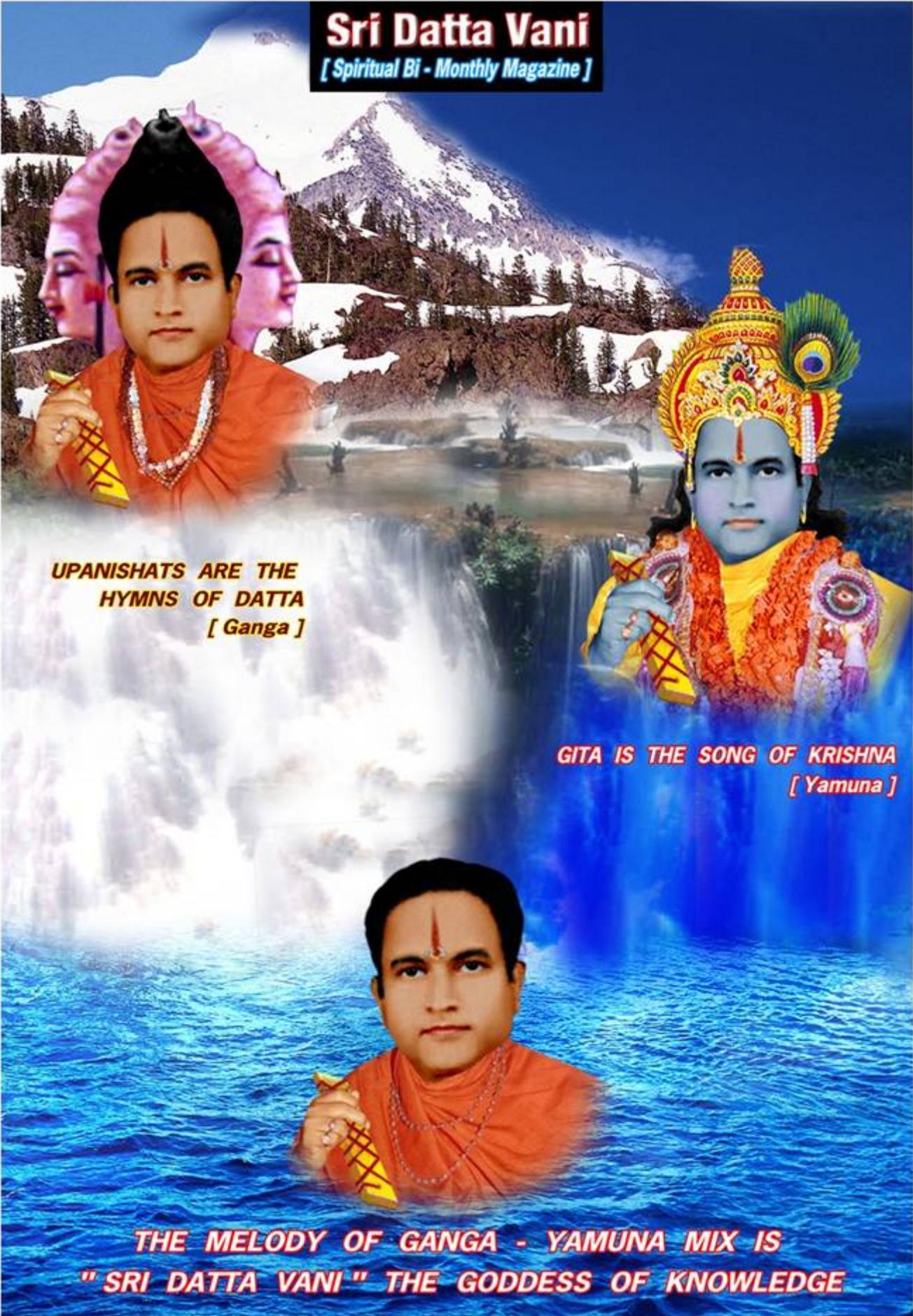


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# Sri Datta Ganapati Bhajan

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## Editorial (About Swami and this Magazine)

**By A. Seshadri**

SWAMI or DATTASWAMI as called by His circle of devotees is Sri Jannabhatla Venugopala Krishna Murthy, M.Sc., Ph.D., a professor in Chemistry. Swami says, "Science, the modern logic is required to preach philosophy to the present generation". SWAMI got Ph.D., at the age of nineteen! SWAMI started telling extempore poetry in Sanskrit at the age of eleven! He was also the author of about 100 books in Sanskrit at the age of sixteen! He proved that the three commentaries of SANKARA, RAMANUJA and MADHVA are one and the same. SWAMI toured North and South India extensively and argued with several scholars for a period of 12 years.

The divine discourses of SWAMI are published in several books under a programme called 'JNANA SARASWATI'. The divine extempore songs which SWAMI composed are also published in a book called 'BHAKTI GANGA'. The divine miracles performed by SWAMI are published in a book called 'MAHIMA YAMUNA'.

SWAMI says, "Service done in distributing food, JNANA (knowledge) and BHAKTI (devotion) to the respective poor people is only credited to your accounts". SWAMI is considered and believed as the incarnation of Lord DATTA by his devotees who are bringing out this series of magazines to propagate the discourses of SWAMI as a service to Lord DATTA. In the initial stage, there may be some delay in releasing the issues. The devotees whole heartedly welcome the other devotees also to join the service of Lord DATTA and get the grace and blessings from the Lord who is the only GURU and GOD of this Universe.

## Unity of religions in the Universe

(Conversation between SWAMI and a Christian Father)

**S.Phani Kumar**

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 itself 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!

Every one 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. His spiritual level is not raised by changing his religion. 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".

**Mahima Yamuna**  
**A book already published**  
**(Miracles performed by SWAMI)**

**D.Ajay Kumar and Nagalakshmi**

Swami appeared as Lord Datta with three faces and six hands having bright golden light to Smt. Seethamma who is residing opposite to our house. She was so excited that she remained in the peak of emotion for three days. She told us again and again about this divine vision. Sri Subrahmanyam working in PWD department came to see Swami along with me. He told Swami, "I want to go to Ganugapuram to lead the rest of my life". Swami said, "Not necessary. You will see Swami here itself". Within ten days, he was declared as a cancer patient and died in a month in a hospital at Mysore. He saw Lord Datta in his last moments. His last words uttered to his wife were, "Just now Lord Datta blessed me with his divine appearance with three heads and six hands. His face is the same face as that of Swami present in Vijayawada. A sage is sitting at his divine feet and is throwing flowers on the lord. go to Vijayawada and see Swami, who is really Lord Datta. You will get salvation." His wife came to Vijayawada and told all this to us.

We received the following news from the devotees at Tirupathi. Swami sang devotional songs for three days in the house of Sri G. Sivaramamurthy residing in Khadi Colony. On the 3rd day, all the devotees were prostrating to Swami. Smt. Valli, daughter-in-law of Sri Sivaramamurthy also prostrated. She served all the devotees with a lot of patience during those three days. Swami told her, "Look at me and tell all these devotees, how am I appearing to you". Swami appeared as Lord Datta with three faces and six hands. She told the same to all the devotees. Swami told her, "See again. Rub your eyes. This may be your illusion". Then she rubbed her eyes and saw Swami once again. The same vision continued. She again told that the same vision was continuing. Another special point is that Swami appeared thrice as Lord Datta, once to Smt Seethamma with Lord Vishnu in the center, to Sri Subrahmanyam as Siva centered and to Smt Valli as Brahma centered.(contd...)

## We and our master

(Chilukuru Balakrishna Murthy & Bhavani)

It was a fine morning of Thursday in the early hours, at about 4 A.M. My wife and I were worshipping the life-size photo of Lord Datta installed by our Master (Swami) on the 'Dattapeetham'. He was sitting behind us chanting hymns from the Veda. Suddenly he shouted, "Look! Look at the portrait of the Lord! Tears are rolling down from both the eyes of the Lord". Immediately our attention was diverted and we looked at the eyes of the Lord. We were astonished. Tears were really rolling down from both the eyes of the Lord as two streams on the glass of the photo. I said, "Yes! Yes!" in a state of excitement. My wife touched the streams of tears with her hands and said, "How wonderful! How cold are these tears! They are just like ice water". Our master said, "These are the tears of bliss. That is why they are very cold. If they are tears of sorrow, they will be hot. Lord is very much pleased with your worship and hence His eyes are shedding tears of happiness. As soon as my wife Bhavani touched the tears on the photo, the flow of the tears immediately stopped. But the marks of the tear streams on the glass remained throughout the day. Our Master came down and left for His college.

This was the first and foremost miracle that was shown to us by our Master. Actually we wrote a book called 'MahimaYamuna' narrating the miracles shown by our master. This miracle should have been mentioned in the very beginning of that book. But we forgot this immediately. We don't know the reason. My wife used to request our Master to perform a miracle. Swami used to laugh at this request saying, "I cannot show any miracle as per my programme sheet planned by 'Kalabhairava'. my duty is only to preach knowledge and devotion". But my wife was persistently requesting swami to show some miracle. Then swami told her with a smile, "Look. I have appeared in the form of Datta to a devotee at Tirupathi. I will give the address to you. go to that devotee and hear the experience and be satisfied with it". My wife stated that she was unable to go to that devotee who stays very far. Therefore, swami has shown us this miracle. (contd.....)

# Gospel of Dattaswami (SWAMI) On Gurupurnima

**Smt. S. Gayatri & S. Chandra Sekhar (Kuwait)**

## **Morning Discourse**

Today all of you have surrendered Gurudakshina 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 'Gurudakshina'. 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. Ofcourse, they act as side pickles if the main item i.e., rice is present in the meal. The main item here is Gurudakshina which is called as 'karma phala tyaga' 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 gurudakshina does not go waste and misused. The 'Sadguru' is to be recognized by the infinite true knowledge possessed by Him. Veda says, "Satyam Jnanam ..", 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, "Anando 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 'Bhagavat Gita' stresses on this 'Karma phala tyaga'. The first hymn of the first Upanishad (Esavasyam) says that you should return the extra money you have earned to the lord, which is not permitted by Him. It says that all this 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 highest world was granted to them by the Lord.

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 (satvam) 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 'Gurudakshina'. 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 Gurudakshina from everybody only to teach this most essential aspect of 'karma phala tyaga'.

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.

Sabari offered even her meal i.e., fruits to Lord Rama. This represents good money. The hunter (Kannappa) offered raw flesh to Lord Siva, which represents sinful money as it was earned by hunting. Both reached the same Lord because Rama (Vishnu) is Siva. Veda says, "Siva is Vishnu (Sivascha....)". The intensity of love is same in both the devotees. So, if you offer Gurudakshina 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 Gurudakshina to the Lord in Tirupathi 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? Sri Venkateswara in Tirupathi 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 Gurudakshina 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 apology 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 Gurudakshina. So the attitude here must be apology and fear, but not pride. Veda says, “Bhiya deyam” which means, give to the Lord with fear. Veda says, “Samvida deyam” which means that you should recognize the Lord by His knowledge. Veda also says, “Sraddhaya deyam” which means that you should have patience to search the deserving person i.e., the Lord, for your Gurudakshina. The point here is that you should return the cup to the actual owner and not to some other person. Similarly, you should give Gurudakshina 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 Gurudakshina. That day is real Guru Purnima. Everyday 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 Gurudakshina 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 Gurudakshina 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 ‘Bhaktisutra’ (The principles of devotion) “Tanmayahite...” 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 Sivaratri 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 Gurudakshinas 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 Gurudakshina 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 take you up, just like a cat catches its child by her mouth and carries it

along. Saibaba after receiving Gurudakshina 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 (Chandram...) and the moon is born from the mind [Chandramah...]". Saibaba could have asked the people who gave Gurudakshina 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.

## Evening Discourse

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 further 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 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 helpers? No fool controls his helpers.

So, any quality when involved in spiritualism is used for its original aim, it becomes a good quality. When the qualities are not used for their original purpose, they become bad qualities. Therefore, whatever qualities turned towards the world, are bad qualities. Our effort should be concentrated to achieve 'Bhakti' which is the love on God not to remove or control qualities. 'Bhakthi' is achieved and is grown by the knowledge of God. For example, you came to know that Bombay City exists. As you know the details of Bombay more and more, your desire to see the city becomes more and more. So, knowledge is directly proportional to devotion. 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. Due to Bhakthi, the Lord is attained. Gita says the same "ONLY BY BHAKTHI I AM ATTAINED (Bhaktya.....)".

The eligibility to enter Datta religion is that you should be a living being. Even animals and birds are eligible to reach God by love irrespective of their qualities. Even serpent, spider and the elephant got salvation in Sri Kala Hasthi. 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 bad 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. In Datta religion, 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 these bad qualities towards God and make them your helpers in reaching the God? There are six bad qualities that are inherent in any living being since millions of births. They are Lust (Kama), Anger (Krodha), Greediness (Lobha), Ego (Mada), Blind attraction (Moha) and Jealousy (Matsarya). Anger, greediness, ego and jealousy come under Rajas quality. Lust and blind attraction come under Tamas quality. I will give you an example to divert your bad qualities towards the Lord, which can be used as powerful vehicles. For 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. In a film song, "Churaliya hai tumne .....", instead of the word 'Sanam', replace it with 'Hare'. All the sweetness of your mind is now on Lord Krishna (Vishnu). See how a person, mad after cinema songs can become a powerful devotee in his own way without any change! He can sing this as his prayer for which he need not put any effort by force. Your worship should be natural and spontaneous, which alone can be true.

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

All the good qualities like knowledge, kindness etc., come under Satvam quality. So, Satvam is a good quality. Rajas and Tamas are bad qualities. Rukmini stands for Satvam. 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 Goddess Lakshmi is given the position in His heart. Satyabhama, the incarnation of Goddess 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 considered, Satvam 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 irrespective of his behaviour. 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 your time and energy for the world. A greedy person does not spend even for his 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.

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 by 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 and 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 a case after receiving your help, he may do sins, which you might have to share. Since this is the work of the God, such service of yours becomes God's service. Donate knowledge and devotion even to the wealthy people. Poverty does not mean lack of money only. It means lack of knowledge and devotion also. Donation of food ends with this body. Without knowledge and devotion, you will fall in the cycle of births of animals permanently. 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 and i.e., 'Blissful knowledge'. When you serve such a man, your service becomes God's service because that man is God. When God is born as a man called as Krishna, some people think that Krishna is a man and some others think that Krishna is God. So, there is a controversy. God pervades that man as current pervades a metallic wire. So, both God and man co-exist. Sri Sankaracharya discussed that particular context and concluded that though two are present, both become one and the same. 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". When Sankara swallowed the molten lead and asked his disciples to swallow the same, they realized the truth. Sankara proved that he alone is God and not his disciples. If every man is already God, what is the use of all this 'Sadhana' (effort)? If you are already God, do you mean that God gets salvation? Why did Prahlada not accept his father as God? Lord Narasimha killed Hiranya Kashipu, Prahlada's father. If both of them are Gods, then God killed God, which means God committed suicide!

The ultimate God Datta appears as a pious scholar with all good qualities. Sometimes, He appears as a person drinking 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 Lord Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva indicate 'Rajas' 'Satvam' and 'Tamas' qualities respectively. This means that God is associated with all the qualities and therefore He is called '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 Lord Vishnu think that Vishnu is good because He is associated with Satvam. Rajas are 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 the worst God of demons. The God is one and the same, untouched by these three qualities. 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. A person is not touched by the colour of the cloth and the colour of the person is not affected. Satvam is white, Rajas is red and Tamas is black. So Lord Vishnu should be white in colour and Lord Shiva must be black in colour. But the colours are interchanged. Vishnu is black and Shiva is white. Shiva

is sitting in meditation with a good quality. Vishnu was dancing with the gopikas, which 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 and is called as 'Nirguna Brahma'. The colourless person is looking red, white and black due to the colours of his clothes. This form of Datta indicates that Bhakthi (devotion) is untouched by good or bad qualities. Bhakthi 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 God through a good or a bad path. When Bhakthi 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 demons in a bad path. Vishnu with Satvam as good God invites all good angles through a 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. Demons are punished by God because they disturb peace. The three faces denote creation, administration and destruction of this universe by one and the same God. 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, Sankara, Ramanuja and Madhva. They are the incarnations of Shiva, Vishnu and Brahma respectively. This means that Datta came down as these three Gurus. The voice of Datta 'SRI DATTA VANI' is the single theory present in the commentaries of the three Gurus. The devotion should be real and pure without aspiring anything in return from Datta. Suppose a beggar comes to you and praises you a lot, you are only 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 a guest is to see and talk with you. Since the intention differs, the treatment differs. So come to Datta as a guest. If your intention is only to love Datta without aspiring anything in return, Datta will give everything to you, as you are His guest.

After entering into Datta religion, you will be imparted with knowledge (Jnana) by Lord Datta directly which will generate and also develop the devotion. This devotion should be real and selfless which can be proved by 'karma phala tyaga' only. Love on Lord Datta will make you attain Him.

The unique speciality here is that 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. 'Datta religion' is the water present in all the rivers (religion) and also exists separately as the ocean. All the rivers have to merge in the ocean. 'Datta Digambara' means the actor himself who removed all the dresses of his roles and is present in his original and natural dress. 'Datta Avadhoota' means if you taste Datta, all your bonds in this world with all the people and all the things will be thrown away.

Datta means He who donates himself in human form 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 totally. 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 follow 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 quickly damaged.

When He gives divine visions, a high voltage current flows through His body, which 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 keep smiling. 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 a 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. If you become Brahman, you have become Datta. The philosophers of Advaita (monoism) are attracted by the theoretical aspect, but once they come to know this practical aspect, they will like to remain in Dvaita (Dualism) only as servants of Datta. Datta also means the God who is beyond vision, touch, conversation and co-living, gives all these four to the devotees by coming down in a human form and donates Himself to his devotees.

## WHY IS INDIA ALWAYS SUFFERING WITH POVERTY?

The Indian scholars have developed several tricks to do 'Karma Phala Tyaga' and keep the fruit with themselves. For 'Karma Phala Tyaga', 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 even eaten 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 and you say that you have done 'Karma Phala Tyaga' 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 results in karma phala tyaga. But intelligence results in knowledge, praying etc., without practical sacrifice. This brought poverty to India. When the wheat flour was blown away by the wind, an Indian scholar says,

“I sacrificed this flour to the Lord”. Let us 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. Therefore, 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 Tyaga'. 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 flows 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. Gita says that in whatever path you approach the God, in that same path the God approaches you.

I have told this, so that Indians rectify themselves and make India wealthy by Lord's grace. It is clear that even the Indian spiritual centers are grown by the sacrifice of foreign funds only. Swami Vivekananda wept loudly, “Why my country with such a rich knowledge suffers with poverty”? This is the answer given by Swami.

The four dogs around Datta sacrifice work (karma sanyasa) by watching the feet of Datta. The cow which is along with Datta sacrifices its milk (karma phala tyaga) for the Lord even avoiding its calf. Both karma sanyasa and karma phala tyaga put together is called 'karmayoga'. Karmayoga is greater than karma sanyasa as per the Gita, which is the service done to the propagation of knowledge and devotion by the Lord. This is the only path to reach Datta.

Today is 'Guru Purnima' indicating the full moon. Moon indicates mind. The full moon indicates the strongest mind i.e., the strongest determination as indicated by the word 'Purnima' which should be diverted to Guru Datta. You should direct all your love towards

Guru Datta. That can be proved only by 'Karma Phala Tyaga' (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.

Gita goes on stressing on Karma Phala Tyaga 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 Vasistam', even Lord Rama was 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 only the sufferings".

"Gurussakshat parabrahma". Guru means Sadguru and He is Datta. He takes your sins through food and money you offer to him and can rid you of your sins proportionally so that you will be happy and can do sadhana. SAI told that the bread offered to Him was their sins. One rupee-gurudakshina of a poor man is equal to one lakh of a rich man. An individual is unable to do this and so scholars do not take meals and money from others. ("Aparigraha vratam"). People never liked to act as priests for the same reason. No one has the patience and power to take the sins of others and so people followed 'Vaisvadevam', which means not to take food or anything from others. Only Lord can do this.

The sadguru uses His energy obtained by taking the food offered by you in teaching knowledge. He also uses the money offered by you (Gurudakshina) for propagation of knowledge and devotion to uplift all and in helping poor devotees. Due to this sacrifice, sadguru is called 'DATTA' which means 'sacrifice'.

[After this gospel, devotees decided to contribute Gurudakshinas, monthly for this divine work. Swami sang devotional songs (Bhajans) for 2 hours. Sweet fragrance came out from Swami. One devotee saw the feet of Swami shining with blue colour during Krishna Bhajan. A devotee prayed to Swami to give him the darshan of Shirdi Saibaba. Swami appeared as SAI BABA to him with radiating eyes.

We are glad to inform that the following devotees announced monthly 'Gurudakshina' on every full moon day.

1.Smt S.Gayatri and Sri Chandrasekhar (Rs 10,000/-)

2. Smt. D.Nagalakshmi and Sri D.Ajay (Rs 7,000/-)

3. Smt. Uma and Sri Ramanadha Iyer (Rs 5,000/-)

Others announced monthly donations from Rs 100/- to Rs 1,000/---

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## SWAMI AS LORD VENKATESWARA

(PHOTO) (FIRST PAGE)

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Phani, a devotee of SWAMI, attended an interview at Chennai. SWAMI appeared as Lord Venkateswara and asked, “Shall I give you this job?”. Phani replied, “no, give me your service”. On the same day, at the same time, SWAMI told his devotees at Vijayawada, “Just now I offered a job to Phani. He refused”. Devotees pressed Phani after returning from Chennai to describe SWAMI in that form. SWAMI initiated Sri Sarma to take this photo. Before the photo was taken, the face of SWAMI was applied with white powder. But SWAMI appeared blue in the camera. Sarma was astonished and cried, “what is this? You appear blue in the camera but white outside!” He was removing the camera from his eyes frequently. While uttering this, SWAMI said that, “This is the fruit of your service”. SWAMI also said, “In this world-drama, Narayana (GOD) comes in the dress of Nara (man). In a drama, it is just the reverse. But in both the cases, people with jealousy and ego see only the man. But, devotees see only God in both the cases. As you view, so is the fruit. People mock the actor in the dress of God calling him by his name. In this photo, the inner God in me came out as my dress. Actually, I am his dress! He reverses by becoming servant of His servants.