna is avoiding his duty not due to the peak of his devotion but is avoiding the duty due to attraction by family bonds. Had Arjuna left the duty due to devotion, Krishna would have fought the war on behalf of Arjuna. In such case, God does the duties of the devotee. So, the Lord preached the duty (karma) in the first chapter of the Gita.

Krishna represents Jnana Yoga (Knowledge), Bhakti Yoga (Devotion) and Moksha Yoga (Salvation). Krishna represents these three levels. Jnana Yoga means the identification of Lord in human form. ***Krishna repeatedly told that nobody could recognize Him. The reason is that any man does not recognize God present as another man due to jealousy and egoism.*** One in millions only can get rid of jealousy and egoism and can recognize Him. This was said in the Gita. The present human incarnation is important. Hanuman was firmly fixed on the past human incarnation i.e., Lord Rama

and did not agree the present human incarnation i.e., Lord Krishna. Krishna convinced Hanuman and Hanuman became the devotee the Lord Krishna. Similarly, the present people who are firmly fixed on Krishna should realize this point and should become the devotees of present incarnation. This Jnana Yoga is difficult because even the great scholars slip here. The next level is Bhakti Yoga. The love on the Lord should be the only bond. All the other bonds on money and family members should exist without a trace of love. By such love (bhakti) only God is achieved. The Gita says the same as “*Bhaktyā tvananyayā labhyaḥ*”. The devotion will be naturally followed by the detachment from other bonds. If one tastes the divine nectar, coffee will be not be relished at all. Gopikas and Prahlada are the real devotees. The Bhagavatam shows such devotion. This devotion is born from knowledge and also grows by Knowledge. When Lord Krishna’s existence was known from Narada, devotion was generated in the heart of Rukmini. As the knowledge of Krishna was received more and more the devotion increased and Krishna was achieved due to that intensive devotion. If one again tastes the coffee it means that he has not tasted the real divine nectar. He has tasted some other drinks under the name of divine nectar. The formless and statue forms are such drinks under the name of divine nectar. The next level is Salvation, which means the detachment from other bonds (Saayujya) means reaching the human incarnation. Kaivalya means the existence of bond with God alone. Such kaivalya means living with the human incarnation. Saayujya means only meeting and seeing. Yadavas, Balarama, Lakshmana and Hanuman were blessed with Kaivalya. Sometimes Kaivalya may bring negligence as in the case of Yadavas. Yadavas did not follow the advice of Krishna and swallowed the wine and killed each other. But Lakshmana and Hanuman did not get such negligence even on longstanding association. Krishna and the Bhagavad Gita represent these three levels.

The last and the fifth level is Karma Yoga represented by Hanuman on the flag. Karma Yoga means service, which was done by Hanuman without any selfishness. Such sacrifice is the real beauty and therefore, the Sundara Kanda is the name of the chapter. Sundara means beauty. The sacrifice is the internal beauty and not the external beauty of the monkey. After returning back from Lanka, Hanuman looked very beautiful and Rama embraced Him. Hanuman did the service more than expected by the Lord. The Lord wanted only the news of Sita. Hanuman brought the news of Sita and also killed several demons there and burnt Lanka. The Gita explained the practice of Hanuman. Hanuman is above Lord Krishna which means God becomes the servant of His servants. Radha was also kept in the

Goloka above His head. Hanuman and Radha are the two eyes of God. Radha is love and Hanuman is the service. The proof of love is service. Radha is academic year and Hanuman is the public examination. The first level, Karma looks like the fifth level, Karma Yoga. A dumb fellow looks like a silent sage. Both look in the same way, but the first level is the earth and the fifth level is the sky. In the first level work is done for selfish gains and in fifth level work is done for the sake of the Lord. First one is bad smell and the fifth one is sweet fragrance. A monkey jumps when banana fruit is offered. Hanuman jumped the sea for the sake of the Lord and cannot be attracted by the banana fruits, which are offered. The monkeys flattered Hanuman for the sake of work of the Lord. But now the people are flattering Hanuman through the recitation of Sundara kanda for their selfish desires. Hanuman is the God in the form of monkey. Every monkey is not God. Garuda is the God in the form of eagle. Every eagle is not God. God in human form is Rama and Krishna. Every human being is not God. After reciting the Sundara kanda one should be inspired to do the service of the Lord. Without doing the service of the Lord, what is the use of reciting Sundara kanda several times? There is no use of reciting a book everyday which describes the preparation of food items without actually cooking. Hanuman fought for the Lord. Arjuna fought for his personal victory. Therefore, Hanuman has temples and there is no temple for Arjuna. Lord Krishna advised Arjuna to fight for the sake of the Lord as the war can be treated as the mission of the Lord for destroying injustice. If Arjuna fights with this view, the first level becomes the fifth level and Arjuna appears on the flag. All the work of Hanuman was for the sake of Lord only. He became the future creator (Brahma). At least, you do your work and also participate in the work of God. This is the level of Arjuna who is called Nara i.e., the ordinary man. Arjuna fought with both the views i.e., to attain his kingdom and also as a servant to God in His mission of establishing the justice and destroying the injustice through the war. If all your work is only for yourself, you will be born as demon, bird, animal etc. Such people do the worship of the God, which is also for their selfish ends only.

[Today on 11-10-2003, Swami was talking about the light. A devotee Smt. T. Venkata Lakshmi opened the door and saw the face of Swami as a radiating Sun and she was stunned. Sweet lotus fragrance was emitted from Swami at that time.]

Chapter 20
GURU... GURU... GURU

Which knowledge requires Propagation?

October 13, 2003

O Learned and Devoted Servants of God,

Some people desire to become Guru (Preacher) when they fail in every business. They want to succeed in the spiritual business. Some other people have the itch to become the Guru to get the disciples around them. But, for preaching and to become a real Guru in this world there are three requirements.

- 1) You should discover a better truth in the scriptures.
- 2) Due to lack of knowledge of your discovery, people must be suffering already.
- 3) People should get benefit on knowing your discovery.

If these three points are satisfied preaching is meaningful and such a preacher is useful Guru (Sadguru). If you can say “here is a new method to get rid of the headache without a tablet,” you can be a Sadguru and your discovery needs propagation. Such real preachers are Shankara, Ramanuja, Madhva, Jesus, Mohammed, Buddha, Mahavir, Vivekananda, Saibaba etc.

The second type of Guru is useless Guru who preaches “headache disappears if you take the medicine”. Everyone knows this. He preaches whatever is already present in books. He is wasting his time and energy. He is only a teacher but not a preacher.

The third type of Guru is harmful Guru who preaches “if you swallow the poison headache will disappear”. He harms the people. He does not know even the bookish knowledge. He spreads his ignorance.

A harmful Guru will be punished by God. A useless Guru is not punished by God, but he is wasting his time and energy just to satisfy his itch to become the Guru. Instead of wasting his lifetime like this, let him join the service to propagate the knowledge of the Lord, who came in human form (Sadguru). But, jealousy and egoism hinder him to do so. He wants to become Shankaracharya and get His fame. He does not want to become a disciple of Shankaracharya who is a human being like him. He did not discover any theory like Shankaracharya but he wants to get the fame of Shankaracharya. His egoism does not allow him to become the disciple of Shankaracharya. He is very jealous at the fame of

Shankaracharya. He wears the dress of Shankaracharya, and shaves his head similarly. He teaches the same theory of Shankaracharya. Then he is only a disciple of Shankaracharya but not the original Shankaracharya.

No one is greater than Hanuman in any aspect like knowledge, devotion, power, etc. Such Hanuman participated in the service of the Lord in human form. He did not start His own new work to uplift the world by killing some other demon and did not want to become a hero like Rama. The reason is, He does not have even a trace of jealousy and egoism. So He recognized the Lord in human form and became His servant to participate in His work. Rama became Vishnu. Hanuman became the future Brahma. Vishnu is Brahma as the Veda says '*Brahm ca Nārāyaṇaḥ*'. This means Hanuman got the same position of Rama. So, if you participate in the service of the Sadguru you will get the same position of Sadguru.

So never be a harmful Guru. Don't waste time and energy by becoming a useless Guru. Participate in the service of the useful Guru (Sadguru) as a disciple and get the same position of that Sadguru. Let every Guru and everyone who has the itch to become Guru think about My advice and do self-examination sitting alone with peaceful mind.

Then you will understand the truth.

Guru And God

The right half of Datta is Guru and the left half of Datta is God. Rama is God and Hanuman is Guru. The same Datta is split into two halves. Rama is incarnation of Vishnu. Hanuman is incarnation of Shiva. The Veda says '*Śivaśca Nārāyaṇaḥ*' i.e., Vishnu is Shiva. So, Rama is the left half and Hanuman is the right half of Datta. Guru needs the Supernatural powers (Ashta siddhis) for the sake of the disciples. Sometimes a disciple doubts the divinity of Guru. To prove His divinity the Guru has to perform some miracles. Sita doubted Hanuman. So, Hanuman grew His body (Vishwa Ruupam) and showed the proof. Similarly, when Ravana lighted His tail with fire, the tail did not burn. That was a miracle showed to Ravana. Sita believed Hanuman but Ravana did not believe. For both Sita and Ravana He described about Rama, the God. Thus, He is Guru for both. Sita is a good disciple and Ravana is a bad disciple.

In the case of Lord Krishna, He is both Guru and God i.e., two in one system. He preached and also showed Vishwaruupam to both Arjuna and Duryodhana. Arjuna being a good disciple believed. Duryodhana being a bad disciple did not believe. Krishna told that He is the God. So, He is

Gurudeva. This shows that preaching and showing miracles are useful only in the case of deserving devotees.

Sita represents an ordinary soul (Jiiva). After marriage she stayed with the Lord for about 12 years in Ayodhya. Due to continuous long association, negligence to Lord developed in her mind. When Rama was going to forest, He asked her to stay at Ayodhya. Then she criticized Rama saying 'You are a female in the form of a male'. Such negligence weakens the bond with the Lord. She was attracted by the golden deer which is nothing but the bond with money. She was stolen by the ten headed Ravana who represents the various family bonds and she suffered a lot. Then she cried for Rama who is the Lord. Then Hanuman in the form of Guru approached her. Hanuman described Rama from top to bottom. This means Guru explains that the real form of God is only the human form. Hanuman killed the demons there. This means that the Guru cuts all the worldly bonds which trouble the soul. Hanuman burnt the Golden Lanka. Sita reached the Golden Lanka through the attachment to Golden deer. This means due to the bond with money the soul gets lot of wealth. Sita suffered in Lanka. This means that the soul suffers due to excess of wealth. Hanuman warned Ravana. This means Guru also teaches the family bonds of that soul to get salvation. Hanuman returned back and appealed Rama to save Sita immediately. Similarly, a Guru recommends to God to protect the devotee. Rama immediately killed Ravana and saved Sita. This means the Lord will cut all the family bonds and uplifts you. Even after reaching Rama, Sita suffered due to her sins. She blamed Lakshmana in the forest and due to that sin, she suffered. This means after achieving the Lord also, the devotee has to suffer his own sins. When Rama sent Sita to the forest Sita told '*Kalyāṇabuddheḥ...*' i.e., "Oh! Rama You are kind. This is only due to my sins" She never blamed Rama and suffered her sins silently. Similarly, one should not blame the Lord while suffering his own sins. He should suffer the sins with silence. Rama also suffered after leaving Sita. Similarly, the Lord also suffers for your sins. At last, Rama gave the permanent place with Him in the upper world to Sita. This means that if you are prepared to suffer your sins and still love the Lord, you will get a permanent place in the heart of the Lord.

In the case of Krishna also, Yadavas neglected the advice of Krishna due to long association. They swallowed the wine and killed each other. Arjuna also criticized Krishna when he was fighting for the sake of Gaya. Arjuna gave more importance to Dharma than Swami in protecting Gaya. But Gopikas gave more importance to Swami than Dharma and danced with Lord Krishna in Brindavanam. Gopikas got salvation after that birth

but Arjuna has to be born again as a hunter. When the hunter proved the climax of his love by offering his eyes, he got salvation. Similarly, Hanuman also fought with Rama to protect Yayati who was given protection by the mother of Hanuman. Hanuman gave more importance to His mother than Swami. He realized His mistake and rectified it in His next incarnation i.e., Shankaracharya. Both Hanuman and Shankaracharya are the incarnations of Shiva. Shankaracharya left His mother for the sake of Swami and thus rectified His previous mistake.

In all these cases, 'Maayaa' covers the minds of the disciples. Arjuna realized Krishna as God when he heard the Gita and saw the Vishwaruupam. But for 18 days Krishna behaved like a driver when the chariot comes back to the army tent, Krishna gets down first and opens the door of the chariot. Then only Arjuna as an owner of the Chariot gets down. Such humbleness of Krishna misled Arjuna to think Krishna as an ordinary man. Already the incarnation is a human being. Due to this itself one will be captured by the Maya. Further when the Lord shows such submissive nature the Maya is doubled. On the eighteenth day Krishna asked Arjuna to get down first. Arjuna hesitated but Krishna shouted. Then Arjuna got down. Then Krishna also got down. Then the chariot was burnt. So, in this incident we can understand the behaviour of Arjuna. Even great devotees like Arjuna were affected by His Maya. Arjuna was Nara Rishi and was associated with Narayana during the past several births. When such Arjuna could not come out of the illusion, you cannot expect an ordinary human devotee to come out of the Maya exhibited by the human incarnation of God.

Chapter 21
SHORT DISCOURSES

Art of Living—Heart of Loving

October 16, 2003

O Learned and Devoted Servants of God,

In the word ‘living’, the letter ‘I’ (while writing) is a semicircle and it becomes full if it is written as ‘O’. Then the word living becomes loving. Add the word ‘He’ in the beginning. Then the word Art becomes Heart. He means God. The Veda says ‘*Puruṣo ha vai*’ i.e., God is only the male. So, He means only God. Thus, when you add God, the semicircle life becomes full and fruitful. The word living indicates life, which is the consciousness without world. It is only static energy. The word ‘loving’ indicates the thought, which is the consciousness with the world. Without thought, life is only like a stone. Plant is a living being but what is the use of its life without any thought? Life (living) is useful when it is a blissful thought of love.

When a wave in a river dissolves, water results. Such water is the thoughtless life energy like a living plant. The water wave is like a man with thoughts. By uncycling the thought (negative cycles), you are dissolving thoughts. Then simple life energy results which is like an inert electrical energy. This is the state of a stone and scriptures say that sinners are born as stones.

So, invite thoughts of bliss into your mind and shut down your mind when violent bad thoughts enter which disturb your peace. Peace is the absence of both bliss and worry. The dissolution of bad thoughts brings the peace but not the bliss. Peace is better than worry and so this dissolution process can be recommended when the bad thoughts have already entered the mind. But if you can shut down your mind to the very entry of bad thoughts, this dissolution process is unnecessary. Peace should not be the ultimate goal of life. Bliss is the ultimate aim of life. The Veda says that ‘*God is Bliss*’ and ‘*God is Love*’ (*Ānando Brahma, Raso vai saḥ*). Therefore, love is bliss. This means that God is the ultimate of these human lives. The living should not be an art. The living should be heartfelt. Even stealing is an art and is mentioned in the sixty-four arts. Art is acting and heart represents the sincere truth. Both bliss and love mean also life energy because inert things cannot have bliss and love.

Therefore, open your mind only to love i.e., God Who is bliss. The happy moments of this world are also temporary and they give you lot of worry after sometime. Suppose you love your son. That love stays in your heart. Later on when your son insults you, you feel very much worried and the cause of your worry is only your love to your son. Therefore, all the matters concerned to this world will either worry you in the beginning or at the end. So, scholars close their mind to all the matters of the world and open their mind to all the matters of God. This is the real and permanent art of living. In a temporary art of living, the mind is closed to worldly matters, which are worrying in the beginning itself, and the mind is opened to the worldly matters, which give happiness in the beginning. In such a temporary art of living since all the worldly matters end with grief only; the life ends with grief only.

Bliss is plus. Worry is minus. Peace is zero. The matters of God are permanently plus. The joyful matters of the world are temporary plus. For a person in this world the life consists of alternatively arranged plus and minus points. Let all the minus points are converted into zero points. The un-cycling process may dissolve the minus points, which have already entered the mind. Closing the mind may stop the minus points, which are trying to enter the minds. Now the human life consists of plus and zero points alternatively arranged. That means the person lives with bliss and peace alternatively. Peace is a good interval between two blissful moments for a man. Now take the case of Lord Narayana who is in the upper world. For Him every moment is blissful and so He is with infinite bliss. He gets bored and wants a negative point as an interval. The zero point cannot be an effective interval after a long chain of plus points. Therefore, Lord Narayana came down as Rama and wept for Sita in the forest. He came down purposefully in the search of the minus point, which alone can be a good break in His case. Lakshmana advised Rama not to weep and further says, “weeping (minus point) will not bring Sita. Further it weakens you and He will not have sufficient energy to search Sita”. This is the best advice for any man to stop the minus point entering the brain. But for Lord Narayana who came down in search of the minus point as the interval, this cannot be the advice. Rama appeared as a man to eyes of Lakshmana due to His Maayaa and so Lakshmana gave this advice to Rama thinking that Rama is a man and became ignorant. Lord Rama just nodded His head and smiled to the advice of Lakshmana!

Chapter 22

MESSAGE ON DEEPAVALI**Leave Blind Practices**

October 25, 2003

O Learned and Devoted Servants of God,

Today is the festival of Lord Krishna. Deepavali means the series of lights. Krishna Himself told in the Gita '*Jnana Dīpena*' i.e., light means knowledge. In other verses also Swami told the same "*Sattvāt sañjāyate*" "*Prakāśa upa*" i.e., Sattvam (good quality) is light. Sattvam means knowledge. So light is knowledge. The Gita also says "*Na pāvakah*" i.e., Sun, Moon, and Fire cannot shine before Lord. The Veda also says the same "*Kuto'ya magnih*". This clearly discourages the light in physical sense. The Veda and the Gita are authorities. Other Sanskrit verses written by blind Scholars are not authority. Anybody that learnt Sanskrit can write a verse. Even Charvaka, the atheist wrote Sanskrit verses.

So, why are you burning the lights and crackers, which cause pollution of environment leading to the green-house effect? Rains are not coming properly due to this. By burning the lights, the ignorance–darkness is increasing.

Life is the light and hunger is the fire as said in the Gita "*Aham vaiśvānaro*". Give food to the beggars who are unable to do work and let the life lights glow. You are burning these lights for so many generations. Did Lord appear or appreciated at any time directly to any devotee? Lakshmi (money) comes to you by your sacrifice and not by these lights. These lights benefit merchants only. Adi Shankara did this real Deepavali. He lighted the ignorant people by wandering throughout India. Lord was pleased by such propagation of knowledge and appeared before Him in the cave of Himalaya. Shankara dissolved in the Lord along with His body. Today you must remember the real divine lights that propagated knowledge and devotion. Such divine eternal lights are Shankara, Ramanuja, Madhva, Rama Krishna Paramahansa, Vivekananda, Ramana Maharshi, Miira, Tyagaraja etc. Inspired by those lights you should also become a light by participating in the divine propagation of knowledge and devotion. You are burning lot of oil and ghee today through these lights. Oil and ghee are food. The Veda says '*Annam na paricakṣīta*' i.e., food should not be destroyed. Food is also a form of Lakshmi (Dhanya Lakshmi). You are

burning Lakshmi (Goddess of wealth). How can you get Lakshmi by this act?

Today is the victory of Satyabhama. Satyabhama was the incarnation of Goddess Earth. Naraka was her son. For the sake of Lord, she fought with her son and participated in the festival with joy, on this day when the Lord killed her son. She has crossed the bond of children before the love on God. Satyabhama means real light. Rukmini is another light because she ran away with the Lord opposing her parents and brothers. Gopikas are the divine lights. They crossed all the bonds for the sake of Lord. Radha became mad of the Lord. She is the topmost light as the queen of the 15th uppermost world called Goloka. There are six bonds representing the six whirlpools (chakras). They are respectively the bonds with 1) Mother, 2) Father, 3) Husband or wife, 4) Children, 5) Fraud Gurus and 6) Illusionary forms of the real God who is only one. Out of these six bonds the central two bonds are very strong. If these two are crossed they can cross all the chakras. Gopikas danced with Lord Krishna leaving their husbands in the Brindavanam (Raasakeli). They gave butter (their stored money) to Krishna without giving it even to their children. Hence only Goloka in which Gopikas are living is bright with the real lights called Gopikas. Radha is the head light. Hanuman is also equal to Radha. He never did any work for Himself. He participated in the work of Lord only throughout His life. Such sacrifice comes only due to madness on the Lord. Radha exposed her madness. Hanuman controlled the same madness because He has to do the service of the Lord. Radha exposed whatever madness was hidden in the heart of Hanuman for the sake of the public to understand. If Hanuman exhibits that madness, the work of the Lord is affected. Hanuman and Radha are the two eyes of the Lord, which are the lights of all the lights because any light can be seen only with the eye. Hanuman is a devotee of Rama who was born in the dynasty of Sun. Radha is a devotee of Krishna who was born in the dynasty of Moon. It is said that Sun and Moon are the two eyes of the Lord i.e., Hanuman and Radha are the two eyes of the Lord. Krishna becomes happy with such real lights.

Worship Sadguru who is the incarnation of the God in the human form. He comes down to light the ignorant people in this world. You participate in His program of propagation of the light of knowledge. You become His servant and spread His divine knowledge. Then each human being becomes a light of knowledge. All the darkness of ignorance will vanish. This is the real Deepavali by which the Lord becomes immensely pleased with you.

Christians are also burning the candle lights on Christmas day in the same manner. But what did Lord Jesus tell? He told '***I am the light***' i.e., God is Light. Before that light no other light can shine. Because the Light of all these lights is God. The Veda says same thing "***Tasya bhāsā***". He also told '***I am the path***'. The light means knowledge as per the Gita and as per the Veda also. Therefore, this means that the knowledge of Lord Jesus is the path. The preaching of Lord Jesus i.e., the Holy Bible is the path. The preaching of all the human incarnations of God like the Gita, the Bible and the Quran are the different lights and are one and the same i.e., the light only. So all the Holy books of all the Religions are the lights and paths. Since God is knowledge and God is truth, knowledge is truth. The Veda says the same. '***Satyam, Jñānam***'. Therefore, participation of yourself in His divine program to propagate the Holy Bible is the real participation in the festival of candle lights. God came down in human form as Jesus for this purpose. Then only you have known the truth. This is the meaning of Jesus telling '***I am the Truth***'. This means that Jesus who is the God in the human form is the real form of God. Lord comes down in human form in every human generation. He preaches the same that was preached by the past human incarnations. Every human generation should participate in the program of the human form of God of that generation. Everybody should participate in the propagation on every day and so every day is Deepavali. Every human incarnation is Lord Krishna. Every ignorant person getting rid of ignorance i.e., darkness by the divine knowledge propagated by you is a real light of Deepavali.

Chapter 23

MESSAGE ON THE LETTERS FROM FOREIGNERS

October 27, 2003

O Learned and Devoted Servants of God,

[Please refer to the two letters received from two foreigners (J. K. Rowling, and Mr. Bill Gates. J. K. Rowling, the Author of Harry Potter Series). While propagating this divine knowledge you are moving them to do 'Karma Phala Tyaga' i.e., offer Guru Dakshina for the God's work. In this context, you can show the following message from Swami also along with the copies of the two letters.]

Letter of Appreciation from J. K. Rowling, Author of Harry Potter Series

>From: "Emma Schlesinger" <Emma@christopherlittle.net>
 >To: <sridattavani@hotmail.com>
 >Subject: J K Rowling - Harry Potter Series
 >Date: Wed, 17 Sept 2003 12:37:05 +0100
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 >Andhra Pradesh, India
 >
 >17 September 2003
 >Dear Sri Datta Jnana Prachara Parishath
 >
 >J K Rowling - Harry Potter Series
 >Thank you very much for your letter and enclosures of the 27th August to J K Rowling, in which you request her participation in supporting your programme of divine knowledge, which you propose naming after her.
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 >I am sorry that it has taken so long for you to receive a response. Whilst we thank Swami (Datta Swami) very much on Ms Rowling's behalf for his interest and kind words, we must advise that the name 'J K Rowling' is subject to complex contractual commitments and trademark restrictions, and would not therefore be available for use by you under these circumstances. However J.K.Rowling expressed her willingness to extend full financial support to your divine programme. J.K.Rowling is deeply impressed by the divine knowledge of Swami.
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 >Thank you for taking the time to write to J K Rowling.
 >With best wishes
 >
 >Yours sincerely
 >Christopher Little
 >(Agent to J K Rowling)

Letter of Appreciation from Mr. Bill Gates, Microsoft

>From:

> "Krishna Murthy N" <info@builderhomesite.com>

>To:

> sridattavani@hotmail.com

>Subject: Re: refer to the tele con

>Date: Wed, 15 Oct 2003 17:52:43 -0400

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> Dear Sri Datta Jnana Prachara Parishath,

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>Thank you very much for the telephonic conversation you had with me on 11th October, 2003. As Swami stated, first you can try with Indians for the financial support to your divine program.

>At any time your program will get the financial support from Mr. Bill Gates to the extent required by Swami. Mr Bill Gates is very much appreciating the divine knowledge of Swami.

>Thanks

> **Krishna Murthy**

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Swami is not worried just for Funds, because as you see top rich people have come forward to fund this propagation of Divine Knowledge, in all languages to all the states in India and to all countries in the world. Foreigners are always forward in doing Karma Phala Tyaga (Sacrifice of the fruit of the work). They are funding not only their spiritual centers, but also the spiritual centers in India. Indians are famous for sacrificing words through prayers and for sacrificing mind through meditation etc. They do not come forward in the practical sacrifice of their money and work for the mission of the Lord. Even if they sacrifice money, they want more money from the Lord in return. They sacrifice all the money to their children only. Foreigners sacrifice most of their earnings to all the spiritual missions and ask their children to stand on their legs after certain age. This is the reason why India suffers with poverty and foreign countries are blessed by God with wealth.

I am therefore trying to develop the attitude of sacrifice for God's work in Indians. If I fail with Indians, I will approach the foreigners as

usual. Every rupee of your Guru Dakshina will be spent in the propagation of this Divine Knowledge given by Lord Datta to the humanity.

I am clarifying the concept clearly because several fraud preachers and fraud incarnations are exploiting the innocent public and the whole atmosphere of the spiritual field is in utter confusion at present. Hence, the public should not be blamed under these circumstances, if the clarification is not given in the beginning itself. One should decide the real incarnation of God (Datta) by His true infinite divine knowledge. As the Veda says '*Satyam Jnanam Anantam Brahma*' i.e., God is true infinite knowledge. Miracles are not the signs of Datta which were performed even by demons like Ravana. Hanuman became the future Creator (Brahma) by participating in the work of the Human incarnation of God present in His time. Hanuman never worshipped formless God or statues as per the Valmiki Ramayana. The human incarnation comes in every human generation so that God is impartial to all the generations of humanity.

Chapter 24

MESSAGE ON THE FESTIVAL OF SERPENTS**Stop Wastage**

October 28, 2003

O Learned and Devoted Servants of God,

You are pouring milk to serpents today. But you are killing the serpents whenever and wherever you see. A serpent never harms anybody unless it is hurt and fears for its own life. It spreads its hood and gives a hissing sound as a warning. After biting, the serpent does not drink your blood or eat your flesh. A man is killing animals, which do not harm the man to eat its flesh. Today you must develop some kindness and understand the serpents. Then today will be a meaningful festival. Moreover, you are pouring milk in the abode of snakes. The serpent does not drink and the milk is wasted. The Veda says “*Annam na paricakṣīta*” i.e., food should not be wasted which is a sin. Milk is a complete food and by wasting it you are earning a lot of sin. Veda is the highest authority.

If a priest takes Rs.10/- from you and wastes Rs. 100/-, you may sometimes get sin and the money may go waste. An uneducated doctor takes Rs. 10/- as fees and prescribes medicines worth of Rs. 100/- which do not cure the actual disease and sometimes, new diseases start. You may give Rs.100/- to a Sadguru and He gives clear knowledge to you like a qualified doctor who takes Rs.100/- and prescribes a tablet worth of Rs. 2/-, which will cure the disease completely. Priest represents karma (action) and Sadguru represents Jnana (knowledge). The Gita says that Jnana destroys Karma (*Jñānāgniḥ...*).

The snake abode represents the human body and the snake represents the hunger, which is the fire energy represented by waves. Energy is propagated in the form of waves and the serpent also moves in the forms of waves. Therefore, the serpent represents the life energy. Giving milk to a hungry deserving person is the inner meaning of this festival. Datta is fond of milk. Therefore, you should offer the milk to the human incarnation of Lord Datta or to a devotee of Datta or to an incapable beggar and preach him about Datta.

Every serpent is not God. Only Adishesha is God in the form of serpent. This is told in the Gita. Similarly, Rama, Krishna, Jesus or Buddha etc., is God in human form. This does not mean that every human being is

God. Today you must remember that 'Adishesha' represents an ordinary human being because Adishesha is a serpent and the serpent represents the life energy. Adishesha is born as Lakshmana when the Lord was born as Rama. Lakshmana served the Lord personally as well as in His mission. Therefore, Lord Rama gave a permanent co-living (Sahavaasa) with Him on the Earth. Rama never left Lakshmana even for one day.

The pure mind represents the milk and the human incarnation of Lord represents the snake abode. Pouring the milk in the snake abode represents dedication of your pure mind to the Lord. The serpent represents the life energy of the human incarnation. Sometimes, the human incarnation may go in a curved way like a serpent. Krishna also showed some curved ways. Like the hissing and biting of the serpent, the human incarnation may threaten or even trouble the devotee to test his devotion. In spite of the negative qualities of the serpent, you are offering milk. This means that even if the human incarnation of Datta may exhibit some curved behavior or threaten or harm you, you must dedicate your mind to Him as you are pouring the milk to the serpent in spite of its negative qualities. This is the innermost spiritual essence of this festival.

Chapter 25

NISHKAMA KARMA YOGA**Karma and Karma Yoga**

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O Learned and Devoted Servants of God,

Nishkama Karma Yoga is the word that often comes in the Gita. Karma, Akarma and Vikarma are also mentioned in the Gita (*Karmanohyapi...*). Karma means the work done with selfish desire for a limited circle of family. Karma Yoga means the work done for the sake of Lord. Akarma means not doing either Karma or Karma Yoga. Vikarma means the action, which disturbs the peace of the world by harming good devotees.

For Arjuna, to participate in the Mahabharata war is both Karma and Karma Yoga. It is karma because Arjuna can earn his kingdom (money) which is justified. It is Karmayoga because the war is to destroy the injustice and it is the mission of Lord. Participation in such a war is Karma Yoga. Therefore, Arjuna must participate in this war to destroy Kauravas. This war happens to be personal work (Svakaryam) and also the work of the Lord (Swami Karyam). Svakaryam means Karma and Swami Karyam means Karma Yoga. In both the words karma is common. This means that any person has to work always. For doing work only, the soul is born in this world and therefore one cannot remain idle without work. The Gita says the same thing as '*Na hi Kaścit*'. For doing karma, Sankalpa (aim) is essential. Without aim no work (karma) is done. In your body the blood circulation system, the digestive system etc., are working with the aim that you will do some work in this world. You are born in this world with a purpose. That purpose is that you will do minimum karma and maximum Karma yoga. But you are doing maximum karma and you are not doing at least a minimum of Karma Yoga. That is, most of your work is self-centered which is done either for yourself or for your limited family and this is called karma. The Lord is also doing work for His family, which is the entire world. To help Him in His work is called Karma Yoga. He is coming down in human form very frequently. He comes down in different Human forms also at the same time for the upliftment of the entire humanity. This work consists of uplifting the people present at various levels to higher levels. One incarnation will concentrate to convert atheists into believers of

God by showing miracles, which are beyond scientific Logic. For that incarnation that is the main work. Another incarnation brings out the main name and form of God. Temples are built and worships are done in a traditional way. The believers in God (Astikas) can climb only this step in the beginning. Another incarnation reveals the absolute truth, which is Brahma Jnana (Real Knowledge of God). All this is a complex of various educational institutes. In this complex, school, college and the university exist. There is the Head Master in the school, a Principal for the college and a Chancellor for the university. Various types of assisting staff assist all these three. These three are performing their duties within their limited circles. First the uneducated fellow is admitted into a school, then is admitted to college and finally to University. The uneducated fellow cannot enter the University directly. Similarly, an atheist should become a believer of God through miracles. For this purpose, the first incarnation works. After becoming a theist, he should become a devotee through worships and devotional songs. The second incarnation works for this. These two incarnations work for the purification of mind. When the mind is completely relieved from jealousy and egoism the mind is completely purified. Now he is eligible for Jnana Yoga. Shankara told that the traditional karma brings the purification of mind, which makes one eligible for receiving Jnana Yoga. In the school the atheist becomes believer of God. In the college the believer is becoming a devotee. In the university the devotee is becoming a Jnani (possessor of knowledge). The third level is the most important level. If the mind is not completely purified Jnana yoga cannot remain. If the Jnana Yoga stands in him, he is liberated. Once you have this Jnana Yoga, you will be astonished as said in the Gita (*Āścaryavat paśyati*). The third incarnation reveals the whole true knowledge. This third incarnation is called '*Pari Pūrṇa Tamāvatāra*'. The words '*Pari*' and '*Tama*' are double superlative degrees. There can be no greater '*Avataara*' than this. He is the God who is fully revealed. He says vehemently that He is God. Lord Krishna is the most, fullest incarnation (Pari Puurna Tamaavatara). He can only reveal the true knowledge, which can open the knot of your heart. All your doubts are cleared. Your heart is immersed in the ocean of bliss. This Avataara reveals Jnana Yoga. Datta reveals Himself fully to the deserving devotees that He is in the human form. If you recognize His Human form and fix Him in your mind forever, such a state is called Nirvikalpa Samadhi. Nirvikalpa means not getting doubts after the decision. Samadhi means the unshakeable decision. Hanuman and Radha are the best examples for Nirvikalpa samadhi. Both of them recognized Rama and Krishna who are the Human incarnations and

worshipped them with firm faith. Both of them have only Swami Karyam and they do not have any Svakaryam. Radha preached the firm devotion to the World. Hanuman proved that firm devotion by doing selfless service always to the Lord. Radha lived with the Lord when the Lord did not commence His work. Therefore, Radha did not get the opportunity to participate in the work of the Lord. Therefore, Radha did personal service to the Lord. Swami started His work only after leaving Radha. Radha does not know the participation in the war and so she cannot participate in the work of the Lord to destroy the injustice. Satyabhama who is well versed in the war helped Lord Krishna during war with Narakasura. Hanuman was far from Rama before the work of the Lord commenced. The reason for this is Hanuman can co-operate in the war. Radha was associated with Swami in the earlier part of the life. Hanuman was associated in the later part of the life of the Lord. When Lord Krishna left Brindavanam, Radha did not go home. She wandered in the banks of Yamuna till she died. Like this Radha exhibited the love on the Lord. In the heart of Hanuman also such extent of love on the Lord exists. Hanuman did not exhibit this. He showed it in the performance of service. Both exhibition and proof are necessary. What happened in the case of Arjuna? Arjuna refused the kingdom and so does not want to fight. What is the meaning of this? Arjuna did not perform Svakaryam. Krishna advised Arjuna to participate in His work i.e., destruction of injustice. So Arjuna did not participate in the war as Svakarya (karma), but fully participated in the war as Swami Karyam (Karma Yoga). So far it is good. But there is one important point here. Arjuna did not leave the war as karma due to the devotion on the Lord. Had he left the war like this it should have been good. Had Arjuna left the war due to detachment from the kingdom (money) that would have been also good? But Arjuna left the war because of the blind attraction of family bonds.

That is why the Lord advised Arjuna to do the war as karma itself. Arjuna did not have that much love as Radha had for the Lord. But Hanuman had that much love. Therefore, Arjuna did not take the war as Karma Yoga and he did not even think about it. Therefore, the Lord taught karma, then taught bhakti through jnana, then taught Jnana Yoga after the purification of mind through bhakti, revealed Himself as God in Jnana Yoga and finally advised him to participate in the war as Karma Yoga. The essence of the Gita can be told in one sentence i.e., Kill Duryodhana not for the sake of kingdom, but as a servant participating in God's mission to destroy injustice.

But see the case of Hanuman. Hanuman participated in the war as a servant of the Lord in the work of Rama and not for any personal benefit.

Therefore, Nishkama Karma Yoga means participation in the work of the Lord in human form without any selfish aim, as the work of the Lord is only to uplift the humanity. This results only through jnana and bhakti. The fruit of the war by killing Ravana went to Lord only. Therefore, you must give the fruit of your work to the Lord. To do so you must get rid of selfishness. Then before performing karma, you will not have any selfish aim. This lack of selfish aim is called Nishkama. If you do not have selfish aim, you will not be attached to the fruit of karma. Then only you can give the fruit to the Lord.

If one leads the life like Hanuman who is completely concentrating on the work of God, such a person can go from Brahmacharya to Samnyaasa directly. He also does work. but he surrenders the fruit of his entire work to the Lord. Hanuman is such a Brahmacharya Samnyaasi. That is He did not marry and He surrendered all His life and work to the Lord. Adi Shankara, Swami Vivekananda, Ramana Maharshi etc., are such highest people.

The second stage people i.e., Madhyamas remain in family (Grihastha) to do both svakaryam and Swami Karyam. According to the magnitude of Bhakti, the strength of Swami karyam exists and according to the magnitude of the selfishness the strength of Svakaryam exists. In the case of Arjuna, by performing the war he got kingdom and also participated in the work of the Lord, which is the establishment of justice. Arjuna is called Nara. Nara means human birth. Hanuman became Brahma. Therefore, those of the first category become divine forms. The second category people get always-human births. There is a third category. Such people remain in 'svakaryam' during their entire life. That means their time, work, energy and money are completely devoted for themselves, for their family members and for their blood relations only. They cannot recognize God in human form. They go on worshipping the pictures and statues for their selfish ends only. Duryodhana belongs to this type. He is always interested to have the kingdom for himself, for his family and for his blood-related brothers. He did not recognize Lord Krishna as God in human form. He did not participate, or helped Krishna in His work. But he came to Lord Krishna to help him in the war with unjust selfishness. Even there he wanted the Yadava army and not Lord Krishna. Such people perform worships to attain their selfish ends. They will never help the Lord in His work but go on worshipping Him for their selfish ends. Duryodhana went to terrible hell forever. Such people will be born as worms in the pits of mud and excretory matter. Such people are caught in the cycle of such

births forever. The Gita says the same thing '*Saṃsāreṣu narādhamān*'. These are very low category people.

Therefore, you should not go to the third type under any circumstances. The first category is like sky, which you cannot reach. At least remain in the second category and attain human birth (Nara). Therefore, Lord Krishna preached the Bhagavadgita to Partha (the Nara). 99 percent people can reach the level of Nara by their sadhana. Therefore, at least instead of going to Paataala (lowest world), one should remain on the earth. The upper world contains divine forms, the middle earth contains Human beings and lower world contains the demons. This statement can be understood in the above sense.

The One And Only Way

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The only way to get rid of all the difficulties in this world is to become a real devotee of Lord Datta. Datta means something, which is given. Lord Datta means the human form through which the God (Parabrahma) is given to this world. God cannot be even imagined. So, there is no question of worshipping the God, but such imaginable God takes a human form and comes down to this world. Such human form is called incarnation. The human form is like a metallic wire. God is like the current i.e., passing through the metallic wire. The current pervades all over the wire. Similarly, God pervades all over the body of human incarnation. Wherever you touch the wire the current is experienced. Similarly, the human body of the incarnation is God everywhere. Lord Krishna is the human incarnation of the God. When you touch the feet of Lord Krishna you have touched the feet of the God. But the human body of incarnation follows only the rules of the nature. If you beat such human body it suffers with the same pain as an ordinary human body suffers. Why is this human body not beyond the rules of the nature?

The purpose of the human body is to suffer with pain like any other human body whenever the results of sins of the devotees are taken. If the human body is above the nature then it will not suffer with pain. Then it becomes cheating the justice. So, Datta means the human body given to this world of devotees for the sake of suffering their sins. The only way to get rid of your sins is to catch Datta. In any other way your sins are postponed. You will have to suffer your sins in the future life along with interest. The cycle of Karma is very much inevitable. The scriptures say '*Avaśyam anubhoktavyam*' which means that one has to enjoy the results of his own deeds either good or bad. There are only three ways

- 1) To enjoy the fruits of bad deeds now itself.
- 2) To enjoy the fruits of bad deeds in your future along with interest.
- 3) To catch Datta and transfer the fruits of all your sins to Him.

Out of these three ways a Scholar will not accept the second way. A devotee will never agree to the third way. A Scholar and a devotee will agree the first way only and is prepared to undergo the results of the sins now itself. He will never ask God to relieve him from the results of the sin. In such a stage nobody becomes a devotee of God because there is no benefit from God. But still one can become a devotee even then. Let us take the case of a fan of a film hero. The fan does not get any benefit from the film hero. Instead of getting benefit, the fan spends from his pocket and the fan is put to loss. He became the fan attracted by the good virtues of the hero shown in the various films. Such a fan is ideal for the devotee. The devotee is attracted towards Datta by the sixteen divine qualities. The devotee is worshipping Datta because he is attracted by the divine personality of Datta and not for any benefit from Datta. Even he is put to loss he will not leave Datta. He wants to undergo all the sufferings now itself. As a Scholar, he does not want to postpone the suffering of sins because he has to pay the interest. As a devotee he does not want the suffering of Datta for his sake. Therefore, his devotion is not at all connected to the removal of his sufferings. His love (bhakti) to Datta continues irrespective of his suffering. The love to Datta is really proved by his service to Datta. He continues to serve Datta while suffering due to the sins. Such a Scholar-devotee is the real devotee of Datta. Now, Datta takes over all his sins and suffers for his sake. The devotee is not aware of this. If the devotee is aware, he will strongly object Datta. So Datta suffers for his sins secretly without the knowledge of the real devotee. This is only way to get rid of your sins really. Except this one way there is no other way to escape from your sins. In all the other ways either you have to undergo your sins then itself or if you pester God too much, your sins will be postponed and you have to enjoy those sins with interest.

Krishna and Shishupala

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Several serpents surround the Divine Nectar and the water is freely available in a well or river around which pleasant flower plants are present. Similarly, several negative points may surround God and the world may be associated with plus points. Anybody will try to taste the Divine Nectar only and not the water in the river. Similarly, one should try to taste God and not the world. If you compare Krishna and Shishupala, Shishupala is a

better match. If Rukmini marries Shishupala, Rukmini will become the Queen of Chedi country and Shishupala is a better match because he will not marry any other lady. He is not having any illegal contacts. Krishna was famous in illegal contacts. Such a fellow will marry other ladies and so there is no guarantee that Rukmini will become the Queen of Dwaraka. Chedi is a country and Dwaraka is a city. The parents and brothers of Rukmini discussed deeply and took the decision to give Rukmini to Shishupala in marriage. The fruit of becoming queen is not certain. Rukmini has to face the problems with the other wives of Krishna. In spite of these negative points, Rukmini wanted Krishna only because Sadguru like Narada taught her about the greatness of Krishna than anybody in the world.

Similarly, a devotee must not expect any benefit from God, as Rukmini never aspired the Queen's post. The devotee must be prepared to suffer the negative points shown by God i.e., God may give troubles even after your worship but still the devotees must Love God. The devotees must be attracted by the divine personality of God. You are attracted by the wonderful taste of the Divine Nectar and should face all the problems like Serpents etc., When a film hero dies, the fan of that hero, commits suicide. Fan is not benefited from the hero in anyway. In fact, the fan spent his money for the sake of the hero. So instead of benefit he is put to loss only due to the hero. The reason for such highest love is his strongest attraction towards his personality of the hero. Similarly, the attraction towards the divine personality of God should be the reason for your worship. It is just like your blind attraction towards your son. You served him in his childhood. When he is grown-up, he does not serve you but insults you. Still you are giving all your property to your son.

Such a treatment towards your son is not shown towards God. This clearly means that God is not equal even to your son. But in the prayers, you are telling that God is dearest to you. This is a lie. Thus, you have committed two sins. The first sin is your highest love is not on God, which in fact should be on God. The second sin is that you are telling a lie that He is dearest to you. Due to this the hatred of God on you is doubled.

Rukmini loved Krishna in spite of His exhibited negative qualities. After marrying Krishna, she became His servant and always pressed His feet. This means that the devotee must continue His service to God irrespective of the benefits or even the troubles. Krishna was pleased by such real love proved by the selfless service. He gave the highest value to Rukmini. When Rukmini placed a small leaf of Tulasi in the pan of the

balance, that tiny leaf weighed the Lord. Rukmini purchased the Lord just by that leaf. Similarly, for such a devotee God gives such a highest value.

Note:- On 16th October, 2003, Swami was singing a divine song composed by Him. The song says that, if the 'Brahma Jnana-Samadhi' is given to anybody he will be dipped in the ocean of bliss. One devotee Smt. Padma, immediately asked Swami to give that state to her. Swami warned that if that state is given the devotee will not return to this world for three days. But she insisted Swami to give that state. Then Swami wrote something on her head with finger. Immediately her eyes were closed and she entered into the state of Samadhi. She did not open her eyes, did not take food and water and also did not sleep for three days. She was telling "I am swimming in the ocean of bliss. The waves of bliss are vibrating my body continuously. If I hear the voice of Swami, these waves are tremendously increasing". Surprisingly she drove the vehicle with closed eyes on the main road. Swami wanted to remove that state but she did not agree. Finally on the third day all the other devotees prayed Swami to remove her from that state. Otherwise it may become dangerous to her life. Then Swami wrote something again on her head with finger. She came back to the normal state. This is a situation which all the devotees at Vijayawada have seen with their eyes. Swami told that Shri Rama Krishna Paramahansa gave this state to Swami Vivekananda. On the occasion of closing the Samadhi state a very concentrated fragrance of Vibhuti (Sacred Ash) was emitted by Swami which has crossed the house and spread even to the road.

Sant Vishnu Dattananda
Disciple of Swami

From Vacant Space to the Present Human Form

The atheist says that God does not exist. For him God is nothing i.e., vacant space. This is the first stage. When he sees miracles, he becomes the believer in God. He accepts God as some power or energy. The power or energy is also formless, like vacant space. So the concept of God is near to his previous concept and thus the atheist (Scientist) accepts the formless (Niraakaara) God very easily. The third stage is God with form (Saakaara). In this stage statues in the human form are introduced. The training is given to do the sixteen upacharas (services) to these statues in human form. This training indicates that they have to worship the God in human form in this way. The sixteen upacharas are actually related to the human form only. For eg.: the first upachara '**Aavaahanam**' means invitation corresponds to the human being only and not to inert statue. The statue in the temple is better than the statue in your house. Why? Because in the temple the '**Prana pratishthaa**' i.e., initiation of life is done to the statue. This again indicates that you have to worship the statue with life. The concept is the inert statue plus life is equal to human being. Therefore, in the temple the statue indicates that you have to worship the statue with life i.e., the human form of God only. Like this you are slowly trained to worship the human form of the God by the sixteen upacharas. In this training when your egoism and jealousy is completely destroyed now the human form of the God is introduced. Unless your egoism and jealousy are completely

destroyed you cannot accept the human form directly. So, the worship of the inert statue in the human form introduces the concept of human form, then the initiation of life (Prana pratishthaa) introduces the concept of living human form. Thus, this is a gradual transformation of you by reducing your egoism and jealousy. When your egoism and jealousy are completely removed, the final human form of God is introduced. Only a particular man like Lord Krishna is God. This is Advaita philosophy, which is extended to every man due to the same jealousy and egoism. If every man is God, nobody requires salvation.

Like this when you are travelling from vacant space to formless energy or power then you are accepting the human form but without life which is a statue in your house. In the same stage you are accepting the statue plus life in the temple which means only a living human form. Finally, you are catching the God in the present living human form. Whatever I preached here is having the best practical proof. Hanuman, the greatest of the human beings in this world worshipped Rama only who was a living human being in His time. He did not go down i.e.; He never meditated upon the formless God or the statues. In Valmiki Ramayana such things are not mentioned. He never worshipped even previous human incarnations like Vamana. He worshipped only the human incarnation present in His generation. Similarly, Radha never worshipped 'Rama' but worshipped only Krishna who was the human incarnation of her generation. As per Bhagavatam, Radha also never worshipped the statues or the formless God. Hanuman became Brahma and Radha became the queen of the 15th World Goloka. Nobody in this world will attain a better position than these two. So your spiritual journey must end in recognizing the human incarnation of God present in your generation. God is impartial and so He comes down in human form in every generation. If you say Lord Krishna is only the latest incarnation, then that generation was blessed and God became partial. Therefore, God is coming in human form in every human generation. People are not recognizing Him because after the incarnation of Krishna, the egoism and jealousy are growing continuously in all the human beings. The man did not recognize the God coming in human form after Krishna. After Krishna and before Kalki is Kaliyuga. Due to the influence of the Kali, people are full of egoism and jealousy and so they cannot recognize the human form of God in Kaliyuga.

God comes in different human forms in the same time in various levels for the sake of devotees in various levels. He comes as a school teacher for the school students, as a lecturer for the college students and as a Professor for the postgraduate students. Since the school students and

college students are large in number He comes down as a number of school teachers and college lecturers. Such incarnations are called as 'Amshaavataaras' which mean the incarnations of a small portion of His power. The incarnation of His radiation is called Kalaavataara which is the formless God like light worshipped by some believers. The light travels as waves and the Shiva Linga in the temple represents this formless God. Since the Postgraduation students are less in number only one professor comes down and He is the 'Paripuurna tamaavataara' i.e., the most complete incarnation which reveals the final true knowledge. He is called 'Sadguru' or the original Datta in the human form.

Datta exists in two forms. 1) The three headed form. 2) One headed form. The three headed form indicates 'Parabrahma' (God) who creates, rules and destroys the Universe by His three faces. The other single headed form is the external human form in which the three-headed form exists as the internal form, which is not seen. This is the essence of the 'Eka Mukha Datta' (One headed form) and 'Trimukha Datta' (The three headed form). Therefore, the School teacher shows miracles and converts the atheist into theist. The college lecturer trains the theists in the worship of the statues having human form to remove ego and jealousy in the man and make him a devotee. The last university professor gives the final true knowledge that God comes down in human form only and that He (the professor) Himself is God.

God is Beyond Criticism

People criticize God due to misunderstanding. God can never be criticized because whatever God does is the perfect justice. You are criticizing God with your limited knowledge. Let us take the case of Lord Rama. People criticized Him in two points.

After the battle, Sita was brought. Rama says "Go and marry Bharata to become the queen of Ayodhya or marry Vibhishana to become the queen of Lanka". People criticize Rama for such harsh words. If you refer Valmiki Ramayana (Sundara Kanda). Sita said "*Piturnideśam*" i.e., "Oh! Rama after two months You will go to Ayodhya and marry several ladies and You will enjoy the kingdom. I will die here always thinking about You". Sita blamed the Lord by such words and the Lord retorted with the same harsh words.

Even though Sita has proved to be chaste by entering the fire, the washerman blamed her. Based on that blame, Rama sent her to forest. For this, the answer is like this. When Rama was dragged by the golden deer Sita asks Lakshmana to go and help Rama. She says "You have come to

forest along with your brother with a motive to enjoy me in the absence of your brother". This sin is more severe than the previous sin because abusing a devotee (Bhaagavata apachaara) will make God more furious, than abusing Himself (Bhagavat apachaara). So the Lord created an equivalent blame through the washerman and also sent Sita to forest. In the first sin her words are punished by words. But in the second sin which is more serious, her words were punished by words and action. Why Rama should punish Sita in her life itself? Sita is the incarnation of Maha Lakshmi. She has to go to Vaikuntha Loka straightly from the earth and cannot go to the hell. For this purpose, Lord Rama cleared her file containing these two sins here itself.

Lord Krishna is criticized for dancing with Gopikas in Brindavanam. There are two points here to be noted before you criticize Lord Krishna.

- 1) Did He dance like this after leaving Brindavanam?
- 2) Did He ever come back to Brindavanam to dance again?

Let us go back. Krishna was Rama. Gopikas were sages. The sages were attracted by the beauty of Rama and wanted to embrace Him in the form of ladies. Rama promised that their desire will be fulfilled when He comes as Lord Krishna. Let us still go back. Krishna was Datta. These sages were the sages living with Datta. The sages were having their families. These sages told that Datta was their husband. There was no objection from any corner. Datta wanted to test these sages by reversing those sages as family women. Datta became Krishna. Now can the sages as family ladies tell that Krishna is their husband? There will be a lot of opposition from all the corners if they say so? Is the attraction of the sage on God was so powerful that still the sage can say that? This is the test of Datta. Gopikas passed the test. So, Lord left the Brindavanam since there is no need of re-examination. So, He never returned back. He did not conduct this test outside the Brindavanam because there is nobody of that level. Therefore, Lord Krishna never danced like this, outside the Brindavanam. This test was at very high level limited to those few sages only. If the Lord is of such nature as you think, the Lord who left the Brindavanam at the age of eighteen years must have danced outside also or He must have returned back to Brindavanam to do the same dance. This clearly proves that the Lord is of not that petty nature as you think.

Lord Shiva is blamed for killing Yama Dharma Raja who was on the duty to kill Markandeya as per his duty. People say that Shiva killed the officer on duty due to hasty anger and gave him life again after realization. Will the Lord err and rectify like this? This damages the divine personality of Lord Shiva. Actually, Lord Shiva killed him in the case of Markandeya

only to teach him a lesson. Earlier to this, Yama Dharma Raja gave life to Satyavan when Savitri flattered him by praise. He should not have violated his duty even by the personal praise. Now he is particular of his duty when Markandeya is praising Lord Shiva! Therefore, to correct him Lord Shiva played all this drama. In fact, Markandeya was a radiation of Shiva Himself (Kalaavataara).

So, one must be very careful before criticizing the God. He should have patience to analyze. He should have firm faith on God and believe that whatever God does is the justice.

These clarifications are not revealed so far to this world. Only today Guru Datta is revealing the truth by giving correct explanation. Only Sadguru, Who is the incarnation of the Lord Guru Datta can reveal such truth.

Note:- After this discourse the fragrance of Sacred Ash (Vibhuti) came in high concentrated form for a long time from Swami. Swami told that since the discourse ended with the case of Lord Shiva in which He ultimately won He was pleased and this fragrance indicates His happiness.

Money and Spirituality

All the scriptures say that the family bonds should be cut or at least reduced and the strongest bond should be with the God. The family bonds in the case of foreigners are very weak by themselves. They ask their children to earn and live after certain age. But the Indians store the money for generations together. Why is this difference between Indians and foreigners? The reason is the Christian religion was thoroughly cleaned by Lord Jesus. As a result, all their impurities of religion were washed away. People have developed the divine love due to the precious preaching of the Holy Bible. They sacrifice lot of their earnings not only for the spiritual missions in their countries but also to the spiritual missions of other countries which proves their infinite love to the God. But in the case of Hinduism such cleaning did not take place. The Scriptures are in Sanskrit and the interpretations of these Scriptures are limited to the hands of a few scholars. Several misinterpretations and twists were given. So, the Hindu public is always misled. Due to this, the worship of God has become just a business to gain the selfish ends. This situation was prevailing even in the foreign countries before the Lord came in human form as Jesus. As a result of this, Hindus did not develop the real divine love and so they do not sacrifice to the God. They concentrate on prayers by words and on meditation by mind. So, God gave strong thinking power of mind and good pronunciation of words of the language to the Indians. But India was not blessed with wealth. In the case of foreign countries there is not so much meditation and not so many prayers, but they have divine love on God to

sacrifice most of their earnings to God's work. So, God blessed the foreign countries with immense wealth. God will continue to bless in future also.

There are three strong bonds.

- 1) Bond with husband or wife
- 2) Bond with children
- 3) Bond with money.

The bond with money is the strongest of all the three bonds because all the relatives are depending on the financial consideration only. Vashishtha says to Rama "*Dhana mūlamidaṃ jagat*" which means that money is the root of this entire world. When money and God compete with each other, money only succeeds because people are worshipping God for money only. They want money from the God and give that money to their children. From that money even little is not given to God. Even if it is given, they want several times more than that from that God again. Without aspiring anything in return, if you give some money to God's work you are viewed very high in the eyes of God. Money proves the real love. You are giving all your money to your children. So, your real love is on your children only. You have served them in their childhood. When they become elders, even if they do not serve you in return and even if they insult you, you are giving all your property to them only. But in the case of God you are not giving even one rupee to God doubting whether He will help you after taking this one rupee in advance. You are treating the God just as an outsider. He is nowhere near your children. Just think Gopikas who have given all their stored money (butter) to Lord Krishna only, without giving even to their children. Just think about Shabari who has given her meal the fruits to Lord Rama. Just think about Kannappa, who has given his meal, the flesh to Lord Shiva. All these devotees offered even their minimum food to the Lord without satisfying even their hunger. In 'Shri Kalahasti' even the serpent gave its hard-earned 'Gem' to Lord Shiva and got salvation. The Spider gave its network built by its 'Saliva' to Lord Shiva and got salvation. They offered their wealth to the God without aspiring anything in return. Kuchela was suffering with lot of poverty. He did not ask anything from Lord Krishna. Even in that condition he offered a handful of rice to the Lord. He returned back without asking even one rupee from the Lord. Lord gave him the wealth, which is infinite. Because Kuchela developed the real bond with the God, he got infinite wealth.

The scriptures also say that your sacrifice of money is highest.

- 1) The Gita says '*Jñānāt dhyānaṃ viśiṣyate dhyānāt karma phala tyāgaḥ*': i.e., Bhakti (devotion) is better than Jnana (knowledge) and sacrificing the fruit of your work (money) is better than Bhakti.

- 2) The Gita says '*Sarva karma phala tyāgaṃ prāhuḥ tyāgaṃ vicakṣaṇāḥ*' i.e., if you can give the fruit of the entire work to the Lord, then that is real sacrifice.
- 3) '*Na karmaṇā, Na prajayā, dhanena, tyāge naike amṛtatvam ānaśuḥ*' i.e., you cannot attain God by selfish work or the children. You can attain God only by sacrificing your money for God's work.
- 4) The first words of the first Upanishad (Ishaavaasyam) says, '*Tena tyaktena Bhun̄jīthāḥ*' '*Ma gṛdhaḥ kasyasvit dhanam*' i.e., this entire world is the money of the Lord. Take whatever you require from His wealth; don't take extra which is not permitted by the God. If you have taken, you are a thief. Return it back to the Lord.
- 5) The Veda says '*Sam̄vidā*' '*Śraddhayā*' '*Hriyā*' '*Bhiyā deyam*', i.e., return the extra to the Lord in human form after recognizing Him through His Jnana. Wait patiently till you recognize the Lord in human form. When you are donating your money to Him (actually you are giving Him His own money) you should give it with fear and feel shy.
- 6) In Yoga Vashishtha, the Guru Vashishtha says to Rama (*Dhanamārjaya*) i.e., bring money and offer it to me as Guru Dakshina before I can teach you the Jnana.

Shirdi Sai used to ask Guru Dakshina from everybody to teach this important sacrifice. He criticized a merchant who came for Brahma Jnana but was not giving even Rs.5/- from his pocket. Mr. Patil, a farmer used to donate the entire yearly crop to Baba and took back whatever Baba gave back to him.

Chapter 26

SAI BABA SUPPORTED SWAMI'S PREACHING**Swami is Sai Baba (Datta)**

November 19, 2003 (By Shri C.B.K.MURTHY)

O Learned and Devoted Servants of God,

In the past, Swami appeared as Sai Baba to several devotees. Recently He appeared as Shirdi Sai Baba to Shri. K. Lakshman with smell of camphor. Next day, a devotee from Hyderabad (Smt. Ch. Sarada) came to see Swami. In her house, letters in Telugu (dotted structures visible to all) appear in milk kept before Sai Baba. Devotees copied all those letters written by Sai Baba in milk and those writings were brought here. Surprisingly what Swami said in his discourses was exactly the essence of those letters. This proves that Swami is Sai Baba i.e., Lord Datta. We told the same to Swami. Swami said like this 'I am a dog at the feet of Sai Baba. He says '*Allah Malik*' and I say '*Sai Malik*'. Generally, Swami speaks reverse like this, which is the characteristic way of Lord Datta. But Swami also says, 'Datta is Jnana (Knowledge). Vinaya (submissiveness) is the fruit of Jnana. So Datta is always humble and speaks with all submissiveness. Datta will not stay where egoism exists'.

Swami often says that He is the dog at the feet of Shri Shirdi Sai Baba. Devotee felt for it and requested Swami not to speak like that. Swami said, 'If you see the left extreme, it is DOG. If you come to the right extreme it is GOD. If a person full of egoism and jealousy comes to Me, I say that I am the DOG. If a devotee with full faith comes to Me I say I am the GOD. So the pointer of the egoism – jealousy meter shifts from 0-100 according to the people coming to Me and the meter appears to My eyes. Accordingly, I play the cassette. I have five cassettes, which speaks that I am a Dog, Devotee, Messenger, Incarnation, and God. If the jealousy and egoism of the visitor is 100%, I say that I am a DOG. If it is 75%, I say that I am a Devotee. If it is 50% I say that I am a Messenger. If it is 25%, I say that I am the Incarnation. If it is 0%, I say I am God. Like this there is a gradual transformation from Dvaita to Vishishtadvaita and to Advaita. According to the visitor's level of absorption I have to play the cassette. If the visitor has 100% egoism and jealousy and if I play the 5th cassette which speaks that I am God, the visitor will go at once shouting that I am mad and egoistic'.

I am just comparing one small discourse of Swami with the writing of Shri Shirdi Sai Baba in milk. The discourse of Swami is ‘God comes down in human form only. The Gita says the same as ‘*Mānuṣīm...*’. The Gita also says ‘*Bhūtejyā yānti...*’ i.e., if you worship stones, you will be born as stones. The Veda says ‘*Na tasya pratimā...*’, i.e., God is not dwelling in the statues. Worship (Sixteen *upacharas*) is only for the human incarnation and not for the statue. Statue is only for seeing the past incarnation as said by the Veda ‘*Draṣṭavyah*’. It is just like seeing the photo of a person who is no more here. The photo is required because it is difficult to imagine clearly the person who is not before you’.

Sai Baba’s Writing In Milk:- (Written in Telugu as it is)

Nirakarun, akaramu leni nanu – madi nilputa kasthamanuchu pratimal chitramulan, ekagrata kuduru okarupuniga nilpi pujinchamatanna purthin verrulai nenocchi akaramu dalchi yeduta nilchi spurthi nicchinan, aa silalan kolthuru chitramunu nilpedaru nanu gurthincha leni mimu kani chitramaitiraa.

Translation Of The Above Poem:-

‘I asked you to meditate upon the statues and photos, because it is difficult to concentrate on God who is beyond imagination. But you are mad. Even though I have come down in human form to preach, you leave Me and still worship those statues and photos. You are not recognizing Me in the human form. So, I have become a photo (I died) according to your madness’.

Swami said ‘My discourses show authority from the Vedas, the Shastras and the Gita. Scholars can understand and appreciate but common people cannot appreciate so much. So, to give authority to My discourses in the eyes of laymen, Shirdi Sai Baba has written these poems in the milk since most of the people are the devotees of Shirdi Sai Baba. They will believe My discourses now easily’.

Concluding Remarks By Swami On Miracles

The whole universe itself is a miracle, which is the modification of His mind called Maayaa. The mind is His energy or power. This power is the substance that pervades all over the world. This Maayaa (mind) is the water and all the objects of the world are only waves of this Maayaa. Since the Maayaa is inseparable from the Lord, you can say that the Lord (Brahman) is modified into the world. When you imagine the city, you are not modified into the city. Only your mind is modified. As the mind changes the city changes. Therefore, according to the Maayaa anything can take place in this world. The Maayaa is under the full control of the Lord.

The wish of the Lord itself is Maayaa. All the miracles are only the wishes of the Lord. The Lord may wish to follow certain rules, in such case, there is no miracle. But when the Lord wishes to break the rule, the miracle happens. Therefore, the miracles are not the real characteristic signs of the Lord and they are transferable from the Lord to anybody. The miracles are only associated characteristics of the Lord like jewels. The Lord may exhibit His jewels or may remove and hide them. Krishna exhibited miracles and Rama did not exhibit. A cow should be recognised by the special layer of skin below its neck, which is not present in the case of any other animal. Similarly, the Lord must be recognised by His characteristic signs only like Jnana, Prema and Ananda (knowledge, love and bliss). If you recognise the cow by a bell-belt, it is not the correct sign. The bell-belt can be transferred to a donkey. The donkey cannot be the cow. The donkey can never have the special layer of the skin below its neck. Therefore, the Lord in human form can be recognised only by special knowledge (*Prajnanam*) as said in the Veda. Such *prajnanam* alone can generate love and bliss in your hearts. But the miracles are useful to distinguish the Lord from a scholar. A scholar may also generate a trace of love and bliss and sometimes may be misunderstood for the Lord. Sometimes the scholar also may perform some miracles. Ravana was a scholar and also performed the miracles. But his knowledge can never generate infinite love and infinite bliss in the heart of anybody. Therefore, the true and infinite knowledge that generates infinite love and infinite bliss in your heart is the only characteristic sign of the Lord. You can also decide the Lord by the miracles, which are performed whenever there is real necessity. Ravana performed miracles as exhibition. Rama changed the stone into Ahalya and also broke the bow of Lord Siva. He also removed the pride of Parashurama. All these are miracles of Rama with necessity and dignity.

Chapter 27

REJUVENATION OF HINDUISM**Significance of Temples**

November 19, 2003

O Learned and Devoted Servants of God,

Why there is so much rush in the temples? There is only one reason. People think that if they go to the temples they can escape from the difficulties, which are the fruits of their sins. They are also thinking that they can also get the benefits, which are the fruits of good deeds, which in fact they have not performed. This is not true. Scriptures say “*Avaśyam anubhoktavyam*”. That means we must enjoy the fruits of our good and bad deeds. You cannot escape the result of your bad deeds and you cannot achieve the result of good deed, which you have not done. One cannot escape the punishment given by the judge in the court. Similarly, you cannot escape the judgement of God. If this fact is written at the gates of the temple nobody will enter the temple. What is the actual aim of the temple? One of the sixteen divine qualities (Kalyana Gunas) of God is beauty (Soundarya). For example, it is said that the beauty of Lord Rama disturbed the minds of even sages. Such beautiful God should be seen first (*Draṣṭavyaḥ*) as said in the Veda. So the Statue of God in the temple must be carved most beautifully. The priest should decorate the Statue in a most beautiful way, so that our eyes will be fixed on the Statue.

The next step is “*Śrotavyaḥ*” as said in the Veda. It means, after seeing the God we must listen to His other divine qualities. It is the duty of the priest to explain the other divine qualities of God. The third step is “*Nididhyāsitavyaḥ*” that is your minds should be filled with inspiration given by the all-round personality of God. With this you must come back to the house. But what is happening now? The Statue is not at all beautiful. The decoration is not at all inspiring. So, there is no question of any divine inspiration. When we go to temple the priest utters some Vedic hymns in Sanskrit which you are not at all understanding. *When we come back from the temple you do not have any trace of devotion attached to the divine personality.* Your devotion is only due to your desires, which are to be fulfilled by God. *Your devotion is forced by your desires.* Without realizing this actual concept, you are doing a non-useful exercise by going round and round the temples. What is going on in the temples now? Lights

are lit (Diipaaradhana), camphor is burnt (Niiraajanam). Some eatable items are offered as Prasadam. Vedas do not even mention such types of worship at all. This is also not the tradition of our ancient sages. This is nothing but a bad tradition inducted by the middle persons. How such types of worship are connected even with your desires? Is it not true that you are doing these worships with fear or selfishness? Such types of worships are neither benefiting the devotees nor the priests. Some merchants are reaping the benefits. For example, the devotee breaks a coconut, which costs five rupees. The priest takes half coconut. That is Rs.2.50/-. Due to large number of such coconut pieces, he is selling them to a hotel and gets one rupee per piece. The hotel gets Rs.1.50/- as profit. Instead of earning one rupee by false way, let the priest earn two rupees by true way. The true way is maintaining the idol by regular washing (Abhisheka) and decoration and explaining the divine virtues of God in mother tongue and take Rs.2.00/- as Gurudakshina. By this true way, not only the devotees but also God blesses the priest. The eatable items (Prasadam) offered in the temple should not be enjoyed by the priest, because it is nothing but cheating the devotees in the name of the God. Such food offered should not be given even to devotees, because the devotees are capable of earning their food. Such food should be distributed to beggars who can come under the following categories only.

1) Children, 2) Very old people, 3) People suffering with diseases, 4) Handicapped and 5) Hungry animals like dogs and birds.

So, the temples must be spiritual centers but not shops in which you can purchase the fruits of your desires. ***After coming from the temple your divine knowledge and devotion must improve.*** The temples must be like institutions, which impart spiritual knowledge to the people. The temples have become impure business centers due to the desires of the people. The temples should give devotion, knowledge for all the people and food to the disabled beggars. Even rich people are taking that food as remains (as Prasadam) after offering to God. In fact, God has not eaten anything from it. If you distribute it to beggars then God is really eating through them. The Statue requires only the washing of its dust (Abhisheka) and decoration. Nothing else is needed. The Veda contains only two types of worship.

1) Washing by bath (Abhisheka)

2) Cooking the food with help of the fire (Ijyaa or Yajna)

Except these two kinds of worship other methods of worship are only foolish acts and not mentioned in the Veda. You are not doing all these methods of worship to your father and mother who are also fulfilling your desires by giving their property to you. Since you really love them, you are not doing such things. Since your love towards God is artificial for getting

some benefit, you are doing such foolish worships. By such worships you are not at all benefited because such worships have no logical connection to the fulfillment of your desires. Priests and merchants are fooling you and are getting the benefits. Such methods of worship are meant only for the human incarnation of the Lord. Veda says that the Lord does not dwell in the Statues. (*Na tasya pratimā*). The Gita says “*Bhūtejyā yānti bhūtāni*” i.e., if you worship a stone you will be born as a stone. The Statue is only for vision but not for the worship. The Gita also says “*Mānuṣīm tanum āśritam*” i.e.; God comes down only in the human form.

For such human form only the sixteen methods of worship (Shodasa Upachara) like Avahanam (invitation), Asanam (offering a chair) etc., are meant. When your son is in some other country you are seeing his photo. Similarly, to see the past human incarnation of the God, Statues are meant. For the sake of present living human incarnation only these sixteen worships are really meant.

You can offer food to the present human incarnation but not to the statue or to the photo of your son, who is in another country. There is no better scholar or devotee than Hanuman. He worshipped only Rama who was the human incarnation in His period. He never worshipped the previous incarnations like Vamana, Narasimha etc. He never worshipped any Statue. The epic written by Valmiki is the only real authority on the history of Hanuman. According to that epic, Hanuman never worshipped even Vishnu, Shiva etc. He got the highest position that is the post of the Creator (Brahma in future). Radha was the greatest devotee who became the queen of the topmost 15th World called Goloka. She also worshipped Krishna who was the human incarnation in her time. She did not worship even Rama who was the immediate past incarnation. The human body of the present incarnation is the real temple. The soul in that human body is God. The same thing is told as “*Deho devālayaḥ*”. The Veda says “*Yāvatīrvai*” i.e., all the Gods, dwell in the present human incarnation of the God who is called as Sadguru. Giving food to Him and satisfying His hunger fire is the real sacrifice (Yajna). Kapila, the incarnation of Vishnu preached to His mother stating that a fool burns ghee and food in the fire in the name of sacrifice. This is in the Bhagavatam scripture. Krishna with hunger came and ate the food that was prepared for offering to fire in a sacrifice. Thus, He taught the real meaning of sacrifice. Krishna came to establish the justice (dharma). Will He spoil the sacrifice by eating the food? Therefore, fire lit in the sacrifice is only an instrument to cook the food but not the God itself to be worshipped. Such fire is the physical form (Bhuutaagni). The other form of fire is divine (Devataagni) which is the Sadguru as said

in the Veda “*Vaiśvānaro brāhmaṇaḥ*”. The word Agni came from “Agri” which means that this Sadguru should be worshipped first. The Sadguru with His divine radiation is also compared to the radiating fire. Simple recitation of Vedas is of no use. The priest must explain the meanings and inner meanings of the hymns while performing the rituals. Rituals are the divine discourses from the Vedas and the priest must be the Sadguru who imparts the divine knowledge from the Vedas. There is no use of mere recitation of the Vedas, as said “*Anarthajñāḥ*”. In ancient times Veda was preserved by recitation, as there were no books to preserve it. But now the Vedas are even computerized and there is no need of preservation of the Vedas by recitation. Therefore, such tradition should be discouraged. Blind people are led by blind preachers and are falling in the well, as said in the Veda, “*Andhenaiva*”. In Hindu Religion astrologers and priests must also realize the truth. ***By worshipping planets and deities, the results of bad deeds cannot vanish and the results of good deeds which are not done by you cannot be achieved.*** The internal pervading God in all these planets and deities (Parabrahma) is Lord Datta and He alone should be worshipped. The fan cannot move without current. The bulb cannot glow without current. The fan and bulb are the planets and deities. The current is Lord Datta. In other religions the same current is named as Jehovah or Allah. The Veda says “*Bhīṣodeti*” i.e., the Sun shines only by the energy and fear of God. The Veda (Kenopanishad) says that the power of all deities is only God. So, all these astrologers and priests should be converted as Sadgurus, who preach about Lord Datta. They can also take some money (Guru Dakshina) from the people for their livelihood and there is nothing wrong because they are standing on the truth and are giving the real help to all the people who believe them. Only in this path, Lord Datta can protect you really by taking your sins on Him. He will undergo the punishments for your sake. Except this way, there is no other way to escape from the sins. But, remember that you must not expect Lord Datta to take your sins. You must be prepared to enjoy your sins and still continue to worship Him without aspiring anything in return from Him. You must prove your love by your practical participation in His service. Worship should not be with mere mind and words.

In other ways (i.e., worshipping planets and deities with desires) your bad results are postponed to the later part of this life or next life, which have to be paid with interest. The good results to be enjoyed in the next life are dragged to the present life with reduced values like pre-mature encashment of deposits. As a result, your next life is going to be miserable with full of difficulties from birth to death.

Today is Durgashtami; the demon Mahisha (He-buffalo) represents the foolish rigidity of mind. Today Durga killed Mahisha. Who is Durga? She is the three forms i.e., Saraswati, Lakshmi and Parvati and they are the powers of Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva. These three forms are of Guru Datta. So Durga means the power of God (Datta) who alone can kill Mahisha. The various scriptures quoted in this message are the various weapons of Durga. Durga means protection. Only this true knowledge can give protection. If these defects are present in other religions also they can also be rectified. A rigid person sticks to old tradition only. Such a rigid person drinks even the salt water from a well dug by his forefathers, as said by Scholars “*Tātasya kūpo'yam*”. Scholars also say that all the old is not correct (*Purāṇamityeva*). This is the inner essence of “Durgashtami” which is the festival today.

Chapter 28

LIGHT IN THE KARTIIKA MONTH**Meaning of Light**

November 19, 2003

O Learned and Devoted Servants of God,

The Veda says '*Param Jyotih*'. Brahma Sutra says '*Jyoti radhikaraṇāt*'. This means that whenever that word light comes, it means only God. In the ancient times light was lit using ghee or oil. Neither the kerosene nor current was present at that time. In the evening time when darkness comes the light was lit and it was a necessity. In such light they use to bring the concept of God. Due to light, darkness vanishes. Similarly, due to knowledge ignorance disappears. The Gita says that Knowledge is Sattvam and Sattvam is light. Therefore, knowledge is light. Knowledge is God as said in the Veda. Therefore, light is thought as God.

Today why the lights are lit in the daytime? In the night also when the electrical lights are present again the oil light is lit. The Veda says that the fire exist in three forms.

- 1) Laukika Agni or Bhautika Agni is the fire, which we see.
- 2) Vaidyuta Agni is the fire, which is in the form of electricity.
- 3) Devata Agni is the fire, which is in the divine form.

The first two forms are inert and there is no life and divinity in both these forms. We are imposing the divinity on the inert light. Such type of worship is called Pratiika Aradhana which means worshipping the representing form.

For ex.: The three colored flag represents India. When we salute to the flag we are saluting to India. Flag is representing India. Similarly, the light represents the God. Actually, flag is not India. Similarly, light is not God. Light is fire. Fire is one of the five elements. All the five elements are created by God and are called as creation. God is the creator. Creation is not the creator. Such type of worship can be done even to the current light. It is also one of the three forms.

Why are you lighting the oil lamp? If you want to directly worship the divine form of Agni, which is also called as Vaishvanara, it is present in the form of hunger in the form of living beings. As told in the Gita '*Aham vaiśvānaro bhūtvā*', such form is the actual form of God. The inert form of fire is very low before the actual form of God, as the Veda says '*Kuto'yam*

agniḥ'. Veda says that even the Sun is useless before God. Before the Sun this oil lamp is useless. So, before God this oil lamp is useless too.

We are inviting a man and giving him food treating him as a representative form of God. Worshipping the oil light is also like that. Suppose we invite Krishna Himself who is the God in the human form directly for food, what is the use of the ordinary man? Similarly, when the actual divine form of fire in the name of Vaishvanara is available, what is the use of the oil lamp and the electrical light? When we worship the sun as God, Sun represents God. Sun is not God, he is only inert fire. The Veda says '**Nedaṃ tat**' which means that this inert Sun is not God. Therefore, instead of worshipping the inert lights as representative form of God, is it not far better to worship the divine fire itself directly which is present as hunger in the living beings? Therefore, offering food to the hungry living beings is the real worship of divine light. You should not waste the oil and ghee for the sake of inert lights.

If you say that this is the old tradition, are you following all the old traditions? The old traditions is not to wear a shirt and shave the head with little hair leftover as a tail on the backside of the head. Scholars are '**Purāṇamityeva**' and '**Tātasya kūpo'yam**'. This means that all that is old is not correct.

Shivalinga represents the waveform of energy. The life form of energy is greater than all the inert forms of energy. Shivalinga, which is in the form of wave, represents this best life form of energy. The light represents the hunger in the living beings. In this Kartika month you are worshipping the Shivalinga with the oil lights. Both the Shivalinga and the light indicate the living being who is suffering with hunger and your worship is not putting the oil and ghee to the light and not pouring milk, curd, honey, ghee and sugar on Shivalinga. All these are food materials, which you must give to a hungry living being. That living being can be birds, animals, beggars and poor devotees.

Shiva represents knowledge as said '**Jñānaṃ Maheśvarāt**'. Therefore, understand the true knowledge and do the worship in the right way. Then only Lord Shiva will be pleased with you in this Kartika month.

Chapter 29
SHORT DISCOURSES

Blind Bond

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O Learned and Devoted Servants of God,

Even big scholars are attracted to the family bonds blindly in the name of tradition and finally are falling in well. Kunti was a great devotee of Lord Krishna. But she was attached to Dhritarashtra and Gandhari in the name of traditional practice. Dhritarashtra was blind. Gandhari covered her eyes with a piece of cloth. Both were blind because they were supporting their devil son Duryodhana. Kunti neither stayed with her son Dharmaraja (Deity of justice) nor with Krishna, the Lord. When Dhritarashtra and Gandhari were caught in the fire in forest, Kunti was also burnt in that fire. So one must cut the blind bonds in the family. The bond shall be with Lord or attached with at least Justice. Association should be decided by wisdom and not by blind tradition.

Spiritual Effort

In spiritual effort, everybody is independent. Even the wife cannot get share in the spiritual effort from her husband. The share may be in the religious rituals, which gives temporary heaven. To reach God, everyone is isolated with his or her personal effort only. The Gita says the same thing '*Uddharet*'. You can advise your wife to follow the spiritual path but you cannot give any share from your spiritual effort.

Lord is Kindest

In the forest, sages asked the Lord to accept them as wives, since they can become women by their superpower. Lord did not agree to this and postponed to next birth. Then sages were after the Lord. Later on, Lord was born as Krishna and the sages were born as maidens. Krishna was after those maidens. The whole picture was reversed. Why? The kindest Lord protected the prestige of sages in the eyes of the world. When sages were after Him in the previous birth, He was alone with them. See the kindness of Lord towards His devotee!

Fasting

Upavasa (Fasting) means forgetting food, when you are immersed in God. (*Upa* = Near God, *Vasa* = Immersed). But today people are fasting by

force, suffering with hunger. This is not Upavasa. When you do such fasting, Yogi Vemana says '*Kūḍu viḍaci malamū kuducurā upavāsai*'. This means a little excretory matter is leftover in the digestive system after motion. When you fast, the digestive system assimilates this little excretory matter. So, on that fasting day, one has eaten the excretory matter instead of food!

Similarly, if you do not get sleep due to thinking of God, that is Jagaranam (not sleeping in the night). But people are stopping their sleep by force.

There should not be force to stop eating or sleeping. If they are stopped without force, automatically due to immersion in God and then only Upavasa and Jagaranam are fruitful. Aspiring some benefit, people are doing Upavasa and Jagaranam by force. Such acts are waste and useless. The right knowledge is necessary in any religious deed.

Caste System

This is the cancer for Hinduism. The Gita says '*Cāturvarṇyam...*', i.e., the four castes are created based on their qualities and deeds. Veda says '*Brāhmaṇo'sya...*' i.e., the four castes are born from the four parts of the body of God. All of them are brothers as God is Father of all the human beings as the Gita says '*Ahaṃ Bīja*'. They are like present teaching community, doctor community etc., based on their talents and profession. Greatness is not by birth but by the work done as said '*Janmanā jāyate...*'. Rama and Krishna are non-brahmins whose feet are washed by Brahmins today in temples. Ravana was a Brahmin and he did not have any temple. Does this not clearly show that Hinduism is not based on the caste?

The untouchability is also meaningless. Shabari and Kannappa (hunter) are the so-called untouchables, whose photos are present along with God in the house of every Hindu. Suuta belonging to a low caste was made the president of a sacrifice performed by sages (Refer Bhagavatam). The actual meaning of untouchability is forgotten. A very bad student is expelled from school for a change in him. Similarly, very bad people were expelled from the village, expecting a change in them. This is the actual sense of untouchability. It belongs to an individual. The son need not be untouchable. The son of Hiranyakashipu (demon) Prahlada, need not be a demon. Prahlada was very pious. Datta came in the form of untouchable, and preached Shankara, and Shankara fell on the feet of Datta, which proves that an individual is not untouchable.

Even if you argue that according to the Gene theory a man of a particular caste is getting the qualities of all his ancestors and so caste is

based on the birth. Even then you are finding good and bad qualities in all the castes. Can you show Me a caste, which is completely good or bad? We must give the value to good qualities as in the case of Rama and Krishna and reject bad in the case of Ravana. Due to Rama the entire Kshatriya caste is not good. Due to Ravana, the entire Brahmins are not bad. Analyse any individual independently and respect or discard him by his qualities and deeds and not by birth.

Energy And Work

In Science the first law of Thermodynamics shows that heat = Rise in internal energy + work done. Now, you have taken food which gives 100 calories of energy to you. If you make rise in internal energy (tension) as zero, all the energy supplied = work. You will do the work to your level best. The Gita says the same thing. '*Karmanye vādhikāraste...*' i.e., concentrate all your energy in work only. The Gita says that tension becomes zero, when you do not spend any energy (thinking) for the sake of fruit of that work. On the day of examination, the student spends all his energy in this tension and his brain does not work in the interview. Don't think about the fruit. Tension becomes zero. Then your work is maximum. This is the clue of success in your worldly life and also in spiritual life.

In spiritual line, your energy is wasted in 1) watching cinemas, 2) watching Televisions, 3) reading waste books and 4) talking unnecessarily, which neither helps here nor there. These four are the divine dancers called Rambha etc., to spoil and fail you to achieve success in this world or to achieve God.

A beggar praises you for food. You are rejecting him. A guest comes to see you and not for food. You are treating the guest in excellent manner. Similarly, you must approach God as guest and not as a beggar.

Nara And Narayana

Nara is a man. Rama acted as Nara only. His Godliness was hidden in Him like the sugar inside a wheat cover. Unless you cut with your teeth you cannot get the sweet. The Ramayanam is that type of sweet. Narayana is superman. Lord Narayana is like candy sugar. The Bhagavatam is like this. Only angels and sages can take the sugar directly. Coming to the Bharatam it is mixture of the story of Pandavas and the story of Lord Krishna. It is like what flour mixed with sugar in a sweet (Laddu). For human beings, both man (Nara) and superman (Narayana) are mixed as human incarnation as in Lord Krishna. Human beings cannot tolerate Narayana with His intensive divine qualities like the candy sugar. They cannot relish an ordinary human being like tasteless wheat flour. They can relish a human

incarnation in which both the normal properties of Nara and divine properties of Narayana are mixed, which is like Laddu prepared by mixing sugar and wheat flour. Hence, human incarnations are mixture of Nara and Narayana in various proportions, which are Krishna, Jesus, Mohammed, Buddha etc.

Rama And Krishna

Rama came to teach Pravritti, which is the way to live in this world peacefully selecting justice and discarding injustice. Krishna came to teach 'Nivritti', which is the way to reach God by selecting God only if there is a competition between God and justice. God is the highest and He protects even the justice. Protector is greater than the protected.

Sages in the forest asked Rama that they will become women by their superpower and get rid of the male egoism. Rama told that unless they are born as woman, they couldn't get rid of male egoism. Accordingly, sages were born as Gopikas (ladies serving cows) and got rid of the male egoism. But they got the natural jealousy of woman. Headache disappeared but Malaria appeared. Hence Lord Krishna danced with all the Gopikas together to remove the jealousy from the heart of each Gopika. This is the aim of His dancing with all the Gopikas together (Raasakeli) in Brindavanam gardens. Thus, Raasakeli was a training program to remove jealousy from the hearts of the sages. God belongs to all devotees equally. When egoism is removed the soul becomes sage 'Atri' and the jealousy is removed the soul becomes Anasuya. Atri and Anasuya only achieve Datta (God).

Service (Karma Yoga)

Knowledge means preaching others and not to know by himself. Love means loving others and not to be loved by others. If you love others, others will love you. So loving is the characteristic property of love. Bliss is giving happiness to others and not to be happy. Knowledge, Love and Bliss are the characteristic properties of Datta (God), which contain the sacrifice. By these three qualities only, you have to recognize the human form of Datta. Datta means sacrifice (donation).

Sacrifice (Datta) is the essence of the whole path to reach God. 1) Sacrifice of work (Karma Samnyaasa), 2) Sacrifice of fruit of work i.e., money (Karma Phala Tyaaga). Both these put together are called Karma yoga (service). These are the two eyes of God. Without these two there is no use of prayers, meditation etc., which are only the sacrifice of words and mind only. Lord gives you His grace and that grace is nothing but the fruit of the service in the above two ways. *So whenever God shows grace on*

some person people should understand that such grace is the fruit of service of that person only. Lord is giving your own fruit only from His pocket and not His own fruit. You can earn this fruit only by your service and which is deposited in the pocket of the Lord. Lord does not give His grace to anybody simply by praise or expression of feeling or weeping or begging. He is impartial and cannot be prejudiced or fooled. He is the cleverest judge. You cannot fool Him by praise (kaka) or by expressing feelings (artificial love) or by weeping (kindling His kindness) to any extent. Hanuman never did such low things in the presence of Rama as per Valmiki Ramayana. He served Rama, the then human incarnation in His work and stood like a majestic Hero always. He was given the fruit of His sacrifice i.e., the position of creator (Brahma), which He never aspired. So recognize the human form of God present before you and participate in His work doing service (Karma Yoga). Never weep, never beg, never praise Him and never do any other type of worship. Serve Him in His work without aspiring anything in return. Hanuman did only three things as per Valmiki Ramayana. 1) He recognized the human incarnation not by His miracles. In fact Hanuman Himself knows all the miracles. 2) He participated in the work of that human incarnation with full sacrifice. He had no personal work except the work of the Lord. 3) He never aspired any fruit for His service. He was given the highest fruit.

Flashes from the Divine Discourses of Swami

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Longevity of Devotion

When you select a bridegroom, his longevity is very important apart from his beauty and good qualities. If the longevity is not there what is the use of his beauty and good qualities? Similarly, excellent devotion on God may exist but how long the devotion continues at that level is the most important point in the eyes of the God. Devotion, which is very high in the beginning, should continue forever.

Worldly Wisdom

Worldly wisdom is good for all worldly matters, but it is not good in spiritual matters. You will win more and more in the world as you become more and more wise, but you are becoming far and far from the God. Old people look less wise in the worldly matters and you are mocking at them. You don't know how much near they are to God.

Reaction To Violence

When one throws fire on you if you throw fire against him in return, can your fire extinguish the opposite fire? The fire thrown by you cannot pacify the injuries caused by the opposite fire on your body. The injuries caused by your fire on the body of your enemy will increase the strength of your enmity with him. If you throw water against his fire, your water can extinguish the opposite fire. The water fallen on your enemy generates repentance in your enemy and the enmity ends forever. A Scholar shows love as answer to violence. An ignorant fellow shows anger as answer to the anger.

Human Incarnation is God All The Time

When you put on the switch the bulb glows. When there is no necessity, the switch is put off and the current is not flowing in the bulb. Similarly, the human incarnation is associated with power of God whenever it is necessary. In other times He remains as a human being only. But in that stage also He is God because in that time also He sacrifices Himself for the sufferings of His devotees. When He remains as a human being, He attracts the sins of His devotees and undergoes the sufferings. For such sacrifice He is called 'Datta'. Datta means He who sacrificed Himself for the sake of others. Therefore, the human incarnation continues to be God in all the times. He is either associated with the power of God or He is sacrificing Himself for the sins of His devotees.

Knowledge is The Full Form of God

You think that the human incarnation is with high power when He performs miracles and is with less power when He preaches the knowledge. It is wrong. While preaching the divine knowledge He is full God like a thousand-watt bulb. He is a zero watt bulb while performing the miracles. Therefore, even petty people are getting the powers of miracles. But they cannot attain the divine knowledge. While preaching Kauravas and while preaching Arjuna Lord Krishna was full God (Vishwarupam State). When scholars preach the bookish knowledge, they are also zero watt bulbs. The divine knowledge preached by the human incarnation is called '*Prajnanam*' or 'true knowledge' as said by the Veda. '*Prajnanam*' means the knowledge that is not possible for any human being to preach. Scholars are called Gurus. The human incarnation alone is Sadguru. Sat means God. Sadguru means God in the form of Guru.

The Three Tests

Love on God is called devotion (bhakti). Love on worldly things is called love (prema). The meaning is same for both the words love and devotion.

There are three strongest worldly chains.

- 1) Love between husband and wife.
- 2) Love on children.
- 3) Love on money.

These three bonds are called 'Eshanas'. Datta (God) competes with these three bonds in His tests. One cannot reach even the outer gate of Lord Datta if he fails in these three tests.

Respect And Love

You are respecting your parents because you are receiving some benefit from them at present and also in the future. You love your wife and children because you are giving your earnings to them. Therefore, when you aspire something from God you are respecting God. When you sacrifice something to God without any aspiration in return you love God. God likes love and not the respect. Such a love, which involves sacrifice only and not any aspiration from God, is called as real devotion. Try to convert all your respect into love on God. That means sacrifice for God's work and don't aspire anything from God in return.

Chapter 30

THE ONLY TECHNIQUE

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O Learned and Devoted Servants of God,

[A devotee, Shri G. Lakshman asked Swami "What is the use of the form of God, when I can experience God directly as I came to know His qualities". Swami replied to his question by a spontaneous discourse in two parts.

Shri. G. Lakshman is an excellent devotee having the craze for divine knowledge. When he hears the divine knowledge, he does not eat or sleep. He donates lot of money for the propagation of this divine knowledge in the service of Lord Datta. Recently Swami gave him a vision of Lord Ananta Padmanabha for a long time and he was immersed in the infinite bliss for several days.]

The Only Technique - I

Let us assume that Parabrahma is the fire. The qualities of Parabrahma like knowledge, bliss and love put together can be assumed as the heat. Let us assume the human incarnation as a wire.

Unless you have experience you cannot have the knowledge. The Vedas, the Shastras and logic should also support the experience. Otherwise a mad fellow may experience some false thing that cannot be taken as a standard. Now such experience becomes the real knowledge. Now if you want to experience the fire along with its heat you are disappearing. Because when the fire is expressed along with its heat the whole world disappears and you also disappeared. Now there is no question of experience and then there is no meaning of getting the knowledge. Similarly, you can never experience Parabrahma directly and therefore, you cannot have the knowledge of Parabrahma at any cost. The Parabrahma is beyond your imagination. Therefore, through the egoistic path of the only knowledge (Jnana Yoga), you can neither experience the fire nor experience the heat. You are totally lost.

But if you can get rid of your egoism and jealousy and if you can accept the human incarnation at least you can experience the heat. The fire has entered the wire. You touched the wire and you experienced the heat. What is fire? The heat infinitely intensified is the fire. When the fire entered the wire, the fire is hidden in the wire and radiates only that much amount of heat through the wire by which you will not be smashed to ash. By receiving the little heat, you can imagine the infinite intensity of that heat and thus you can imagine the fire. The wire controls the intensity of the heat so that you can experience the fire. Once you experience the heat

you have to multiply it infinitely and that brings the fire into your brain. If you approach the fire directly even before you experience its heat you are just vaporized in which situation neither there is experience nor the knowledge. Thus, the fire has arranged this wire technique so that you can experience the fire within your limits and thereby you can imagine even the infiniteness of that heat quality.

The first wire into which the fire entered was called Datta. But the second third fourth etc., wires are also called by the name Datta. Every human incarnation is Datta. Datta means the wire that is given to the devotees in order to experience the hidden fire in it. The three heads are only the three qualities (Sattvam, Rajas and Tamas). The wire is Prakriti or Maayaa, which consists of all the three qualities. There is no need of three heads, which is only a pictorial representation for the sake of ignorant people. Even Rama who is the embodiment of Sattvam became angry with Sage Jabali and this anger is Rajas. Rama was after the golden deer and that is Tamas. So, three heads indicate that any human incarnation contains all the three qualities.

Parabrahma has arranged this wire technique using His highest intelligence. If anybody can suggest a better way than this, Parabrahma will acknowledge with thanks and will adopt that technique in future.

The Only Technique – II

As per the Veda, Knowledge, Bliss and Love are the characteristic properties of the God (Parabrahma). A property must be possessed by a substratum (Dravya). Light and heat are the characteristic properties of the Sun. Sun is a substratum. The Substratum is a concentrated form of the properties. So, God is the concentrated substratum of Knowledge, Bliss and Love as said by the Veda (*Prajñāna ghanah, Brahma puccham pratiṣṭhā*). God is beyond imagination. Imagination means knowledge. Knowledge must be born from experience and the Veda, the Shashtra and logic should support it. Then only it can be real knowledge. Mere experience cannot give the real knowledge because the mad experience of a mad fellow cannot be true. Experience must be direct. If somebody says that Honey is sweet, such knowledge cannot be the real knowledge unless you taste the honey and experience it. Consciousness is also a quality. A quality cannot exist independently. You can see the consciousness existing in a living being only and that living being is the substratum. Power is also a quality. Though Sun is the condensed form of light, when Sun is absent then light is not seen. God is also a condensed form of Knowledge, Bliss and Love and

God created this world through ‘Maayaa’. When you say the word Knowledge it means it is also consciousness. Knowledge must have consciousness. Consciousness need not have the Knowledge. Knowledge means the Knowledge of a Shaastra i.e., a concept. Prajnanam means the true and infinite knowledge of God, which is also called as Philosophy. Vedanta is Philosophy, because it is the topmost knowledge of the Veda. Vedanta is fully known by God only. Therefore, God is ‘Sarvajna’ (He who knows everything.). God created ignorance which is Maayaa and He was covered by this Maayaa with His own will. He enjoys by seeing this world which is nothing but just His ideas only. If Maayaa is removed the world disappears and the pure God alone remains. Then the pure God knows Himself without any ignorance. Therefore, any person cannot know this pure God because the person disappears with the world. Veda says “*Brahmavit Brahma...*”. This means that God alone knows God. The Gita also says same thing “*Mām tu veda na kaścana*” which means that nobody knows God. Therefore, you cannot directly experience God and His three properties directly from God. When you yourself do not exist how can you experience God and his qualities? When there is no experience, the real knowledge cannot be attained. Simply by knowing that God possesses the knowledge of Himself, which is called ‘*Prajnanam*’ by the Veda, it is not sufficient. Did you hear the Prajnanam from God? You have not understood anything simply by hearing the word ‘Prajnanam’. If you have heard the word Mathematics, do you know all the mathematics? So you must hear that special knowledge from God and get bliss and then love God through your service and then God should love you. Then you have experienced the God and now you have the real knowledge of God, which is called Brahma Jnanam. Already we have told that it is impossible to attain the special knowledge directly from God because you yourself cannot exist in that situation.

What is the solution for this problem? God must enter the world secretly and should give you the special knowledge. If God is exhibited the world disappears. Therefore, God enters a human body, which is a product of His Maya only. His entrance is also a Maayaa. Now He is hidden in that human body to maintain the existence of you and the world. Now He gives you the special knowledge through that human body. That special knowledge will also be given in such a dosage, which can only be received by you. If the dosage is more you will vanish. Now you are getting the special knowledge directly from God and the human body is only a medium. God is pervading that human body from top to bottom, internally and externally. The Veda says this (*Antar bahiśca...*). Now by the

experience you have attained the full Brahma Jnanam. There is no other way than this. If you want to see the God by these two eyes it is impossible because if God appears you will disappear along with this world. God can be seen only by the third eye which is the eye of Knowledge, that too if God's grace is there. You cannot see God. You cannot touch God. You cannot talk with God. You cannot live with God. So, what is the use of such vision? Vision is useless unless you attain the God's grace. Grace is more important than vision. God gave His vision to Arjuna as well as to the blind king Dhritarashtra. Dhritarashtra was not blessed. Radha and Hanuman were never given such vision. But both attained the highest fruit. When Arjuna saw that vision he shivered and prayed God to come back to the form of human body. Arjuna was the bravest man in the world. He also worshipped Narayana (God) as Nara continuously for the past thousand births. He also saw God through the third eye only and with the grace of God. If such Arjuna shivered what will be case of ordinary human beings? They will simply vaporize before the power of God. If you receive Knowledge, Bliss and Love of God and if you love God through your service you will be really blessed. You can experience these three qualities only through human incarnation. Some people claim themselves as human incarnations by telling that they have infinite bliss and love. They do not possess the knowledge, which is supported by the Veda, the Shaastra and logic. Even if they speak the knowledge, they cannot quote the scriptures and cannot give the correct logic. Such people are only fraud incarnations because the knowledge cannot be separated from bliss and love. The light of the Sun cannot be separated from the heat. Both light and heat always co-exist. If you neglect Krishna how can you get the special knowledge in the form of the Bhagavadgita? If you neglect the divine form Brahma deva how can you get the Vedas? Sages have heard Vedas from the four faces of Brahma Deva. Sages are sitting near Brahma Deva and are attaining the special knowledge, which is called Vedanta, and are immersed in the infinite bliss and love. Buddha who is one of the ten incarnations of God Narayana told that the Vedas are "*Paurusheyas*" which means that Vedas are spoken by a form i.e., Brahma Deva. But some have condemned Buddha saying that Vedas came directly from God. Yes. The Vedas were told by God but not directly. God pervades all the divine body of Brahma Deva and through that body the Vedas were told to the sages. Krishna told in the Gita that foolish people insult the medium, which is the human body because of their jealousy and egoism (*Avajānanti...*). The Veda says "*Vedāhametam...*" which means that 'I have recognized the human incarnation who throws away the ignorance darkness and is shining by the

special knowledge like a Sun'. The Veda further says “*Tamevaṃ vidvān...*” which means that he who recognizes such human incarnation becomes liberated in this world itself (Jiivanmukta). The Veda further says ‘*Nānyaḥ panthāḥ...*’ which means that there is no other way to experience God than through the human incarnation.

Chapter 31

MESSAGE ON DATTAJAYANTI**Introduction**

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O Learned and Devoted Servants of God,

Datta is the human incarnation given to devotees for the sake of vision, touch, conversation, and co-living. Another need of Datta is that He facilitates the spiritual effort of His devotees by attracting the results of their sins on Him. If you say that Rama or Krishna is only Datta, it is not possible. In such case, only one human generation in which Rama /Krishna was present, was only blessed which leads to partiality of God. Therefore, Datta is needed for every human generation, for every region and for every religion. Otherwise again God becomes partial if Datta comes to one region and one religion only. The people of other regions and other religions cannot come there. In one region, there are again devotees of different levels. For such devotees, human incarnations at different levels will appear, which are like Kalavataras (Incarnations of His radiation) and Amshavataras (Partial Incarnations) etc. These human incarnations belong to different regions and religions by different languages and traditions. The human incarnations of one religion cannot be accepted by another religion. Therefore, incarnations should be different at different levels and should be different in different religions. Today in one region several religions are present. This makes the situation very complex and lakhs of human incarnation are needed. For God there is no difficulty to come like that. The Veda says about thousand headed God (*Sahasra Siirsha purushah*). Here, the word thousand means many. When this is not difficult for God why should anybody deny that? If anybody says that he is the only incarnation of Datta, he is a fool. He is only a devil who depends on performing miracles only. Miracles are His Jewels only. By possessing His Jewels, a demon cannot get even a ray of the light of God. Hence, such a fellow cannot be even the incarnation of even His radiation. The Holy Bible says, ***“I never knew you. Depart from Me.”*** (Mathew 7-23). The characteristic properties of God are knowledge, Love and Bliss. The Veda says ***“Satyam Jnanam, Rasovaisah and Anando Brahma”***. Knowledge is Brahma indicating Rajas, Love is Vishnu indicating Sattvam and Bliss is Shiva indicating Tamas. This means that every human incarnation (Datta) has

these three qualities. These three qualities are indicated by Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva. There is only one God and Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva don't exist. Datta is not having three faces. This is only a pictorial representation for the sake of childish ignorant people. Datta is having only one face who is a human body with two hands. The six hands represent the six modifications of body which are Existence (Asti), Birth (Jayate), Growth (Vardhate) Change (Viparinamate), Reduction (Apachiiyate) and Destruction (Nashayati). This means that the three heads represent three qualities and six hands represent the birth and destruction of the human body. God pervades all over the human body and such human form is called Datta. We can recognize anybody by face only. God is also recognized by these three qualities, which are associated with Him. These three qualities put together are called Prakruti or Maayaa. God is always associated with Maayaa. The Gita says the same thing "*Mayam Tu Prakrutim*", "*Mayinam Tu*". These three qualities mixed in different proportions lead to the main sixteen divine qualities and even to infinite divine qualities. Therefore, God is called Vishvaroopaa or Sahasra Siirsha. Such divine qualities are not present in those demons and therefore, God has no connection with such demons who perform miracles only. His right hand represents knowledge with the mode called "Chinmudra". His left hand contains all the superpowers. Therefore, His right half is Guru and His left half is Bhagavan. On the right side, we have Shankha, Damaruka and Garland of beads. The first two represent sound. The third represents a sentence of letters, which came from sound. Thus, the right half represents preaching of knowledge. On the left side, the Chakra, Trishula and the powerful water present in Kamandalu, represent the power and miracles. Knowledge, love and bliss are infinite when possessed by God. So, if God is exhibited, the world disappears. You will also disappear. So, you cannot get the experience of God and the subsequent knowledge. The Veda says that such direct knowledge of God is only possible to God (*Brahma vit Brahma*). The Gita also says that no person can know God directly (*Mamtu Veda*). God made a special arrangement to give His knowledge as the Gita says "*Maanushiim Tanu Maasritam*". This means that God pervades all over a human body and gives this special knowledge, love and bliss. Instead of human body, a statute or animal cannot be used because they cannot express knowledge. The animal may express love and bliss by jumping but not the knowledge. Moreover, that love and bliss can be created in us only when we hear such special knowledge. After knowledge only, love and bliss should come. After Brahma only Vishnu and Shiva will come. The animal cannot have knowledge. It has consciousness

(Chaitanyam) only. To know itself or to identify others is only Chaitanyam but not Jnanam. The animal cannot teach the knowledge of God. Scholars are confused here. They mean Jnanam for the word Chaitanyam. Such a special knowledge (Prajnanam) cannot be obtained from scholars or books. The knowledge obtained from books and scholars gives headache only and not the bliss. The special knowledge is not possible for any human being except the human incarnation. The Veda says the same “**Prajnanam Brahma**”. Such Prajnanam can be received from the God only through human incarnation that will develop love in you on Him and in turn He loves you. Your love should be proved only through service. Then it will give you infinite bliss. This is the salvation attained by you while you are alive (Jiivan Mukti). Some people express love and bliss only and claim to be the incarnations of Datta. Unless the special knowledge is given to you, you cannot get love and bliss. Love and bliss cannot come without reason and the reason is only that Prajnanam given by the human incarnation. Such Prajnanam should be supported by the Vedas, the Shastras and the Gita because Datta is the author of the Vedas, the Shastras and the Gita. The four great sentences (Mahavakyas) say that God is like a human being and is possessing the special knowledge. Once the Prajnanam (special knowledge) is present, love and bliss are produced subsequently. When you receive such knowledge, bliss and love, you are attaining the nature of God which is one side of the coin. The other side of the coin is that you should attain the nature of Datta. Datta means sacrifice. Without sacrifice one cannot become Datta. Unless one becomes Datta, he cannot become the complete God. That sacrifice is to propagate the special knowledge in the world so that all the human beings attain the salvation. When you participate in such program of Datta, you will also become Datta.

Your participation is called Seva or Karma Yoga (Service), which consists of two parts.

- Karma samnyaasa, which means sacrifice of your work.
- Karma Phala Tyaaga, which means sacrifice of the fruit of your work(money)

Hanuman attained the post of Brahma through such service. He never performed any worship, meditation, chanting etc., as per the Ramayana written by Valmiki. He did only the service that is action. All these worships, chantings etc., without service are like zeros without a number at the backside. Sacrifice of the fruit of chanting etc., is not a real sacrifice. The Veda says “**Dhanena Tyagenyke**”, which means that sacrifice of money alone brings the salvation. The performance in the examination alone brings the degree. Your hard study throughout the year cannot give

the degree directly. How much you studied is not important. How much you digested is important, which can alone be proved through the examination. The examination of Datta is the Karma Phala Tyaaga. Chanting etc., is study throughout the year. The Karma Phala Tyaaga is greatest because it is the real proof of your real love to God. Even your sin is neglected through Karma Phala Tyaaga. Kannappa sacrificed the flesh got by hunting to the Lord. His sin in hunting was also neglected and he was given salvation, because he or his family did not enjoy the flesh.

Datta is followed by the pious cow that represents the Dharma (Justice). This means, whatever God in human form does is Dharma. Dharma follows Him because He is the protector of Dharma. He doesn't follow Dharma. Similarly, the four dogs represent the four Vedas lying at His feet. This represents that whatever He says is the Veda and the Vedas simply follow His preaching. He gives a concept and then quotes the Veda. A scholar quotes the Veda and then explains it. The Veda follows Him as a faithful dog. He created the Vedas and Dharma is a product of the Vedas (*Asya Mahato..., Vedo Akhilo...*).

Datta can be attained only by Atri and Anasuya. There is no Atri or Anusaya. If a devotee gets rid of Jealousy (Asuya), such a devotee is Anasuya. If a devotee gets rid of three types of egoism, such a devotee is Atri. The first of type of egoism is Sattvika, which is pride of knowledge. The second type of egoism is Rajasa, which is the pride of his physical strength. The third type of egoism is Tamasa, which is the pride of his body. Such a devotee devoid of jealousy and egoism can only attain Datta. This means that such a devotee alone can recognize the human incarnation. People are not accepting the human incarnation only due to their jealousy towards another human being and their egoism.

Datta Jayanti is that day on which one has recognized the human incarnation. If a devotee is always with such a human incarnation, every day is a Datta Jayanti. The month Margasiirsham means the head (Intelligence) put in the path (right path towards God). The star today is Mrugasira, which means the head of the animal i.e., the intelligence of animal like man. The star means the people who are with less light i.e., less knowledge. Purnima means the full human incarnation that has come down with infinite true knowledge and such human incarnation is called "Paripurna Avatara" (Complete incarnation). He Himself gave Himself to this world. This is the meaning of the word Datta. You are leaving such best human incarnation due to your egoism and you are worshipping statues, trees, animals, serpents etc., due to your ignorance. They cannot preach you that special knowledge (Prajnanam). To recognize God in

human form requires your initial attitude towards your fellow human beings to be without jealousy. Unless you remove your negative repulsive attitude towards the human beings, how can you recognize God present in a particular human being? If you are mocking at monkeys, you will also mock at Lord Hanuman, when He appears before you. This kind of initial training of love towards every human being is called Pravrutti. Once you recognize that particular human being possessed by God, you can withdraw your love from all the human beings and concentrate all your love on the particular human incarnation and this part is called Nivrutti. The Gita says that one must practice both these parts in different times (*Pravruttimcha Nivruttimcha*). Before recognizing the human incarnation, you must love all the living beings. But after recognizing the human incarnation, you have to love only that God in human form. If a person loves only a few human beings even before recognizing the human incarnation, i.e., the worst part. Before recognizing Krishna as God, Arjuna loved only a few human beings like his grandfather Bhishma etc., and wanted not to fight with Kauravas. Before this war, he fought with all the kings when Rajasuya was performed, because he was not loving all the human beings equally. Therefore, the Bhagavad Gita starts from an ordinary human being who is loving a few human beings only because he does not know at least the Pravrutti in which he has to love all the human beings equally. Due to Pravrutti, one gets rid of the jealousy to the human form and then he will be able to recognize the God in human form without jealousy. Once such human incarnation is recognized, Pravrutti ends and Nivrutti starts. In Nivrutti, he has to withdraw his love from all the human beings and concentrate his love on human incarnation only. Thus, every human being must extend his/her limited love concentrated on a few human beings (kith and kin) to all the human beings. Then he/she should recognize the human incarnation and then withdraw the love from all the human beings and concentrate on that human incarnation only. Why not we withdraw the love from our kith and kin and directly concentrate on the human incarnation without the intermediate Pravrutti? The answer is Pravrutti dilutes the concentrated love on our kith and kin and then to withdraw the diluted love from all the human beings becomes easy, so that we can concentrate all the love on the human incarnation.

Sacrifice

(Divine Discourse on Datta Jayanti)

Today I asked Datta “Why did You enter Me for this work? I am full of bad qualities. There are several sages who are embodiments of good

qualities. You enter them”. Datta replied, “It is true that You are a bad fellow but You have one good quality before which all Your bad qualities can be neglected. Those sages have all good qualities but they have one bad quality before which all their good qualities are neglected”. I asked Datta very anxiously “What is that greatest good quality and what is that strongest bad quality?” Datta replied “The greatest good quality present in You is sacrifice. You always spend Your energy and time to uplift others. You never utter My name even once for Your upliftment. Those sages put efforts mostly to uplift themselves and so their strongest bad quality is selfishness. You are a hut emitting sweet fragrance. They are marble castles emitting bad odor. I prefer to enter the hut emitting sweet fragrance and not the castle which emits bad odor”.

Oh Devotees! All of you are marble castles with all good qualities. You are emitting bad odor of selfishness. If you remove that selfishness and develop sacrifice, you will be the marble palaces with sweet fragrance. Then Datta will run to enter you.

You have climbed the first step. Now, you try to help the people standing on the ground to climb the first step. God will take you to second step like the mother cat catches its child by mouth and carries the child. You should not try to climb the second step. If you do so you will certainly slip.

If you say that you will first climb all the steps and then come down to help others, it cannot be believed. If you have climbed all the steps by your effort, that proves your infinite selfishness. Jealousy is directly proportional to selfishness. So, your infinite jealousy makes you not to help anybody at any time. Therefore, you cannot be believed and God will not help you to climb all the steps. Today, you got hundred rupees. You sacrifice ten rupees. Tomorrow God will give you thousand. Then sacrifice Rs. 100/-. Then God will give you 1 lakh rupees and you sacrifice Rs. 1000/-. Don't ask God for one lakh rupees directly in the first step stating that you will contribute Rs.1000/-. God will not agree because you cannot be believed. Similarly, as you gain knowledge and devotion from God at every level go on donating the knowledge and devotion to the ignorant people. Then God will give you full knowledge and full devotion in course of time. Sacrifice must co-exist with enjoyment at every level. If you spend all your time, energy and money in the propagation work of God, God is pleased fully with you. In that stage you need not do any worship to God. Shankaracharya spent all his time and energy to propagate knowledge. Meera spent all her time and energy to propagate devotion. For both, Datta gave salvation along with their bodies. The very word Datta means

sacrifice. If you do such complete sacrifice for uplifting others in the World, you are the real incarnation of Datta. This is the essence of Datta. Without the essence one cannot become Datta by external appearance and dress. A person having the strength of a lion is called as a real lion. The person who is dressed as lion cannot be the real lion. The Sadhana (effort) must be to achieve the essence of Datta and not the appearance of Datta.

- **Swami**

In this discourse Swami told that He is a person with bad qualities. This is only to say that God blesses even a bad person with sacrifice and condemns a good person with selfishness. Generally, Swami speaks in a reverse way about Himself and this should not be mistaken.

[A letter from Ms. J. K. Rowling (the author of Harry Potter series) is received today. She expressed her thanks and immense happiness on the poem written by Swami and His divine discourses.

Note:- Shri Ramnath Iyer at Mumbai, goes to a divine woman who is possessed by Goddess Durga at 7-30 p.m., on every Durgaashtami when the holy 'Arathi' is given. But on the recent Durgaashtami day he came late. The divine woman was pressed by devotees for 'Arati'. Then Swami appeared before her and asked her to wait for a minute since Ramnath Iyer is climbing the upstairs. Accordingly Ramnath Iyer came up immediately. The divine woman narrated this and told that Swami is always moving with Ramnath Iyer. Sometime back Swami told Ramnath Iyer that He will always be with Ramnath Iyer. So this promise of Swami was proved true as per the incident narrated by the divine woman. Ramnath Iyer informed us about this incident with lot of surprise.

Yesterday, after the discourses Swami emitted a concentrated fragrance of the Sacred Ash (Vibhuti) for a long time. We have already informed this to you. Today Smt. Bhavani, requested Swami to give the fragrance of Vibhuti that was emitted yesterday since she could not attend the discourse. She got the fragrance of the sacred ash.]

Chapter 32

CONFLUENCE OF CHRISTIANITY AND HINDUISM**Introduction**

December 25, 2003 Christmas

O Learned and Devoted Servants of God,

Swami is giving separate lectures to devotees on the eve of coming Christmas. Some Christians have become devotees of Swami because they have experienced the miracles of Swami in several aspects. One of the Christian Devotees got the vision as Holy Jesus from Swami. In these discourses the statements in the Holy Bible are explained in the light of the Vedas and the Bhagavad Gita. Swami says, “These discourses will bring a co-ordination between Hinduism and Christianity. The messages of Hindu saint like Swami Vivekananda have spread in the Christian countries. The messages of Christianity have spread in India. Thus, there is a broad-minded brotherhood between Hinduism and Christianity. Tolerance of Hindus and love of Christians are the reasons for such brotherhood bond.

You can pass on these special discourses to your Christian friends so that the brotherhood and love is strengthened, which is the aim of Swami. When the people following the two religions are mixed with love, that means the two religions are mixed. Religion means only the people following those religions and therefore the scriptures can also be mixed and correlated”.

God (Holy Spirit) and Human Incarnation.

Statement:- Mathew 10:40 Lord Jesus was the human incarnation of the Holy Spirit. The human body of Holy Jesus is like the metallic wire, which was all over pervaded by the Holy Spirit. The Veda says ‘*Antarbahiśca*’ which means that the Holy Spirit pervades all over the body of Human Incarnation. Wherever you touch the wire the electric shock is given. Similarly, the entire human body of Holy Jesus is holy. The holiness is the nature of Holy Spirit just like the shock is the property of electricity. As the electricity cannot be separated from the wire, the Holy Spirit cannot be separated from the Holy Jesus. So here the Holy Spirit is the Holy Jesus. Holy Jesus refers this Holy Spirit as His Father. He tells that He was sent by His Father as a messenger. Though He and His father are one and the same, He speaks like this for which there is a practical

reason i.e.; every human being repels with another human being. A man cannot accept another man as God due to jealousy and egoism. Bhagavadgita says, “A man will insult Me when I come here in human form (*Avajānanti mām...*)”. For this purpose, Holy Jesus wants Himself to be called only as the messenger of the Holy Spirit by the disciples whenever He is introduced to the public. If He tells the truth the egoistic public will not hear even what He preaches and will reject Him. Therefore, He is telling His disciples to introduce Him as a messenger only. Of course, the disciples are really the messengers of Holy Jesus.

Holy Spirit has taken over the human body of Holy Jesus and pervaded all over the body to preach the divine knowledge to this world. The same Holy Spirit is sending the disciples for the propagation of the Divine knowledge. Both the body of Holy Jesus and the disciples are instruments of the Holy Spirit chosen for different purposes. The Holy Spirit is preaching through the body of Holy Jesus and is propagating the divine knowledge through disciples. Therefore, if you respect the disciple you are respecting the Holy Spirit indirectly. Though both the instruments exist like this, the Holy Spirit is present in Jesus and is not present in the disciples. Due to this difference the disciple is an indirect instrument and the direct instrument is Holy Jesus. The disciple propagates the divine knowledge after hearing from the Holy Jesus. Therefore, when such disciple is respected, Holy Jesus is respected first and then the Holy Spirit. But among the disciples there may be some person who cannot repeat what Holy Jesus exactly preached. In such a case the Holy Spirit will take over the body of that disciple and preaches (Mathew 10:20). Such a disciple differs from Holy Jesus because the Holy Spirit resides in that disciple for some time only whereas the Holy Spirit resides in Jesus all the time.

Holy Jesus is telling that He is the messenger of the Holy Spirit and He is also telling that the disciple is His messenger. He is giving the same status to Himself and the disciple by telling like this. The reason is that some disciple may become jealous in future if He says that He Himself is the Holy Spirit whereas the disciple is His messenger only. The difference in the status may bring jealousy. Therefore, He is maintaining the equal status so that no devotee becomes jealous of Jesus in the future. Due to jealousy the disciple may slip from Holy Jesus.

When He says that He is only the messenger, this shows the humility and submissiveness of Holy Jesus. He wants His disciples to be humble and submissive to the Holy Spirit throughout their lives. For this purpose, He sets Himself as an ideal. The Holy Spirit present in the human body of Holy Jesus is the essence of true and infinite knowledge as the Veda says

“*Satyam Jñānam Anantam Brahma...*”. Humbleness and submissiveness are the fruits of the Divine Knowledge. Therefore, the humbleness and submissiveness are the qualities of the Holy Spirit itself. This means whatever Holy Jesus speaks is the statement of the Holy Spirit only.

The Only Love

Luke—14:26 to 27 [Matthew:- 11:34 to 38] “*If any one comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple*”.

The knowledge is compared to a sword. Bhagavadgita says “*Chhitvā Jñānāsīnātmanah*”. This means that the ignorance should be cut by the knowledge, which is like a sword. The bonds with wife or husband and children are due to ignorance. Such bonds should break when the Lord in human form competes with them to conduct His test. Lord comes in human form in every human generation to preach and give His direct presence. If the Lord comes in only one human generation, God becomes partial to that human generation because other human generations are not blessed with such opportunity. To see, to touch, to talk and to live with the human incarnation, He comes down as per the prayers of the devotees. The Lord comes to preach and so He will not enter the statues or animals or birds. The Veda says “*Na tasya pratimā asti*” which means that God will not enter the inert statues. The Gita says “*Mānuṣīm tanu māśritam*” which means that God enters the human body only because the main purpose is to preach the human beings. The Gita strongly says that he who worships the inert statues will be born as an inert stone (*Bhūtāni yānti*). The Christians should be commended on this point who are worshipping the Holy Jesus only, who is the most powerful human incarnation of God. The Veda says “*Na tat samah*” which means that nobody and nothing should be equal to the Lord in human incarnation. One should leave everything and everybody for the sake of the Lord in human form. The bond with the human beings can be broken only by the bond with a new human being. Such new human being must be very powerful who can be only God in human form.

A new bond existing with formless God or statues cannot break the human bonds. Only the bond with another living being can cut the bond with the living beings. The bond with formless God is impossible. The bond with inert statue has no use. The above statements of Holy Jesus indicate that one should cut the bonds with his family and with the wealth. In Hindu religion also it is said that God (Datta) cuts all the bonds of family and wealth (*Dattam Chinnam*). Even the bond with the body should be cut for the sake of the God. The Gita says the same thing as “*Mat gata*

prāṇāh”. Holy Jesus says that one has to carry his own cross (death) for the sake of the Lord. This means that one has to invite his own death with his own hands for the sake of God. Holy Jesus did like this as an ideal example for others. This means that you have to cut your bonds not only with your family and wealth but also with your life if necessary.

Hanuman, a top devotee, tore His heart with His own nails for the sake of the Lord and was blessed by the Lord to be immortal. So, when the devotee sacrifices his life, his life gets protected forever. The essence of this gospel is that the love is proved only by the practical sacrifice. Veda says “*Dhanena tyāge naike...*” which means that sacrifice of money proves the real love. Money is the fruit of the work. So, money is another form of work. If it is inconvenient to sacrifice the money, at least they should sacrifice the other form of money, which is work for the sake of God. Depending on the money all the family members are attached to you. If money is not there all the family will leave you. You are also giving the money to your family only. Therefore, if the bond with money is cut and if the money is sacrificed to God, the family bonds are considered as vanished, even though the family exists externally. The work of God in human form is the propagation of His divine gospel. For doing such divine work the family also stands as an obstacle because most of your energy is diverted for the family only. Therefore, you do not have any energy to work for the sake of Lord. Hence Holy Jesus wants His disciples to leave their families for the sake of God. The propagation work needs both money and work. Generally, everybody works to maintain his family. In the name of maintenance, several luxuries are introduced, which look like essential needs and thus there is no end for your work to earn the money for the sake of your body and your family. Your blindness increases and you will be putting more and more efforts to work and earn money for the sake of the family bonds. In such a case you can never even see the human form of God. At least you should remove your blindness by the divine knowledge if not the actual bonds. People of very high devotion only can cut the actual bonds. You are giving money to your family but you are giving words to God by prayers and you are giving mind to God through meditation. You are giving love to your family through your work and money, you are calling the sacrifice of words and sacrifice of mind as love to God and you are fooling the God. Your real love is only with your family and not with the God. Holy Jesus tests your real love to God by these statements. The Christian Pope and fathers and the Hindu Acharya and saints left their families and concentrated completely on the work of God. Such pious souls can only be representatives of God in this world.

Sacrifice of Wealth is the Way.

Matthew-6:19 to 22. (Luke-12:33 to 34)

“Do not Lay up for yourselves, treasures on earth”. “But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven”. “For where your treasure is there your heart will be also”.

Matthew-7:21 ***“Not everyone who say to Me, ‘Lord, Lord’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in Heaven”.***

Hindus, particularly, are sacrificing words through prayers and feelings through expression of love for the sake of God. When the question of wealth or money comes, they sacrifice it for the sake of their families only. This is the reason why India suffers with poverty. Swami Vivekananda wept loudly facing the sky asking; “Why India with such high spiritual knowledge is suffering with poverty?” The foreigners are not so well in prayers and expression of love or meditation compared to Indians but they sacrifice their money for the sake of God with full vigor. Therefore, God blesses the foreign countries with wealth and prosperity. Indians sacrifice words and mind only to God. Therefore, Indians are blessed with very good pronunciation of language and excellent knowledge which are connected to the words and mind. The Gita says ‘***Ye Yathā māṃ prapadyante***’ which means that God gives you result in the same way in which you worship Him. If you worship Him with words (prayers) only He will also appreciate you with sweet words. If you love Him with your mind and concentrate with meditation, He will also love you in turn with high concentration of mind. If you sacrifice practically, He will also do everything to you practically. Indians must learn this practical sacrifice from foreigners as they have learnt the science and technology from the West. Even in the olden days, Indians were always doing exercises in theoretical knowledge of God and in composing lot of poems on God. Therefore, the same attitude entered even their education of science. They have become theorists even in science. The foreigners were less theoretical and more practical in spiritual things and therefore that attitude entered their scientific education also and the foreigners have become the real practical scientists. Let Indians not be proud that they are the masters in the spiritualism if not in science. Though I am born in India, I deny this. The Indians should follow the foreigners not only in science but also in spiritualism by learning the practical aspect of the materialistic as well as divine knowledge.

Today, in the world everybody agrees that the real power is the money only. Money is the fruit of work and Bhagavadgita calls sacrifice of

money as Karma Phala Tyaaga. In the Bhagavadgita it is said “*Dhyānāt karma phala tyāgaḥ*”, which means that devotion is greater than knowledge and sacrifice of the fruit of the work (money) is greater than the devotion. Knowledge consists of intelligence and words. Devotion consists of mind and words. Sacrifice consists of heart and love. The proof of the love is the practical service, which is the practical sacrifice of work or money. For the propagation of the divine knowledge and devotion the money is needed to publish the gospel in the form of books. When you sacrifice your money for the divine work your treasure in the heaven is built up. This means that God will help you after your death and you will enter the kingdom of God. You are giving your earnings to your family only and so your real love is on your family only. There is no need of any further argument on this point because it is very clear proof. This is the real fire test for your love. You are sacrificing valueless words and valueless mind in leisure, which is valueless time. This cannot prove the real value of God. You must give real value to God. You are finishing your prayers and meditation on God as soon as the time to go to job is nearing. Similarly, when some work for the family is approaching, you are immediately leaving the presence of God. Therefore, you are not giving any value to God for all practical purpose. But you are telling lies in your prayers that God is everything for you. The money is the final test and it can be the only test also since all the family is associated with you for money only and the family serves you in your old age for your money only. If the money is sacrificed to God your real color of love can be seen. Sage Vashishtha told Lord Rama to bring money first as Guru dakshina (pious offering to the preacher) before preaching the divine knowledge (*Dhana mārjaya...*). The preacher tested Rama’s Love to God in the light of the sacrifice of money. In Vishnu Purana Lord Vishnu says ‘*Tasya vittam harāmyaham*’ which means that he who sacrifices money for the sake of God, is really blessed. This looks quite odd for us to wonder whether even God wants money! No. God does not want money because this entire world is His wealth only as per the Veda (*Kasyasvit dhanam...*). You have taken the money from His treasure for your needs and God permits this. But you have taken extra money also and you are storing it, which is not permitted by God. You have to return back that extra to the Lord when He comes in human form for His divine work. Remember that you are returning His own money, which was stolen by you since He did not permit you to take the extra money. When you have gone to a friend’s house he gave you a cup of milk. He permitted only the milk to be taken by you but not the cup. You have stolen the cup also as the extra, which was not expected by your friend. You have to

return back that stolen cup to your friend secretly. Holy Jesus says that when you donate the money to God by one hand the other hand should not know about that donation. Since it is stolen money, it should be returned secretly. A father purchased some sweets and gave to his child. The father is asking for one sweet from the child just to test the attitude and the love of the child on him. Even if you are not returning back the God's money to God, you are leaving that money here only and you are quitting this world with vacant hands. That extra money is left in this world only which is the bank of the God. The devotee who donates the extra money to God for His divine work is also quitting this world alone with vacant hands. The former is going to Hell as a thief but the latter is going to the Kingdom of God because he returned the stolen money of God. When you are returning this extra money, you must be very careful to see that this money reaches God only and not others. God dwells in two places 1) In the body of human incarnation (Son of God), 2) In the heart of a real devotee. When the money is donated to such God-man or the real devotee, that money is properly used to uplift the humanity. In such social service the God-man or the real devotee will use lot of discrimination due to their divine knowledge and the money donated by you will be properly spent. Without the practical sacrifice of money or at least the work, mere prayers, love and meditation are only the side pickles in the plate without the central bread or rice. When God eats the pickles only which are served by you, His stomach is burnt with high acidity and God becomes furious. Due to His anger, the extra money stored by you goes waste through diseases etc. Your children may lose that money also and they are also not blessed in any way in their lives. This gospel of Holy Jesus should open the eye of knowledge of all the Hindus to learn the practical sacrifice from foreigners. Holy Jesus referred to such people who do not give up their extra money for God's work saying that they can never reach God even if a camel passes through the eye of a needle. His Gospel refers to such selfish rich people only who are caught up in the net of their limited families.

The Real Conversion

Matthew 3:11 (Mark 1:1 to 8, Luke 3:1 to 18)

“I indeed baptize you with water...He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire”.

The Veda says '*Prajñānam Brahma*' which means that the Holy Spirit is the divine Knowledge. The Gita says '*Jñānāgniḥ*' which means that knowledge is fire. This means that the acceptance of Holy Jesus should be through His knowledge radiating through His sentences, which are like

diamonds coming out from His mouth. The acceptance should not be just by sprinkling some water. If you accept Holy Jesus just for some money or bread or some materialistic benefits, that is not the real conversion. Your spirit i.e., the soul should be attracted directly by His powerful knowledge. The Holy water represents rituals without knowledge. Unless you study the Vedas (Upanishads) and the Bhagavadgita and realize the knowledge by putting it in practice you cannot be a Hindu. A true Hindu is always a true Christian because the practical sacrifice is the same in any religion. Whether you can leave your family and money and come to God or not is same in any religion. The knowledge is same in all the scriptures. Whether you are a doctor studied in English medium or French medium, you can cure the disease of any patient and perform the surgery. Religions are only languages and knowledge is the content of the syllabus. Anybody does not understand the Brotherhood of all the religions. If you travel along the religion–river you will reach the Spiritualism–ocean. Live as a sea fish and don't be stagnant as a river fish by stopping your journey which should be along with the flow of religion–river. If a Hindu insults Holy Jesus and the Holy Bible, he has insulted Holy Krishna and the Holy Gita. Same thing applies to the follower of any religion. Let each human being understand all the religions by reading the scriptures of all the religions. An Indian goes to a foreign country and takes a degree in medicine studying the subject in that foreign language. If he comes back to India, he can practice applying the subject he studied to any human being. He can perform the surgery to any person. You are purchasing a diamond from a foreign country or you are throwing it away since it is the foreign diamond. You are using the fan, the electric bulb, the television etc., which are invented by foreign scientists and you are using these things in your daily life. Why not you use the diamond like concepts from the foreign scriptures like the Holy Bible in your spiritual life also? This question applies to the follower of every religion.

The Human Incarnation

Matthew 1:21 and 23 “*He will save His people from their sins*”. “*His name ‘Immanuel’ which is translated, ‘God with us’*”.

Holy Jesus is the human body into which the Holy Spirit entered like the current into a metallic wire. The Holy Spirit without the union of husband and wife created even the human body. Of course, the entire universe is the creation of Holy Spirit only. In the creation of the Universe there is a scientific logic with the concept of cause and effect. But this creation of the human body in the womb of Holy Mother Mary was beyond

the scientific logic. Thus, the very human body showed superpower of God even in the formation stage. Hinduism calls such incarnation as the full-fledged incarnation (Pari Puurna avataara). The Holy Spirit is called Brahman or Paramatma in Hinduism. Even Lord Datta was born to His mother without the physical union of His mother and father. He stayed in the womb of His mother for nine days only instead of nine months. He is considered as the full-fledged incarnation of Paramatma or Brahman. He is considered as the topmost preacher and His preaching are embedded with excellent divine knowledge like the preaching of the Holy Jesus. Holy Jesus is also the topmost preacher in the world. The Holy Spirit enters the human body only because the main purpose of the incarnation is only to preach the humanity. If God enters the statues, trees, birds, animals etc., such preaching cannot be done. The Human incarnation preaches us and stays with us and so it is called '*Immanuel*'. The Human Incarnation is better than the statues in temples (Matthew 12:6) because He preaches whereas the statue is silent. He is the real and full form of God in Human Form and if you insult Him you have insulted directly the God (Matthew 12:31). The Bhagavadgita also says the same thing (*Avajānanti...*). You cannot approach the Holy Spirit directly because the Holy Spirit is with infinite power, which is also inexplicable. By such power the Holy Spirit enters the human body. The mighty ocean is now contained in a tiny water drop. 'Maya', the inexplicable power operates when such human incarnation is born as per the Bhagavadgita "*Sambhavāmi ātma māyayā*" which means that the infinite God enters the finite human body due to Maya. All the other human beings are only tiny water drops. The human incarnation is also a tiny water drop externally but the mighty ocean is hidden in it. He is the lion covered by the leather of the goat and is mixed with goats. By this way the goats can come near without any fear. Except this way of human incarnation, one cannot approach God directly (Matthew 11:27).

Another main purpose of the human incarnation is that He suffers for the sins of His beloved devotees who proved their love to Him by their sacrifice and service. In Hinduism also we find the human incarnations of Lord Datta suffering the sins in the form of diseases, which are taken from His real devotees (Matthew 8:17). A devotee should serve the God in human form without aspiring anything in return. Such service is the only real and full sacrifice. Otherwise, it is business only. Remember that Holy Jesus also suffered for the sins of His devotees only and not for the sins of all the people. Others who do not believe Him and criticize Him have to go to the ever-lasting fire. This is the case with any Human Incarnation. The criticism of Human Incarnation by the fellow human beings is only due to

natural jealousy because likes repel each other (Matthew 11:6). The human body follows all the rules of nature so that He can come near to the people but due to the same reason the human beings neglect Him (Matthew 11:19).

Scriptures

Matthew 5: 17 ***“Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the profits. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill”***.

The right interpretations of the old traditional scriptures given by Holy Jesus appear to be quite revolutionary. But they are the real essence of the scriptures. Selfish Scholars misinterpreted these old scriptures and established a bad tradition and mislead the public. Certain inconvenient portions of scriptures were removed and certain selfish portions were introduced. The Scriptures were polluted and this happened in Hinduism also. Holy Jesus washed all the dirt in the Christian scriptures. Similarly in Hinduism the three preachers called Shankara, Ramanuja and Madhva also washed such dirt but the dirt comes often because the wind blows every day carrying the dust. The religion becomes dirty in every human generation. Spiritualism is the broomstick with which God in human form sweeps it away. For this purpose, He comes down in human form in every human generation. All the old is not gold as said ***“Purāṇa mityeva...”***. It is also said ***“Tātasya kūpo'yam...”*** which means that a fool drinks salt water from a well saying that it was dug by his forefathers. So, one should not follow all the old blindly. Analyze it at every step and find out the truth. Krishna condemned the ritual portions in the Vedas by saying ***“Traiguṇya viṣayāḥ...”***. Similarly, Lord Buddha condemned killing of animals in the name of Sacrifices. The Veda says clearly ***“Manyuḥ paśuḥ”*** which means that one should kill his foolish animal behavior. But instead of doing that, people started killing the animals in sacrifices. Holy Jesus also corrected several portions of the scripture and showed the true path. Even the Veda, which remains now, is a very little portion of the original Veda. The lost portion of the Veda is called Khila Bhaaga. Holy Jesus also told that He came to complete the scriptures, which means that some correct portions were lost. Rituals prescribe certain time and place for God's worship. But Holy Jesus tells that spirit is important and not the place or time (Matthew 12:11 & 12).

Narrow Spiritual Path

Matthew 7:13 and 14 ***“Enter by the narrow gate, for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction and there are many who go in by it”***.

The Bhagavadgita says “*Manuṣyāṇāṃ sahasreṣu...*” which means that millions of people will try to reach God but only one can reach God. This means that the spiritual path is narrow with one or two devotees only who can reach God. So you should not follow the majority as example in spiritual path. Majority goes to Hell. Will you also go to hell? Diamonds are in minority and gravel stones are in majority. In worldly matters you can follow the majority. But in spiritual line there is only one Jesus, one Buddha, one Shankara etc. If you are in the association of majority, you will be polluted by them since they induce the worldly poison through their conversations (Luke 13:20 & 21). If you are in the association of the Sadguru you will be spiritually strengthened by His gospel.

Judge by Knowledge

Suppose there are two teachers and one is a Hindu and the other is a Christian. You must judge the teacher by His knowledge and way of preaching. Accept that teacher whose teaching inserts into your heart deeply and make you understand the subject. Such knowledge will definitely lead to practice. Similarly, you judge any scripture by the value of its knowledge and the way of preaching the knowledge. Don't be biased in such judgment because you will be helped by the knowledge of the teacher and not by the teacher.

If you insist that Lord Krishna is the only God and the Holy Bhagavad Gita is the only scripture by which one can get the salvation, it is not correct. I will put a question here. If what you say is correct the information about Lord Krishna and the Holy Gita should have been given to the entire world on one day and in the same minute. Then those who follow will get salvation and those who do not follow will go to hell. Then God becomes impartial to all the human beings. But Krishna and the Gita existed in India thousands of years ago. The information about Krishna and the Gita reached other countries only about 500 hundred years back when Vasco-da-Gama invented a route to India.

Before the invention of India, the Indians were blessed by Lord Krishna and the Gita. But, what about the foreigners? They did not have any information. In the absence of the information how can they follow Krishna and the Gita? It is not their fault when the information itself was absent. All the foreigners before 500 years went to hell according to your argument. That is not justified because they were not informed. This means God became partial to India only. But God is impartial. All the human beings in the world are His children only. Therefore, such rigid argument of conservatism is foolish. Of course, this applies to every religion who

follows such conservatism. Be open minded and read all the scriptures and judge by the merit.

You must judge the teacher by his knowledge and way of preaching only and not by the teacher's caste, sex and religion. Therefore, I advise all the Hindus to read the preaching of Holy Jesus and get the spiritual benefit out of them. His teachings are very sharp and shrewd like the powerful rays of radiating Sun, which will help you in your spiritual effort. Don't be biased by the external culture, which is apparent only. Are you not using the fan, the electric bulb, television etc., which are invented by the Christian scientists? Similarly, you should use the diamonds that came out from the mouth of Holy Jesus in your spiritual efforts and get their benefit.

Message of Swami on Christmas

I am killed by My children on the cross. The revenge is mine. My revenge is not to kill them, but to kill their ignorance. My most powerful weapon is infinite love. If you love Me I will allow Myself to be loved by you so that at last, you will find that you loved yourself by loving Me. Similarly, if you deceive Me I will allow Myself to be deceived by you and at last, you will find that you deceived yourself by deceiving Me. Your real love is proved only by money. You love your children truly. Therefore, you are giving your money to your children. Similarly, if you love Me you will give your money to Me for My work. This is the practical fire-test of your real love. Prayers by words and meditation by mind are just like the pickles (side dishes) in the plate. The sacrifice of a part of the fruit of your work (money) and the sacrifice of a part of your work at least, are the central bread in the plate. Both these two parts put together is called divine service. Without this practical divine service, there is no use of mere prayers and meditation. Without divine service, if you are offering only prayers and meditation to Me, you are offering Me a meal-plate with only pickles and without the central bread. When I eat only the pickles, My stomach burns and I become furious. This is the reason why I am not answering your prayers and meditation in the absence of service. Of course, if you are incapable of sacrificing your money towards My work, at least sacrifice your work for My work. If you are really incapable of sacrificing both these, then alone will I accept your prayers and meditation, because you cannot do anything more than that. In such case the pickles offered by you will become pieces of sweet fruits and I shall answer your prayers positively.

Chapter 33
NEW YEAR MESSAGE

Morning Discourse

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O Learned and Devoted Servants of God,

The Divine preaching of Holy Jesus is the topmost Gospel in the world and touches the climax of the truth. For example: Holy Krishna says in the Gita that one should withdraw himself from the family bonds slowly like a tortoise withdrawing its limbs (*Kūrmoṅgānīva*). The tradition of Datta is to cut the family bonds by the Sword of Knowledge as per the Gita (*Jñānāsi nātmanah*). But Holy Jesus says that one should hate these family bonds to become His disciple. Cutting the bond is Zero. Existing in the bond is Plus and hating the bond is Minus. Zero is near to Plus and Minus is very far. So if you cut the bond it may form again. But if you hate the bond, the bond will never be formed so that the bond with the Lord alone is eternal. See the preaching of Lord Jesus with impartial attitude and without conservatism. After all a diamond is diamond whether it is foreign diamond or Indian diamond. Thus, Holy Jesus is the king of all the divine preachers. He is like the Sun from whom these divine sentences radiate like rays.

The Holy Bible speaks about the ever-lasting fire and that the souls have no rebirth. Hindu scriptures say that the soul has rebirth. Both these can be convinced and co-related. The condemned souls enter the everlasting fire, which means that these souls take the births as animals, birds, worms etc., which are like the fire due to the continuous agony. The word “everlasting” means that once the soul enters into the cycle of these births the soul will never come back to the human birth. The rebirth as a human being as told in the Hindu scriptures can be again co-related with the Holy Bible. Holy Jesus says that the Kingdom of God is extended into this world. The meaning of this is that whenever God comes in human form to stay with us (Immanuel), the disciples of the Lord will be staying in this divine Kingdom on the thrones equally with the Lord. This means the servants of the Lord will take rebirth as human beings and will be preaching here and they will be respected like God. For Ex.: The Holy Pope is given the status of God. The Holy Pope and other such topmost Bishops and pious Fathers who are indulged in the propagation of the knowledge will get the status of God here itself in this world. Thus, the inner sense is the same in all the

scriptures, which is spoken in different ways. The ways are different but the real essence is the same.

The aim of human life is to achieve the grace that is the love of God. Even if you earn more money, you are not carrying it after death. Very little money is sufficient to eat and drink which the animals and the birds are also doing even without money. If the aim of the money is only eating, drinking and enjoying, you will be born as animal or bird or worm in the next birth. If your file is opened in the upper world, you will not get definitely the human birth. When you serve the Lord in this world when He comes in the human form then only you can get human birth without any enquiry in order to serve the Lord when the Lord reincarnates. You must recognize the Lord by His knowledge, because the Veda says that knowledge is Brahman. Only miracles are not the signs since demons also performed miracles. The Gita says that the Lord comes down in human form (*Mānuṣīm tanumāśritam*). The Gita also says that it is very difficult to worship formless (*Avyaktā hi*). The Gita also says that if one worships the inert statue, he will be born as a stone (*Bhūtejyā yānti bhūtāni*). So you must serve the Lord by doing practical service which consists of 1) Sacrifice of work, 2) Sacrifice of fruit of work (money), which is also a form of work. The sacrifice must be to the full extent. When a beggar gives one rupee that is greater than one lakh given by a multi-lakhier because the beggar has sacrificed whatever he possessed. Holy Jesus appreciated one old lady who donated whatever she possessed, as the highest divine soul.

The Lord wants that you should have the only bond with Him and that all the other bonds should be cut. The bond with the life is the highest and one in millions can only sacrifice even the life for the sake of Lord. Holy Jesus says that one should carry his own cross for the sake of God. Such sacrifice needs a lot of love accumulated during millions of births because everyone sacrifices everybody and everything to save his life. After life, what is the next strong bond? It is only the issues. After the issues the next bond is with wealth and money. Everybody is earning even breaking the justice only to give to his or her children. Then how to break the bond with children? Their bond with children is merged with the bond with the money because money is only for children. So, if you can cut the bond with the money your bond with the children is broken. If the bond with the children is broken, all the bonds are broken except the bond with life. Therefore, the Lord competes with your money. The Lord says in the Vishnupuranam “*Yasyānugrahamicchāmi tasya vittam harāmyaham.*” It means that if the Lord wants to bless anybody with full salvation, He will take away his or her money completely. This means that when the money is sacrificed, the

bond with the children is definitely cut. If that highest bond is cut, all the other bonds will be cut. That is the full liberation from all the bonds, which is called complete salvation. You are returning back the money that is the Goddess Lakshmi to her husband (God) unlike Ravana. Veda says *“bhuñjīdhāḥ mā gr̥dhaḥ”* that means, *“all this is the wealth of the Lord. Take the minimum needed. If you take extra, you are a thief, as Lord does not permit it. Therefore, return it back to the Lord”*. Our Indians never donate even a single coin for God’s work except the words (prayers) and Mind (Meditation). The Holy Bible says that people are praying by their lips but the heart is with the family bonds only (Matthew 15:7&8). Even if they have earned for ten generations, they will be still working for the eleventh generation. Holy Jesus says that the camel may enter the eye of the needle but a rich man can never reach the God. But if you see the foreigners, they donate lot for the God’s work and ask even their children to live independently after certain age. This is the reason why India suffers with poverty and foreign countries are blessed with wealth. God blessed India with good language for their sacrifice of their words and with good knowledge for their sacrifice of mind. Swami Vivekananda wept facing the sky asking the Lord *“Why my country suffers with poverty in spite of so much rich spiritual knowledge?”* You compare Dhritarashtra of the Mahabharata with Gopikas of the Bhagavata. Dhritarashtra could not cut the bond with money because of his blind bond with the children. For that he was prepared to leave dharma (Dharmaraja) and Lord (Krishna). Gopikas gave all the butter, which is their entire money to the Lord only even without giving to their children. They left money, children and dharma also for the sake of Lord. In the beginning of Bhagavatam itself a verse is seen, which states that, even the sage Vysya was crying and running after his son Shuka. This shows the blind and strongest bond on the issues. What is the use of the penance, sacrifices and authorship of 18 puranas of Vyasa? He was defeated before the uneducated Gopikas. Therefore, saadhanaa means cutting the worldly bonds in the real life in practice and not chanting hymns, penance, meditation, singing devotional songs, shedding pots of tears etc. All these are related to words and mind only, which are valueless. If you sell all these in the market not a single rupee is attained. Even if you give these freely, people will reject. The devotees are very clever who say that the pure mind is for the pure Lord and the worst money is for the worst family!

The six yoga chakras (wheels) stand for the six bonds, with mother, father, husband or wife, children, fraud preachers, and illusory deities. The seventh chakra is Sahasraara that is intelligence in which the Lord exists.

The bond with the children called Anaahata chakra exists in the heart, which is in between the six chakras. Anaahata means that bond which cannot be cut. That is the bond with the children. The heart is abode of all the love. Thus, the bond with children is the strongest. Holy Jesus says that wherever your money is present there your heart exists. This means that the money is related to heart and the heart is related to issues. Holy Jesus also says that unless you hate mother and father, husband and wife, sons and daughters, brothers and sisters and even your own life, you cannot be the disciple of the Lord. Lord Datta is famous for cutting the bonds (*Dattam Chinnam*). But Lord Jesus goes one step ahead, by asking you even to hate the bond. Why? Cutting the bond is zero. Hating the bond is minus. Zero is more near to plus than the minus. That means when you cut the bond there may be possibility of formation of bond again but if you hate there is no re-formation of the bond.

In the olden days people used to give more importance to Dharma (Justice) than money. So, the Lord used to compete with Dharma, asking whether the devotee chooses the Lord leaving Dharma or not. For example: Dharmaraja did not tell a lie when he was fighting for the kingdom in the battlefield. He gave more importance to Dharma than the money (kingdom). But today in this Kaliyuga people are giving more importance for money than Dharma. Therefore, the Lord competes with money and not with Dharma because people are leaving Dharma for the sake of money.

When you recognize the Lord in the human form you must give more importance to His work than His personal service. If you do more personal service, He will preach you many times. But He will not give you even single extra mark when He values your examination script. Holy Jesus asked the people who are personally attached to Him and weep for Him, to weep for themselves and for their children. All your exercises with words and mind (prayers, meditation etc.) are only the year wise academic courses. The practical sacrifice of your work and fruit of your work is the year-end examination, by which only you can get the grace of the Lord. The academic course must help you to write well the examination. The examination tests about how much you digested and not how much you studied. What is the use of preaching you several times when the whole worldly ocean is present in you? All the matchsticks lit will be put off. If you lit a dry wood, one-match stick will do to lit the wood. What is the use of pressing hundred times the feet of the Sadguru, which results only in the pain of your hands? What is the use of Sadguru preaching hundred times which results only in the pain of His throat?

Krishna gave the highest place to Gopikas. What is the reason? Is it because Gopikas left their husbands and danced with Krishna in Rasakeli in Brindavanam? Is Krishna a fan of ladies? No, He is showing the reason by His hand, which contains the butter. That butter is the entire earning of Gopikas. Gopikas sacrificed all their earning to the Lord without giving even to their children. This shows that they have cut the highest bond that is the bond with their children. Therefore, sacrifice of money proves that all the worldly bonds are cut. The Veda says “*Dhanena tyāgenaike amṛtattvamānaśuḥ*” which means that sacrifice of money only can prove the real love to God. This was also told in the Gita, as Karma Phala Tyaaga, which is the sacrifice of fruit of the work. This is the truth and the real essence of Sadhana. You have shown the real love to your children by sacrifice of work and sacrifice of money. Bathing, dressing, taking the child to the school etc., comes under sacrifice of work (Karma Samnyaasa). Paying the school fees, giving food and giving the property are Karmaphala Tyaaga. Both these put together are called karma yoga or service as per the Gita. This service is called Kriya Yoga which does not mean sacrifice of mind in the name of meditation by closing the eyes. Kriya means the sacrifice of work or the fruit of the work (money). Money is also another form of the work. Therefore, money is also called as Kriya or Work. After doing this service to your son, even if he does not serve you back and even if he insults you, still you give your property to him only. This is the real love. Are you showing this real love to God? If He is not responding, you are throwing His photo. Suppose He gives you troubles then you are breaking the photo. But remember one point: you may get another wife, another husband, another child by adoption but you cannot get another God. In the upper world except God, nobody can save you. The Holy Bible says that Holy Jesus is the only savior.

God loves you without any selfish benefit. All these family members love you for their selfish benefits since you are giving happiness to them. If you trouble them, they will leave you. The Veda says the same “*Ātmanaḥ kāmāya sarvaṃ priyaṃ bhavati*”. The love of God is very pious and special as you can say Holy Jesus saying that one should love even his enemy. You are using such God as the instrument for the sake of happiness of your family members! Is it not similar to that incident in which Kaushika is using his own wife Sumati to carry him to a prostitute? The prostitute loves Kaushika for her selfish benefit only and Sumati loves Kaushika without any selfish benefit. When God is in the place of Sumati, Sumati is in the place of the prostitute relatively.

After the death one has to stay for ten days in ‘*pretaloka*’ and during this time he (or she) is enquired by the Lord. For good results he goes to heaven and there he gets the divine nectar (Amrutam) as food. For mixed results he goes to ‘*pitrloka*’ where he gets the ‘*somarasa*’ (juice of moon) as the food. For bad results he goes to hell where he is not allowed any food or water to drink. Then what about the ceremonies performed after his death? These ceremonies are the prayers to the Lord and sacrificing the money to the most deserving divine person. The people who have done these two things when they are alive need not worry for such ceremonies or for the issues. Shankara, Miira etc., did not have issues to perform such things. It is better you yourself try for your protection in the upper world. You are unable to do that while you are alive and you are assigning to somebody else. After your death they do the ceremony as a formality only and they are giving your money to the undeserving fellows who are just like the tape recorders and chant hymns without knowing any meaning. The Gita says “*uddharedātmanā ātmānam*” which means that you should not believe some other person to help you and you should help yourself in the spiritual field. You have no right even to donate your fruit to your wife when she is not spiritually attached. The devotee Tukaram agreed to take his wife along with him in the divine airplane. But the wife of Tukaram was engaged in washing the vessels and clothes and could not catch the divine plane. Therefore, in spiritual field everyone has his or her own account. Holy Jesus advised a disciple to follow Him only and not worry about the rituals to be done to cremate his dead father. This shows that the son cannot do anything for his father who died.

The Lord is present in the human body of incarnation. In the case of a devotee both the Lord and the soul co-exists in the human body. Therefore, a devotee may err sometime because the soul in the body may not understand clearly whatever the Lord says. You can see the difference in the utility of donations spent by a committee of devotees and a committee of devotees guided directly by the Lord in human form. In the first case lot of money is wasted and in the second case the money is properly utilized. Therefore, it is better to participate in the service of the Lord in human form than in the service conducted by a committee of devotees. Holy Jesus says that He is greater than a devotee who is engaged in the propagation as a preacher because a devotee may err and the Lord will never err (Matthew 11:9).

The inner divine form of the Lord is this world only. Veda says “*Viśvameva idaṃ puruṣaḥ*” “*Viśvaṃ Viṣṇuḥ.*” Therefore, if you serve the world, you are serving the actual form of Lord. You will not err in your

service if you serve under the direction of the Lord. If you do social service without the association with the Lord in Human form you will go to heaven only where you enjoy for some time and return back as per the Gita (*Kṣīṇe punye*). The Lord in human form also comes only to uplift all the people in this world. If you participate in His program you are serving the world which is the inner divine form of the Lord. All the people in the world deserve to receive the divine knowledge, which alone can give real devotion. Among these people, poor people deserve financial help also. It is just like providing boarding and lodging to the students who come from outside. But all the students whether day-scholars or hostlers have to attend the classes and all are taught equally.

Holy Jesus says that there are fraud preachers who claimed themselves as divine people by their external dress and they are like the wolfs covered by the leather of the sheep. As there are fraud devotees there are fraud human incarnations also. The Veda and the Gita supported by Shastras (logic) should be taken as authority in recognizing the real human incarnation. Shankara entered the house of Mandanamishra even though the doors were bolted. Manadanamishra is present in the house along with sages Vyasa and Jaimini engaged in a ceremony. They did not praise Shankara for that miracle. If we were in their place, we will just fall on the feet of Shankara praising Him as God. That is our present standard. But they know that even demons perform the miracles. Miracles are not the only signs of God. Mandanamishra fell on the feet of Shankara and left even the house after debating with Shankara for twenty-one days. Both Shankara and Mandanamishra exposed their knowledge supported by the Vedas, the Gita and the Shastras. But the knowledge of Shankara only gave bliss to the hearts of Vyasa and Jaimini including Mandanamishra. All the three accepted Shankara as the incarnation of Lord Shiva. Therefore, the real sign of the Lord is divine knowledge which is true and infinite and cannot be possessed by any other soul. Such special knowledge is called '*Prajnanam*'. The Knowledge of the Lord only gives bliss. Therefore, the true, infinite and special knowledge that gives bliss to the heart of anybody is the real sign of the Lord. The Veda says the same "*Satyam Jñānam Anantam Brahma*", '*Prajñānam Brahma*', "*Ānando Brahma*". The Lord possesses all the powers and uses them, only whenever there is a bare necessity. Shankara entered the house with the bolted doors because the doors were not opened in spite of His calls. The fraud human incarnations get some powers from God by penance and they exhibit these powers to attract the people and claim themselves as God. The demons did like this

and innocent people were trapped. But the sages like Vyasa and Jaimini will never agree such demons as God.

Upachaara means a mode of worship, which gives happiness when it is done to others. It should not be done for your happiness. The happiness comes only when the other object to which you do this *Upachaara*, is a living being. Non-living objects like statues and photos are meant only for the vision. These statues and photos are not the direct photos taken and they are only imaginary. They are meant only for vision and subsequent meditation because you cannot meditate upon a formless object. But when the human incarnation is available to you to receive all your *upacharas* (service) what is the necessity of worshipping these inert objects? The Holy Bible and the Old Testament also condemn the idol worship. The Veda says '*Na tasya pratimā asti*' which means that the Lord is not present in the statues and photos. Therefore, your service cannot give happiness to these inert objects. They are only representatives of God and you can use these objects just for meditation or vision only and not at all for your service (worship). The Gita seriously condemns the worship to these statues and photos by saying that one will be born as an inert object if the statues and photos are worshipped. The Gita also says that if you worship the human incarnation, you will get the human birth again (*Yānti mat yājino'pi mām*). The human incarnation comes in every human generation because God is impartial to all the generations. The Gita says that He comes in human form in every generation "*Sambhavāmi yuge yuge*". The word Yuga means a human generation. The word Yuga is also used in this sense. People say to the youngsters "this is your Yuga" which means that this belongs to their generation.

The Veda says that food should not be wasted (*Annam na paricakṣīta*). The sacrifice or Yajna is only to feed the guest who is a deserving person like fire. The Veda says that the guest is the fire (*Vaiśvānaro brāhmaṇaḥ praviśati atithiḥ*). The word Agni comes from 'Agri' which means that the guest should be fed first. The Gita says that deity of the fire called as Vaishvanara lives as hunger in the stomach. Therefore, feeding the hungry guest is the real Yajna. Such a guest possesses all the deities in Him and so by feeding such guest all the deities are satisfied. The Veda says the same "*Yāvatīr vai devatāḥ*". Kapila, the incarnation of Lord Vishnu told His mother in Bhagavatam that only a fool burns the food by putting it in the fire in the name of Yajna. Krishna went to the Yajna and asked the wives of the sages to give Him the food prepared to be burnt in Yajna since He was hungry. He ate that food preaching that feeding a hungry deserving person is the real Yajna. Krishna, the protector

of Dharma of Vedas will never disturb the real sense of Yajna, if it were otherwise. He also discouraged the Yajna to be conducted to a deity called Indra. Similarly, you are burning oil or ghee, which is the food to light the oil lamp before God. In the olden days there was no other alternative than to lit the oil lamp. In such a situation people prayed the lamp with divine feeling. But now the electric light is present which is considered as more valuable than the physical form of fire. There are three forms of fire: 1) Laukikaagni (Physical form), 2) Vaidyutaagni (Electric form), 3) Vaishvanaraagni (the deity form). The latter one is more valuable than the former. So when you have the electric light why should you lit the oil lamp which is the physical form. The Veda says that the fire cannot shine before the Lord (*Kuto'yamagni*). The Gita says the same "*Na pāvakaḥ*". So, you are burning the food which is a form of Dhanyalakshmi and by doing such acts how can you get the wealth i.e., Lakshmi? In the Veda, no other *Upachaara* is mentioned except the Yajna which means preparation of food and feeding the guest. The physical fire lit in Yajna is only an instrument like a stove to prepare the food. Such fire is not for worship. The fire that is to be worshipped is the deity-form that is present in the form of hunger present in the human stomach. Therefore, you should not waste by burning the food in such acts which are against the Veda. Such sinful acts only increase the pollution of the environment by causing Greenhouse effect and stop the rains. You must sacrifice your wealth only to a deserving person like the human incarnation of the Lord like Holy Jesus, Holy Saibaba etc. If you waste the food and money in the name of worshipping the inert objects, you are getting lot of sin. Even if you donate to the undeserving person, you will get lot of sin as said in the Mahabharata by Vidura. The present priests are only the tape recorders of the Vedas. In the olden days the Vedas were protected by recitation when there was no printing. Now what is the use of the recitation without knowing or preaching their meanings? The word Veda itself means knowledge. Such priests who only recite are called the divine animals by the Veda (*Devānām paśuraha*). The Veda laughs at such priests who appear divine by their external appearance. But they are considered as animals since they do not know the meaning of Veda and therefore never practice. The original tradition of sages was knowing and practicing the real meaning but the middle age scholars have twisted everything due to their ignorance because they never cared to know the meaning of the Vedas. The ancient Scholars not only recited but also knew the meaning of the Vedas. People are following the majority like sheep in this blind tradition. In spiritual field majority go to hell and only one in millions goes to God as said in the Gita (*Manuṣyāṅām sahasreṣu*). There

is only one Shankara or one Meera. Holy Jesus also told that the path leading to Him is very narrow and only a few people travel. You should serve the Lord in Human form without aspiring any fruit in return. Such little service yields infinite fruit. That infinite fruit can be converted into wealth and can be given to you here itself but you will be spoiled by such immense wealth. Therefore, the Lord gives you here whatever is needed only. Let all the infinite fruit be reserved for the upper world where your wealth cannot do anything. Have faith in the Lord and He will do the best for you.

Do not yield yourself into the trap of present priests and astrologers. The present priests sacrifice their words by chanting some hymns to different statues and make you spend some money in unnecessary things like wasting food by lighting the lamps, burning camphor etc., which will cause only pollution. They are selling their words for money only. Lord is not present in these statues and they are meant only just for vision and meditation. The Veda says the same “*Drasṣṭavyaḥ*”, “*Nedaṃ tat*”. The priest should explain the meanings of the Vedic hymns and he must create the divine knowledge and devotion in you. Then only He is the real Sadguru to whom you can sacrifice any amount of money as Guru Dakshina. You are misled by the ignorant people in false path, which gives no result to you. Holy Jesus says that blind will lead blind and all will fall in the pit (Matthew 15:14). Similarly, the astrologers predict the future through the planets. The priests are collaborating with the astrologers. It is a joint business. The astrologers advise you to perform a particular worship to remove your problems. The problems are the results of your sins given by the judge and are implemented by the executive officials called planets. Even the leader of the planets that is the Sun will do his job fearing for the Lord as said in the Veda “*Bhīṣodeti sūryaḥ*”. When the judgement is already given by the judge, can the police or jailor deviate from the judicial order? Even in the planets the power of Lord is only existing and if the planet deviates it means the Lord deviated. Even if you recognize the Lord and pester Him, He will push your present problems to the later part of this birth or the future birth with added interest. You cannot soap the judge and alter the judgement. Accept the judgement and undergo the punishment. Never ask the Lord about this. Serve the Lord in Human form without asking for any fruit. When you have such real love, the Lord in Human form will transfer the results of your sins to Him and will suffer for your sake without your knowledge. If you know that He is suffering for your sake you will never agree because you have real love to Him. Do not think that with the help of astrologers and priests you can get the results of good

deeds, which you have not done. If you pester the Lord, He will bring the results of your good deeds arranged in the life cycle of your future birth as a premature deposit with a reduced value i.e., a loss for you only. By such things your future birth will be full of problems with the added interests and is devoid of any result of good deed. You will weep with problems from birth to death in your future birth and you will scold God because you will not know that all that was only due to your foolishness in the previous birth. **Therefore, the essence of My message is only one thing:** Recognize the Lord in Human form with the help of the scriptures and prove your love practically by doing service and try to cut your bonds with these family members who are only dramatic. These bonds will vanish after death. When Arjuna went to heaven along with Krishna to see his son Abhimanyu, he asked Arjuna ‘Who are you?’ Arjuna replied ‘I am your father’. Abhimanyu told ‘I have passed through millions of births. In which birth you were my father?’ Ashtavakra, the preacher of King Janaka says in Ashtavakra Samhita that the mother and son in this birth are born as wife and husband in the next birth! The meaning of this verse is that a couple of film actors may act as mother and son in one film shooting and the same two actors may act as husband and wife in another film shooting. They are neither mother and son nor wife and husband before and after the shooting. Shankara says “*Yadanityam tat krtakam hi loke*” which means that which is temporary is also unreal. These bonds are temporary as they exist only in the shooting time. In the shooting time also, they are not really mother and son or wife and husband. Therefore, these bonds are also unreal. That is the reason why Shankara left His mother for the sake of God. Holy Jesus told “who is My mother?” on seeing His mother (Matthew 12:48). The only real and permanent bond is with the producer and director of these films i.e., God and the bond is the employer–employee relationship. Realize that real and permanent bond with the Lord and prove it when He comes in the human form in your generation. Past is past and open your third eye of the knowledge at least in this year because the wheel of the time will not stop for you. At least catch the God in human form and become His servant to get the human birth again. Otherwise, if your file is opened there, you will be thrown into the cycle of animals and birds forever. As you serve for your old age, you serve the Lord in human form for your next birth. If you are the servant of the Lord, your file will not be opened in the upper world and you will take rest in the upper divine world along with the Lord and you will follow Him as a human being to serve Him when He reincarnates in this world. You are having all the facilities as the Lord has. During birth and death there is no agony and during the lifetime also you are with

infinite bliss. These are the facilities of the Lord in His incarnations. As a servant you will have the same facilities forever. Holy Jesus told that the disciple would have the full status of the Lord (Matthew 5:48). Salvation does not mean disappearing yourself and dissolving in the Lord like water drop merging in the sea. Salvation means liberation from these worldly human births, which have agony in the birth and death, and also worries during the lifetime. Salvation means entering the divine life cycles as the servant of the Lord keeping your identity without dissolution. As the Lord is entertained by this creation, you are also equally entertained. Veda says that He created this world for the entertainment (*Ekākī na ramate*). Therefore, salvation means neither dissolution of the world nor dissolution of yourself in the Lord. Salvation means the eternal entertainment in the divine life cycles following the Lord having all the facilities of the Lord and enjoying just like the Lord but keeping in mind that you are always the servant of the Lord.

Dancing while keeping the pot on the head is not possible for any ordinary human being. For a talented dancer only it is possible. For ordinary human beings either one should dance or stand keeping the pot on the head. Similarly, any ordinary human being cannot concentrate on God while attending the duties. Either he should concentrate on God or do the duty. Only a liberated soul (Siddha) can concentrate on God while doing the duties. Which is the best among the following? 1) Concentrate on God always without doing any duty. 2) Do the duties without any concentration on God. 3) Concentrate on God for some time and concentrate on the duty for some time.

The second option is the best, since in that option the whole or a part of the fruit of all your work can be sacrificed for the sake of God. Hanuman as per Valmiki Ramayana never did prayers, meditation etc., (sacrifice of words and mind) and He participated always in the work of the Lord only. Sugriva was near Rama doing His personal service and Hanuman was away from Rama in the work of the Lord to search Sita thereby to kill Ravana and serve the world. Since the world is the inner divine form of Rama, participation of yourself in the work of the Lord to uplift the world is the best service. The external human body called Rama is not eternal whereas this world is eternal. Rama embraced Hanuman and not Sugriva. Keep Hanuman as your example always. He recognized the human incarnation and participated in His service only and got the highest fruit by becoming the future creator. The Holy Bible says that the Holy Spirit stands inside the servant and therefore, the servant becomes God (Matthew 12:18). You should not follow the example of Radha because She became fully mad and

was unable to do any worldly work. You cannot attain such madness by your efforts. Therefore, only Hanuman is the real guide for you, who did not become mad like Radha. Both achieved the highest result equally. Both Hanuman and Radha recognized human incarnations present in their times and both never worshipped the previous incarnations or statues. The Gita says “*Jñānāt dhyānaṃ viśiṣyate*”, “*Dhyānāt karmaphala tyāgaḥ*” which means that devotion is greater than knowledge and service (sacrifice of the fruit of the work) is greater than devotion. Knowledge of the Lord produces devotion and service is the proof of the devotion. Shankara, Ramanuja and Madhva preached these three gradual steps one after the other. Rukmini came to know about Krishna from Narada (knowledge) and then loved Krishna (devotion). By devotion she obtained Krishna. The Gita says that Lord is obtained by devotion (*Bhaktiyā tvananyayā*). After achieving the Lord, she pressed His divine feet, which is the service.

The Veda says “*Yat sāksāt aparokṣāt Brahma*” which means that the unimaginable Brahman is always present in every generation in human form. The salvation here alone (Jiivan mukti) continues after death also (Videha mukti). Whatever you achieved here that alone continues after death. If you do not become the servant of the Lord here and associate with Him here, you can never associate with Him there also. Holy Jesus says that unless the human incarnation (son of the God) allows nobody can approach God (Matthew 11:27). You will lose the next human birth and this is a permanent loss as said in the Veda “*Iha cet avedīt*”. When the hunter offered the flesh of the rabbit, Lord Shiva gave salvation to him ignoring even the sin in his hunting because the hunter did not give that flesh (fruit of his work) to himself or his family. Such is the greatness of the sacrifice of fruit of the work, which is repeatedly emphasized in the Gita as Karma Phala Tyaaga. This is the real fire test for your real love to God and your real color comes out there only. When you develop the new bond with the human incarnation, then only the family bonds are automatically broken. When you taste the divine nectar the bonds with the drinks here are automatically broken. Samsara means your limited family only and not this entire world. Samsara means the bonds, which have entered your mind deeply. So crossing Samsara does not mean leaving the world. That means only leaving your family for the sake of the entire world. The bonds with your family can be broken only with the divine bond of the Lord in human form and not by the bond with formless God or statues. The Human form can only compete with the bonds of human beings here.

Participate in the propagation of the knowledge since knowledge is required as the basic step to achieve anything and to take the right path. The

Gita says “*Jñāna yajñena tenāham*” which means that the Lord is pleased only by the propagation of Knowledge and not by the other rituals.

Let the priest not be angry with Me since I am enlightening the worship of the statues and their rituals. They are just reciting Veda and act like compounder working under a doctor. When a compounder claims himself as a doctor, he collects Rs.10/- as his fees and prescribes medicines of Rs.100/-. The patient is not cured and is attacked by more diseases. The patient has spent Rs. 110/-. I pity the fate of these patients. I request these priests to become Sadgurus. I mean let the compounder become a qualified doctor. Let the doctor collect Rs. 100/- as fees and prescribe a medicine of Rs.2/- by which the disease is completely cured. The patient is cured of his disease by spending Rs.102/-. Similarly let the priest become Sadguru and preach the people who attend the temples or do rituals. Let the people become strong devotees by the preaching of divine knowledge. Holy Jesus asks the disciples to go into the world and propagate the divine knowledge to all the public (Matthew10:27). I am worried about the public who should get the real fruit. The present priests who are just tape recorders by mere recitation of Veda are making the devotees to spend a lot in unnecessary items like lighting the lamp, burning the camphor, breaking the coconuts etc., which are not at all mentioned in Veda. For the entire dharma, Veda is the source and not the Puranas. Veda was protected by the recitation in the olden days and so interpolations were not possible. Several verses entered Puranas in course of time. Therefore, whatever is said in Veda is only valid and if the Purana says anything extra it cannot be valid as said “*Śruti smṛti virodhe tu*”.

The Gita says that the karma (work) cannot bind you if the fruit of that karma is sacrificed to the Lord and is not meant for yourself or for your family. The same work binds you when it is done with selfishness, which means that you aspire for the fruit of that karma for yourself, or for your limited family. When the fruit is sacrificed even if the karma is done it is not at all karma. The Gita says “*Karmaṇyakarma yaḥ paśyēt*”. This means the inaction is present in the action. When you aspire for the fruit of the work with selfishness, then even if you have not done the karma you are treated as if you have done the karma and you will receive its result. The Gita says “*Akarmaṇi ca karma yaḥ*”. When Ravana carried Sita there was contact between the two bodies. Sita was not aspiring for the fruit of that karma. She never wanted to embrace Ravana. Since she did not aspire for the fruit, the sinful karma was treated as akarma and Agni (fire) told Rama that she was sinless and pure. When Renuka went to the river Narmada, she saw a person called Chitraradha who was taking bath with his wives. She

saw that person and her mind was disturbed aspiring for some happiness. Actually, she did not touch that person. There was no karma here. But she was mentally aspiring for the fruit of that karma. Therefore, she was treated as if she has done that sinful karma and was punished by Parashurama. Therefore, when you do not aspire for the fruit of the work that work cannot touch you even if it is sinful. The hunter killed a rabbit and killing the harmless animal is the highest sinful action. But he offered the flesh of that rabbit to Lord Shiva. He did not kill the rabbit to eat that flesh or to give that flesh to his family. There was no selfishness in his action. Lord Shiva gave him the salvation and that sinful karma could not affect and its result was not given to the hunter. Therefore, if you sacrifice the fruit of the work for the sake of God's mission such work cannot bind you however it may be sinful. This is the wonderful clue given in the Gita by Lord Krishna. The Karmayoga means doing the work always and sacrifice its fruit to the Lord. Such practical sacrifice alone can prove the real love. Your meditation, prayers etc., are related only to your words and your mind only, which are the most valueless items. Therefore, the Lord told that sacrifice of the fruit of work and for that, doing the work always is the best. Before this, the knowledge and devotion are thrown away by the Lord in the Gita. Holy Jesus appreciated the practical service of any human being in the spiritual field and He appreciates the human being who can even give a glass of water in the propagation of knowledge (Matthew 10:42).

In This New Year Swami Wishes The Following:-

- 1) Let the Saints sacrifice their complete work for the sake of God (Karma Samnyaasa).
- 2) Let the householders sacrifice a part of their work and a part of the fruit of their work (Karma Phala Tyaaga).
- 3) Let all participate practically by doing Karma Yoga or Seva (Service) which consists of Karma Samnyaasa and Karma Phala Tyaaga in propagation of this divine knowledge.
- 4) Let the Holy Churches and temples become the centers of development of Divine Knowledge and devotion to the Lord and not business shops to fulfil the desires of the people.
- 5) Let the priests become Scholars in Sanskrit and preach the knowledge of the Vedas, the Gita and the Shastras to the public in temples and in performing the rituals.
- 6) Let the priests not act as just the tape recorders by recitation of Veda without knowing the divine treasure of the knowledge, since Veda means knowledge only.

- 7) Let the Indians stop sacrifice of words by prayers and sacrifice of mind by meditation and devotion because much has been done in these two lines and these are mere pickles without the central rice.
- 8) Let all the Indians learn the practical sacrifice by doing Karma Yoga and prove their real devotion to the Lord by following the foreigners and let the Lord bless India with immense wealth and prosperity by this.
- 9) Let Hindus and Christians understand each other with infinite love and brotherly hood.
- 10) Let the Holy Bible and the Holy Gita be correlated showing the common essence of the spiritual path and let all other religions join this union of Christian-Hindu brotherly hood as brothers.

Evening Discourse

As per the Holy Bible (Mark 12:30 and 31), the main commandment is to love God and the second commandment is to love the fellow beings. The first is called Nivrutti and the second is called as Pravrutti as per Hindu scriptures. As per the Vishnu Purana, Bhagavan means God who preaches Pravrutti and Nivrutti. Pravrutti means to know the way to behave with fellow human beings for world peace. Nivrutti means to know the way to reach God. The love on human beings in Pravrutti will help you to love the Human form of God without any repulsion. Your devotion to the Lord in Human form should be permanent in the same level throughout your life. The devotion should have longevity. What is the use of all the merits of the bridegroom if longevity is not there? Do not laugh at the old people of the previous generation who are innocent since you are worldly wise. Remember that they are very near to God by their innocence. Holy Jesus says that the divine kingdom is only devotees who are innocent like children (Matthew 19:14). All the wisdom fails before God and He loves only innocence. The easiest way to be near the God is to get deceived by others and not to deceive others. God will always come by the side of the deceived person.

The Human incarnation remains as human being only in all the times except in emergency. The bulb is always without current and when it is lit only the electricity flows in it. As a human being He will be always undergoing the sins of His devotees and this is the main purpose of His coming in Human form. He undergoes the pains as any human being undergoes and thereby the Justice is done to theory of Karma (action and its results). He is Datta (given) to the devotees mainly for this purpose. That is the reason why the Holy Jesus underwent all the pains in suffering the sins

of His people. He told that even though the soul is agreeing, the body is weak (Mathew 26:41).

When the Human form of God preaches Knowledge, He is like the thousand-watt bulb. When He taught Arjuna in the battlefield or when He taught Kauravas as a messenger, He showed Vishwarupam which is His full potential state. When He performs miracles, He is only a Zero Watt bulb since He created even the entire world just by His will. Therefore, do not think that He is in excited state when He performs the miracles. The fully excited state is that in which He preaches the divine knowledge. When He incarnates as a human being in this world, His body will have the usual birth and death. It consists of the usual five elements and the usual three qualities, which are Sattvam (good), Rajas and Tamas (bad). Even Rama, considered as an embodiment of Sattvam, showed anger (Rajas) on Jabali and ran along with the golden deer for the sake of Sita (Tamas). He exhibits the bad qualities also to test the devotees about their firmness in recognizing Him.

Try to love the Lord than respecting and fearing for Him. You are respecting your parents with fear because they have already spent something on you and they are expected to give their property to you. But you love your children without any respect because you are spending on them and you are going to give your property to them. You are respecting and fearing for the Lord since you are expecting some benefit from the Lord. You never give anything to the Lord and so you do not love Him. The Lord creates the Human incarnation Himself for your sake to give vision, touch, conversation and co-living. You leave His creation and you are worshipping the inert statues and photos, which are the imaginary forms and prepared by the other human beings. You are not accepting the Human incarnation since He is in the Human form like yourself. Likes repel always. Holy Jesus says that the human incarnation is never respected in His own house and in His own state (Matthew 13:57). You are therefore trained to worship statues and photos, which are in Human form only. By such worship you are expected to get rid of your repulsion to the Human form. Slowly you are made to worship the statues in which the life is initiated (Prana Pratishthaa). The inert Human form combined with the initiation of life results in the living human being only. This is a slow training to develop the worship of the Human form of God. The Lord is never in the inert objects as said in the Veda (*Na tasya pratimā asti*). Neither the inert object is the Lord nor the Lord is in the inert object. The Lord is not even touching this Universe. Therefore, any living being or any inert object is not the Lord as said in the Veda (*Neti neti...*). The Gita says

that the Lord is not in the world (*Na tvahaṃ teṣu*). The Gita also says that the world is in God and also the world is not in God (*Matsthāni sarva bhūtāni, Na ca matsthāni*). This means that the man is in the cot but the man did not pierce into the cot. Similarly, the world is in God but the world did not pierce into God and also God did not pierce into the world. God is only the base of the world like the cot. God pierced into a human body and that human body enters into the world as said in the Veda “*Tadevānuprāviśat*”. Such Human body is the Human incarnation, which enters the world. Therefore, God enters the world only through a Human form only. God did not enter every human form or every inert object. Even though God is the base of the world, the world does not touch Him as the man touches the cot. It is possible in the case of a daydreamer. A city imagined by him is existing in him and he is the base for that city. Let the city and the people in that city burn. The daydreamer is not burnt. Like this the world is based on God but the changes in the world cannot affect. Either the changes in the inert objects or the changes in the human beings cannot affect God. Hence any inert object or any human being can neither be God nor God exists in them. They are based on the God and they are not present in the God also. Therefore, you can worship a statue or a human being as representative of God (Pratiika). Veda says to worship the Sun as God (*Ādityaṃ Brahmeti*). Again, Veda says that the Sun is not God (*Nedaṃ tat*). Neither God is in the Sun nor the Sun is in the God. The Sun is based on the God. You can meditate upon the Sun who is a representative of God. The similarity here is that God shines like the Sun. Due to this similarity the Sun is taken as a representative object of God. Similarly, you can treat the man as a representative of God because God also comes down in a similar Human form. Holy Jesus told that the entire world is present in the Holy Spirit like the big mustard tree present in its minute seed as a micro design (Mathew 13:31 & 32).

In Pravrutti you are advised to love all the human beings so that you can love the God in Human form later on in Nivrutti. In Nivrutti you have to leave all the human beings and concentrate your love on that Human incarnation only. The initial love on all the human beings developed in Pravrutti should be withdrawn in Nivrutti and should be concentrated on the Human form of God only. You respect monkeys since Hanuman is in that form. If you start laughing by seeing the monkeys, you may also laugh when you see Hanuman. This does not mean that you should worship every monkey as Hanuman. The worship should be limited only to that particular monkey called Hanuman. Atri and Anasuya adopt Datta. This means that the Human form of God (Datta) can be achieved only by a devotee who

gets rid of the three types of egoism (Sattvika, Rajasa and Tamasa) i.e., Atri and get rid of Jealousy (Asuya) i.e., Anasuya. The pride of Knowledge, physical force of the body and the body itself is respectively the three types of egoism. You must understand the inner meaning always. Datta is the son of sage Atri and Anasuya and this is only a story for children who are in the initial stage and cannot understand the inner sense.

The Shivalingam is a formless stone from which all the statues are prepared. The Shivalingam is always associated with continuous bath (Abhisheka) which is “Snana upachaara”. What is the inner meaning here? This means that all the statues are only for vision and they should be frequently washed to avoid the dust. Except this one mode of worship no other mode of worship is necessary for a statue. All the sixteen modes of worship (Shodasa upacharas) are meant only for the Human incarnation. Avahanam means inviting the Lord in Human form to come to your house. Asanam means offering the seat to the Lord when He comes to your house. Like this all the sixteen modes of worship are meant only for the Human form of God. When you are doing the sixteen modes of worship to a statue the initiation of life is done in the beginning, which means that you should worship the living Human form only, and not the inert Human form. The Initiation of life in the statue does not mean that the statue is becoming the living form because the statue does not move even one inch after that life initiation. Whenever you decide you have to follow three authorities: 1) Shruti i.e., Veda, 2) Yukti i.e., Logic, 3) Anubhava i.e., Experience. Here Shruti is ‘*Na tasya pratimā asti*’ (Lord will not enter statues.). The Yukti is that one cannot make any inert object to get life by any technique. The dead body is not getting life by the chanting of that Vedic hymn as recited in the Prana Pratishthaa. If you say that the life has entered the statue by such ‘Prana Pratishthaa’ why can’t you make the dead body alive by the same? The experience is that by any technique we are not experiencing the life in any inert object including the dead body. Therefore, if you say that the life entered the statue it cannot be accepted. Then what is the meaning of this Prana pratishthaa? Since you are rigid in not accepting the Human form of God due to your egoism and jealousy there is no other way than to teach you like this. Holy Jesus told that He has to use similes as models to teach the ignorant people (Mathew 13:34). That Prana Pratishthaa is teaching you that the Human form with life should be only worshipped by the sixteen modes.

An employee does service for the whole month and he does not put request letter to the Government to give his monthly salary. Automatically the salary is put to his account. He does not beg for the salary by singing

songs and weeping. Similarly, Hanuman participated in the service of Lord Rama in human form and got the fruit of His service, which is the post of the future creator of the Universe. He did not sing Bhajans or chant hymns or meditate or shed tears etc., for the fruit. Therefore, what is the use of these things without the service? An elephant is fed with sugar canes in a dignified way. The elephant does work in carrying big logs etc., A dog does not do any service and it begs for food by moving its tail, by crying, by falling at the feet in inverted position etc. But it is not given food or even if given a handful of rice which remains after our meals. Therefore, the knowledge and devotion should lead to service, which are like the degrees acquired by you. For your degree salary will not be given. With the help of the degree you have to fetch the job and do service for which only you can get the salary. The degrees will only help you to fetch the job and cannot give you the salary directly. With the help of knowledge, you can recognize the human incarnation. With the help of devotion, you will come near to Him and become dear so that you can participate in His service. For the service, you are getting the fruit and not for your knowledge and devotion.

Electrons are travelling in the atmosphere and we cannot experience these electrons (electricity) directly. When these electrons pass through a wire the wire is electrified. You can experience the shock of the electricity through the wire by touching it. You can also use the electricity in a wire only to move the fan or to light the bulb. Similarly, you cannot experience the Brahman, which is beyond imagination by any effort and you cannot get any fruit from it. When that Brahman enters into the human body only you can experience the Brahman and can get the fruit for your service. How can you serve the unimaginable Brahman? You can only serve the Brahman in Human form that came into this world and get the fruit for your selfless service. For this purpose, the Brahman comes down. The properties of the wire are not affected by the flow of the electricity. The copper wire is red, lean and its properties are retained. Similarly, the properties of the human body are retained even if the Brahman is present in it. The Human incarnation shows all the properties of nature like thirst, hunger, illness, birth, death etc. Suppose the electricity is flowing in a copper wire and an aluminum wire simultaneously. The current is same but a copper wire is red in color and the aluminum wire is white in color. Similarly, the Human incarnations have different natures due to the difference in the nature of the Human bodies. Rama was very peaceful and Parashurama was very furious. When the electricity leaves the wire, it is an ordinary wire only. The electricity is only present in the wire and is not modified into wire. Therefore, when the electricity leaves the wire you can push the wire with

your leg. People misunderstand that the electric wire is insulted. During the presence of electricity that wire was the electricity itself because you cannot separate the electricity from the wire and if you touch the wire anywhere it gives the electric shock. Holy Jesus tells that He got everything from His Father, which means that the nature of His Father entered the Human body (Mathew 11:27). Similarly, when Brahman left the body of Lord Krishna at the end, Arjuna cremated that body, as any other human body. People think that Lord Krishna died or was cremated. The Lord left that human body and it is only the body of Lord was cremated. When the Lord was present in that body, that body was the Lord because the Lord and the body cannot be separated. The Gita says “*Mānuṣīm tanumāśritam*”, which means that the Brahman enters the human body. The Gita also says “*Avyaktam vyaktimāpannam*” which means that ignorant people think that the Brahman is modified into the human body.

The justice in the form of cow is following Lord Datta. This means that the justice follows His actions. Whatever the Lord does is the justice. He is the protector of the justice and the justice is protected. Protector is always greater than the protected. He followed the justice as Rama. The justice became proud and as Krishna, He deviated from the justice and the justice followed Him. Thus, He removed the pride of the Justice. This means that we have to follow the Lord only and leave the justice, when the Lord competes with the justice. This is the test of Datta and even great scholars failed in this test. When Krishna asked Dharmaraja to tell a lie in the battlefield, Dharmaraja refused and went to the Hell since he did not follow the order of the Lord. Similarly, the Vedas are lying as dogs at His feet and are following Him. What does this mean? This means that whenever Datta preaches, He will not preach according to Vedas like an ordinary scholar. The Vedas obey His preaching and follow the preaching as faithful dogs. He is the creator of Vedas and whatever He preaches is Veda. Datta means the Human form of the Lord, which comes to the world. So whenever the Lord in Human form preaches here, that preaching can be seen in the Vedas because Vedas were the knowledge spoken by Him already. So whatever He preaches here should not contradict whatever He preached earlier. Therefore, He quotes Vedas since they were already His preaching. This should not be misunderstood that He is quoting Vedas and following them.

The ignorance is very strong in this age of Kali and it is also natural force, water falls down vigorously. Water is forced to go up. So the ignorance by which the people fall is natural and powerful. The knowledge

by which the people go up needs lot of effort by Sadguru and also by the devotees in the propagation.

It is always great to give God that which you cannot give to anybody. What is the greatness in giving that which you can give to anyone? People easily give words and mind and there is no greatness in sacrificing such things. When Jesus was praised by a lady He did not relish it. He appreciated the person who follows His words and practices those words (Luke 11:27 & 28). It is very difficult to sacrifice the fruit of the work that is money. Therefore, the greatness lies in sacrificing the work or the fruit of the work. The Gita emphasized on Karma Phala Tyaaga in view of the very near Kali. After a few days of Mahabharata war Kali entered. Since the Lord knows that in the Kali age the money, which is the fruit of the work, is going to be the topmost item, He emphasized the sacrifice of the money (Karma Phala Tyaaga) everywhere in the Gita. There are three Eeshanas which are very strong bonds. 1) Bond with money, 2) Bond with wife or husband and 3) Bond with children. Unless these three bonds are completely broken the salvation is not complete. Indians are very poor in the sacrifice of the fruit of the work, which is the real essence of the whole spiritual effort to reach God. In order to revise the syllabus to the dull students the teacher takes several revision classes. Therefore, the Lord is coming again and again in several human incarnations to India since Indians did not digest His preaching. Indians take proud of the several incarnations! In foreign countries one incarnation was sufficient and therefore there was no reincarnation. The foreigners have digested the actual essence of the spiritual path by one lecture itself. They practice the Karma Phala Tyaaga to the full extent.

Human incarnations are of several types meant for different levels of the people. In Kalaavataara, a ray of the energy of Lord enters the human body Ex.: Vyasa. In Amshaavataara, a part of the energy of the Lord enters the human body Ex.: Kapila. In Aveshaavataara, the Lord enters the human body for some time to do some work Ex.: Parashurama. In Puurnaavataara, the Lord exists from birth to death of the human body but the Lord exhibits only some of His divine qualities Ex.: Rama. In Paripuurnaavataara, the God exists in the human body from birth to death and exhibits all His divine qualities completely Ex.: Krishna. As you have different levels of teachers like school teachers, college lecturers and university professors, the human incarnations are also different according to the standards of the people. If people are limiting their lives only to eat, drink, enjoy and produce and love the children, they are earning money for the sake of these things and are undergoing lot of worries for earning the money. The kind

Lord gives the births of animals, birds etc., to such people because they can do those things without earning any money and without any worry in such births. Therefore, such births show the kindness of the Lord only and not the attitude of the punishment. The Lord is fully satisfied and shows His grace only when your sacrifice is also complete for the sake of the Lord. Holy Jesus cursed a tree which did not give Him fruits when He was hungry. This means that He who does not serve Him is cursed and will go to the hell (Mark 11:12 to 14). Satrajit a devotee of Krishna came and presented some gold jewels to the Lord. That was a partial sacrifice only. But the Lord wanted the divine gem called 'Samantaka' which yields the gold every day. What does this mean? The Lord wants to completely cut the bond with the money. The Lord wants you to sacrifice your complete work and complete fruit of your work also. The Lord patted the back of the squirrel since it was continuously carrying the sand particles and throwing into the sea for the construction of the bridge.

Today, there is no Indian who sacrifices his work or fruit of work to the Lord without aspiring anything in return. If he gives 10/- rupees he expects back 10,000/- rupees. Another worse fellow gives 10/- rupees to the Lord only after getting the 10,000/- rupees from the Lord. There is another worst fellow who wants to get 10,000/- rupees from the Lord and does not give even one rupee to the Lord. He wants to get the money by sacrificing his words and mind through chanting hymns and devotion etc. Holy Jesus gives four examples here. A person who loses the preaching due to the association of bad people, a person in whose heart the preaching does not enter, a person in whose heart preaching enters but the family bonds will not allow the preaching to grow and the person in whom the preaching grows and becomes fruitful (Matthew 13:4 to 8). Money is a form of work. When you sacrifice the work then only the Lord will give you work in return. If you give words, He will give you very good language. If you give love through feelings and words, the Lord also gives the same thing in return. If you discuss about the Lord through your intelligence, He will bless you with good knowledge. When you sacrifice work, He will also work for you. When you sacrifice the fruit of your work (money) He will also give money to you. In whatever route you approach Him, He will approach you in the same route. You are coming to God to spend your leisure time for the entertainment, which costs nothing. Moreover, the other costly entertainment is cut and money can be saved. Added to this benefit, by spending this leisure time for God you may get some extra money also from the God by His grace. Thus, the Indian intellectuals are thinking about God as a multi benefit – saving scheme, like the present financial schemes.

But the Lord is very very intelligent. He gives the money as one desired by such worship through words and mind. But that money joins with the money already he has earned and goes away through thieves, diseases etc. When you do complete sacrifice then only a graceful look of the Lord falls on you. One can keep the money that is needed but the extra money should be returned back to the Lord. Ravana had the required wife called Mandodari but Sita was extra money stolen. Therefore, Sita has to be returned back to Rama. Otherwise, he was destroyed. Ishavasya Upanishat says in the very first hymn that one should return back the extra money to the Lord stolen by him.

Lord Datta comes in human form and gives the real meaning of the scriptures, which were written by Him only. The ignorant people, unable to practice the real meaning of these scriptures, will hide the real meaning and cover with misinterpretations. This is the meaning of the demon called Somakasura stealing the Veda. The misinterpretation has stolen the Veda, which means the real interpretation. The Lord came in the form of fish and killed the demon and uplifted the Veda. What does this mean? The fish indicates the eye because the eye is in the form of the fish. That fish denotes the third eye of knowledge. Since knowledge is the real form of the Lord, the Lord takes the form of knowledge, which is the third eye denoted by the fish. Therefore, the fish represents the knowledge or the Lord directly. This knowledge destroyed the demon like ignorance and misinterpretation and uplifts the real interpretation, which is called as Veda. Holy Jesus says that the selfish priests and scholars misinterpret the feelings of the human beings as the preaching of Lord and deceive the innocent public (Matthew 15: 9).

[Recent Miracle]: Swami sang spontaneously a devotional song on Goddess Mary in our house on 26th December 2003. A pungent smell of Camphor was emitted from Swami for a long time. A large gathering of devotees experienced the pleasant odor of Camphor. A cradle, which was static, started moving for five minutes indicating that the Holy Jesus as a baby is lulled by His mother Holy Mary.

Chapter 34

RELIGIONS ARE RIVERS BUT SPIRITUALISM IS AN OCEAN**Removing Religious Differences**

January 29, 2004

O Learned and Devoted Servants of God,

All the religions in the world are the feathers of the same bird i.e., God with different colours. There is only one God and there is only one universe. Similarly, the man is also only one. Man should aim that one God and he should belong to all the religions in the universe. He should pick up the diamonds from all the religions and use in his spiritual path. One can have love towards the nationality. Every nation has some physical boundaries. The people who are living in that nation have that nationality. Thus, there is a meaning in the nationality because it has physical sense. But in the case of religion and spiritualism there is no physical sense. Every religion belongs to every man. Therefore, in religious and spiritual matters all the religions can be used. The human incarnation in every religion announces that He is the universal preacher. The message of Lord Krishna i.e., the Bhagavad Gita is for the entire world. The message of Jesus i.e., the Bible is for the entire world. The message of Mohammed is for the entire world. So there is no need of conversion of religions. Just like in science the invention of Einstein is useful for the whole world, every religious preaching is for everybody. Different scientists belonging to different countries have discovered different scientific inventions. The subject science contains all these inventions. If any invention is removed the science become discontinuous. Similarly, the spiritualism consists of the preaching of the preachers belonging to various countries. The spiritualism must be built-up by the preaching of Lord Krishna, Jesus, Mohammed, Buddha, Mahavir etc. Spiritualism means truth like science. Different religions are following their preachers and they have taken the essence of their scriptures into the practice. Such traditional practices are like different experimental parts of Science. The scriptures of different religions are like the different theories in various chapters of science. In science the student does not distinguish the scientist based on his nationality. Similarly, in

spiritualism one should not have repulsion or attraction to any scripture or tradition in the World.

The spiritualism requires divine virtues, which are emphasized in various religions. The firm faith of Islam, the infinite love of Christianity, the tolerance towards other religions of Hinduism, the social service of Buddhism and the non-violence of Jainism are important virtues of the spiritualism. These are the practical traditional aspects of various religions, which are more precious than those scriptures. Tradition is the most important essence of the scripture.

One must praise the firm faith of a Muslim on God associated with strict regularity and discipline. People are worshipping God either in the leisure time or on a holiday. But a Muslim worships God on every day whether it is a holiday or not. He worships God regularly at some intervals of time whether it is leisure or working time. The faith on God and the importance to God supersedes everything and every activity. This aspect is a page in the book of spiritualism.

Another page in the book of spiritualism is a tradition of Christianity, which is the infinite love. The Bible says "*revenge is mine*". The Christians love even their enemies proving that love is infinite. Love is God. God is infinite and so love is infinite. Such infinite love can only attract the God. The proof of love is sacrifice in service. Christians sacrifice lot of their money for the spiritual works. Their love is so unlimited that they sacrifice money even to the spiritual centers of other religions. Even if some religion is opposing their religion, they fund the other religion and this shows their love even to enemies. Their love in the family bonds is very weak. So, the love is stored in their hearts without flowing. This concentrated love in the heart flows entirely towards God and so they sacrifice lot of their earnings for the work of God. They do not store the wealth for their children, and they ask their children to earn and live after certain age.

Hinduism should be another page. The house of every Hindu contains photos of different forms of God. At the same time, they find only one God (Parabrahman) in all those forms of God. They treat the different forms of God as the different dresses of the same actor. This indicates that there is only one God for the entire world and Lord Krishna, Jesus, Mohammed, Buddha, and Mahavir are only the different dresses of the same God. This brings the brotherhood of all the human beings in the entire world.

Another page must be Buddhism. Buddha kept silent on God because the Veda says that God is beyond even imagination. His silence is misunderstood as atheism. He concentrated on the society, which is entire universe. All the human beings in this universe must be uplifted through

right knowledge. Buddha means knowledge. Any incarnation of God does the same work.

Jainism is another page. They do not kill any living being. The highest justice (dharma) is non-violence (ahimsa). God has given life to any living being. What right you have to kill and eat it? You can kill even a human being if he disturbs the peace and justice of a human society. Lord killed evil people in that way. But to kill a living being which does not harm you in any way is the highest sin. God has given sufficient vegetarian food to all the living beings. Science proves today that non-vegetarian food is not good for health.

Similarly, there are precious traditions of other religions which should be copied on different pages of the book of spiritualism. It should be just like a book of science. Spiritualism is the most important practical line to achieve the grace of the God. As the Science is the universal subject, spiritualism must also be the universal subject. The nations may have physical boundaries but the spiritualism is the single ocean in which all the religions mix like rivers. Every human being in this world must enter this ocean through a river and settle there as a sea fish. The man should not stop the journey while he is in the river. He should follow the journey of the river up to the end where he can find the sea with unlimited boundaries. The man is not moving along with his religion and is becoming stagnant as a river fish only.

Chapter 35

MESSAGE ON SHIVARATRI**Light and Darkness**

February 18, 2004

O Learned and Devoted Servants of God,

Shiva is knowledge (*Jānam Maheśvarāt icchet*). Knowledge is Sattvam (*Sattvāt sañjāyate jñānam*). Sattvam is light (*Prakāśa upajāyate, Vivṛddham sattva mityuta*). Therefore, Shiva is light and is white in colour. Science says that the light energy is in the form of waves. The Shiva Linga is in the form of wave. In the word 'Shiva Raatri,' Raatri means Tamas or darkness or ignorance. The Lord is controlling both knowledge and ignorance (*Mattaḥ smṛtiḥ jñāna mapohanañca*). The ignorance is the human form. Knowledge is the form of Narayana. Narayana means the abode of knowledge. Shiva is Narayana. Therefore, Shivaratri is a mixture of Narayana and Nara (human body). When the Lord comes in human form both the natures of Narayana and Nara are exhibited. When the current is passing in the wire the property of the wire to be lean and the property of the current to give shock co-exist. Similarly, in the human incarnation the nature of the human body and the knowledge of Narayana are mixed. On Shivaratri both the darkness and the light of lights is mixed. The sky is black with clouds, which indicates the human form. The lightening in the sky, which, shines now and then, indicates the nature of Narayana. If the nature of Narayana alone is exhibited this world will stop functioning. All the human beings will leave their duties and will surround the Lord Narayana. By this the world loses the balance.

Moreover, people will surround Narayana and try to snatch benefits with selfishness. Then people will fall down in their spiritual path because one should proceed in the spiritual path without any selfishness. It is also not possible to test the firm faith of the devotees if the nature of Narayana is completely exposed. In such case every human being will show firm faith. Then the human beings cannot be discriminated. If the Lord appears as a human being without showing the nature of Narayana nobody will approach Him because everybody thinks the Lord as an ordinary human being. Then also it is not possible to test a human being since nobody approaches the Lord. The Lord is the knowledge itself (*Satyam, Jñānam Anantam Brahma*). The ignorance, which is the second substance, is

created by the Lord for entertainment (*Ekākī na ramate sa dvitīya maicchat*). Therefore, to test the devotees there should be both faith and doubt in their hearts. The human nature creates doubt and the nature of Narayana creates faith. This faith represents Shiva and the doubt represents Raatri. The Lord in human form will play with the devotees in this world. The devotees will be moving from one side to the other side by the properties of such mixture and the Lord plays with them.

Divine Discourse by Swami:

Don't say that I did not say the truth
When I enquire you in the Pretaloka
You will try to escape from Me by saying
That you did not know the truth

Oh! Priests! you scolded Me already
When I came to the house of Sheela
That I was fallen from Vedic actions
Then, My dog recited all the Vedas

The attachment to your family bonds is
Like deep darkness solidified in your heart
What is the use of these outer lamps?
Except burning the oil and ghee
Give this oil and ghee as the food

To the beggars who die with hunger
Let their life lights glow with happiness
That is the real sacred 'Diipaaraadhana'

Datta came in human form to preach you
You are not recognizing Him, but you are worshipping
The imaginary photos and statues of the old garments
Left by Him in the past, what is the use?

Moksha means *Mo*= Moha, *Ksha*= Kshaya. Therefore, Moksha means destruction of the attachment to the family bonds. This attraction towards the family bonds is solidified in your heart from several births. Such darkness can be removed only by the preaching sentences of Lord Datta which are like the rays of the Sun. Unless you are attracted towards Lord Datta you can never reach the Lord. Unless the attachment to your family

bonds is removed, salvation is only a dream. Datta means the human form of the Lord that is given to this world. Sages could not get salvation by chanting hymns, penance, meditation, yoga etc., and even by attaining the superpowers unless they were born as Gopikas and worshipped Krishna who is the Lord Datta in human form. They were detached from the family bonds and were attracted to the Lord who was present before them. The path towards God is full of thorns giving you several problems, miseries and terrible loss. Shankara left His mother, Prahlada left his father, Buddha left wife, son and kingdom, Radha died for Lord Krishna, Kannappa plucked his eyes and Hanuman tore His heart with His own nails. All these are the forms of the true path leading to the Lord. In your path, which is chanting hymns, meditation, singing songs etc., you are getting peace and bliss. The Lord is not responding even once.

Unless you weep, the Lord will not be pleased. Unless you lose the peace the Lord will not be peaceful. Jesus told the same in the Bible ***“I did not come to give you peace, I came with a sword to cut your family bonds. Unless you leave your parents, husbands, wives, children and even your lives you cannot be dear to Me”***. The Gita also says ***‘Mat gata prāṇāḥ’*** which means that the devotee’s life itself is the Lord. In the ten stages of devotion the last stage is death (***Unmādo maraṇam tataḥ***). When you are cutting your family bonds you will certainly weep and feel it as loss and trouble. Therefore, Jesus told ***“The path that leads to Me is very narrow with one or two persons only travelling in it. The path that leads to the Hell is very wide and happy with full of people”***. The Gita also says ***‘Kaścit mām vetti, Bahūnām janma nāmante’***. Vyasa did lot of penance and wrote several scriptures. But he was running after his son called Shuka, who was walking intoxicated with the love of the Lord. This is told in the beginning of the Bhagavatam (***Dvaipāyano viraha kātara***). The same Vyasa could not get food at Varanasi for three days. He became angry and was ready to curse Varanasi. But see the Saktuprastha, who did not get food for the last ten days during the draught. He could get a little flour and was going to eat with his family. But when the guest came, he sacrificed that to the guest with full happiness. Therefore, if you are happy in your spiritual path, such path is filled with flowers and is leading to hell. The reason is that such path is strengthening your unreal family bonds. When your spiritual path gives you sorrow, such path is full of thorns and is leading to the Lord. The reason is that, in such path you have to cut your family bonds and that gives you lot of pain and misery. The affection and attraction towards the Lord, which you are showing today is not from your heart. It is only apparent and you are acting. You are trying to use the Lord for the

happiness of your family bonds. Such devotees are called as divine prostitutes.

The prostitute talks very sweet words and exhibits sweet feelings only to earn money from a person. Your prayers are such sweet words. Your devotion is such sweet feeling. The prostitute may fool an ignorant human being but can you fool the Lord who is omniscient? The sacred ash on your forehead, the garlands around your neck and the silk cloth which you wear are just like the decoration of a prostitute to attract the Lord. You are deceiving yourself. The Lord is furious with you. Even a human being without manners will respond if you call him by his name. But the Lord, who is having the best manners, is not responding even if you are calling Him lakhs of times in doing Japa. By this you estimate the quantity of anger and hatred present in the heart of the Lord on you. Even if you are not putting a single step in the true path, don't put so many steps in the false path. As you are putting more and more steps in the false path, you are becoming more and more far from the Lord and the Lord is becoming more and more furious. Control the Bhoga, which brings Roga (illness). The association with your family bonds will bring you lot of mental worry. Sacrifice the enjoyment and association with your family bonds. Develop the bond with the Lord only and this is the true path. Veda says '*Tyāgenaike*' and the Gita says '*Tyāgāt śāntih*' which mean that sacrifice of the bonds with every human being and every object in this world alone can bring the salvation.

Chapter 36

MESSAGE ON MUHARRAM**The Greatest Religion**

February 22, 2004

O Learned and Devoted Servants of God,

Islam is a great religion in this world and I am not making this statement without reason. The reason is that Islam is the only religion, which deals with practical spiritual efforts only without any trace of theoretical gossip. This religion shows excellent tolerance to the other religions. Islam says that you should protect the non-believers of Islam also if they pray for protection from you. After protecting them you can give the message of “Allah” and send them to a protected place. After protection, the protected person will show great interest to hear the message. This is the message of Islam and all the other religions should appreciate this. This proves the broad mindedness of this greatest religion. Islam says “*Allahussamad*”. It means that everything and everybody depends on “Allah” and Allah does not depend on anything or anybody. The same statement is found in Holy Veda (Hinduism) “*Yato Jātāni jīvanti, Yekena Vijñātena*” which means that this entire world depends on Brahman only. Brahman in Hinduism, Allah in Islam and Jehovah in Christianity mean the same all-pervading formless Lord. The Gita (Hinduism) also says the same “*Mayi sarvamidam protam*”, which means that the entire world depends on the Brahman.

Holy Islam speaks about the sacrifice of fruit of work (money) through the word ‘**Jakaat**’. This word says that every rich man is expected to practice the sacrifice within the limit of his wealth. Islam says that people love money too much (Khudaan: Aal Fajr – 20). Islam says that by sacrifice of money your wealth will not decrease and in fact your wealth increases by sacrifice. Islam also mentions that by sacrifice of money your wealth becomes most pure. It says that by the sacrifice of money, you have followed the instruction of Allah and Allah will be immensely pleased with you. The Holy Bible also says the same “*Where your money lies, there your heart lies*”. The Veda also says that the sacrifice of money will please the Lord (*Dhanena tyāge naike*). The Gita also emphasizes throughout the scripture that one can please the Lord only by sacrifice of the fruit of the work (money). The Gita says “*Karmajam buddhiyuktā hi phalam tyaktvā*”

which means that realized scholars would sacrifice the fruit of their work (money). Islam says that one should keep the wealth required for the maintenance of himself and his family. This is also told in the Veda that one should keep the minimum required wealth for family expenses and the rest should be sacrificed for the work of the Lord which should not be stored (*Tyaktena bhujīdhāḥ*). Islam says that the love on Allah should be greater than the love on money. Islam says that “*Inkhiad*” which means to accept the message of Allah by mouth is not the final. But “*Kabul*” which means to know the message of Allah and practice is essential. According to Islam Allah says that if the message is not practiced there is no use. Exactly this wonderful concept is emphasized in the Veda and the Gita. The Veda says that words and feelings do not touch the Lord. Only sacrifice of wealth can prove the real love on the Lord (*Yato vāco nivartante aprāpya manasā saha, Dhanena tyāgena*). The Gita also says that real sacrifice of the fruit of work is greater than the knowledge and devotion (*Dhyānāt karma phala tyāgaḥ*). In the Bible also, Jesus asks a rich man to sacrifice wealth. But the rich man fails to do it. Then Jesus says that ‘*A camel may pass through the eye of the needle but a rich man can never reach God*’.

Islam wants that one should not overenjoy the wealth. It is also told in the Gita (*Bhogaiśvarya prasaktānām*). Over enjoyment (bhoga) brings diseases (roga). Islam accepts the existence of the soul and says that it cannot be seen by the naked eyes. The Gita also says the same exactly (*Vimūdhāḥ nānupaśyanti*). Islam and Christianity say that there will be final enquiry and the non-believers will be thrown into the hell, which is the everlasting fire according to Christianity. The Gita also says the same (*Kṣipāmyāsura yoniṣu*). According to Islam and Christianity there is no rebirth for the soul. Hinduism accepts the rebirth but if the inner essence of Hinduism is understood, it is not contradicting the other two religions. According to Hinduism there is no human rebirth for the soul (*Jantūnām narajanma durlabhamidam* – Shankara). The essence of all the three religions in this point is like this: The human rebirth is impossible according to Hinduism. Therefore, rebirth in the other two religions means the human birth only i.e., there is no human birth again for any soul. The hell and everlasting fire is nothing but the rebirth as animal or worm in drainage. Once one enters the cycle of such births, the soul will not return back to the human birth.

Islam says that the sin was also created by Allah and says that Allah knows the logic behind it. Veda also says the same point exactly “*Sa Idam sarvamasṛjata*”. What is the logic in the creation of the sin by the Lord? If only good exists and the fruit of good works i.e., happiness only exists. If

the living beings are doing only good works, they have to continuously enjoy the happiness, which will definitely bore. One cannot eat the sweets continuously. A break is necessary and some hot dish must be tasted during the continuous eating of sweets. The Gita also says that both summer and winter are essential for real enjoyment (*Śītoṣṇa sukha duḥkhadāḥ*). This logic proves that the Lord was very kind to His children in creating the sin.

Hindus mainly concentrate in prayers, which is the sacrifice of words. Christians are mainly concentrating on love and kindness, which is the sacrifice of mind. But Muslims are concentrating on the practical sacrifice, which is the spiritualism in action. Muslims do not believe in showing love through words and feelings. Their tradition is to show love in practice through actions. A Muslim prays the Lord on every day for certain number of times. Whether it is a holiday or not, whether the time of prayer is convenient or not, a Muslim does the prayer even if he is in the journey. Hindus are praying in the leisure time on every day. Christians are praying throughout Sunday, which is a holiday. But see a Muslim! Irrespective of the day and time he prays the Lord. This firm faith, regularity and discipline of a Muslim pleases the Lord to a great extent. The entire world must learn this aspect from the great Islam. Similarly, the entire world must learn the tolerance from the great Hinduism. Any Hindu worships different forms of the same God. From this everybody should learn the tolerance to respect the various forms of God of different religions. Similarly, the world must learn the love and kindness shown by Christians even towards their enemies. They fund even the spiritual centers of other religions due to their immense love. You should think that you are neither a Hindu, nor a Muslim, nor a Christian. You are a man belonging to the entire universe. For you all the religions should be one and the same.

All the Hindus, Muslims, Christians and people following other religions are brothers only. One should love all the religions. One must help any person in this world irrespective of the religion and the great Islam emphasized on this aspect by saying that a Muslim should not harm the person of any other religion and in fact he should protect the person of other religion and send him to a protected place. This point should be followed by the people of all the religions. This is My main message to all Muslims on the eve of this Holy Muhurram festival.

Chapter 37

MESSAGE AT KALADI**Shankara the Genius**

April 26, 2004

DIVINE DISCOURSE BY SWAMI ON 04/03/2004

O Learned and Devoted Servants of God,

Shankara is the topmost genius in this world. He was the incarnation of Lord Shiva. He has the third eye, which is the eye of the knowledge that is always burning with flames. It is said “*Jñānam Maheśvarāt icchet*”, which means that only Lord Shiva can give the spiritual knowledge. When Shankara came there were two types of atheists. 1) Purvamiiamaamsakas:- They always do rituals without any analysis and knowledge. 2) Buddhists:- They always argue with logic and say that everything is nothing (Shunya Vaada). Shankara’s aim was to bring these two types of people into the path of theism. Shankara made a big psychological plan. He called even the atheist as Brahman. He defined Brahman as mere awareness without any quality. Such awareness is present in all the souls which are present in 84 crore-types of living beings. The soul is Brahman whether it is present in human beings or animals or birds or insects or worms. Every soul is basically simple awareness and so it is Brahman. Therefore, whether a soul is born as a divine human being like Shankara or whether it is born as a worm in drainage, the soul is Brahman. Whether it is scented water or drainage water, water is common in both. The scent and drainage impurities are the good and bad qualities correspondingly. When both the good and bad qualities are removed only pure water remains. That pure water is the soul or Brahman. Therefore, whether one is born as a divine man or as the worst worm, he can think, “*I am Brahman*”. The awareness is common in both the king and beggar. Both can say, “I am Brahman”. But the special qualities like knowledge, courage etc., are associated with the awareness in the king and therefore, he became the king. In the beggar the awareness is associated with qualities like ignorance, fear etc., and therefore he became the beggar. The king is respected and the beggar is neglected. Shankara is the scented water. The atheist is the drainage water. Both are Brahman. But the sandal scent and the drainage impurity are not one and the same. If both are one and the same the scent water and the drainage water must be used

for the same purpose practically. Instead of the scent water one can sprinkle the drainage water on the guests in a marriage function. A beggar also must be given the police security as the king is given.

Shankara told that this awareness (soul) is a substance, which is already attained by you without any effort or Sadhana (Siddha Vastu or Praapta Vastu). In Shankara and the atheist this awareness is the common substance. Therefore, any living being in this world can shout, "I am Brahman". Nobody will object. Don't feel unhappy if you are born as worm in drainage because you are that wonderful Brahman! Awareness does not mean happiness. Awareness can be associated either with happiness or with sorrow. Therefore, simply by being Brahman don't think that you are happy. A person is laughing with happiness is Brahman and also a person who is weeping with unhappiness is also Brahman because both have the common awareness. By any effort you cannot lose the awareness and therefore you will always remain Brahman. Even if you are beaten by belt in the hell, you may be weeping. But please don't forget that you are Brahman. You weep without any worry because you are Brahman. You have read so many Shastras and you have done such a tedious meditation! Finally, you came to know that you are the awareness (Brahman) that was already present in you before reading Shastras and before doing the meditation. Now you are what you were before all this Sadhana (effort). Don't you think that all your Sadhana is a waste and did not achieve anything? The drainage water is forgetting its own impurities and is thinking that it is the pure water, which is a component of the drainage water. By such thinking the impurities are not filtered and the bad odor did not disappear. To remove the impurities, work, which is the filtration should be done. Then the drainage water can become really the pure water. Thinking is not work. Filtration is the work. When the Lord comes in human form you serve Him and receive the knowledge from Him along with His grace. Then only the impurities are removed and the pure water results. Then by the association of the Lord (scent water) some scent will enter you and you also become scent water to certain extent though you are not exactly equal to the scent water.

The Lord contains all the three qualities when He comes in the human form as Datta. The three faces indicate the three qualities. Brahma is Rajas. Vishnu is Sattvam. Shiva is Tamas. But the Lord is untouched by the three qualities. The three qualities are floating as a superficial layer. The pure water is not affected and it is not attaining the odors of the three qualities. Neither the pure water has bad smell or good scent. The Lord is like the person wearing a tri-colored shirt. The color of the shirt does not touch

Him. But a living being (soul) is different. It is like the scented or drainage water, which receives a good scent or bad odor of the three qualities. The soul is a homogeneous mixture of the qualities and awareness. You cannot separate the qualities (gunas) and their odors (vaasanaas) from the soul by any effort. The Soul is the tri-colored shirt itself. Each thread of the shirt is impregnated with the color. Therefore, the Lord alone is capable of wearing the three qualities and at the same time is unaffected. He plays with the three qualities in this world. At any time He can get rid of all His qualities in a fraction of second. But the soul cannot get rid of its qualities even in millions of births.

Shankara called the atheist as Brahman and equated him with Himself. The reason for the equation is that both have a common component called awareness, which is named as Brahman by Shankara. Shankara interprets the Vedic quotations like ‘*Satyam Jñānam*’ and ‘*Prajñānam*’ so that the word Jnanam means simple awareness. Actually, the root meaning of Jnanam is “*Jānāti iti jñānam*” i.e., that which is aware is knowledge (Jnanam). As long as the root meaning (Yoga) is satisfied there can be no objection to derive such meaning for a word. But the word ‘Jnanam’ is not used in the sense of awareness in the world. A donkey, a cat etc., also has awareness. But the donkey or cat cannot be called as possessor of Jnanam (Jnani). Only a scholar who has the special knowledge is called as Jnani. Such usage in the world is called ‘Rudhi’. But one can use a word if the Yoga is satisfied and the Rudhi can be neglected. Therefore nobody could oppose Shankara for such yogic derivation of the word Jnana. Of course, He used such derivation for a good purpose i.e., to convert an atheist into theist. He did not misuse it.

If you call an atheist as a possessor of awareness, he will immediately shout. “Don’t I know that I have awareness? Why should you call like this?” But if he is called as a Jnani or Brahman he will immediately run towards you. In fact, awareness is the greatest subtle substance created in this world. The word Brahman means “greatest”. Therefore, Shankara proved by such logic that awareness is Brahman. The pure water is Brahman. The pure water mixed with scent and impurities and yet not touched by them is the Lord. The soul is also the pure water but is homogeneously mixed with scent and impurities and has become a solution. Therefore, Brahman and the Lord (Ishwara) are different. In the Lord apart from the three qualities, all the superpowers are present. He has the extraordinary three superpowers also, which are creation, ruling and destruction of this universe. Such superpower is called Maya. One can get the eight miraculous superpowers (Ashta siddhis) but not the above

extraordinary three superpowers. Therefore, the soul never becomes the Lord. Hanuman attained the superpower of Creation of the world. He became the future creator but remember, the inner form of Hanuman is already Lord Shiva and so it is expected. A king and his servant have the common awareness. Both of them have common good and bad qualities. But the special courage in the battlefield and the administration power in the court cannot be attained by his servant. Such extraordinary Maya is inseparable from the Lord. The knowledge (Jnana) is the inherent quality of the Brahman but in the case of the Lord due to association of the Maaya, the Knowledge becomes wonderful. The word Maaya comes from the root word Maya which means the most wonderful and inexplicable. Therefore, the knowledge of the Lord is wonderful and is not possible to any other human being. Therefore, such special knowledge is called as Prajnanam. Shankara told "I am Brahman" but He also told "*Śivaḥ kevalo'ham*" i.e., I am alone the Lord Shiva. Ishwara (the Lord) is always associated with Maayaa. The Gita says the same (*Māyinaṃ tu Maheśvaram*). Brahman is devoid of Maayaa. Shankara swallowed the molten lead as Ishwara but not as Brahman. When Shankara told that He is Brahman the disciples told that they are also Brahman. Shankara did not object. But when Shankara told that He is Lord Shiva, the disciples also told that they are Lord Shiva. Then He swallowed the molten lead and asked them to swallow the same. The disciples fell on His feet as servants singing "*Bhava Śaṅkara deśika me śaraṇam*". Therefore, He admitted everyone to call Himself as Brahman which is a post without salary. A bill collector collects the revenue as a clerk when the revenue is paid but He cannot order to pay the revenue. A district collector orders for the payment of the revenue. Veda says that the Sun is running with the fear of the Lord (*Bhīṣodeti sūryaḥ*). But a human being who calls himself as Brahman is subjected to the sunstroke and is dying. The Scholars should understand the commentary of Shankara along with His demonstration experiment of swallowing molten lead. Both the theory and practical are important in science. In fact, the practical is more important than theory. The Advaita philosophers do not even mention this experiment. They raise their collars saying that they are Brahman. Let them say raising the same collar, when beaten in the hell or born as worms in drainage. They cannot escape the hell and drainage by being Brahman, which is only simple awareness. After so much study of Vedas and Shastras they catch a small rat after digging a big mountain. The heart of Shankara is Ramanuja and Madhva. Therefore, when Ramanuja writes the commentary, He always says "*Yaduccyate Śāṅkaraiḥ*" i.e., I am condemning what the disciples of Shankara say. He never said that He is condemning what

Shankara said. The same Lord Datta incarnated as these three preachers. Shankara was Shiva, Ramanuja was Vishnu, and Madhva was Brahma. All the three are one and the same Guru Datta.



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