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## Chapter - 1

**UNITY OF RELIGIONS IN THE UNIVERSE****Conversation between Swami & Christian Father****O Learned And Devoted Servants of God,**

Following is the conversation of Myself (Swami) with a Christian Father in a train journey from Narasaraopet to Vijayawada in Andhra Pradesh, India.

**Christian 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?

**Christian 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?

**Christian 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 with 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".]

Swami told the devotees, "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".

### **Concept of God Only brings Changes**

Leaving the concept of the central Lord, who is the ruler of the souls, breathing exercises (Pranayama), meditation upon the soul, self-realization etc., are only beating around the bush. Without the logical establishment of the concept of one God in all the religions, Universal Spirituality, one family of all the human beings, world peace etc., are only the illusory castles or the real castles built upon the ground without the foundation. All such aims will be either unreal or temporary realities only in practice. One may achieve the oneness of the human beings temporarily during the time of his preaching the audience. Such oneness is like the oneness of human beings achieved during the deep sleep of all the human beings for which, no trace of preaching is required. When you ask all to love each other without hatred, it is impractical in the practical life of ordinary human beings. The preacher is a saint and has no worldly interaction with society that can lead to anger and hatred. But, take the case of an employee who is doing his duties sincerely without any trace of corruption. But, several ignorant people are angry with him for not favoring them and become his enemies in spite of his several appeals. It is easy to preach the Universal Brotherhood for a saint, but it is impossible to practice it for an ordinary employee in the world. What is the solution for this? The only solution is to attack this issue at the level of intelligence by analysis and there is no use of attempting at the level of mind with love and appeal. The intelligence (Buddhi) is the driver of the body (Vehicle) and leads the soul (Owner). You have to guide the driver and not the inert vehicle or the incapable

owner. If you can establish the concept of one God in all religions and convince all the drivers of the human bodies, the unity and peace is sure to come forever. You can realize this point with the help of a small example. You take a group of devotees having the common form of God like Krishna or Jesus. All of them get strongly united and all of them fear to harm any other devotee because their common God will punish them for the sin. A Christian will fear deeply to harm another Christian but will not care so much to harm a follower of other religion. The reason is that in harming another Christian, he is sure of the punishment from Jesus. But, when he harms a person of other religion, he does not fear so much since he has no faith in that form of God of other religion. He believes only Jesus as the only absolute God. Laden tried to kill Christians and Hindus in America because, he believes in Allah only as the God. For this basic reason only he never attempted to kill people in any Muslim country. I am not referring to anyone particularly. This is a common disease of all the ignorant people present in any religion. Suppose Laden believed in the Universal Spirituality and realized that Jesus and Krishna are also other forms of the same Allah, will he do such crime to the people of other religions? This question applies not only to Laden but also applies to all fanatic Ladens present in all religions.

Some preachers want to bring world peace by expressing love through embracing devotees similar to the embracing of people on holy festival. Any one can do such things and the problems opposing Universal Spirituality are not so simple since they are at the deep intellectual level. Some preachers ask the devotees to close the eyes and slowly give some statements so that they can get rid off the strenuous thoughts. All these are psychological treatments of medical science and have no divinity. The feeling of God and love to Him is the most powerful healer of all the stress and also will solve the causes of problems in the world. People say that they should ask God only for anything, since there is no alternative for them. This is a sugar-coated mischief. If you have so much love and respect to God, why are you not following the instructions given by God and avoid the sins? Even if the atmosphere drags you, you must control yourself at the end. Krishna promised that He would not use any weapon in the war. But, when Bhishma wounded Him, He took His chakra and ran to kill Bhishma. This shows the effect of the practical situation but finally Krishna

controlled Himself and returned back. Similarly, Jesus was ready for the arrest but His body started shaking and He prayed God to stop the arrest if possible. This shows the effect of the practical situation. But finally He controlled Himself and told God to do as per His will only. Hanuman tore His heart with His own nails to show Rama. This shows the absence of any disturbance in practical implementation. Either you should resist the effect of practical situation in the beginning itself like Hanuman or resist its effect atleast after sometime like Krishna and Jesus. This is the message of these three incidents. Either the firm determination without any disturbance or atleast the firm determination after some disturbance should come either in Pravrutti or Nivrutti. If the determination is defeated by disturbance as in the case of Arjuna, who wanted to withdraw from the war, only the complete analysis of spiritual knowledge (the Gita) can give the firm determination and no other method like breathing exercise or embracing Arjuna or singing songs can remove the ignorance that is covering the intelligence.

## Chapter - 2

**DIFFERENTIATE SPIRITUALITY & RELIGION****What are Spirituality And Religion?****O Learned And Devoted Servants of God,**

[Guru Purnima-2003 Evening Discourse] Every Religion in this world wants you to get rid of bad qualities atleast 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 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 [ofcourse in the present day, people want everybody to convert to their religion irrespective of the qualities just to establish their religion due to fanaticism] 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.

### **Devotion: One and Only One Important Quality**

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 (devotion)'. Due to Bhakthi, the Lord is attained. The Gita says the same 'Only By Bhakthi I Am Attained' (*Bhaktya...*).

In the spiritual path all your effort must be concentrated in acquiring the knowledge of God day by day. Once this knowledge based Bhakti (devotion) 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 Bhakthi' (*Api chet...*).

### **Eligibility of Entry to Datta Religion**

Therefore, what is the eligibility for the admission into our religion of Guru Datta? [It is not a religion. It is a group of people, who worship their contemporary human incarnation of God in any generation irrespective of their caste, creed, religion and nationality.] 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 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 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.

### **Proper Utilization of Bad Qualities**

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 (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 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.

In 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 Tyaga. 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 in 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 Satvam quality. So, Satvam is 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 ‘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. Infact, if the qualities are only 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. 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.

## Chapter - 3

**THE HOUSE OF UNIVERSAL SPIRITUALITY****Religion Is Medium Of Instruction****O Learned And Devoted Servants of God,**

You may change any religion but you are in the house of Universal Spirituality. You have gone from one room to another room of the same house. If you go out of the house, then you have become an atheist and then only your case is miserable. As long as you remain a theist, you are in our house alone. In whatever room you may be, My advice to you is that you should recognize the same air, the same space and the same light present in every room. Also, all the walls and roof of every room are made of the same material. In whatever room you may be present you must realize the truth and awaken with divine knowledge; do not sleep with ignorance. The sleep and awakening are also common in every room. Every religion contains both the ignorance (sleep) and the divine knowledge (awakening). Every religion contains the same human incarnation having the same external physical body and the same internal unimaginable God. Change from the ignorance to awakening, in whatever room you may be present. You are not Jesus, who is the judge and whose statement should be taken without any logic. Both of us are devotees of Jesus and the statements of both of us cannot be the judgments. We have to argue like advocates in the court, to find out the true version of the statement of Jesus. No human being has the right to reject logic in finding out the truth. The judge can say “No arguments. Here is my judgment”. But the advocate cannot say this to another advocate. When the truth is found out by the mutual arguments of both the advocates, both are benefited because the truth is now known to both.

**Search for the Truth**

Therefore, you should take My knowledge in the search of the truth and should not take it as personal defeat or personal success. We both are colleagues having a common aim, which is finding out the truth. Without a medium no fruit can be achieved. Without the wire, you

cannot move the fan with the help of the electrons (electricity) flowing in the atmosphere. Even for an abstract thing, a physical medium of expression is needed. When you love somebody, you give a gift to him. The gift is the physical medium through which the abstract love is experienced. Abstract means that which imaginable but unseen. God is unimaginable and also unseen. Therefore, the physical medium is very essential for experiencing God. Even if you treat the messenger as an ordinary human being, he brought the message to you from God and He is the only person who can take your prayer to God.

The Sun is in the sky and the lens is on the earth. The power of Sun enters the lens. Both the Sun and the illuminated lens are the sources of the solar energy. Both can be treated as one and the same. If you insult a policeman, the I.G. [Inspector General] feels insulted. Thus, God identifies Himself with the servant. Adishesha was the servant of Lord Vishnu and came as the human incarnation called as Balarama. Balarama is considered as one of the ten incarnations of the Lord. When the divine power (Holy Spirit) dawned on Jesus, He became God throughout His life. By this, God pervaded all over the body of the Jesus. God lived in His body and so He said that He and His Father were one and the same. When the body was ready for destruction on the cross, God left that human body and so He cried “O Lord, why did you leave Me?” Therefore, the eternal God leaves one human incarnation and enters another human body for the next generation. Without the physical medium, one cannot directly approach the unimaginable God and so He said “One can approach My Father through Me only”. Here the word Me means the human body of the incarnation and not only that particular human body. If God is only that particular body, then that body which was God, got crucified and so God was destroyed then itself. Then “Jesus will come again” would become false. Here the word Jesus indicates the internal eternal God, who was experienced through the body of Jesus. If you have blind faith and follow someone, who exploits you by kindling your ignorance and emotion, one day or another, your inner consciousness will repel and rebel. Jesus never said “Follow Me blindly. Ask Me no reason”. The priests said like that, and the blind people followed them and discarded Lord Jesus. But the preaching of Lord Jesus convinced a few people. They always addressed Him as preacher. A preacher will always teach the subject with logic and analysis. Only a military officer will say “No arguments; just follow

orders". God is fully capable of preaching to you through logic and analysis with fine reasoning. What is the necessity for Him to stoop down to the level of a layman or a madman to avoid reasoning?

### **Logic and Faith**

In catching the Lord, you must analyze thoroughly. Otherwise there is a danger of catching a false blind preacher. Once you are sure of the Lord, your faith should start, which should be above analysis and logic. The reason is that He is above logic. But to filter out the fraud preachers, analysis is essential. Your faith should not contain logic, but it should stand on the base firm logic. You must achieve the faith through logic and stop the logic after attaining faith. The human incarnation is never accepted in the past, present and future because the egoism and jealousy of human beings are never crucified. When God is fully revealed in the human incarnation, people reject Him due to egoism and jealousy. If God is completely hidden in the human incarnation, then also they will reject Him with negligence by treating Him as an ordinary human being.

Therefore, the human incarnation should neither express God fully nor should He hide the God in Him completely. He should express the God only to the extent that can remove the negligence of people but should hide God to the extent, that it does not raise egoism and jealousy in the hearts of the devotees. The behavior of the human incarnation is thus a perfect balance of these two points. The human incarnation Himself is a balanced mixture of the unimaginable God and the physically perceivable human body. The unimaginability or inexplicability of God, called as Brahman, Jehovah or Allah, is expressed through the silence of Buddha. Buddha kept silent about God to indicate that God is beyond words and imagination. Some followers immediately misunderstood Buddha as an atheist and the most pitiable point is that He Himself was one of the ten incarnations of the Lord. You can neither reach God directly due to His unimaginable nature, nor can you recognize Him when He comes to you in human form due to your negligence. The final result is only a total loss in any case. I pity this unfortunate humanity in this ultimate spiritual point. This makes the souls rotate in the cycle of creation continuously for the eternal entertainment of the Lord and perhaps that is the intrinsic wish of the Lord!

## Chapter - 4

**FORM OF THE FORMLESS GOD**

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**O Learned And Devoted Servants of God,**

Whenever you think about God, the thinking itself is a form made of awareness or mind, even though you claim that you are thinking about formless God. You can never think anything, which is formless because your thinking itself is a form. The form may have some specific boundaries like a statue. Alternatively, the form may not have specific boundaries like air or water. But the air or water also has some regular or irregular boundaries, since even the air or water has certain limits. You call space as a formless object. But space has some limitations somewhere and you do not perceive those limits. Such limits may not be perceived but they certainly exist. Therefore, the concept of your formless object has some boundaries, which are either irregular or not perceived.

When you think of God as Awareness (Chit), the awareness is ‘mind’, which is nervous energy. Energy is in the form of waves and thus cannot be formless. According to the special theory of relativity of Einstein, space is also a form of energy because space exhibits the property of bending. In that case, space also cannot be formless. Even if you consider space as infinite vacuum, you are aware of the space. Such awareness itself means that space has become a form of awareness or mental energy. Therefore, strictly speaking there is no formless object in the creation. What you call as formless is an object, which has either irregular or infinite boundaries and which is imagined. Since, such a formless object is a form in the strict sense, an actual formless concept is impossible.

**First Created Item**

Therefore, whether you say that God created space or God created energy in the beginning, both statements mean the same because space

is also a form of energy. The Veda said that Parabrahman created the space in the beginning (*Atmana Akasah...*). The Veda says again that Parabrahman created energy in the beginning (*Tat Tejo...*). Both the Vedic statements mean the same in terms of the latest concept of science. However, let such space or energy be called as the Formless God in your language. Thinking of such a Formless God, it becomes very very difficult for any ordinary human being. Even a scholar cannot maintain such a concept in his mind for a long time. Even if you are able to maintain such a concept in your mind, such a God is not the absolute God because the absolute God is completely unimaginable as per the Veda and the Gita (*Yasyaa matam..., Maamtu Veda Na...*). God imagined as space or awareness (mental energy) is not the absolute God, who is beyond space and awareness. The Veda says that God created space. The Veda says that God is beyond awareness. The creator is always beyond the creation. Even in the absence of the creation, the creator must exist.

According to the Brahma Sutras, God is the cause of this universe as its Creator and is the material cause of the universe too. The pot-maker is the creator of the pot. The mud is the material cause of the pot. Even in the absence of the pot, the pot-maker and the mud exist. Therefore, God existed even before the creation of the universe. The pot-maker and the mud exist even after the destruction of the pot. Similarly, even after the destruction of the world, God must exist. Thus God must exist before the creation of space and after the dissolution of space. You can never imagine the situation before the creation or after the dissolution of space. Your intelligence cannot cross the spatial dimensions and therefore cannot cross the concept of space. That means you can never imagine God. The Veda says that God alone knows God (*Brahma vit Brahmaiva...*).

Therefore, when you imagine God as the all-pervading space, such an imagination itself is only an item of creation. Such imagination is only an incarnation of God. When you imagine Him as space, you imagine the God who has entered the space and is in the space. Similarly, if you imagine God as all-pervading energy, you have imagined only the energy in which God is present. Therefore, you perceive God as space, inert energy or mental energy (awareness) such forms of God are only the incarnations of God in the forms of space,



inert energy or awareness respectively. This means that you can perceive only an incarnation of God and never the absolute God.

When you perceive God as space, you call God as formless. If this space is taken as vacuum or 'nothingness', then God does not exist as per Buddhism or the older concept of science. But now science accepts space as a form of energy. Therefore, according to science 'nothingness' does not exist at all. According to science, the example of 'nothingness' is space itself and now the space has also become 'something'. Therefore, now a scientist cannot say that God does not exist because non-existence or 'nothing' is vacuum or space, which also is a form of energy. Buddhism adopted ancient logic, which like the older concept of science, believed that space was non-existence of anything. Since, science, which is the modern logic overrules the ancient logic, Buddhism is naturally rejected by the modern science. If a scientist says that God does not exist, he is no more a scientist because he is not aware of the latest special theory of relativity. Thus, an atheist is an outdated scientist. All the modern scientists, who are aware of the latest concept of space, have to believe in the existence of God.

### **Is the Universe God?**

Therefore, when you cannot perceive God in His original form and you can perceive God only through some medium of creation like space or energy or awareness, why not perceive God through the medium of matter also? Now if God exists in space, it means that God exists in this universe. If God is present in the universe, the universe cannot be a separate object of entertainment to God. The Veda says that this universe is created for His entertainment (*Ekaki Na...*). If you are present in the cinema and become the cinema by pervading all over the cinema, the cinema is not a separate object for you and therefore it cannot give entertainment to you. If you are the spectator of the cinema, you should be separate from the cinema. You are the subject and the cinema is object, which is separate from you. If the subject and object are one and the same, there is no existence of the object at all. It means God did not create this universe. If the creation is absent, there is no entertainment to God. This leads to the inability of God in creating any object that is separate from Himself for His entertainment. Such inability makes God impotent and then God cannot be Omnipotent.

Therefore, the separate existence of the universe in which God is not present, must be accepted to avoid all these contradictions.

Now the Veda says that God entered this universe (*Tadevanu Pravisat...*). But the Veda does not say that God entered the entire universe. God entered the Universe only through some limited form. Therefore, the entrance of God in to the universe is accepted. At the same time since God did not enter the entire universe, the universe exists as a separate object for His entertainment.

You may argue that God entered the entire universe as per a Vedic statement (*Eesha vasyam idam...*). But if you carefully analyze that statement, it also means that God enters this big universe only through a small form. The translation of that Vedic statement reveals the correct meaning like this: “In this large world, any small world can be pervaded over by the Lord entirely”. This is the true translation. The small world means the human body and the big world means this entire universe. This means that the Lord enters this big world through a small world, which is the human form. The human form alone can be called as a mini-world. The large world contains nine items, which are the inert five elements (earth, water, energy, air and space) and the four living items called as Antah karanams (mind, intelligence, self-awareness or egoism and the awareness which stores all the information). All these nine items are common between this large world and the small human being. Therefore, the conclusion of the Veda is that God enters this large world through a small human form. This can be explained by common experience also. A spectator, who is seeing the cinema, wishes to take up a role in the cinema. Thus, he enters the cinema through a role and the cinema still entertains him. Therefore, the Gita also says that God enters this world only through a human form. The Gita also says that God becomes a Jeeva or human form by entering such a human form (*Jeeva Bhutah...*). You have entered the role or the dress of a king in the drama, which means that you have become the king in the drama. For all the practical purposes you are the king in the drama. But you retain your identity as the actor in the role and therefore you have not become the king in the true sense. The audience can treat you as the king but at the same time they are aware that you are not the real king. Similarly the devotees treat the human incarnation as God for all practical purposes. But whenever egoism and jealousy enter their minds, they can analyze and know that God is in the human form and therefore the human form

is not really God. Neither has God become the human form nor has the human form become God. Such clarification will reduce their egoism and jealousy and their devotion can become again alive.

Therefore, God cannot enter the (entire) space because if God enters this space, He becomes one with the Universe and His entertainment is lost. Therefore the power of God is material cause of this world. The power is modified into this world as the mud is modified into the pot. Therefore, the formless God, you think, is only the power of God and not the original God. Space is only the modification of the power of God, which is like the mud. God is like the pot-maker who is not modified into the pot. In this example let us assume that the pot-maker created the mud and then made the pot from the mud.

While creating the mud, the Lord is the creator or designer as well as the material. But while creating the pot from the mud, God is only the pot-maker or designer. The pot-maker, while creating the mud, is not modified because only the power of the pot-maker is modified into mud. Therefore, the material cause for the mud is the power of the pot-maker and not the pot-maker directly. This is the concept of Dvaita (duality) of Madhva.

In the concept of Ramanuja, which is called as 'Visishta Advaita' (qualified monism), the pot is considered as an associated body of the pot-maker. Instead of the pot, you can take the example of the cloth. The cotton thread is the material cause of the cloth. The weaver is the creator of the cloth. The weaver has created the thread and the power of the weaver is modified into thread as explained above. The weaver is wearing the cloth made by him and this point alone (association of the creator with the creation) is the extra concept in this theory. The weaver treats the cloth wrapped on his body as another external body of his. The Gita also says that your external gross body is like a shirt. Therefore, Ramanuja assumes this world as the body of God.

The Advaita scholars mocked at this concept due to their ignorance. They said that if God were associated with the world, the changes in the world would mean the changes in the body of God, which means that God is changed. This is absolute foolishness. When the body is compared to an associated shirt, the changes in the shirt cannot be equated to the changes in the person who is wearing it. If you take the body of a realized soul like Ramana Maharshi, He treated his body as his shirt. He separated himself from the body and limited

himself to the soul. He observed the surgery of his body like a person, who is the spectator of his shirt being stitched by somebody. Thus if you take God as a realized soul, the changes in this universe cannot touch God, in spite of His association with the universe. To reject the mocking of the Advaita Scholars, Madhva avoided the example of the weaver in which the wrapped cloth is treated as another external body. He took the example of a pot so that the pot cannot cover the body of its creator like the cloth. Therefore, the pot cannot be treated as an external body of its creator like the cloth.

### **World, a Daydream of God**

Shankara compared the world to an imagination or a daydream of a person. The person is not modified into the imagination. Only his mind or his mental energy (awareness) is modified into the imaginary world. This awareness (Chit or Para shakti or Mula Maya) is just like the cotton thread of a weaver or the mud of the pot maker. God created this awareness in the beginning and here also the power of God created the awareness, which is modified into the world. Thus just like the mud or the thread, the awareness is the material cause of the world. The power of God is the material cause of the awareness. Now the most important point comes. What is the difference between God and His power? Both God and His power are inexplicable and exist in the same state. Therefore, if the power is modified, we can say that God is also modified. In that case instead of the power of God, God directly becomes the material cause of awareness. The real point is that since God and His power are both inexplicable, the process of modification of the power of God into awareness also becomes inexplicable. In such a case you cannot use even the word 'modification' when you say that the power of God created the awareness.

Shankara called awareness itself as God and for Him God is the awareness-incarnation (Awareness in which God has entered). This awareness-incarnation alone is taken as the original God by all the Acharyaas and also the Brahma Sutras. If you go beyond awareness you cannot understand God and cannot preach to anybody about God. For such original God, no words can be used to describe. When you utter a word some thought comes to your mind, as the meaning of that word. The original God is beyond thought and therefore, any word fails to indicate Him. If such a God is preached, nobody will believe in the

existence of such a God. People will say that such a God does not exist. That is why the Buddhists became atheists. Therefore, any preacher should say that the absolute God is the awareness-incarnation. It means that awareness is God.

### **Apparent & Actual Modification**

The creation of the world by this 'Awareness' can be explained through the process of modification. The soul in the human body is also a drop of such awareness. Now you can say that as the soul creates a dream, God creates the world through modification (Parinama).

The Visishta Advaita scholars criticized Shankara that in such a case, it seems that God undergoes modification. To avoid this misinterpretation, Shankara used the argument of Vivarta, which is an apparent modification. What is the difference between Parinama and Vivarta? Water becomes ice and this is Parinama (actual modification). When a very little awareness called as the mind, which is the power of the soul, becomes the dream, it is called Vivarta (apparent modification). Therefore, in Parinama either all or a large amount of the material is modified. In Vivarta only an iota of the material (negligible trace) is modified. Since it is negligible it can be treated as nothing. Both are modifications but the difference lies in the quantity that is modified. Therefore, the power of God, which is modified into awareness, is very little compared to God, who is the source of that power. This proves that all the three Acharyas (Shankara, Ramanuja and Madhva) preached the same concept and only their followers have misunderstood and got confused.

### **Awareness as God**

The awareness assumed as God by the Brahma Sutras and the Acharyas is different from the soul, which is a drop of awareness present in the human body as the soul. The awareness assumed as God, has God hidden in it and hence is 'divine awareness'. The soul is not divine due to the absence of God. Therefore, when you compare God with the soul, the God in your comparison is not the original God but He is the awareness-incarnation. The awareness-incarnation can be compared with the soul of any human being because the awareness in both the cases is qualitatively one and the same. If you take the soul of Krishna and the soul of a human being both are one and the same

qualitatively as well as quantitatively. But the soul in Krishna is divine and the other soul is not divine. One is an electric wire and the other is ordinary wire. The original God who is beyond the entire creation can never be compared with any type of awareness, because God is unimaginable and the awareness is imaginable. Therefore, the creation of awareness by such unimaginable God is also unimaginable and cannot be called as modification. The creation of the world by the power of the awareness can be called as modification because the awareness, its power, the process of modification and the modified world are all imaginable items. Therefore, the entire philosophy of the Acharyas is revolving only in the imaginable items and never touches the unimaginable God. Only the blessed soul who is one in millions can recognize the existence of such an unimaginable God. This is the main point in the Brahma Jnana or the spiritual knowledge.

The awareness, which is the material cause, is also not really affected by the changes in the product (universe). When you break the pot by a stone, the pot is broken but not the mud. Neither the pot-maker nor the mud is broken. Therefore, neither God nor the Mula Maya is affected by the changes in this world. Therefore, even if you assume that Mula Maya is God, this concept is not affected. Therefore, even concept of Shankara remains unchanged. According to Shankara this Mula Maya and the world are negligible compared to God. The existence of any negligible item is treated as almost nil. In this view also, God is unaffected by Mula Maya or its modification, which is the world. Therefore, all the three Acharyas have preached the same concept in different ways.

### **Worship—Only Through Incarnation**

Therefore, the space or energy or awareness, which is treated as formless by you, has form because the creation always has limits compared to the creator. Thus, your formless God is only the modification of the power of God and does not contain God. Therefore, the entire universe is not God, which means that every item in the universe is not God. The Veda (*Neti neti....*) and the Gita (*Mamebhyah Param....*) say the same. Therefore, the formless form of God or any form of in creation like the Sun or a statue, also does not contain God. All these are modifications of the power of God, which is called as Mula Maya. You can worship these forms as representative models of God. A

chart represents a machine. A chart is not the machine. The chart does not contain the machine. The chart represents the machine as a model. You can learn the concept of the machine from the chart. But if you catch the chart you have not touched even an atom of the machine. Thus, if you catch the space or energy or awareness or a statue or any living being in the universe, you have caught only the creation but not the creator, because the creator is not in the creation. However when you catch a very particular human form like Rama, Krishna, Jesus or Sai Baba, you have caught God because God exists in that particular human form only. The Gita says that if you catch any item of the creation, you have caught only that item of creation but not the creator (Bhutejya yanti...). The Gita says in the same verse that if you catch Krishna, you can catch God because God exists in Krishna. Krishna means the present human incarnation, which is a human incarnation present in your human generation. If the word Krishna stood only for a past human incarnation, then in case of Arjuna to whom the Gita was preached, the existing Krishna should not have been God. Only the past incarnation Rama, should have been mentioned as God for Arjuna. Similarly, Hanuman should have worshipped some past human incarnation like Vamana or Parasurama in his time and he should not have worshipped Rama, who was the present human incarnation.

The existence of present human incarnation is always opposed by priests and scholars. If the Lord is in the human form, every person will reach Him alone and respect Him by submitting Guru Dakshina (offerings of money) at His lotus feet. Similarly, people will go to the Lord in human form to receive the divine knowledge directly, which will be the correct interpretation of the divine scriptures. They will certainly respect and submit Guru Dakshina only to the Lord in human form. By this the priests and scholars will neither get money nor fame from the public. Every human being is fond of money and then fame. A poor man strives for money. A rich man strives for fame. Therefore, money and fame attract the entire humanity without exception. Even scholars and saints are after fame. If the present human incarnation is accepted, all the money and fame will go to the Lord in human form only. Human beings do not like this and therefore, repel against the present human incarnation. Apart from money and fame, people are fond of love and respect. Even the family members will respect and love the Lord and the head of the family can never tolerate this. All these are

the real naked factors creating jealousy and egoism in the minds of all human beings. Just like the light of the sun, heat of the fire etc., egoistic jealousy is the inseparable inherent characteristic of any human being. Even if one removes this, it lies in the sub-conscious state in hidden form like a seed. Whenever favorable conditions come the seed of jealousy will germinate and egoism comes out like the sprout. Therefore, no human being can remove this egoistic jealousy permanently. The fever subsides by the medicine, but it will come again in the next season. Again you have to use the medicine. Therefore, you can never eradicate egoism and jealousy completely because it is the inherent characteristic of the human being. Now what is the medicine? The only medicine is knowledge, which includes the analysis of the human incarnation. Whenever egoistic jealousy flares up like a fever, immediately you must remember the verse in the Gita, which is “*Avyaktam Vyaktimapannam...*”, which means that fools think that the Lord (*Avyaktam*) is modified into the human being (*Vyaktam*) in the case of a human incarnation. A human incarnation is God is in flesh. This means neither is God the flesh nor is the flesh God. The Lord said in the Gita that He enters the human body (*Manusheem Tanumasritam*). The word *Asritam* means entry. The electric current enters the wire, which means that the current is present in the wire. Neither is the current the wire nor is the wire the current. Neither has the current become the wire nor has the wire become the current. The human incarnation is a two-in-one system. In one device, both a tape recorder and a radio are present. Both co-exist in one device. None is the other. The external inert gross body is the device. The inner subtle body (*Jeeva*) along with the innermost causal body (*Atman*) together is called as the *Jeevatman*, which is like the tape recorder. The Lord is like the radio. When the Lord likes a particular human soul (*Jeevatman*) due to its exceptional divine love, the Lord enters such a human body and gets associated with that devoted soul.

The Lord comes down to this earth for some work. He needs some residence to stay. Instead of taking a single residence for Himself, He prefers to stay in the body of a devotee so that the association pleases Him as well as the devotee. You have gone to some town for some work. You have a close relative there. You will visit his house and stay with him. By this you can finish your work, please the relative and be also happy yourself in his association. Therefore, the Lord never likes to



create an inert human body for Himself alone during His visit. This concept is clearly mentioned in the Veda (*Dvasuparna Sayuja Sakhaaya*). The word Sakhaaya means that the Lord visits the house of His devotee who is very friendly to Him. Therefore, the Lord enters the gross body of a devotee and stays with him for sometime so that not only His work is done but He also pleases the devotee.

### **God Entering A Devotee**

This explanation of God entering the devotee dilutes the egoistic jealousy in several ways. This concept opens the chance for every devotee to become the human incarnation. When this chance is open, the jealousy gets reduced. Suppose a student got a gold medal. The chance to get the gold medal was open to all the students. Therefore, one need not be jealous of the topper. Again when you realize that the Lord is neither the human body nor the human soul, the jealousy goes down. Jealousy comes up only when you think that a particular human body is the Lord. When somebody says that the inner soul is the Lord and not the external gross body, the jealousy gets reduced. But the jealousy continues because that particular soul alone is the Lord and not your soul. The above-quoted verse in the Gita, clarifies that the Lord is neither modified into the external gross body, nor modified into the subtle body and nor modified into the soul. The Lord is beyond the three bodies and is called as Avyaktam or unimaginable. The three bodies are called as Vyaktam or imaginable items of creation. Therefore, the Lord never becomes any human being and no human being can become the Lord. This is the philosophy of Madhva, which pleases Islam. The memory of this knowledge acts like a medicine to subside your egoistic jealousy. You can never suppress it by force. If it is suppressed by force, it will rebound with million times the force. When it is suppressed (by this knowledge) you will regain your normal health, which is devotion. The current might have pervaded all over the wire, but still the current is current and the wire is a wire. But you can treat the electric wire as the current. You recognize the electric current by a shock. The electric wire gives you a shock. Therefore, the wire is current. This concept is explained in another verse in the Gita (*Vasudevah Sarvamiti...*). Both these verses are not contradicting each other. The first verse should be used to suppress the jealousy and the second verse must be used to worship the human incarnation with devotion. You have to use the

antibiotic to kill the bacteria. You have to use the tonic for gaining strength. Both are medicines for different times and contexts. One kills life and the other improves life. The life of the bacteria must be killed and your life must be improved. It should not be vice-versa.

In the Gita it is told that nobody knows the Lord (*Maamtu Veda Na Kaschana...*). The Veda also says that Brahman alone knows Brahman. Again the Veda says that the final knowledge of Brahman is that it can never be known. But again in the Gita it is said “*Kaschit Maam veti tattvatah*”, which means that one in millions knows the reality of the Lord. Both these verses look contradictory to each other. The contradiction is removed if you take the meaning of the second verse like this: One knows finally that the Lord can never be known. People think that they know the Lord. But only one in millions realizes that the Lord can never be known. The meaning of the second verse indicates that one in millions understands the reality of the Lord, which means the human incarnation. The Lord is always unknown and therefore, the Lord is hidden in the human form. The Lord uses that medium to preach the divine knowledge. Therefore, He enters the human body and pervades all over it. The container always reflects the nature of the contained material. The wire gives a shock like the electric current present in it. Therefore the Lord is experienced. One can only experience the Lord through the medium but the real nature of the Lord can never be understood. Even a layman experiences the current by its shock but he can never understand the real nature of electricity. Such experience is possible only through the medium into which the Lord enters by His will. You cannot force the Lord to enter into every object that you like.

The priests in a temple say that they have invoked the Lord in a statue by reciting some hymns. They also say that they have expelled the Lord from the statue by reciting some other hymns. The fact is that they cannot even bring the life [of a person], which is a creation of God, into a dead body by reciting hymns. How can they bring the Creator Himself into a statue by hymns? Similarly, they cannot expel the life from a living body by reciting hymns. How can they expel the Creator?

The priests pretend to invoke the Lord into the statue for doing some business with you. As soon as the business is over, they again pretend to expel the Lord from it. Thus the Lord is used and exploited for earning money and respect from you. The statue may belong to some

past human incarnation like Rama, Krishna etc. If the real human incarnation exists in the place of statue, the priests can do no business with you. The human form of the Lord will Himself eat whatever you offer and will take away your Guru Dakshina. Therefore, the concept of human incarnation can be accepted, but not the concept of living human incarnation in the present human generation. The priests fear that their entire business may be lost. Therefore, in the Kali Yuga (present Dark Age of materialism) they have eliminated the possibility of the coming of a human incarnation of God up to the last day of destruction. In the Kali Yuga, Buddha was rejected as a human form of Lord because Buddha is seen as an atheist. The only human incarnation in Kali Yuga that the priests accept is Kalki, who will not come up to the last day of Kali Yuga. Thus throughout the Kali Yuga their business goes on undisturbed.

The priests or scholars can get Guru Dakshina and fame as devotees of God and that would be fair since the devotee is next to the human incarnation. Infact the Lord is more pleased if you worship His devotees. Thus the priests and scholars can get Guru Dakshina and respect directly since they are devotees. This indirect business of showing the statue and claiming the offerings of people is cheating in the name of the Lord. The priests and scholars fear that you will give maximum respect and Guru Dakshina to the Lord alone. Therefore, they show you the Lord through a statue and want to earn the money to the maximum possible extent. The priests may revolt against Me as they did towards Jesus. But if they can analyze themselves, this is the fire, which indicates the true knowledge. It is told that Jesus would sprinkle fire and not water (He would baptize with fire). If you hide the truth and support the worship of statues it will be like sprinkling cold water. But if you conclude that the statue indicates the present human incarnation, such knowledge is like the sprinkling of fire.

### **Statues Represent Human Form Only**

All the statues are of human form alone. It is very difficult even to think of the formless God. Therefore, certain forms in the nature like the sun, mountains etc., were worshipped. Afterwards regular forms like statues came to stand for past human incarnations. But all these statues indicate that you should worship the present human form of the Lord who is the Sadguru. Shankara brought the devotees from the field of

inert objects into the field of living beings. It is better to think that all the living beings are God than to think that inert objects are God. Something is better than nothing. The final stage shall be to show the Lord existing in a particular human form. God is in human form and this does not mean that all human forms are God. All ores are minerals but all minerals are not ores. Shankara Himself was that divine human incarnation. When He revealed the final truth, He was killed by Kapalikas at the age of 32 years. Similarly, Jesus was killed at the age of 32 years since He finally declared that He and His Father are one and the same, and criticized the priests for exploiting the people in the name of God.

You can never think of the original form of God. The moment you think about God you have perceived God hidden in the form of awareness. Any thought of God is only the awareness-incarnation of God. Therefore, you can receive God only as an incarnation. When God appears hidden in the energetic body (energetic incarnation), it is treated as divine vision. Lord Krishna appeared so in exhibiting Vishwarupam. Jesus also appeared in energetic body on a hill while He was alive in the human form. This shows that there is no difference between the incarnations of God whether it is the awareness-incarnation, a space-incarnation, an energy-incarnation or a human incarnation. The awareness, space, energy or human body is only an item of the creation. You can only perceive the Creator through a medium within creation. The human form is the best medium for human beings, since in this medium He clarifies all the doubts and gives the light of the divine knowledge.

Shiva Rathri means the night of ignorance, which is removed by Shiva. Shiva is said to be the source of knowledge or Jnana Karaka (*Jnanam Maheswarat...*). The Shiva Lingam (the symbol representing Shiva) is also in the form of a wave, which is characteristic of energy according to science and it indicates light energy that removes the night. Night is a long chain of dark moments. Similarly, ignorance is a long chain of doubts. When all the doubts are cleared all the ignorance is removed. Such a day alone is the real Shiva Rathri. Devotion leads you to the Lord. Devotion is improved by hearing the stories of the Lord, which reflect His divine qualities. The Knowledge from those stories is like the fertilizer, which improves the plant of devotion. But doubts are the worms and insects that destroy the plant. A fertilizer cannot destroy

them. Only spiritual knowledge, which is also another chemical like the fertilizer can remove the doubts and allow the devotion to grow into a strong huge tree. You can attain the Lord by devotion, but attaining the Lord is not the goal. Even Duryodhana went near the Lord with a rope to tie Him and the Vishwarupam (Cosmic Form of the Lord) threw him out. The Gopikas instead went near the Lord to tie Him with the devotion-rope. Therefore, pleasing the Lord is the final goal. You can please the Lord only when your devotion is proved through service, which shall be done without any aspiration for any fruit in return. Therefore, the divine knowledge is always a must till you please the Lord as stated in the Gita (*Adhyatma Jnana Nityatvam*).

## Chapter - 5

**WORLD PEACE & REMOVAL OF TERRORISM****Root Causes of Terrorism****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 children 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, (*Yavanartha...*). 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. 'Esavasya Upanishad' says that one should return this extra money to the Lord. Otherwise, the Lord will give troubles. In buffet system, if one takes extra food in his plate by over ambition 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 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 (Purushotama) 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.

### **Removal of Religious Conservatism**

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, [I have got] 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, atleast 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 traveling 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.

### **Why God expressed in different forms in Hinduism?**

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 are criticizing 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 [Agreed].

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 between 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. Infact, 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 are attracted to 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 to 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.

## Chapter - 6

**THE BOOK OF UNIVERSAL SPIRITUALITY****Removing Religious Differences****O Learned And Devoted Servants of God,**

All the religions in the world are different feathers of the same bird; i.e., different colors on the same God. There is only one God and there is only one universe. Similarly man is also one. Man should aim for that one God. Man should belong to all the religions in the universe. He should pick up the diamonds of all religions and use them in his spiritual path. One can have love towards his nation. Every nation has some physical boundaries. All people living in that nation have that nationality. Thus there is a meaning in the nationality because it has some physical basis. But in the case of religion and spirituality there is no physical basis. Every religion belongs to every man. Therefore in religious and spiritual matters all religions can be used. The human incarnation in every religion announces that He is the Universal Preacher. The message of Lord Krishna i.e., Bhagavad Gita, is for the entire world. The message of Lord Jesus i.e., the Bible, is for the entire world. The message of Mohammed is for the entire world. So there is no need for religious conversions.

In science, the discoveries and theories of Einstein are useful for the whole world. Similarly, every religious preaching is for everybody. Scientists belonging to different countries have made many discoveries and inventions. The field of science includes all the discoveries. If any discovery is removed from science, it becomes discontinuous. Similarly spirituality consists of the preaching of preachers belonging to various countries. Spirituality must be built up by the preaching of all human incarnations such as Lord Krishna, Jesus, Mohammed, Buddha, Mahavir and others. Spirituality means the truth, like science. Different religions are following their preachers and they have put the essence of their scriptures into the practice. This is how traditions are formed. Such traditional practices are comparable to the experimental part of science. The scriptures of different religions are comparable to the theoretical part of science. Scriptures of each religion are like different chapters in

this theoretical part of spirituality. In science, a student does not discriminate between scientists based on their nationality. Similarly in spirituality one should not have repulsion or attraction to any scripture or tradition in the world.

### **Jewels of Different Religions**

Spirituality 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 that a spiritual person must acquire. These are practical traditional aspects of various religions, which are more precious than their scriptures. These traditions bring out the most important essence of the respective scriptures.

#### **Firm faith of Islam**

One must praise the firm faith of a Muslim in God, accompanied with strict regularity and discipline. Other people worship God either in their leisure time or on a holiday. But a Muslim worships God everyday, whether it is a holiday or not. He worships God at regular intervals of time whether it is leisure time or work time. The faith in God and the importance given to God precedes everything and every activity in his life. This aspect is a page in the book of spirituality.

#### **Infinite love of Christianity**

Another page in the Book of Spirituality is the tradition of Christianity, which is infinite love. Lord Jesus says in the Bible "Revenge is mine". Christians love even their enemies and prove that their love is infinite. Love is God. God is infinite and so Love is infinite. Such infinite love alone can attract God. The proof of love is in sacrifice through service. Christians sacrifice a lot of their money for spiritual work. 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. This shows their love even for their enemies. Their love for their family bonds is very weak. So the love in their hearts is stored without much wastage. This concentrated love in their hearts flows entirely towards God and so they sacrifice a lot of their earnings for the work of God. Also they do not store their wealth for their children, and they ask their children to earn and live on their

own after a certain age. Thus they are able to sacrifice their earnings for God without worrying about saving for future generations.

### **Tolerance of Hinduism**

Hinduism should be another page in the Book of Spirituality. The house of every Hindu contains pictures of different forms of God. At the same time Hindus see only one God (Parabrahman) in all those forms of God. They treat the different forms of God as different dresses worn by the same Divine Actor. This indicates that there is only one God for the entire world and Lord Krishna, Jesus, Mohammed, Buddha, and Mahavir are only different dresses of the same God. This understanding brings about, not just tolerance of other religions, but also the brotherhood of all human beings in the world.

### **Social service of Buddhism**

Another page in the Book of Spirituality must be Buddhism. Buddha kept silent about God because the Veda says that God is beyond even imagination. Buddha's silence about God is often misunderstood as atheism. He concentrated on the society, which represents the entire universe. All human beings in this universe must be uplifted through the right knowledge. Buddha means knowledge. Any incarnation of God carries out this same work in the world.

### **Non-violence of Jainism**

Jainism is another page. Jains believe in non-violence and non-harming of living beings. They do not kill living beings even for food. The highest justice (Dharma) is non-violence (Ahimsa). God has given life to all living beings. What right do you have to kill and eat other beings? Now you may kill a living being or even a human being if he disturbs the peace and justice of human society. The Lord Himself killed evil people since they harmed society. However killing a living being, which does not harm you in any way, is the highest sin. God has given sufficient vegetarian food to feed everyone. Infact science proves today that non-vegetarian food is not even good for health.

### **Religions are Rivers but Spirituality is Ocean**

Similarly there are many more precious traditions of other religions, which should be copied on different pages of the Book of Spirituality. This book should be just like a book of science. Spirituality is the most important practical field to achieve the grace of God.

Spirituality must also be a universal subject like science. Nations may have physical boundaries but spirituality has none. Spirituality is the single ocean in which the all the rivers of different religions mix and become one. Every human being in this world must enter this ocean through a river and settle there as a fish of the infinite ocean. Man should not stop his journey while he is still in the river of his own religion. He should follow the journey through the river up to the very end, where he can find the boundless ocean. Unfortunately, today man is not flowing along with the river of his religion to merge with the ocean. In doing so he is becoming stagnant as a river-fish who refuses to swim to the ocean.

## Chapter - 7

**GREAT RELIGION OF PRACTICAL SACRIFICE****O Learned And Devoted Servants of God,**

[Mohurram – 2004] Islam is the greatest 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 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 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 any thing or any body. The same statement is found in Holy Veda (Hinduism) “*Yato Jaataani Jeevanti, Ekena Vijnatena*” which means that this entire world depends on Brahman alone. 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.

**Sacrifice of Wealth**

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 sacrifice within the limit of his wealth. Islam says that people love money (Khudaan) too much—Al Fajr, 20. Islam says that by the sacrifice of money your wealth will not decrease and infact your wealth will increase by sacrifice. Islam also mentions that by the 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 Tyage Naike*). The Gita also emphasizes throughout the scripture that one can please the Lord only by the sacrifice of the fruit of the work (money). The Gita says “*Karmajam Buddhi Yuktahi Phalam Tyaktva*” which means that realized scholars sacrifice the fruit of their work (money). Islam says that one should keep the wealth required for the maintenance of oneself and one’s family. This is also told in the Veda that one should keep the minimum required wealth for one’s family expenses and the rest should be sacrificed for the work of the Lord which instead of being stored (*Tyaktena Bhunjeedah*).

Islam says that the love for Allah should be greater than the love for money. Islam says that ‘Inkhiad’ which means that accepting the message of Allah by mouth is not final. But ‘Kabul’ which means knowing the message of Allah and practicing it 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 for the Lord (*Yato Vacho Nivartante Apraapya Manasa saha, Dhanena Tyagena*). The Gita also says that real sacrifice of the fruit of work is greater than knowledge and devotion (*Dhyanaat Karma Phala Tyagagah*). In the Bible also, Jesus asks a rich man to sacrifice wealth. But the rich man fails to do it. Then Jesus says “A camel may pass through the eye of a needle but a rich man can never reach God”. Islam wants people to not over-enjoy wealth. It is also told in the Gita (*Bhogaishwarya Prasaktanaam*). 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 exactly the same (*Vimudaah Nanupasyanti*). Islam and Christianity say that there will be a final enquiry and the non-believers will be thrown into hell, which is the ever-lasting fire according to Christianity. The Gita also says the same (*Kshipaamyasura Yonishu*). 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 does not contradict the other two religions. According to Hinduism there is no human rebirth for the soul (*Jantunaam Nara Janma 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 human rebirth alone i.e.; there is no human rebirth for any soul. The hell and everlasting fire is nothing but the rebirth as animals or worms in the sewage. Once one enters the cycle of such births, the soul will not return back to the human birth.

Islam says that sin was also created by Allah and says that Allah knows the logic behind it. The Veda also says the exact same point “*Sa Idam Sarvamasrujata*”. 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, then living beings will do only good works they will have to continuously enjoy happiness which is definitely boring. One cannot eat the sweets continuously. A break is necessary and some hot dish must be tasted in between the continuous eating of sweets. The Gita also says that both summer and winter are essential for real enjoyment (*Sitoshna Sukha Duhkhadah*). This logic proves that the Lord was very kind to His children in creating the sin.

### **Practical Spirituality**

Hindus mainly concentrate on prayers, which is the sacrifice of words. Christians mainly concentrate on love and kindness, which is the sacrifice of mind. But Muslims are concentrating on the practical sacrifice, which is spirituality 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 to the Lord everyday for certain number of times. Whether it is a holiday or not, whether the time of prayer is convenient or not, a Muslim does his prayers even if he is traveling. Hindus pray only in their leisure time everyday. Christians pray throughout the day on Sunday, which is a holiday. But look at the Muslim! Irrespective of the day and time, he prays to 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. I am neither a Hindu, nor a Muslim, nor a Christian. I am a man belonging to the entire universe. For me all the religions are one and the same. All the Hindus, Muslims, Christians and people following other religions are my brothers. I love all the religions. One must help any person in this world irrespective of his religion and the great Islam has emphasized this aspect.

## Chapter - 8

**CHAIN OF COLORED GEMS****Cream of Christianity and Hinduism**

[This address was given to a gathering of Hindus and Christians].

**O Learned And Devoted Servants of God,**

You are the cream of Christianity and Hinduism. In course of time the devotees of other religions will also join you and make this group a complete representative of Universal Spirituality. I wish that all of you retain the identification of your individual religions. Let this group be a chain of gems of different colours. Let not the other gems be coloured by white paint so that the whole chain can become a garland of only white gems. Let the pearls remain in the garland, which are white in colour. Let them not insist that the other gems also be coloured by white paint. A chain with different coloured gems looks more beautiful than a chain of mere pearls. The thread running through all these gems is Universal Spirituality. Religion is a gem with a particular colour. Spirituality is the thread that is holding all the different gems in the garland.

Christians are the followers of Christ. Buddhists are followers of Buddha. Janis are followers of Mahavir Jain. Hindus are the followers of various forms of God. Muslims were the followers of all the prophets up to Mohammad. Thus, the word 'Muslims' is general just like the word Hindus. You cannot say that only the followers of Krishna are Hindus. Followers of Shiva are also Hindus. Later on the word Muslims was used specifically for the followers of Mohammad. Before the arrival of Christ and Mohammad all the non-Hindus were called as Muslims. In Sanskrit the word Muslims is represented by the word 'Mlechcha' which means all non-Hindus. Thus, in ancient times there were only two religions. One was Hinduism in India and the other was Mlechcha or Muslim out of India. Sage Vyasa wrote a scripture called 'Bhavishya Purana' which mentions about the arrival of Christ to India after His crucifixion and His conversation with King Salivahana. Therefore, this point has the validity from scripture. The historical proof exists for the burial tomb of the Christ in Kashmir (India) even today.

We cannot help if some conservative people like the well-frogs, deny this [a frog in a well thinks that his own well alone is the mighty ocean].

The word Brahman means the greatest. Any item, which is the greatest in a category, can be called as Brahman. An officer in a department is Brahman. The president of the country is Brahman. The officer is the greatest among the staff of the department. The president is greatest among all the citizens of the country. The word greatest or Brahman is common to both the officer and president. This does not mean that the officer and president are equal. You have to take the sense of the same word according to the context. Similarly the soul is greatest among all the items of the creation. The soul can be called as Brahman. But God is greater than the soul. Therefore, God is the greatest among all the items whereas the soul is the greatest among the items of the creation. Both God and soul can be called as Brahman. This does not mean that God is the soul. Similarly, a non-Hindu is called as a Muslim. The follower of Mohammad can be also called as Muslim. This does not mean that all the non-Hindus are followers of Mohammad.

When the body of Jesus was pierced by a spear, blood came out. This means that life was retained by the body of Jesus even after the crucifixion. This shows the yogic power of Lord Jesus. Jesus was in the Himalayas from 16<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> year of age. He did severe penance and was in the association of great sages in the caves of Himalayas. He attained all the yogic powers. He used the yogic power and retained His life. This is only the praise of Jesus and should not be misunderstood as a false crucifixion.

The word Brahman refers to Parabrahman or God pervading all the pure awareness. A very little part of the pure awareness in which God has not entered is like the mud used to prepare the pot. The rest of pure awareness pervaded by God is like the pot-maker. The pot is this universe. The Veda says that the pure awareness used for the creation is just like a ray of the sun (*Padosya Visvaa Bhutaani*). Sage Vidyaranya in his famous philosophical book called 'Vedanta Panchadasi' also mentions this same point. The part of the mind or the nervous energy, which is used for the conversion into a dream, is very very little. This spectator-part of the mental energy is huge compared to the mental energy that is converted into the dream. Due to the vast quantitative difference between the spectator energy and the modified energy, the modification is almost nil compared to spectator. Thus, the spectator is

real and the modification is almost unreal. This is the concept of Shankara of the unreality of the world. The word 'Mithya', used by Shankara does not mean completely unreal. It means almost unreal. A dream is almost unreal compared to the dreamer. A daydreamer will control the dream like God controlling the universe. A night-dreamer is controlled by the dream like the soul, which is controlled by creation. This difference is made clear through these two examples.

If you see the difference between God and the soul, the word God indicates the Parabrahman or God associated with pure awareness. The word soul means only the pure awareness without Parabrahman. The quantity of pure awareness that is associated with Parabrahman is like the ocean. The quantity of pure awareness, which is the soul is like a tiny water drop. The ocean is Mula Prakriti. The soul is the drop of the ocean. Even without the reference to God, there is a lot of quantitative difference between the Mula Prakriti (Ocean) and the soul (drop). Both these are qualitatively same. But once, the Mula Prakriti is pervaded by Parabrahman, there will be a qualitative difference also. The ocean and the drop are quantitatively different but are qualitatively similar. Suppose the ocean is illuminated by a lot of energy and the drop is not at all illuminated. Now, the illuminated ocean is different quantitatively as well as qualitatively from the non-illuminated drop. There is no difference between Brahman and Ishwara. Brahman is the non-spectator. Ishwara is the spectator. When you are sitting in the house peacefully you are like Brahman. Suppose you are watching a movie on TV, you are like Ishwara. Brahman and Ishwara are essentially one and the same. The work of watching the creation is the only differential point, which is not an essential difference. Therefore, Ishwara and Jeeva (soul) are qualitatively and quantitatively different. This is the theory of Ramanuja and Madhva. If you take the water item alone [not considering the illumination aspect, given the above example], the ocean and drop are qualitatively one and the same. This is the monism of Shankara. The dualism of Ramanuja and Madhva arises only when the illuminating energy of the ocean and the quantity of water in the ocean are both considered.

The human incarnation is the illuminated drop of water [other souls are non-illuminated drops of water]. The energy that illuminates the ocean as well as the drop is beyond the spatial dimensions. Therefore, from the point of the energy, the quantitative difference

between the ocean and the drop disappears. This means that the God present in the universe and the God present in the human incarnation are one and the same; both qualitatively and quantitatively. Due to the unimaginable power of this energy, even the quantitative difference in terms of water between ocean and drop also disappears. Thus the Cosmic Ishwara and Lord Krishna are one and the same qualitatively and quantitatively in terms of God as well as in terms of the pure awareness. Therefore, the entire cosmos is present in the small body of Krishna. In every aspect the cosmic Ishwara and the human incarnation are exactly one and the same.

### **Common Philosophical Framework**

I repeatedly say that Hinduism and Christianity have the same basic structure of spiritual knowledge. When God comes down as the human incarnation, He is viewed in three ways:

#### **Monism**

Some people view the human incarnation as God in-to-to. When the electricity enters the wire it pervades all over the wire. Wherever you touch the wire you will experience the electricity. The Veda says “*Antar Bahischa Tat Sarvam...*”, which means that God pervaded all over the human body and is present inside as well as outside the human body of the human incarnation. This view is called as monism (Advaita) of Shankara. This exactly coincides with the statement of Jesus “I and My Father are one and the same”. The human incarnation is convenient for the sake of human beings. The vision, touch, conversation and co-living are quite possible with the human incarnation. The human body is exactly the similar medium in which the soul of a human being also exists. For any transaction or interaction, a common medium is the best. Trying to see God in the medium of an energetic form is totally unnecessary and is wastage of time and effort. A lot of severe penance has to be done for getting such a divine vision. All you are doing is seeing the same God in another medium called as energy. Is it not wastage of time and effort to try to see a person in a silk shirt, when the same person is appearing before you in a cotton shirt? The person is important and not the shirt. It is like catching a small rat after digging a big hill.

Some people try to imagine God embedded in the pure awareness, which is the finest form of energy. Such form of energy is very very

subtle and can be perceived only by imagination. The pure awareness is like the costliest shirt; but it is still only a shirt. Therefore, the time and effort you have concentrated on the meditation to perceive God in this costliest shirt through your mind is the climax of wastage of your time and effort. The penance to see the energetic form and the meditation to imagine God in pure awareness are both unnecessary efforts because you can see the same God in the human body of the human incarnation. Moreover, the human body is very very clear for vision [everyone can see it without difficulty]. The energetic form cannot be seen by the naked eyes. Only by a special energy granted by the Lord, can the eyes can see this energetic form. The pure awareness can only be imagined by the internal eye, which is the mind. Moreover, touch is not possible in the case of the forms of energy or awareness. Conversation with the form of pure awareness is very much subtle and unclear. The conversation with the energetic form can take place but that is also limited to just a few seconds. The energetic form is highly unstable and is subject to diffusion. The entropy of the energetic form is very low and the spontaneity is towards the increase in entropy. Therefore, a long conversation is not possible with energetic forms. The energetic form appears for a few seconds, grants the boons for the penance of the devotee and disappears immediately by the process of diffusion. Such energetic form is not at all convenient for co-living [living with God]. If you see a human incarnation like Lord Krishna, the devotees could see the Lord for a long time. They could embrace Him for a long time. They could talk with Him for any length of time till their doubts were cleared. They could even hear the sweet songs from the mouth of the Lord. They lived with the Lord closely for years together. Such fortune is unimaginable and thus the human form of God is the best. Only very very few fortunate devotees can recognize God in human form and receive all the benefits fully. Some devotees doubt the Lord in human form due to over logic and loose the golden chance. Therefore, a human being can approach God completely only through the human form. This is stated by Jesus “One can reach My Father only through Me”. Thus very fortunate devotees believe the monism of the wire and the electricity and get the complete benefit.

### **Qualified monism**

The second view is to see God and the human body as separate items. The monism [in accepting the human incarnation as identical

with God] gets diluted in this view. This is advantageous since the natural egoism and jealousy of humans do not allow the human being to accept a particular human being as God. For acceptance of God in human form, complete eradication of egoism and jealousy is needed which is highly impossible. [Therefore it is easier to accept that] God is present in the heart of the human incarnation. The Lord is wrapped by the human body like a chocolate is wrapped by the outer wrapper. The inner Lord is the main component and the external human body is only a minor component. The human body is recognized as part and parcel of the Lord but it is of least importance. One cannot experience the Lord just by seeing or touching the covering sheath. The main component is called as 'Seshi' and the minor component is called as 'Sesha'. This is the philosophy of Ramanuja. Jesus also gave this concept. Jesus said that God is His Father and that He is the beloved Son of the Lord. The Son is always together with the Father and is not an outsider. The blood of the Father and the Son is one and the same. Thus both are essentially one and the same but God has major importance and the son has minor importance. Whenever Jesus said that He is the Son of God this philosophy appears, which is called as 'Visishta Advaita' or a special type of monism. The Father and His son are physically separate but both are one and the same in essence. The Father is like the ocean and the Son is like a wave. The human beings cannot worship God. For their convenience, a small part of God came down to give the divine experience.

### **Dualism**

The third view is 'Dvaita' or Dualism. This view is given when the egoism and jealousy of human beings is at the climax. They cannot accept any human being greater than themselves in any way. God is the Master and the human incarnation is accepted only as His dear servant. The servant is an outsider and has no blood relationship with the Father. God sends His messenger to pass on His message to the earth. Every human being is a servant of God and thus all human beings are spiritually equal. God chooses a particular servant as a messenger on the earth. This choosing of the messenger is only a chance. Madhva preached this philosophy. According to it, God never enters any human body and will not come down to earth. Only a little of His power and His grace enter the messenger. Whenever Jesus claimed Himself as the messenger from God, this dualistic philosophy is seen. Islam believes



this concept. Mohammed is only a messenger from God. They do not accept the concept of the human incarnation. But they respect the messenger and worship Him as the representative of God. Thus this type of worship started the representative worship.

A representative of God can be any object in the world. Not only the human body but any non-living inert object can also stand as the representative of God. Based on this idea, Persians started worshipping fire as God. Some devotees feel that God is the all-pervading cosmic energy, which is also inert. Some meditate upon God as the all-pervading pure awareness, which is only another special form of energy. Life or awareness is a special form of nervous energy. Some have started worshipping every human being or even every living being as God. Some have expanded the concept to every living and non-living objects and thus treated the entire cosmos as God. Scientists believe that the ultimate is only this world. Thus this concept of representative worship finally ended with atheism.

The dualist philosophy has good sides too. Since it denies the human incarnation, false human incarnations are prevented. Otherwise several preachers have started cheating the public by exploiting this concept. In this way, the dualistic philosophy is no doubt good.

### **Common trunk**

Thus, Christianity and Hinduism have the same structure of philosophy and can be treated as the two branches of the same tree. Only the language, culture, food habits etc., differ in these two religions. But the internal spiritual essence is one and the same. Only these two religions accept the concept of human incarnation and treat the human form as God. I do not understand why there is a quarrel between Hindus and Christians when such a wonderful homogeneity exists. History also showed the mutual love and respect in these two religions as you can see the honour of Jesus in India and the honour of Hindu saints like Swami Vivekananda in Christian countries. No other two religions have such fusion as Christianity and Hinduism. When such homogenous religions quarrel with each other, how can you stop the quarrels between heterogeneous religions. Never was a church attacked in India and never was a Hindu temple attacked in America. Christianity is spreading in India very easily. Similarly, Hinduism is also spreading very fast in Christian countries. Therefore, I wish the fusion of these two religions

in the beginning to stand as an example for other religions also to fuse with each other. This will be the first step for Universal Spirituality.

### **Practical Spiritual Effort**

The spiritual message of Jesus and Krishna are always one and the same in every aspect. Jesus always preached about detachment from the blind worldly bonds like bonds with family members. He stated that unless one is prepared to leave parents, children, money and even life for His sake, one couldn't be His dearest disciple. He always preached about eradication of egoism. Whenever a supernatural act was done by Him, He always claimed that it was due to His Father whose glory was to be propagated. He never claimed doer-ship of any supernatural act. He always preached that His Father alone grants the boons and all the facilities on this earth. Krishna also preached the same concepts in the Gita about detachment (*Nirmamah...*), removal of egoism (*Yadahamkaramasritya...*) and sanction of boons by God only (*Mayaiva Vihitan...*). These three aspects are very important steps to achieve the grace of the Lord.

### **Sublimate love**

You love your family members and such love gives you some pleasure in your heart. Therefore, your love is only for your self-satisfaction and such love is only selfishness. You are overpowered by the emotions of love but you are not analysing by controlling your emotions. If you analyse, you can clearly understand that your love cannot protect either yourself or your family members. Your love is only some loss of your precious nervous energy and valuable time. Except this loss there is no use. By emotion you are becoming weak and losing energy. Why are you doing such a foolish thing again and again? There is no benefit out of such act and there is only a clear loss. But if you divert your love towards God, He will protect and make you as well as your family members, prosper in this world as well as in the upper world. By spending the same quantum of nervous energy towards God, you are getting all unimaginable benefits forever! How wise is this act! By protecting yourself and your family members, you are proving your love towards yourself and your family members. This is the true love. The former is only false love, which involves wastage of energy just out of selfishness. Thus, wise scholars overcome emotions and analyse any point with calm and energetic brain.

The Gita tells us to always apply the brain; to analyse and find out the truth before any action (*Buddhou Saranam...*). Most people do not understand this truth. This is especially clear in the case of parents who blindly love their children with the climax of the emotion, spending their maximum precious nervous energy. The energy is simply wasted without any use for themselves or for their children. I find sometimes, some parents or elders are talking with newborn babies! They talk so many sentences and they know very well that the baby cannot understand even a single word! They waste their nervous and oral energy for such a long time and they feel very great about such a foolish act! Therefore, try to understand My point without any excitement and try to implement My advice. You can experiment with My advice just for a month and then see the tremendous change in your circumstances.

### **Eradicate the ego**

The next item is the eradication of egoism. Whenever you are doing some appreciable act, immediately you disown yourself from such act. You surrender all the credit to the Lord even before somebody praises about you for it. If somebody is praising you for such act, you pass on the ownership to the Lord at once. Otherwise, the wine of egoism will enter your brain and you will be intoxicated with the egoism. You will be transformed in to a demon shortly. Some people disown the praise externally but accept the praise in their minds. This is just like actually drinking the wine while negating it orally. In such case also the intoxication of egoism is inevitable.

You are thinking that you are the owner or the master of your family. You feel you are the king or the ruler and you think that your family is your kingdom. This is the climax of foolishness and ignorance. You cannot even rule the organs of your body like the heart, kidneys, lungs etc. Even your body is under the control of the Lord alone. How can you control other human beings? Therefore, quit your post of the head of your family. From now onwards you recognise that the Lord is the head of your family. From this moment onwards you feel that you are just a member of your family like any other family member. You belong to the category of 'ruled' and you are not at all the ruler. Now your family and your body are under the control of the divine master. If anything happens to your body or to your family, do not get disturbed because rectification is the responsibility of the Lord who is the owner of your body and the family. Only the owner has to worry about any

disturbance. You are not responsible for either the disturbance or its rectification. Let any problem arise, you be calm and peaceful. Even if you are disturbed and feel responsible, you cannot do anything in any case.

Suppose you respond to the problem and try to rectify it, even then, you should feel that you are acting as an instrument or a servant of God to do that work. You must feel that you are assigned to solve that problem by the order of the Lord. When the problem is solved you must pass on the entire credit only to the Lord. As I told you, you can experiment with My advice for a month and see the excellent works of the Lord.

### **Recognize God as the Supreme Controller**

You must always feel that the final granting authority is only the Lord. There is no one or no force other than the Lord, who is capable of accomplishing anything. Everybody and everything acts according to His wish. The Lord is not seen by you. Therefore, you think that somebody is kind enough to help you. Actually the person, who helped you, is forced by the Lord to help you. That person is just carrying out the order of the Lord. Even if you scold him, he will not stop helping you. Even if you praise him, he will not help you if there is no sanction from the Lord. A messenger is bringing a signed cheque from the Lord. The Lord is in the house and you are not seeing Him. You only see the messenger and the cheque in his hand. You think that the messenger is very kind in helping you. You praise the messenger. The cheque is handed over in the bank. The bank staff are arranging for the payment of the cheque to you. You are praising the staff thinking that they are very kind to help you. It is the duty of the staff to arrange for encashment of the cheque. They will lose their jobs if they do not do their duties. They are only working for fear of losing their jobs. Therefore, you must recognise that God is the signatory and that He is the account holder. You must understand that the Lord is paying His cash to you. You must analyse the root cause. The root cause is the cheque. The cheque is valid only when it is signed by the account holder. Therefore, you must recognise the force that makes valid the root cause of sanctioning the boons to you. By such deep analysis alone can you find the Lord as the cause of all causes. Then only will you will become grateful to the Lord and express your gratitude to the correct person who is the Lord alone.

Whenever any favour was granted, Jesus used to praise the Lord immediately and express His gratitude to the Lord. You must thank the Lord for whatever is given to you already. If you are not satisfied with the existing facilities, you will never be satisfied even if the Lord grants any number of additional facilities. If you are already satisfied and feel contented with whatever is given already, the Lord is further pleased to grant further facilities. Therefore, to achieve the grace of the Lord, contentment with the existing circumstances is essential. Therefore, always be satisfied and always be cheerful with whatever you have already. This is the basis for achieving the grace from the Lord in more quantity in the future. You must always express the gratefulness to the Lord for whatever is already granted to you. You should not ask for anything more. When thousands of people came to see Jesus, He just had four pieces of bread in a basket. He did not ask the Lord for more bread. He raised the basket with His hands and praised the Lord for giving those four pieces of bread. Immediately the four were multiplied to thousands. The Gita also says about the necessity of self-satisfaction with the existing things (*Nityatrupto...*). You will be rained with infinite grace of the Lord if you follow My advice. Again I suggest that you experiment with this for a month and then practice in your life.

### **Human Incarnation of God**

All this preaching is practical philosophy, which requires firm faith in the preacher. The preacher should be the correct the person. Only the Lord in human form can be such a correct preacher. If you believe a false preacher or an ignorant person as the true preacher, the results cannot be seen. If you approach the real water and believe it as real water, you can put your finger in it and feel the coldness, which is the correct result. If you put your finger in fire, you cannot feel the coldness because it is not water. Similarly the false preacher gives negative results. If you put your finger in air, which is neither water nor fire, your finger neither feels the coldness nor is burnt. Similarly an ignorant person acting as a true preacher can give neither the correct result nor a negative result. You will be wasting your time energy with such an ignorant preacher. Therefore, catching the right guide (Sadguru) is the fundamental step. If you mistake the true guide as some ordinary guy, it is your loss again. The Veda says "*Thachet Avedet...*" which means that if you miss the correct preacher in this world in this birth,

you are a permanent loser. All those ignorant people who did not recognise Jesus and crucified Him were permanent losers. Similarly, all the ignorant people who did not recognise Lord Krishna lost the spiritual treasure forever.

### **What about Minor Religions?**

[Mr Anil Antony asked that Swami was mentioning major religions only and not other minor religions.]

Other religions, whether major or minor are on the lines of the major religions like Hinduism, Buddhism, Christianity, Islam and Science (atheism). Science is mentioned as a religion because atheism is mentioned as a religion in our scriptures under the title 'Nastika matam'. Religion means a line of thinking (Matam). Jainism is almost similar to Buddhism. Their argument about the seven-fold existence is discussed separately in different branches of Hinduism. The Persian religion concentrates on the worship of fire which is similar to the branch of Hinduism called 'Soura Matam' in which the natural object, sun, is worshiped as God. This concept is discussed in the topic of representative worship (Pratika Puja).

### **Islam, Violence and Spirituality**

Mr. Steve asked whether Islam, which believes in spreading the religion through violence, can be treated at par with other religions.

Swami replied: The Quran says that a Muslim should protect even an enemy belonging to another religion. It says that a Muslim can tell about the teaching of Allah to the enemy and then leave the enemy in a protected place. It never says that religion should be spread by violence. It speaks about the war for justice, which is not the war for the propagation of religion. For that matter, the Gita was preached on a battlefield of a war that was fought for establishing justice. Even Bible says that the rigid fools who do not realize should be thrown to liquid fire, which is violence. Therefore, violence is not wrong. But the cause of violence should be perfectly justified.

When Mohammad came, there were three hundred religions, which were quarrelling among themselves with a lot of violence. He tried His best by preaching the concept of one God. There was no alternative way to subside the violence between them. Actually after Jesus, the concept of human incarnation was fully realized, but this

concept was exploited by cheaters. Every fellow became a prophet and declared himself as the human incarnation. Their followers started preaching that their particular leader alone was the one God. You can easily imagine the situation at that time. When violence is justified, it is called as the punishment given by God. If the violence is not justified, it leads to chaos due to egoism of a demon, which can be subsided only by divine punishment. Actually in the end, Hinduism speaks about the incarnation of Kalki and Christianity speaks about the final punishment given by God. Both these situations are of terrible violence. The last resort of God is only punishment, which can alone bring peace atleast temporarily when the world is filled with brutal conservative fools, who are wild beasts in the human form.

The Lord says in the Bible “Revenge is mine” which means that the Lord punishes the unjust people. The Lord said in the Gita that He will destroy the evil person (*Vinashaya cha....*) God is a double-edged knife. Not only He protects justice but also punishes injustice. A rich weak human being may protect justice but may not be able to punish injustice. A poor strong fellow may punish injustice but not protect justice by giving compensation. Thus, human beings have limitations but the Lord is strong as well as rich and therefore is capable in both sides. This is what Jesus meant when He mentioned about the divine kingdom on the earth. He means that one may escape from the king on this earth but can never escape from God.

When you are affected by injustice, pray only for compensation (“*Ask that shall be given*”—Bible) and not for the punishment of the enemy. You will be compensated. When you do not pray for the punishment of the enemy, you will soon see the punishment of your enemy by God. You may react to your enemy with equal or double force. But God will react with million times force. Draupadi was pestering Krishna for the destruction of her enemies. The Lord fulfilled her wish but all her sons were killed by enemies and Lord did not protect them. Sometimes God punishes your enemy through you. Arjuna killed his enemies, forced by the Lord. But Arjuna did not have the intention to kill the enemies and was against the war. Since he was forced by the Lord, he fought the war for justice. When Muslims followed Mohammad in His war for unifying the religions, it was justified because there was a clear divine instruction. Since Mohammad was the last divine preacher, now the war for justice need not be carried

on because in the absence of the divine preacher there is every possibility of misunderstanding every situation thinking that it requires a war for justice. Therefore, the instruction of Mohammad was limited to that time because He was capable of deciding the correct requirement for war for justice. Mohammad removed the concept of human incarnation because the effects of exploitation were severe in that time. Muslims should realize that human incarnation means that God enters the human body and not that God is modified into the human body. Mohammad objected only to a modification of God in to a human body. This is not condemning the concept of human incarnation. God only enters the human body and Mohammad himself was a human incarnation because God entered in to Mohammad and gave Quran. The Gita clearly says that God entered the human body (*Manusheem Tanum Asritam...*) and that God is not modified in to human body (*Avyaktam Vyakti Mapannam...*). The Bible also says that God is in flesh and does not say that God has become flesh. Thus, there is no difference between the three religions.



## Chapter - 9

**CONFLUENCE OF CHRISTIANITY & HINDUISM****Introduction****O Learned And Devoted Servants of God,**

These discourses will bring a co-ordination between Hinduism and Christianity. The messages of a Hindu saint like Swami Vivekananda have spread in Christian countries. The messages of Christianity have spread in India. Thus there is a broad-minded brotherhood between Hinduism and Christianity. The tolerance of Hindus and the love of Christians are the reasons for such a bond of brotherhood. Spreading of these special discourses among your Christian friends will strengthen the feelings of brotherhood and love, which is the aim of Swami. When 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.

**Holy Spirit and Human Incarnation**

Lord Jesus was the human incarnation of the Holy Spirit (*Matthew 10:40*). The human body of Holy Jesus is like the metallic wire, which was all over, pervaded by the Holy Spirit. The Veda says “*Antarbahischa*” 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 another human being. A man cannot accept another man as God due to jealousy and egoism. The Bhagavad Gita says, “Men insult Me when I come here in human form (*Avajananti maam...*)”. 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 to the egoistic public, they will not even hear what He preaches and will simply reject Him. Therefore, He is telling His disciples to introduce Him as a messenger only. Ofcourse, 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 a 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 preach (*Mathew 10:20*). Such a disciple differs from Holy Jesus because the Holy Spirit resides in that disciple for sometime only where as the Holy Spirit resides in Jesus all the time.

Holy Jesus says that He is the messenger of the Holy Spirit and He is also says that the disciple is His messenger. He is giving the same status to Himself and the disciple by saying so. The reason is that some disciple may become jealous in the future if He says that He Himself is the Holy Spirit where as the disciple is only His messenger. The difference in the status may bring jealousy. Therefore He maintains 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 Jnanam 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**

Lord Jesus has said, Luke 14:26 to 27; Mathew 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 can not be My disciple ”. The knowledge is compared to a sword. The Bhagavad Gita says “*Chhitva Jnanasinatmanah*”. This means that 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 give the opportunity to see, touch, talk and 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 statues, animals or birds. The Veda says “*Na tasya pratima asti*” which means that God will not enter the inert statues. The Gita says “*Manusheem tanu masritam*” which means that God enters the human body only because the main purpose is to preach human beings. The Gita strongly says that he who worships inert statues will be born as an inert stone (“*Bhootani yanti*”). Christians should be commended on this point since they worship 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 form. One should leave everything and everybody for the sake of the Lord in human form. The bond with human beings can be broken only, by the bond with a new human being. Such a new human being must be very powerful and can only be God in human form.

A new bond existing with the formless God or statues cannot break the human bonds. Only the bond with another living being can cut the bond with living beings. The bond with formless God is impossible.

The bond with an inert statue has no use. The above statements of Holy Jesus indicate that one should cut the bonds with his family and with wealth. In the Hindu religion too 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 God. The Gita says the same thing as “*Mat Gata Pranah*”. 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 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 love is proved only by the practical sacrifice. The Veda says “*Dhanena Tyagenaike...*” which means that sacrifice of money alone proves real love. Money is the fruit of the work. So money is another form of work. If it is inconvenient to sacrifice money, atleast they should sacrifice the other form of money, which is work for the sake of God. All the family members are attached to you only due to the dependence on money. If there is no money, all the family will leave you. You are also giving your money only to your family. 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 wanted 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 money for the sake of your body and your family. Your blindness increases and you will put 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. Atleast you should remove your blindness by the divine knowledge if not the

actual bonds. Only people of very high devotion can cut the actual bonds. You are giving money to your family but you are giving words to God by your prayers and you are giving your mind to God through meditation. You are giving love to your family through your work and money, and are calling the sacrifice of words and sacrifice of mind as love to God and you are fooling God. Your real love is only for your family and not for God. Holy Jesus tests your real love for God by these statements. The Christian Pope and priests and the Hindu Acharyas and saints left their families and concentrated completely on the work of God. Only such pious souls can be the representatives of God in this world.

### **Sacrifice of Wealth is the Way**

Lord Jesus has said 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” . He has also said “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” (Matthew 7:21).

Hindus, particularly, are sacrificing words through prayers and feelings through the 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 good 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 Yatha Maam Prapadyante*” which means that God gives you the 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 on Him through meditation, He will also love you in return with high concentration of mind. If you sacrifice practically, He will also do everything for you practically. Indians must learn this practical sacrifice

from foreigners as they have learnt science and technology from the West.

Even in the olden days, Indians were always doing exercises in theoretical knowledge of God and in composing a 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 spirituality if not in science. Though I am born in India, I deny this. Indians should follow the foreigners not only in science but also in spirituality by learning the practical aspect of the materialistic as well as divine knowledge.

Today, in the world, everybody agrees that the real power is money alone. Money is the fruit of work and the Bhagavad Gita calls the sacrifice of money as 'Karma Phala Tyaga'. In the Bhagavad Gita, it is said "*Dhyanat Karma Phala Tyagah*" which means that devotion is greater than knowledge and sacrifice of the fruit of 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 love is practical service, which is the practical sacrifice of work or money.

Money is needed to publish the Gospel in the form of books for the propagation of the divine knowledge and devotion. When you sacrifice your money for this divine work, your treasure in 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 only for your family. 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 in your heart. You must give real value to God. You finish your prayers and meditation on God as soon as the time to go to your job draws near. Similarly when some work for the family comes up, you immediately leave the presence of God. Therefore you are not giving any value to God for all practical purposes. But you are telling lies in your prayers that God is everything for you. Money is the final test and it can be the only test 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 Vashishta told Lord Rama to bring money first as Guru Dakshina (pious offering to the preacher) before preaching the divine knowledge (“*Dhana marjaya...*”). The preacher tested Rama’s love for God in the light of the sacrifice of money. In Vishnu Purana Lord Vishnu says “*Tasya Vittam Haramyaham*”, which means that he who sacrifices money for the sake of God, is really blessed. This looks quite odd for us that God would want our money! No, God does not want money because this entire world is His wealth alone 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 wealth 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 extra money. Suppose you went to a friend’s house and he gave you a cup of milk. He permitted you to only take the milk 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 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 them to his child. The father is asking for one sweet from the child just to test the attitude and love of the child for him. Even if you do not give back God’s money to God, you will have to leave that money here itself and quit this world with empty hands. That extra money is left in this world itself, which is the bank of God. The devotee who donates the extra money to God for His divine work also quits this world empty handed. But the former goes to hell as a thief while the latter goes to the Kingdom of God because he returned the stolen money of God. When you return 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; God-man)
2. In the heart of a real devotee.

When money is donated to the human incarnation of God or the real devotee, that money is properly used to uplift 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 atleast the work, mere prayers, love and meditation are only the side pickles in the plate without the central bread or rice. When God eats only the pickles 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 loose 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 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 ", is said in the Bible. The Veda says "*Prajnanam Brahma*", which means that the Holy Spirit is the divine Knowledge. The Gita says "*Jnanaagni*" 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 Bhagavad Gita 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 the 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 surgery. Religions are only languages and knowledge is the content of the syllabus. Every body does not understand the brotherhood of all the religions. If you travel along the



religion–river you will reach the Spirituality–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 the religion–river. If a Hindu insults Holy Jesus and the Holy Bible, he has insulted Holy Krishna and the Holy Gita. The same point 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 a surgery on any person. You purchase a diamond from a foreign country do you throw it away since it is a foreign diamond. You use the fan, the electric bulb, the television etc., which are invented by foreign scientists and you use these things in your daily life. Why not use the diamond-like concepts from foreign scriptures like the Holy Bible in your spiritual life too? This question applies to the follower of every religion.

### **The Human Incarnation**

It is said in the Bible, “He will save His people from their sins” and “His name is ‘Immanuel (Matthew 1: 21 and 23)’ which is translated, ‘God with us’. Holy Jesus is the human body into which the Holy Spirit entered like the electric current in a metallic wire. The Holy Spirit without the union of husband and wife, created the human body. Ofcourse 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 scientific logic. Thus the very human body showed super power of God even in the formative stage. Hinduism calls such incarnations as the full-fledged incarnation (Pari Purna Avatara). The Holy Spirit is called ‘Brahman’ or ‘Paramatman’ 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 only nine days instead of nine months. He is considered as the full-fledged incarnation of ‘Paramatma’ or ‘Brahman’. He is considered to be the topmost preacher and His preachings 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 to humanity. If God enters statues, trees, birds, animals etc., such preaching cannot be done. The human incarnation preaches to us and stays with us and so 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 directly insulted God (Matthew 12:31). The Gita also says the same ("*Avajananti...*"). You cannot approach the Holy Spirit directly because the Holy Spirit is with infinite power, and 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 Gita "*Sambhavami Atma Maayaya*" 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 skin of the goat and is mixed with goats. By this way the goats can come near Him without any fear. Except this way of the human incarnation, one cannot approach God directly (Matthew 11:27).

Another important purpose of the human incarnation is that He suffers for the sins of His beloved devotees, who have 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 God in human form without aspiring for anything in return. Such service is the only real and full sacrifice. Otherwise it is only business. 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 the human incarnation by the fellow human beings is only due to the 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 human beings neglect Him (Matthew 11:19).

## Scriptures

Lord Jesus said Matthew 5:17 “Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the prophets. 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 misled 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 everyday carrying new dust. The religion becomes dirty in every human generation. Spirituality is the broomstick with which God in human form sweeps the dust away. For this purpose He comes down in human form in every human generation. All the old is not gold as said “*Purana mityeva....*” It is also said “*Taatasya Kupoyam....*” which means that a fool drinks salt water from a well saying that it was dug by his fore fathers. So, one should not blindly follow all that is old. Analyze it at every step and find out the truth. Krishna condemned the ritual portions in the Vedas by saying “*Traigunya Vishayah....*” Similarly Lord Buddha condemned the killing of animals in the name of sacrifices. The Veda says clearly “*Manyuh Pasuh*” 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 Veda is called ‘Khila Bhaga’. Holy Jesus also said that He had come 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 us that the 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 Bhagavad Gita says “*Manushyaanam Sahasreshu....*” 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 example in the spiritual path. The 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 the spiritual line there is only one Jesus one Buddha one Shankara etc., If you are in the association of the 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 enters deeply into your heart and makes you understand the subject. Such knowledge will definitely lead to practice. Similarly you judge any scripture by the value of its knowledge and its 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 Bhagavad Gita should have been given to the entire world on one day and in the same minute. Then those who follow it may get salvation and those who do not follow may go to hell. Only then can God be impartial to all the human beings. But Krishna and the Bhagavad Gita existed in India thousands of years ago. The information about Krishna and the Bhagavad Gita reached other countries only about 500 hundred years back when Vasco-da-gama discovered a route to India. Before the discovery of India, Indians were blessed by Lord Krishna and the Bhagavad Gita, but what about foreigners? They did not have any information. In the absence of information how can they follow Krishna and the Bhagavad Gita? It is not their fault when the information itself was absent. All 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. But God is impartial. All the human beings in the world are His children. Therefore such rigid argument of conservatism is foolish. Ofcourse this applies to every religion, which 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 advice 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 the radiating sun and will help you in your spiritual effort. Don't be biased by the external culture, which is only apparent. 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 atleast, 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. Ofcourse if you are incapable of sacrificing your money towards My work, atleast 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 any thing 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 - 10

**RIGHT APPROACH TO ACHIEVE UNIFICATION****Correlation of Scriptures is Inadequate**

[December 2, 2006 Shri Ramanath asked to give more discourses on correlation of scriptures of various religions in a more detailed way so that the universal spirituality can be stressed in the propagation of knowledge.]

**O Learned And Devoted Servants of God,**

**Swami replied:** The correlation of the scriptures of various religions was done in a detailed way by several prophets who aimed at the world peace. Even I have done this correlation in major topics like human rebirth, concept of human incarnation etc. The effect of such correlation is not much because the devotees of various religions are neither influenced by the unity of the scriptures nor by the unity of human beings having the same bodies of matter and energy externally and the internal souls made of the same pure awareness. Scriptures are the concepts given by various forms of God. Devotees feel that these forms of God are totally different from each other. Unless you bring the correlation of the various forms of God belonging to different religions, the problem is not solved in the root. You have to come from top to bottom in the solution for difference. The correlation of unity in the scriptures and in the human beings is an attempt of solving the problem from bottom to top. If you can prove the unity of the forms of God and establish the concept of single God in various religions, the scriptures have to be correlated forcibly because one God cannot speak contradicting concepts in various religions. Like this if you come from the top for the solution, there is always a tremendous binding force acting on the heads of devotees to correlate the scriptures. Even if some little variations exist in the scriptures, they have to be unified by force in the light of unity of God, who is the single speaker of various scriptures.

Today the development of science is terrible, which is the faculty of logic and analysis. Today the heart is reduced and the brain is expanded. The old generations were having a broad heart and less brain. The heart can be inspired by appeals but the brain will not be satisfied

by appeals. If you appeal “All the human beings are one and the same internally and externally. God is one only. Do not quarrel with each other and be united as one family”, the effect of such appeal is temporary only. When the devotee returns back, the emotion is subsided by next day itself. The reason is that his or her intellectual faculty (Buddhi) is not satisfied. You have not given the logical analysis of such concepts. You have worked at the level of mind only and not at the level of intelligence. Mind is the steering rod and the intelligence is the driver. Mind is in the hands of intelligence. Due to this reason only, the Lord started the Gita with the concept of knowledge and analysis (Buddhi Yoga). The driving knowledge of the driver is more important than the driver. The correct driving depends on the correct driving knowledge imparted to him by the teacher of the driving school, who is the Satguru. In the case of Arjuna, the teacher of the driving school himself became the driver! You cannot imagine the fortune of Arjuna. When God Himself became the driver, He is called as Satguru. The word Sat is used to mean God. Guru means guide.

### **‘God: Single Speaker of Scriptures’ is Adequate**

The logic behind the unity of God in various forms related to the corresponding religions is already given by Me in the “Conversation of Swami with a Christian father.” The analysis presented by Me in that topic is a terrible binding force of various religions. By correlation of the scriptures, if you try to establish the unity of speaker, analysts may not accept it. They may say that the concepts of different speakers may sometimes coincide and that does not necessarily mean that the speakers should be one and the same. The minor differences in the scriptures which were followed by God depending on the various levels of the corresponding communities, the various cultures of different regions also get magnified to be used to differentiate the speakers. When the speakers are different, the devotees will not be united because they believe that their particular unique preacher was only the savior. Therefore, you must start with the final weapon to establish the unity of God as established by Me in that topic. You have to attack the virus and bacteria at the very outset itself by a single stroke. With the help of its continued effect, the subsequent steps of uniting the human beings become very easy and also inevitable. If your God is the only creator of this entire earth, He becomes partial by giving the right knowledge to



your region only when other regions were not having any communications with your region. In such case, our forefathers went to hell for no fault of their ignorance about your God and His scripture given to you alone in that time. This concept acts like the Brahmastra and will have the posterior effect continuously in your effort of uniting the devotees of various religions. The subsequent unity of scriptures is forced by the logic of this single concept and the unity of the scriptures becomes inevitable because no religion can accept the blind partiality of God, since their God is the father of all the souls on this earth. The absence of human rebirth in the other religions supports the inevitable injustice done to the forefathers since there is no chance of their coming back to this earth again in human forms. There is no chance for them to rectify their ignorance since their human birth was finished once for all which can not be repeated again under any circumstances. The concept of permanent hell also supports this point, since those forefathers can never be relieved from the permanent hell.

When we propagated this powerful logic, one Christian unable to answer this point by logic, shouted saying “Let God be partial, but I will not accept the Universal Spirituality”! Such conservative devotee need not be blamed and infact, we pity him for the power of poison injected in to his brain by the blind tradition of the ignorant priests from generations together! Conservative devotees may not accept the truth today, which is exposed with perfect logic and analysis from all angles. But in course of time, this powerful truth will work and drill their brains and a day will come when the permanent transformation of all the human beings takes place and the dream of Universal Spirituality is sure to become a practical reality and the consequence is the establishment of world peace forever. God also blesses those, who participate in the propagation of this divine knowledge, forever because they have done the work of God, which is going to be eternal. The prediction of the Universal Spirituality on this earth by Nostradamus is going to become true shortly, since that prediction was from God only through him.

### **Solution for ‘Corruption Due to Blind Love on Family’**

Similarly, if you establish the unity of human beings by showing the same material (five elements) of the bodies and same material (Pure awareness) of souls, this concept alone is not sufficient to bring the concept of one global family. The devotee will say that his family loves

him more than the outsiders and therefore, he should show love to his family and neutrality to the outsiders. Infact, this point is responsible for the terrible sins like corruption. He grabs the hard money earned of others for the sake of extra luxuries of his family. He is paid salary for doing his duty to the public, which is more than sufficient for the needs of his family. But he aspires for the endless luxuries of his family only even at the cost of the misery of other human beings. This clearly shows that he does not treat others as his family members in practice. He may nod his head for your appeal temporarily but in practice your effort becomes futile since you have not supplied the analysis of the concept to satisfy his faculty of intelligence. In absence of your logic, his insufficient or bad logic rules over his brain, which is that his family members only love him and not the public. The complete and correct logic for this point is supplied by the Veda which states that even the family members love you because you are the instrument for their happiness and they do not love you for your happiness (*Atmanah Kamaya Sarvam Priyam...*). You can test the truth by becoming reverse. If you do not supply even the basic needs, they will leave you at once like the birds leaving a fruitless tree. Even the wife or husband was an outsider coming from the public only before the marriage. It is your ignorance that you feel that your wife or husband belongs to you and not the outsiders. This bond did not exist before marriage and will not exist after the death. This bond will not exist after death whether the human re-birth exists or not. This bond will not exist when the soul goes to permanent hell or heaven after this birth on the final enquiry. Even if the soul is re-born (Hinduism), the bonds change like the dramatic bonds between the actors in different dramas.

The bond is only a feeling, which is unreal with respect to the reality of matter, energy and pure awareness, which are the common constituting materials of human beings. After death these materials of external bodies (matter and energy) are recycled as the bodies of other human beings. In this light, where is reality of even the blood relationship between parents and children? According to Hindu scriptures, the wife and children come to collect their wealth that was grabbed by you in the previous birth (*Runanubandha rupena...*). Shankara says that which did not and will not exist is temporary and a temporary unit must be always unreal (*Yat Krutakam hi...*). The dramatic bond between actors during the drama also is unreal. You must

give the complete logic also whenever you preach the concept. Mere introduction of the concept without the logic behind it is like a dead body without life or a metallic wire without current, which will not work for any practical purpose. The human being acting as a preacher (Guru) can only give the concept, where as the God-preacher (Satguru) like Shankara gives the concept with the related logic and also quotes the scripture. An ignorant person can give only the facts of the case. But the advocate gives the logic in the concept and its related quotation from the constitution, which alone can satisfy the judge and also both the parties. The judge or the opposing party will not be satisfied by the mere facts presented by one party.

### **Five symbols of Universal Spirituality**

Buddha kept silent about God and His followers misunderstand this silence as negation of God. Buddha Himself is the human incarnation and is counted in the main ten incarnations of God. The silence of Buddha indicates the nature of the original God, who is unimaginable and beyond words. Mohammed denied the concept of conversion of God in to human form. His message has two angles. In one angle, He was denying the concept of human incarnation because just before His arrival, Jesus was crucified. In another angle, people have misunderstood that God became the human form. Actually God entered the human form and did not modify Himself in to the human form. The current entered the wire and the current is not modified in to the wire. The Gita says that God entered the human form (*Manushim tanumaashritam...*) and the same Gita says that God is not modified in to human form (*Avyaktam vyaktimaapannam...*). Jesus also told both these concepts. When He told that He is the Son of God, it means God and Himself are different like current and wire. When the current enters the wire, the alive wire is treated as current and hence Jesus told that God and Himself are one and the same. Since, the current cannot be worshipped directly, only the alive wire should be worshipped as current. When the scent is sprinkled on the shirt of your friend, he enjoys the scent through the shirt. You need not remove the shirt and sprinkle the scent on skin. A fool may even remove the skin and sprinkle the scent on the nerves because the nerves only can receive the experience of the scent. The concept of human incarnation is a two-in-one system like a single phase having two components (like the alloy of

two metals). The single phase is the human incarnation and the two components are Nara and Narayana. The contemporary human incarnation is the real relevant form of God for the living human beings for direct worship of God as can be seen in the case of Hanuman and Gopikas.

The universal spirituality shows Krishna, Buddha, Jesus, Mohammed and scientist on its symbol. Science is also an important religion. Science is the sharp logical analysis of the creation. Science cannot show the creator because the unimaginable creator is beyond the creation. But, Science is helpful in rejecting any item of creation that is claimed to be the original God. Such item can be proved as the part of creation through analysis and hence, it cannot be the creator, who is beyond the entire creation. For example, the Advaita philosophers believe that awareness (nervous energy), which is called as soul is the original God. With the help of science, we can clearly understand that this awareness is only a special work form of inert energy functioning through the special nervous system. The inert energy is generated by the oxidation of food (*Annat purushah... Veda*). The food is matter and is converted in to inert energy as per the conversion of matter in to energy. This energy is converted in to a special work form through the functioning nervous system. For example, grinding is a special work form of electric power (inert energy) through the functioning of grinding machine. This forward reaction of conversion of inert energy in to awareness is the evolution of life. The backward reaction is the death in which the awareness is converted back in to inert energy (*Manah tejasi... Veda*). Thus with the help of science, we are able to reject the awareness or soul to be the original God. Shankara told that awareness (soul) is Brahman and people have misunderstood that Brahman means only God. Any greatest item in any category can be called as Brahman. For example, the Veda is the greatest among scriptures since it was protected from introductions and deletions. It was preserved by recitation only through generations. Hence, the Veda is called as Brahman (*Brahmakshara samudbhavam... Gita*). God being the greatest of all the categories can be also called as Brahman. The awareness being the finest form of work energies can be called as Brahman. Such analysis of the soul is clearly helped by Science.

## Chapter - 11

**GROUND RULES FOR SPIRITUAL DISCUSSIONS**

[A converted Christian devotee raised some objections in the messages of Swami and forwarded his questions. Swami first lays the ground rules for the debate and then answers all the questions one by one, which are given in the subsequent couple of chapters. The subsequent exchanges between Swami and the converted Christian devotee are also included below. In his announcement of the conversion of his faith, he had referred to Swami as the 'Indian guy'. The interesting thing is that Swami took no offence at such a reference.]

**O Learned And Devoted Servants of God,**

I like the word 'guy' very much since it is very beautiful. I appreciate your interest in the search of truth. I convey My best love to all of you for your dedication of time and energy in the search of God. I consider that all of you are real and most sincere devotees of God.

**Difference between you and Me**

The fundamental difference between you and Me is that you accept only your religion and you do not accept any other religion. You also do not accept the unity of all religions, where as I accept your religion, any other religion and also the unity of all religions. You do not like Me since I do not belong to your religion and therefore you treat Me as your enemy. I like you since I belong to your religion too and therefore I treat you as My friend.

**Avoiding Emotions**

Please avoid emotions, which deactivate the brain and suppress logical analysis. Emotion or anger is inversely proportional to knowledge. Let us discuss at length and in-depth with love and patience and with full harmony with each other, avoiding personal criticism. Let us concentrate all our attention only on the critical subject. I will come to your path if I am convinced by you and vice versa is left to your will and pleasure. Every point is a common point and belongs to both of us and we are trying to search the truth by sincere discussions so that both

of us shall be benefited by the truth established at the end. One of us will correct his point and such correction is not personal correction. It is only correction of the common point that we are discussing. I am not wrong if My point is wrong. Similar is the case with you. I am not identified with any point; nor are you. Both of us are as if analyzing a 'substance' (a third entity) in which you say that it is a chloride and I say that it is a bromide. On analysis we shall find the truth and the true knowledge of the substance belongs to both of us. Neither are you the chloride nor am I the bromide. If the substance is proved to be a chloride, I am not disproved. Only My point is disproved. One should not identify himself with any point in knowledge and should not feel himself rejected when his point is rejected. Only in such a state can spiritual discussions proceed to any length of time and to any extent of depth, till we find the truth. If any one identifies with a point, he will never change since he feels that he himself has to change. He is not changing since he is changing a common point and attaining a true point. He changes his bad shirt and wears a good shirt. He is not any of the shirts. If this concept is realized, the discussion can become meaningful. Otherwise a debate is a waste.

### **Existence of Different Religions**

If your religion is really the absolute truth, I shall put a simple question to you. So much time has gone since your religion appeared on this earth. By this time why have all people on this earth not followed it? Why do other religions still exist? Do you mean to say that so many people of other religions are fools and go to hell permanently? Do you think that the people of your religion alone are wise and reach God? You eat bread and jam. I eat rice. Other people eat food in some other form. You say that your food alone gives health and energy and all other forms of foods create illness. You are not realizing that all the forms of food are the same chemicals like carbohydrates, proteins and minerals. This truth is realized only by chemical analysis. You say that the analysis should not be done and you insist only on your food. The same food exists in different forms to suit to the liking of the different people and every form of food is good and energetic. You must also realize that any form of food may be poisoned. Any poisoned food leads to disease or death and any good food gives health. The poison is conservatism and egoism. Every religion says that it alone is correct and all other religions

are wrong. Every religion says that I should accept its holy scripture without any analysis since God is beyond logic. Now please tell Me which religion should I accept? If there is only one religion, I would have simply accepted it without analysis. But there are several religions, which are fighting with each other and every religion utters the same statement. In such a case, which religion should I accept without analysis? All of you discuss with each other and come to a conclusion so that I will accept that religion which is finally concluded by all of you.

### **Beyond logic**

God is beyond logic and therefore, none can analyze God. But such God comes in flesh to give His experience to us. For example Jesus came as God in flesh. Now the problem comes because Hinduism projects another God in flesh like Krishna. Krishna declared that He is God. Jesus said that He is God because He and His father are one and the same. Now which God should I accept? Both of you do not permit Me to do analysis. So both of you discuss and finalize so that I will accept either Krishna or Jesus. You neither give Me the conclusion nor allow Me to get the conclusion!

### **Second coming of Jesus**

You say that Jesus will come again. The Gita says that Krishna will come again and again whenever there is a necessity. You say that there are only two human incarnations. One is Jesus and another is His re-incarnation in the future. Hinduism shows ten main incarnations and also mentions any number of incarnations according to the necessity. Both of you contradict each other. Which point should I accept? Why don't both of you discuss with each other and come to a conclusion because both of you do not allow Me to come to the conclusion by analysis? If both of you allow Me to say a small point here, Your Honor, I shall say that My point is that if you say that God can have only two incarnations, you are limiting the will and power of God without any freedom. I may also be allowed to raise another point here. If there are only two incarnations, only two human generations were blessed by God through direct contact. Other generations were not blessed. If you say that other generations are blessed by His preachings, then the generations that existed before Jesus were not blessed by such an opportunity. Even later generations were not blessed by His direct contact. Even during the lifetime of Jesus, the human generations

existing in other countries were not blessed because there was no communication between countries at that time. If you say that the small area where Jesus preached contained all the good people alone, it is not a fact. In that small area several bad people existed at that time, and they crucified Jesus. This shows that there will be good and bad people in each generation at any place. Then the good people of all other countries were denied the opportunity of direct contact with Jesus. Thus God becomes partial.

### **Partiality and justice**

This partiality contradicts your own basic concept because you say that your God alone created this entire universe and all human beings. All are His own children. If He favors good people (and punishes bad people), then such partiality is justified because it is fair. However if you say that God favors both good and bad people of only a certain country and not even the good people of other countries, then that makes Him really partial and unjust. My objection is that such unjust partiality is not justified. God is a supporter of justice as per your own scripture, which says that the wheels of justice grind surely. This means that God will never do injustice. Then, how do you justify the injustice present in the partiality of your God explained above?

If you want to protect your basic concept, there is no other way for you except to say that your God created only that small particular area and not the entire universe. In such a case, your God could be regarded as impartial to His created beings because He came only to His area. Similarly, Krishna must have created only India and His partiality to India can be justified. But then you cannot say that either Jesus or Krishna is the creator of the entire universe. If you do make that claim, you would have to accept that Jesus and Krishna are one and the same; the external human bodies were different but the internal God is one.

### **God and flesh**

If you say that Jesus is God, you are contradicting your own statement, which is ‘God in flesh’. This word clearly indicates that there are two items, which are God and flesh. It is just like saying ‘water-in-vessel’—it indicates two items, which are water and vessel. Water is not the vessel. Therefore, God in flesh means that God is in Jesus as water is in the vessel. Similarly, Krishna is not God but God is in Krishna. The words Jesus and Krishna mean two different vessels. The water in both



the vessels is one and the same. Krishna told in the Gita that He has entered the human body (Manushim tanumaasritam). Jesus and Krishna are two different human bodies. The word flesh and the word 'Manushim tanum' mean only the external human body. Now all the contradictions are removed. There is only one God and He created this entire universe. He came to different regions in different human forms to all countries in every human generation so that there is no partiality. If you analyze, different scriptures, which are the Word of God, they contain the same knowledge in different languages. Each language is like a human body and the knowledge in each language is one and the same, like God. Now whether I am Hindu or Christian, it does not matter.

### **Word-for-word**

You say that logical analysis should not be accepted and that the scripture alone should be followed by taking its literal meaning, word-by-word. Then similarly, courts of law must also avoid the advocates, who debate on a case. The judge should simply read the constitution and give the judgment by taking the direct literal meaning of the constitution word-for-word. Why is there a debate on the same statement of the constitution by two advocates? Why does the judge listen to both arguments? Since one sentence has two interpretations, there should be a debate to conclude the correct interpretation.

When you explain your scripture, do you in each and every place, follow only the literal meaning? When you say, "Jesus will come again", you give a direct meaning and say that Jesus will come again, only once. Very good! Please stick to the same path. When you say, "The lamb will come again", the lamb here should mean only the animal and not Jesus. Here, you say that the word lamb indicates Jesus because Jesus is pure and innocent like the lamb. So now you have deviated from your own path. You have taken the indirect meaning and used logic to solve the problem because Jesus is a human being and not an animal. Similarly, when you say that Jesus came with a sword not to establish peace, you must expect Jesus to carry a sword in His hand and come to disturb peace. Here again you deviate from your path and give the inner indirect meaning through logic. You say that Jesus came with knowledge, which cuts all family bonds so that His dearest disciple must have only one bond with Jesus. You are playing this double game in interpretation. At one place you take the direct meaning and in other place you take the

indirect meaning applying logic. You have used your choice in choosing the path whichever you like in interpreting any statement. You are not giving the same freedom to Me. I can also take the logical indirect meaning in the first statement.

Suppose I go to the house of My friend. While leaving, I tell My friend that I will meet him again. Does this mean that I will come only once in the future? It is a casual remark. It does not mean that I will not come more than once. If you stick only to the literal meaning, it brings several contradictions. Just to satisfy your will, you should not impose partiality on God. You should change your will and allow His will to prevail. The word Jesus in this statement should only mean 'God', because only God can come again in another human body. If you say that the word Jesus means the human body, then the same human body can not come again; it has already disintegrated into atoms which have spread in the entire world. To drag all those atoms together, a supernatural power of God should be used. He will never use the supernatural power when there is an alternative natural way. My friend cannot say that I should come to his house wearing the same shirt. The shirt is torn and I can come wearing another shirt, which is a very convenient alternative way. Can you press God for such a thing?

### **Creation is subject to logical analysis**

God is certainly above logic but God exists in a particular human body like Jesus, Krishna etc. The human body is a part of the creation and all the items of the creation are subject to logical analysis, even though their Creator is beyond analysis. Now, we are analyzing the human body of God for identification and this is not the analysis of God Himself. Such human incarnations are mixed with ordinary human beings as an original diamond is mixed with artificial diamonds. Logic is essential in order to identify and separate the human incarnation. Some human beings in whom God does not exist also, claim to be human incarnations. They are eliminated by discrimination and analysis. Even Satan performs miracles. Therefore, miracles are not the identity marks of God. Only the special spiritual knowledge like the Bible, the Gita etc., is the identity mark to recognize God. Even Jesus showed logical analysis and brought out the correct interpretations of the Old Testament. He even modified certain old statements of the scriptures, showing logical analysis. For example: it is told that one should not work on the rest day of Sabbath. Jesus supported the work done in

saving an animal on that day by saying that ‘work’ (which was to be avoided) meant only bad work. He did not simply take the literal meaning of the scripture as you are taking today. You are not standing in the position of Jesus. You are standing in the position of the priests, who took only the literal meaning and found fault with Jesus. Therefore, at any time people, who take only the direct literal meaning of scriptures will crucify the human incarnation, who shows the correct interpretation by logical analysis.

### **Solve contradictions or continue religious wars**

When there is a contradiction between different scriptures, you neither solve it nor allow Me to solve it. Hinduism says that the soul has rebirth. Christianity says that the soul has no rebirth and that it goes to God or hell permanently. You want to keep this contradiction alive and fight with Hinduism. I want to end the fight since I wish that both Christians and Hindus must love each other like brothers, since both are children of the same God. Here My solution is: The soul has only one chance or spiritual opportunity and if the soul slips from that, the soul will not get such rebirth again (in which he has the same spiritual opportunity as in this birth). In this angle, the soul has no rebirth. The soul may be born as animal or as a human being having the nature of the animal. An animal or an animal-like human being is one and the same in the sense that both do not realize their mistakes even during the punishment. Therefore, the sin is committed again. Your objection is ruled out because both humans and animals alike have the animal nature of not realizing their mistakes. I am not denying the external hell with liquid fire. But there is also a small reflection of hell on this earth to indicate the existence of hell. Thus, the births of animals, worms etc., can be treated as punishments and such births can be taken as minor reflections of hell. Hinduism says that such births constitute the hell on earth, which is apart from the external hell. Therefore, even if I say that sinners are born as worms or even worm-like human beings, it can be taken as a part of the permanent hell. For you, the Bible is the only scripture. For Me, the scriptures of all the religions stand as reference books. You have no responsibility of removing the contradictions. But, I have that responsibility.

## **Different levels**

When I said that God is in My human body, and is delivering the spiritual knowledge, My reference is My devotees, who strongly believe in Me in spite of My several objections. My statements vary according to the level of the devotees. Sometimes I say that I am a devotee or a messenger to ordinary people. I say that God is in Me to the devotees who have partial faith in Me. I say that God pervades all over My body and has become one with Me, only to strong devotees who have reached the climax of their faith. Jesus also explained similarly to different levels of devotees. He claimed Himself as the messenger of God to lower devotees. To the middle level, He claimed that He is Son of God. To the topmost devotees He claimed that He and His Father are one and the same. You should not transfer one statement from one level to the other level. In My case, for your information, I used to say to everyone that I am just a devotee of God. But, My devotees forced Me with their opinions and finally I responded according to the firmness of their faith. Even there I tried My level best to test their faith through several tests. Therefore, you cannot generalize My statements to all humanity. Infact you cannot generalize even the statements of Jesus to the entire humanity because all human beings do not believe in Jesus. Only some believed and His statements relate only to that fraction of devotees. Some devotees had visions of Krishna when they saw Me. They associated me with Krishna, who was the earlier prophet (human incarnation of God). I am alive and the witness of the vision is also alive. But, you will not believe this because the present is always rejected. Jesus gave a similar vision associated with old prophets to a devotee. Both Jesus and the devotee are not here today. Since it is from the past, you believe it easily. This is human tendency. The vision given by Jesus is believed by a fraction of people called Christians and not by the rest of people, who belong to other religions. Therefore, there is no universal acceptance for any divine personality at any time. Therefore, your criticism about Me is also justified.

## **Use of funds**

I have started a Trust, which carries on three programs:

1. Printing the Divine Knowledge in the form of books
2. Distributing the cassettes containing devotional songs and
3. Feeding beggars, who are unable to earn on their own (children, old, disabled and diseased).

You have charged Me that I am asking for money for My own sake. Infact the money is only for the work of the mission. I have said that God even comes in one human generation in several human forms to cater to the needs of people present in different spiritual levels, in different regions and in different religions. I never stated that I am the only human incarnation. Every divine preacher is a human incarnation of God. God alone speaks through them. God alone does the divine work through them. I consider all the Christian Fathers and all the saints of Hinduism, Islam, and Buddhism as incarnations of God at different levels. There are many teachers; starting from the professor of a university, to the schoolmaster. Even the professor has to teach like a schoolmaster if he is teaching in a school-class.

I said that one must take a lot of time in analyzing and selecting the real spiritual preacher. Then he should involve in the service in the form of sacrificing work and the fruit of work. You have twisted this point in My case to show your personal hatred towards Me. You must know that this sacrifice is praised in the Gita. Even in the Bible, Jesus asked to sacrifice money and family for His sake. A person of some other religion will criticize Jesus as you have criticized Me now. I preached the concept of the Gita only after practice. I have sacrificed all the earnings of My lifetime only for the spiritual mission.

### **Conversion**

I am not worried if you change your religion. Every religion is a room with the same dimensions in the single building of Universal Spirituality. If you are an atheist you are out of the building. I just request you to visit every room and sit for sometime in it so that you will realize that all the rooms are of the same dimensions. You are also invited to the common central hall (Universal Spirituality), which is connected with every room through an open door. I am prepared to follow your path if you can convince Me even in the last fraction of the last second of My life and I will convey My gratefulness to you and accept you as My spiritual preacher. I am very flexible and I am prepared to change My point if it is disproved. I do not identify Myself with any point. I am really grateful to you because you have provided Me an opportunity to research the truth in the spiritual points existing in Me.

## Chapter - 12

**CLARIFICATIONS ON BIBLE INTERPRETATIONS**

[The converted Christian devotee further sent some questions by email to Swami and these are mainly based on the verses from the Bible. The answers of Swami are given below.]

**1. Who should remain a celibate?**

[The Bible (Matthew 19:12) says regarding becoming a eunuch (napumsaka) for the sake of the kingdom of heaven “He that is able to receive it, let him receive it”. Does it mean that anyone who feels capable of remaining a celibate (brahmachari) for the sake of God should become one?]

The word eunuch means the removal of male egoism. Krishna asked the saints to be born as maidens to receive salvation. Celibate means the person is always interested in the search of the God. It has nothing to do with marriage. In Sanskrit, the word Brahmachari indicates a person, who is always aware of the Lord.

**2. How can I handle Rajas and Tamas in me?**

Rajas or Krodha means emotion. Tamas means ignorance. Both these can be removed by Sattvam, which is the true knowledge given by your selected spiritual preacher.

**3. Is there a concept of Holy Spirit in Hinduism?**

[The Bible has a concept of the Holy Spirit that comes down to dwell in people who have put their full faith and trust in the Lord Jesus. Where does that fit into Hinduism?]

The Holy Spirit means pure sattvam. Sattvam indicates knowledge and all the good qualities associated with it are indicated by the word ‘Holy’. All the devotees of God are blessed with this pure Sattvam as you can find in the Gita. This pure sattvam is always associated with the Lord as said in the Gita.

**4. Why have I never got Bliss from You?**

[You say that you are the human incarnation of God. Then how come I never got even a little bit of Bliss bliss from you. Even if Bliss bliss is not the goal, I should get atleast some in order to identify you as

per your method of identifying the human incarnation—Knowledge that gives bliss and generates love.]

I never said that I am the human incarnation of God. Only when the devotees stress on this concept in spite of My serious opposition, I agree to it because if you analyze the word human incarnation, it does not mean that I am God. It means that God is present in this human body as a guest visiting your house for his work. My inert human body is the house. I am the soul and the owner of this house. God visited My house for His work. When the guest in your house speaks, you are not speaking. Therefore, when God gives this spiritual knowledge, I am not speaking. You need not fear that I have become God. You say God-in-flesh. This word indicates the concept. The word flesh indicates the inert human body and the soul in it. The word God indicates the guest that has visited the human body.

This spiritual knowledge has given bliss to some people and has not given bliss to you. This means that the defect is with the soil and not with seed. If the seed is defective, the seed should not germinate in any soil. Similarly My knowledge should not have given bliss to anybody. As soon as you hear the knowledge, the harsh truth in it may not give bliss to you. But, some devotees may get bliss on hearing the truth, even if it is harsh. Did the knowledge of Jesus give bliss to all in His time? In that case, why did the majority of people crucify Him? According to your version, all people should have got bliss. When the doctor says to a patient that an injection (containing some medicing) is to be given, the child weeps. The child does not get bliss from the medicine immediately. But in long run the child gets good health and gets bliss permanently. A grown-up person feels happy even by seeing the injection because he realizes that the medicine injected will act quickly. A child does not get immediate bliss on seeing the injection. But the same injection gives bliss to an elder person.

Your heart is pure and innocent like that of a child. Only when the knowledge is practiced, eternal bliss dawns on you. But you should not satisfy yourself there. You must give bliss to God through sacrifice. If your ultimate goal is only your own bliss, you are in no way greater than any ordinary human being who also craves for the same bliss. You have taken God as the means to achieve bliss. The other fellow has taken wine as means to achieve the same bliss. Your aim is only bliss and not God. If your aim is God, you should keep God blissful through your

suffering by sacrifice. God also will keep you blissful in turn by transferring your sins on Him. Such sacrifice of yourself for God is real love. Such real love is practically experienced in the case of your love for your family members. It is not impossible. If it were impossible, it would be impossible everywhere.

### **5. How can you suggest that people should worship You?**

[After Jesus Christ left His disciples, the disciples continued to teach that one should follow and worship Jesus Christ only. Even though they were the ones representing God and the Holy Spirit was supporting them, they did not ask people to worship them. How come You are indicating that it would be good for people to worship You now?]

I am speaking about the God-in-flesh, who comes in every human generation. I am saying that you should identify such a human incarnation and worship Him. The disciples cannot be the human incarnations and so the disciples of Jesus were correct. Whoever is the human incarnation like Jesus, Krishna etc, should be worshipped. I have given the identifying signs of the human incarnation as present in the scriptures. I have also asked you to use your logic in the identification. After all this, if you identify Me as the human incarnation, then only may you worship Me. I never say that I am the human incarnation and that you should worship Me. Krishna directly told Arjuna to worship Him as the human incarnation. I never said so. I only say that after due analysis of the scriptures, whoever is found to be the human incarnation, should be worshipped. If you are found to be the human incarnation, you should be worshipped. How can I force anybody to worship Me? I have accepted the worship of only those devotees who have firm faith in Me even after My several negative (severe) tests of their faith. That does not apply to your case. Whomever you find as the human incarnation, you worship Him. My information to you is that the human incarnation exists in every generation to avoid partiality.

### **6. Why should we worship you when the Holy Spirit is available?**

[The Bible says that the Holy Spirit will be your guide in all things until Jesus Christ comes again. And, there will be other preachers, but Christ himself Himself will not come down until the time and manner specified. You are saying you are the re-incarnation of Jesus Christ, and we should worship you. Please explain this.]



As I told you, the Holy Spirit means the divine knowledge. The recorded divine knowledge can certainly guide people to some extent. But, the direct explanation from the God cannot be given by anybody. God gives such direct explanation to every human generation. If one generation is blessed by such direct contact and other generations get only an indirect guidance by the Holy Spirit, again the partiality arises. Therefore, either there should be a continuous guidance by the Holy Spirit for every generation from the beginning of the creation, or God must come in every generation. The Gita says that God comes down whenever there is necessity. You stick to only one scripture and argue. What about the other scriptures?

### **7. What is your explanation of the Millennium prophecies in the Bible?**

Any prophecy carries an internal meaning, which is present in every human generation and it is not limited to a particular period of time.

### **8. Is there no permanent abode of God for God's servants?**

[According to your lectures, the same people of your inner circle are born again and again in this world. Does this mean that these people cannot reach the permanent abode of the Lord?]

The inner circle devotees of God have reached already the permanent abode of God. These devotees take human births whenever God comes down in human form. When the mission is over, God will go to the permanent abode along with these liberated souls. Infact, wherever God exists, that is the eternal divine abode. These devotees will never come to the routine cycle on this earth. From that angle they have no re-birth. Any soul has an equal opportunity to enter the inner circle provided the soul has a strong wish and puts efforts.

### **9. Is there rebirth for the soul or not?**

[You say it is necessary for God to incarnate again and again since Christianity and Islam do not accept re-incarnation for the soul. But later you explain your theories assuming reincarnation of the soul. So what is your actual stand; do you accept reincarnation of the soul or not? If you do, then how can you reconcile with Christianity and Islam which absolutely do not accept it?]

The liberated soul will never have re-birth in this routine cycle. But, the soul will be born as a human being to associate with and serve

God, whenever God comes down in human form. Regarding the ordinary soul also, it will not get a rebirth having the same spiritual chance. Therefore, one should try to please God in this human birth itself without postponement. Thus, there is no rebirth from this angle. But, the soul can be born as an animal or animal-like human being and thus rebirth exists. Like this the contradiction can be removed. If you pass a hard and fast rule that the soul has no rebirth at all, do you mean that the Omnipotent God is also bound by your rule? The Lord can sanction human rebirth to a soul with the equal spiritual chance also, provided He feels that the soul can uplift itself if a chance is given. Ofcourse, such a chance is very rare and one should not depend on it.

### **10. How can animal births be treated as hell?**

[In your attempt to reconcile reincarnation vs. permanent heaven/hell, You say that repeated animal births are also a permanent hell. The Bible clearly says that in hell, the souls retain the ability to feel pain and reason (thinking). Animals do not think and do not remember their past births. If you say they are being punished, they do not even know why they are being punished. They will not learn anything from the punishment and will continue with their sinful ways if they get human birth. Also animals cannot be said to be suffering because they do not even know any better life. How can this be the hell described in the Bible?]

Sinners are like animals. You can see that a thief continues with his quality in spite of intensive third degree treatment (severe beating and torture) in the police station. According to your version, he should realize his mistake because he is a human being and not an animal. How do you know that an animal does not realize its mistakes? Just because it keeps silent? You always depend on one scripture and your argument is always unidirectional. If you read life history of Shirdi Sai Baba, there is an interesting story. One day He found a snake swallowing a frog. Sai told His devotees that both the snake and frog were human beings in the previous birth and that they stabbed each other for the sake of property. Then Sai scolded the snake and frog “Are you not ashamed of your behaviour which continues from the previous birth”? The snake left the frog and went away. The animals realized on the warning from the Lord. Sometimes, you find two human beings fighting with each other. They do not separate inspite of your repeated warnings. If you simply depend only on the Bible or the Gita, there is no use of any discussions with

you. You must be a sea-frog and not a well-frog as said by Swami Vivekananda. [You must have an open mind free of conservatism]. You must examine all the scriptures impartially and only, then can you arrive at true knowledge.

I see yourself as a pure colorless colourless crystal with a pure innocent heart like a child, which imbibes the color of any substance near you. You say that logic should be avoided. This means that you must follow whatever somebody says to you without analyzing it. Now I will also say something. Just follow it without analysis. You always analyze My statements because I said that you should analyze every statement. But I mean that you should analyze every statement of every person. Someone says that you should follow his statement without analysis. You simply accept that without analysis. What I mean is that you should analyze both of us and arrive at the truth. If you are against logical analysis, why are you analyzing My statements only? You must follow My statements blindly too. Is it said anywhere that the statement of an Indian guy should be analyzed and your version of 'beyond logic' does not apply to Indian guys?

### **11. How can you claim to be the reincarnation of Jesus?**

[The Bible mentions the coming again of the Christ. It does not say anything about repeated incarnations of Jesus. It accepts only two: One that came 2000 yrs ago and the second, which will come after the tribulation. Specific events described in the Bible about the time of second coming of the Christ have not yet taken place. How can you then claim to be the re-incarnation of Jesus?]

The word Jesus means the eternal God present in that human body. The same human body will never come again. Therefore, Jesus will come in another human body. If you restrict to only two human incarnations according the direct meaning of statement, then the Bible contradicts the Gita. The Gita says that God will come in human form any number of times, whenever there is a necessity. I have to speak keeping all these scriptures in My view. You speak only keeping one scripture in your view. This is the reason for the gap between us. To solve the contradiction, I will say that Jesus will come again and this does not mean that He will come only one more time. The tribulation is present in every generation and is not limited to a particular period.

## **12. Is perfect peace the aim of Your mission?**

[The Bible indicates that the world will not know perfect peace until after the tribulation period.]

In every human generation the tribulation comes and the tribulation may be very serious in the end. Cyclones come often and Tsunamis come rarely. Both cyclones and tsunamis should be controlled. The efforts of the human incarnation may vary in their intensity. Perfect peace is the initial aim of God (Pravritti) which is the establishment of a balance in society. The higher aim is the liberation of the soul (Nivritti). Unless the first aim is achieved, the second aim cannot be thought of. Unless the class is kept silent, there is no use of teaching.

## **13. Don't you think that You match the profile of Anti-Christ?**

[I think that you are the Anti Christ since it is written in the Bible that the Anti Christ will win the hearts of people by pretending to preach world peace and unity of all religions. What do you say?]

You are saying that the anti-Christ tries for world peace. This would mean that Christ is against world peace! This simple logic crushes your statement because Jesus is the very embodiment of peace. Even in Hinduism, the followers of Ramanuja say that Shankara was the incarnation of a demon. They quote some verses from the Bhavishyat Purana, written by sage Vyasa, which show the same meaning. The question to such people is "Have you recorded the Purana from the mouth of Vyasa directly by a tape recorder? Or at least have you got a handwritten manuscript of Vyasa?" Certainly some guy introduced this statement in to the scripture later on.

## **14. Why do I need You for attaining heaven or salvation?**

[If Jesus died for my sins and the sins of the whole world, then my sins are washed when I confess and accept Him as my only savior. Why do I need You or anyone else for reaching heaven or attaining salvation?]

It is written on the first page of the Bible that Jesus came to save His people. His people mean His devotees and it does not mean that He saved every human being without any discrimination. A simple question with simple common sense is asked by Me. According to Christianity, the soul has no re-birth. All the souls before the birth of Jesus have gone either to God or hell permanently. Now Jesus suffered for all the sins of

all the souls. Does this mean that all the souls present in the permanent hell were immediately relieved from the hell and hell is vacant? Now you say that your sins are also cancelled. How has He cancelled the sins of the future generation? Suppose you say that He has cancelled all the sins of all the souls of the past, present and future, this means no soul was in hell and no soul is in hell and no soul will go to hell. What is the use of that hell which is always vacant?

People have propagated the misinterpretations due to their anxiety to attract people towards Christianity. They show this as their special point, which is not present in any other religion. They want to attract the innocent masses by such statements but they forget simple logic and end up committing this blunder. The real interpretation of this statement is that Jesus suffered for the sins of His real devotees. Such behaviour of sacrifice exists in Hinduism also. Krishna tried to give away all His wealth to Sudama and tried to transfer his poverty on to Him. But Sudama was His real deserving devotee. Incarnations of Datta like Sai also suffered for the sins of their real devotees. Only with this interpretation does this concept become universal and justified in all religions. Do not be carried away by the interpretations of human beings. Read the Bible and think about the meanings. Your pure heart will certainly receive the real meaning if you do not listen to anybody. Read the knowledge of anybody and try to assimilate it with your own brain. Do not allow other brains for understanding the scripture. God has clearly explained in the scripture and you can yourself understand by using even a little commonsense. The word of God is very clear.

### **15. Why do you try to fit God in the limited boundaries of human rationality?**

[You base your arguments on the impartiality of God. However the Bible gives indications that God favored some places and people over others. The truth is that partiality/impartiality, logic, reason, justice, equality and fairness are all concepts of the human mind. You cannot judge the works of God based on these human concepts.]

The partiality of God is justified provided it is shown on good people. But His partiality to a small country, which contains a majority of bad people is not justified. Therefore, you have to judge the partiality in the light of justice because God will never do injustice.

### **16. Why is it sinful to leave one's parents to start one's own family?**

[You say that the son will be sent to hell if he leaves his parents for the sake of a girl (woman). However Jesus does not condemn it. Since man and woman were made by God and are united into one soul, in marriage, why should it not be justified for a man to leave his parents for a woman in order to start his family?]

When a person leaves his parents, due to the attraction of a girl, I mean leaving the attachment to parents. It does not mean physical separation, which is necessary for setting up the family. Jesus said that one has to leave all his family and even has to be prepared to sacrifice one's life for the sake of God in order to become His dearest disciple. How do you explain your own Bible in this point? His path is full of thorns and truth is always harsh.

### **17. How can souls doing evil roles be following the will of God?**

[You said that we all play roles here on this earth. Some people play good roles, and some people play evil roles. But, both the roles get their remuneration after death equally. Jesus Christ said "Evil trials must come, but woe to those through whom they come". Why is there woe to the evil person who brings trials to the good then, like the disciple Judas Iscariot who betrayed Jesus? This also seems to go against the philosophy of heaven and hell.]

When the human incarnation comes down along with the inner circle of devotees, the roles are assigned for the divine drama. In such a case, there is no discrimination between good and bad roles. Ravana was none other than the gatekeeper of the Lord. But you should not extend this to the entire world and say that every bad fellow is in the divine role. Ravana went to the abode of the Lord after death. But every bad fellow will not go to the abode of the Lord. The divine drama is enacted for the sake of the world. Judas Iscariot acted in his bad role. His repentance and suicide prove that he belonged to inner circle of God.

### **18. Is awareness present in all states of sleep and wakefulness?**

[Even after deep sleep, we know that we slept well or that we did not sleep well. Does this not mean that the awareness is still present, in all states of consciousness?]

During deep sleep the awareness is totally absent, because the awareness is neither aware of it self as in the case of meditation, nor it is

aware of other things as in the states of dream or waking states. If the awareness exists, either it is aware of itself or of other things. After waking up from deep sleep, the mind feels “I slept well” or “I did not sleep well”; but these feelings are only based on the extent of freshness achieved due to the rest derived from the deep sleep. You must note that this feeling is only after the deep sleep and not during the deep sleep.

### **19. What is the correct version of the entire spiritual knowledge?**

Once you receive the true knowledge from God in human form, you will have the three correct versions:

- That you are not God and therefore the spiritual effort must be put forth.
- The path to please the God consists of prayers by words, devotion by mind, discussion of God by intelligence, sacrifice of work and sacrifice of fruit of work. The last two make the plate of meals and first three constitute the freely supplied drinking water that must also be associated with the meals.
- God is beyond logic but gives His experience through the human body (flesh).

These three versions are called as Triputi, which is the real form of the spiritual knowledge.

### **20. Can you explain the concepts of the unimaginable Parabrahman, Mula Maya and Prakriti?**

The clear version of Mula Maya can be understood only when one reads carefully all My seven lectures given after Krishnashtami, which are going to be sent shortly. In brief, Mula Maya or Mula Prakriti is the pure awareness (Pure Sattvam) and this is the first creation of God. This pure sattvam is also pure Rajas because the awareness is an activity and it is also pure Tamas because it is unaware of God. According to the Gita, pure awareness (awareness of itself) is pure sattvam, activity is pure Rajas and ignorance is pure Tamas. Therefore, the Mula Maya always consists of three qualities. God is beyond these three qualities. When you say that the soul is pure awareness, it means that the soul is again a mixture of the three qualities and thus the soul is only an item of the creation. When the three qualities are aware of other things, the same Mula Maya or Mula Prakriti is called as Maya or Prakriti. When the creation proceeds after Mula Maya, the Mula Maya becomes Maya.

### More Clarifications

[Friend from Vrindavanam] My friend, since you have not accepted Me, I address you as My friend and not as My disciple. This is the inner meaning when I told that you were My friend in Brundavanam. I will never say to you or your category that I am God or that God is in Me. I only say that I am a devotee like you. This is the reason for sending the divine message only to Dr. Nikhil and not to you directly. I say that God is in Me, to devotees who have partial faith in Me. But to My inner circle of devotees I say that I am God. The statements differ from one devotee to another. Jesus also described Himself in different ways “I am a messenger from God”, “I am the son of the God” and “(I am the God since) I and My Father are one and the same”. These different statements relate to different levels of devotees. One level cannot absorb the statement of the other level. For example you take the case of Ajay Bhaiya. He always sings the devotional songs (bhajans) composed by Me. He has full devotion in Me while singing the bhajans. He always participates in Satsanga and receives knowledge through his intelligence. He always works for the mission. He has sacrificed all his ancestral wealth to the mission during the past ten years and the value of that wealth comes to about one crore (10 million) of rupees. He has children and lives only on his salary. He has several debts with banks. I tried several times to pay his debts but he did not accept. I tested him in several ways but his faith did not shake. Infact he defeated Me. He saw the vision of Vishwarupam (Cosmic form) in Me. God in Me gave that vision to him and I have nothing to do with it. When I said that God in Me gave the vision, he never agrees and says that I am the God whom he saw. Therefore, I declare only to him that I am God. This declaration is personal and is limited to his case only. Krishna never said that He is God to any one else in His lifetime. Only when He was teaching the Gita to Arjuna did He declare that He is God and gave the vision of the Cosmic form. Therefore, do not touch the statements of other levels. I will speak to you in your level and you can treat Me as a mere human being and as your good friend.

Shri Ramakrishna Paramahansa became a Christian for one month and then became a Muslim for another month. He experienced God by practically following each religion for sometime. Then He found the essence to be the same in all the religions. Experience comes only through practice and not through theoretical discussions. He



experienced the single substance in different forms. Sugar [molded] in different forms such as parrots, swans, and chickens gives the same sweet taste since sugar is the common material. I appreciate your real quest in this direction. I wish that you should become a Muslim, a Buddhist etc., also in the future. I will be in bliss on the day when you say that you have tasted the same sweet sugar in all the religions. I support your actions because you can get real experience through practice alone.

I find Shri Ramakrishna Paramahansa in you. I shall be fortunate to become his disciple like Swami Vivekananda and preach the unified experience of My Guru to the entire world. Age need not be a bar. Jesus was in His thirties where as His disciples were old people. Datta was a sixteen-year-old boy where as His disciples were very old saints. Knowledge coming out of experience is far more valuable than the knowledge from books and debates.

### **About Redemption of Sins**

If you say that My sins were already suffered by Jesus, then a question arises. I was born in 1947. In 1947 My gross body was created. According to the theory of Christianity, this is My single human birth. Before 1947 I was not in any other gross body on this earth. Therefore, before My birth in 1947, I neither did good deeds nor bad deeds because for doing any deed, a gross body is required. Since My soul did not have any fruit of good deeds, it could not have been with God. Since My soul did not have any fruit of bad deeds, it could not have been in hell. So before My birth, My soul was not on earth, not with God and not in hell. Can you tell Me the address of My soul before 1947? Therefore, you must agree that My soul was not created before 1947. This means that My soul and My gross body were simultaneously created by God in 1947. In such a case, neither My soul nor My gross body existed before 1947. Jesus was crucified about 2000 years ago. At the time of the crucifixion of Jesus neither My soul nor My gross body existed. When the soul and gross body do not exist, there is no existence of any action of the soul through the gross body. When there is no action there is no result of the action, which may be good fruit or sin. Thus, when there is no soul, no gross body, no action and no sin, how come Jesus suffered for My sins before 1947?

Therefore, the interpretation of some conservative Christians that God suffered for your sins already is not correct. In the first page of Holy Bible itself, it is said that Jesus came to save His people. The words “His people” mean deserving devotees present in His time. If this interpretation, which is directly present in the text itself, is accepted, it synchronizes with the exactly similar concept of the scriptures of other religions. For example in Hinduism, Lord Datta came in several human incarnations like Sai Baba who suffered for the sins of His devotees present in His time. I put a simple question to you. Is it better to accept the interpretation of the Bible as given by some conservative human beings or is it better to accept the interpretation of the Bible in synchrony with other divine scriptures? Do you not feel that other divine scriptures are far better than these human beings?

### **Buddha and God**

[You asked that if Buddha took several re-incarnations, why did He not say anything about His re-incarnations?]

The word Buddha may stand either for the external human body (flesh) or for the inner God. If you say that Buddha stands for the external human body, it has disintegrated already. That human body never spoke of God and so could not speak about incarnation or re-incarnation. During the period of the existence of that human body, God in that flesh kept silent about Himself because He was stressing on the path and not on the goal. When God came as another incarnation, another human body was created and the same God existed in that. Now if you say that Buddha re-incarnated, then in that case, the word “Buddha” naturally stands for God and not for that human body. Now in the new human body like Sai Baba, God or Buddha said that He will re-incarnate. Moreover, you find Buddha in the 10 incarnations (Dashavataras) of God. It means that the same God re-incarnated in 10 forms. According to this, the next incarnation of Buddha is indeed Kalki. So, Kalki will say that He was Buddha. Suppose, you accept that God has come in human form, in every generation, did you identify those human forms? Are you sure that you have approached every re-incarnation of Buddha and are you sure that every re-incarnation did not speak that He was Buddha? Did you approach the human form of God in this present human generation? Did He also not say that He was

Buddha? If you show Me the present human incarnation, I will also approach Him personally and get the answer for your question.

### **Human Incarnation is Rare**

Jesus said that beggars will always be present and that He would not always be present. If this means that Jesus will not come again as a human incarnation for the next generation, the next generation has lost that divine chance and so Jesus becomes partial and not just. Such a divine chance was also not given to the contemporary generations present in the other countries, which had no communication with Jerusalem. The same old chain of questions will bind this topic as usual. Therefore, the interpretation of this statement should be taken in the following manner: You should limit this statement of Jesus to that generation only. Jesus lived only for 32 years. He uttered this statement when He was 30 years old. This means that soon after saying this statement, He was going to leave this world and that that particular human generation would still be alive after Him. After His exit, they would have enough time to serve the beggars. However the golden chance to serve Jesus, would be with them only for one or two years. Therefore, it means that the golden chance was going to end very shortly. Such interpretation will not leave space to the entry of all the above questions. I am telling you that Jesus alone knows the correct interpretation of His own statement and He has given it through Me. You may believe this or not. I have said what I have to say.

## Chapter - 13

**REMOVAL OF CONTRADICTIONS FOR PEACE**

[Further clarifications sought by the converted Christian devotee on the messages of Swami.]

**Christian devotee:** You always mention your name as ‘Datta Swami’ to everyone including beginners in your lectures. In the lectures that you have sent out to all, you claim to be Datta.

**Swami:** I never said that I am the human incarnation of God. Only when the devotees stress on this concept even after My serious opposition I agree to it because if you analyze the word human incarnation, it does not mean that I am God. It means that the God is present in this human body as a guest visiting your house for his work.

**Christian devotee:** You mentioned in an earlier lecture that one of the signs of a true spiritual preacher should be bliss.

**Swami:** This spiritual knowledge has given bliss to some people and has not given bliss to you. This means that the defect is with the soil and not with seed. If the seed is defective, the seed should not germinate in any soil. Similarly My knowledge should not have given bliss to anybody. As soon as you hear the knowledge, the harsh truth in it may not give bliss to you. But some devotees may get bliss on hearing the truth even if it is harsh. Did the knowledge of Jesus give bliss to all in His time? In that case why was He crucified by majority of the people?

**Christian devotee:** No, it gave bliss only to those seeking after the truth [considering the followers of Jesus]. To those who were unwilling to let go of the world for God, it did not give bliss.

**Swami:** When the knowledge is practiced, then only does the eternal bliss dawn on you. But you should not satisfy yourself there. You must give bliss to the God through sacrifice. If your

ultimate goal is only [your] bliss, you are in no way greater than any ordinary human being who also craves for the same bliss. You have taken God as the means to achieve the bliss.

**Christian devotee:** Jesus Christ did not come down to any of the earlier generations. He said that the next time He comes down in physical form will be to judge all the people. The Bible does not agree with this [repeated coming of Jesus].

**Swami:** I am speaking about the God-in-flesh, who comes in every human generation.

**Christian devotee:** What are those signs and how have you given them? In the case of Jesus Christ, almost every prophet from Abraham till the last one, Zechariah, prophesied His coming.

**Swami:** I have given the signs of the human incarnation as present in scriptures. [Refer Vol. 5 Chapter 8]

**Christian devotee:** Then, why do you not give your birth-name to beginners in that case? You should let only the advanced disciples call you Shri Datta Swami.

**Swami:** I have also asked you to use your logic in this identification. After all this [analysis], if you identify Me as the human incarnation, then only do you have to worship Me. I never say that I am the human incarnation and that you should worship Me.

**Christian devotee:** That is false according to the Bible. The Lord Jesus Christ Himself said, Matthew 11:21: “Woe unto thee, Chorazin! Woe unto thee, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works, which were done in you, had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sack cloth and ashes.”

**Swami:** I have accepted the worship of those devotees only who have firm faith in Me even after My several negative tests. That does not apply to your case. [You] worship Him, whomever you find as the human incarnation. My information to you is that the human incarnation exists in every generation to avoid partiality.

**Christian devotee:** Holy Jesus refers to the Holy Spirit as the Comforter that would not come upon the disciples until He had gone up to heaven. If the Holy Spirit is just the divine knowledge, then why could not the disciples receive it while Lord Jesus Christ was with them in the flesh?

**Swami:** As I told you the Holy Spirit means the divine knowledge. The authority to clarify the doubts in the spiritual knowledge will dawn on disciples when incarnation leaves the earth i.e., gone up to heaven.

**Christian devotee:** Lord Jesus Christ said: John 14:26 “But the Comforter, [which is] the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.” So, the Holy Spirit is sufficient to “teach us all things”.

**Swami:** The recorded divine knowledge can certainly guide people to some extent. But the direct explanation from the God cannot be given by anybody. Such a direct explanation is given to every human generation by God directly. If one generation is blessed by such a direct contact and other generations only get the indirect guidance by the Holy Spirit, again partiality arises.

**Christian devotee:** You yourself said that Lord Jesus Christ was the strongest incarnation of God. You also claimed that you could correlate all the scriptures. If what you said is true, then you should have no problem discussing with Me, no matter what scripture I am using.

**Swami:** Therefore, either there should be continuous guidance by the Holy Spirit [through scripture, which is recorded knowledge] for every generation from the beginning of the creation or God must be coming [down] in every generation. The Gita says that God comes down whenever there is necessity. You stick to one scripture only and argue. What about the other scriptures?

**Christian devotee:** So, these souls [associated with incarnation] have to enter the hazardous, dangerous world again and again? What if they fall away from You in one of these births?

**Swami:** The inner circle devotees of God have reached already the permanent abode of God. These devotees take human births whenever God comes down in human form. When the mission is over, God will go to the permanent abode along with these liberated souls. Infact wherever God exists, that is the eternal divine abode. These devotees will never come to the routine cycle on this earth. From that angle they have no re-birth. Any soul is having the equal opportunity to enter the inner circle provided the soul has strong wish and puts efforts.

The liberated soul will never have re-birth in this routine cycle. But it will be born as a human being to associate and serve the God, whenever God comes down in human form. Regarding the ordinary soul also, it will not get re-birth having the same spiritual chance. Therefore, one should try to please God in this human birth itself without postponement. Thus, there is no re-birth from this angle. But the soul can be born as an animal or animal-like human being and thus re-birth exists. Like this the contradiction can be removed.

**Christian devotee:** Our heavenly Father can do whatever He wishes. What proof do you have that He will do what you say? According to the Bible, there is no re-birth, even one of animals or ‘animal-like persons’. On the contrary, the pictures they give of hell are that of eternal physically burning fire.

**Swami:** If you pass a hard and fast rule that the soul has no re-birth at all, do you mean that omnipotent God is also bound by your rule? The Lord can sanction human re-birth to a soul with the equal spiritual chance also, provided He feels that the soul can uplift itself if a chance is given. Ofcourse, such a chance is very rare and one should not depend on it.

**Christian devotee:** You said that the animals do not have the rational, reasoning faculty as human beings do. And, where is it indicated that animals can remember their past human births? According to the Bible, there is no animal re-birth. You are born, then you die and then later on, everybody is brought before God to be judged and cast into permanent hell or heaven or outer darkness.

**Swami:** Sinners are like animals. You can see a thief continues with his quality in spite of intensive third degree treatment in the police station. According to your version, he should realize his mistake because he is a human being and not the animal. How do you know that the animal is also not realizing, since it keeps silent?

**Christian devotee:** Once again, you said Jesus Christ was the strongest incarnation and that you can correlate all the scriptures.

**Swami:** You are depending always on one scripture and your argument is always unidirectional.

**Christian devotee:** Is this example [teaching of Sai to frog] documented, if so, where?

**Swami:** If you read life history of Shiridi Sai Baba, one day He found a snake swallowing a frog. Sai told His devotees that both the snake and frog were human beings in the previous birth and that they stabbed each other for the sake of property. Then Sai told the snake and frog “Are you not ashamed of your behaviour which continues from the previous birth?”

**Christian devotee:** Since, I know from historical and logical evidence, that Lord Jesus Christ did come, I will stand firm on his knowledge.

**Swami:** If you simply depend on the Bible or Gita only, there is no use of any discussion with you. You must be a sea-frog and not well-frog as said by Swami Vivekananda. You must examine all the scriptures impartially and then only you can arrive at the true knowledge.

**Christian devotee:** I did not say that. I said: God cannot be bound within our human logic. If something makes sense to us and even seems obvious, that does not mean that God would do that thing. If that were the case, then human beings, with some joint teamwork, would be able to predict what God would do in the future.

**Swami:** If you are against logical analysis, why are you analysing My statements only? You must also follow My statements blindly. Is it said that the statement of any Indian



guy should be analysed and your version of 'beyond the logic' does not apply to Indian guys?

**Christian devotee:** I speak only of the Bible because I know that the Biblical scripture is true.

**Swami:** I have to speak keeping all these scriptures in My view. You speak only keeping one scripture in your view.

**Christian devotee:** How do you explain stuff mentioned that will happen before and after the coming of Lord Jesus Christ physically? Like the Sun turning black and the Moon turning red; or the heavenly bodies falling out of their orbits; or of all the heavens thrown in chaos?

**Swami:** The tribulation is present in every generation and is not limited to a particular period.

**Christian devotee:** Storms are only one of the signs indicated. What of all the other un-mistakable signs?

**Swami:** In every human generation, the tribulation comes and the tribulation may be very serious in the end. Cyclones come often and tsunami comes rarely.

**Christian devotee:** I said, that the anti-Christ claims that he is working for world peace. He just claims it, not that he actually wants it. What the anti-Christ also will do is try to turn people away from God's ways.

**Swami:** You are saying that the anti-Christ tries for world peace. This means that Christ is against world peace!

**Christian devotee:** Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. (Matthew 7:15).

**Swami:** It is written on the first page of Bible that Jesus came to save His people.

**Christian devotee:** He came to provide a way for salvation because everyone was dead in their sins. He provided a way of salvation through repenting for sins, believing in Him, receiving the Holy Spirit, and doing His will.

**Swami:** All the souls before the birth of Jesus have gone either to God or hell permanently. Now Jesus suffered for all the sins of all the souls. Does this mean that all the souls present in the permanent hell were immediately relieved from the hell and hell is vacant?

**Swami:** When a person leaves his parents, due to the attraction of a girl, I mean leaving the attachment to parents. It does not mean physical separation, which is necessary for setting up the family. Jesus told that one has to leave all his family and even one has to be prepared to sacrifice the life for the sake of God in order to become His dearest disciple. How do you explain your own Bible in this point? His path is full of thorns and truth is always harsh.

**Christian devotee:** He says that it is acceptable to leave one's parents for wife. But, if one wants to be His disciple, one should be willing to leave all for Him.

**Swami:** Ravana went to the abode of the Lord after the death. But every bad fellow will not go to the abode of Lord. The divine drama is enacted for the sake of the world. Judas Iscariot acted in his bad role [informed the identification of Jesus to soldiers]. His repentance and suicide prove that he belongs to inner circle only.

[The above exchanges were in brief. So, latter on Swami gave more detailed clarifications in His following message.]

### **Positive attitude**

Your comments are positive and provide Me with an opportunity to clarify My statements more and more. My statements might have not been clear in some angles. Your comments allow Me to clear My statements in those angles. Sometimes My statements might not have been very clear even though I have explained to My best ability. Now your comments have prompted Me to become clearer with better examples. Thus, your comments appear to Me as opportunities for My statements to shine more and more. Your comments are not opposing or suppressing My statements. Your positive attitude encourages Me to participate in the discussions with you with a lot of happiness.

Please keep up this logical analysis and you will find the truth one day or the other. I am happy if your discussion is alive with sharp analysis. I become sad only if you leave logical analysis saying that the subject of God is beyond logic and say that you concluded based on simple faith alone. Let us research and re-research our concepts so that we will find the truth finally and either one of us gets benefited if the other is true or both of us will be benefited if both of us are not true and the new truth is found out in our discussions at the end.

### **Avoiding instant responses**

I advise you to not respond to My responses at once. Take a week or ten days time before you reply. As soon as one sees the reply from the other, it looks as if his points are opposed to one's own points. Such impression is caused by Rajas that predominates immediately. Even if there is no defect in the counter reply, this Rajas creates an impression of fault in the counter argument and will provoke you to contradict the other person. But if you allow your mind to be calm for a few days, Sattvam predominates and it will show the defect in the counter argument if the defect really exists. Then contradicting that real defect will be a real quest to search the truth. I am not an exception to this and I am giving this suggestion based on My practical experience.

In olden days, when a philosophical debate took place, there was no possibility of such a gap and so the debates ended with the domination of Rajas in both the debaters. When Rajas dominates, the comments only become negative and the main aim of the debate in such a case cannot be the search of the truth with mutual co-operation and friendship. The aim of such a debate will be only the success of oneself and the defeat of other debater. Such debate will never end or even if it ends, it ends only with mutual abuse. The present internet system removes such negative aspects. One can have a sufficient gap to read the argument of the other with all patience and take the opportunity to think about it with a cool mind before answering it. Let us take the full benefit of this computer system given to us as the blessing of God for this purpose.

### **No contradictions with you**

Please be sure that I am not contradicting you because you are based on the misinterpretation of Bible given by your friend. I am also not contradicting your friend because he was given that narrow

interpretation by his elders and the original creator of such misinterpretations is not alive. Therefore, no living person need be angry with Me. Please note that the most important point is that I neither oppose Jesus nor do I oppose the Holy Bible. I am an equally strong devotee of Jesus like you. You can stick to the Bible alone in your entire spiritual effort. But that interpretation of the Bible on which you are standing, is not correct because it opposes other religious scriptures. By this I am not saying that the Holy Bible is not correct. I am only saying that the interpretation on which you are standing is not correct because it opposes other religious scriptures. You may say that you are not bothered about other religious scriptures. But such carelessness contradicts your own foundation. You say that your God created the entire universe and all human beings. When He gave the Bible to a small area, He did not give it to other countries, which were not connected. Then His partiality is not justified because that little country did not only have all good people. If it had only good people, Jesus would not have been crucified there. We can allow partiality provided it is justified (it upholds justice). Therefore, to make God just, the same God, in the form of other human incarnations, should have preached the same content in all other countries like Krishna preaching the Gita. Then the same God cannot reveal different scriptures with contradictions.

Unless you agree to this, your basic concept that your single God alone created this entire world and that all human beings are own His children, crashes. Therefore, if you are firm that your God is the Creator of this entire universe, there is no other way for you than to accept that your God preached the Gita also in the form of Krishna. Then it becomes the fundamental duty of every believer of your God to remove the contradictions between different religious scriptures. By removing such contradictions between scriptures, the greatness of any scripture only increases and is not decreased.

### **Means of Achieving World Peace**

If you do not allow such removal of contradictions, nor allow others to do so, you are supporting the contradictions between scriptures. This leads to fights between religions and finally spoils world peace. This will prove clearly who is against world peace practically. What is the use of quarrelling and abusing each other as the culprit in spoiling world peace without analysing facts? Tell Me whether I am the

wolf in the skin of a goat or whether the dead misinterpreter is the wolf in the skin of a goat? Jesus clearly warned about such people who plead for world peace on one hand and encourage fights between the religions by keeping the scriptural contradictions alive. These contradictions are the ever-burning fire that turns world peace into ash. When the versions of the Bible and the Gita oppose in a point, in the first stage the Christian says that his Bible must be correct. This indirectly means that the Gita is wrong. A Hindu also follows the same strategy. In the next stage, the Christian will come out opposing the Gita and Hindu comes out opposing the Bible. If the contradiction is removed between the scriptures, what is the loss?

If your interpretation is opposed, your scripture is not opposed. My interpretation has an equal stand to fight with your interpretation. Both of us follow the same scripture and do not oppose the scripture. Till the judge analyses and declares, the interpretations of both the advocates have equal standing in the court. Both are giving their interpretations of the same statement of the constitution. Both advocates say that they are not opposing the constitution. The judge should examine both interpretations, analyse logically and then declare which interpretation is correct. Until that declaration, no advocate can say that the other advocate is wrong and that he is opposing the constitution. Therefore, you cannot say that your interpretation of Bible alone is correct and Mine is wrong until it is proved by the logical analysis of our interpretations by the elite audience.

I once again salute to you with My folded hands and request you that the word “you” does not mean yourself or any of your guides in Christianity. It only means the old buried original creator of this misinterpretation. Even that buried soul who gave this misinterpretation need not feel that I have criticized him because he need not identify himself with his point. He is not wrong if his point is wrong. If the typed matter in the computer is wrong, it does not mean that the computer is wrong. If My point is corrected, I am not corrected because I am not the point. I am only the possessor of the point. If My watch is repaired, I am not repaired.

### **Identifying tests**

You have asked for the details of the tests conducted by My devotees on Me before they came to the conclusion that I am the human incarnation of God. Such details should be given directly to you by My

devotees and not by Me. I can only give the details of My tests conducted on them. I am requesting all My devotees through this letter to send the details of their logical analysis and tests conducted on Me before arriving at this conclusion. Infact I was asking all My devotees frequently in the past that they should write some articles, booklets or even books on this topic. This topic is very important since it guides others in recognizing the human incarnations at present and also in future generations. Thus, I appreciate you for raising this point again, which is important in the practical spirituality of any devotee.

Even if My devotees conclude that I am not the human incarnation by logical analysis it is good because it helps in eliminating the false human incarnations. Infact, all My devotees know very well that I never told them that I am the human incarnation. My devotees themselves have given this name “Datta Swami” and I did not have any hand in it. My devotees were constantly brainwashing Me that I am Datta. I have been captured by them and have become a victim of such brainwashing. I have started feeling that I am Datta. Even then, I kept saying that all this knowledge is being given only by Datta and not by My self. I also kept saying constantly that the miracles that were expressed through Me are done only by Datta and not by My self. Seeing the firm faith of My devotees, I was calling Myself as Datta, to make them happy. All My devotees know very well how much they are pained whenever I say that I am not Datta. Instead of hurting My devotees, I allowed this concept in order to please them.

I also thought about this concept in another way: God is omnipresent. Therefore, God is in Me too. When God expressed Himself in an iron pillar to satisfy the faith of Prahlada, why could He not express in Me to satisfy the faith these good devotees? Am I not more valuable than the inert iron pillar? After God expressed Himself in the iron pillar, the iron pillar did not become great. Similarly, I am not great even if God expresses Himself in Me. The flesh is not great if God is in a particular form of flesh (God-in-flesh). The mother who created that flesh is also not great as said by Jesus that His disciples who follow God are greater than the milk of His mother.

I will be very grateful to you sir, if you can remove the illusion of My devotees so that I can get salvation from their continuous brainwashing, which makes Me say that I am Datta. After receiving the details from My devotees, who are also your best friends, please

convince them so that I can remain in the ground state [using an analogy of the electronic structure of an atom from physics; normal, uninflated or undeified state] as a devotee in My remaining part of life. Excitation of any one to a higher state leads to instability as in the case of an excited atom. Jesus said that one should lower himself as far as possible.

### **Other incarnations**

The most important point is that even if I exit from the field of human incarnations along with My small number of devotees, your problem is not at all solved, because according to your interpretation of the Bible, there are only two human incarnations. One is Jesus and another is the re-incarnation of Jesus at the end. But Lord Krishna existed before Jesus and Buddha and Mohammad existed after Jesus. The followers of these three are in millions. How can you deny these three most powerful human incarnations and how can you oppose millions of their devotees? Therefore, your problem remains the same. My presence or exit in the field is really negligible. If you accept more number of human incarnations, let there be more number of human incarnations in the past, in the present and in the future. You have to throw away all the other human incarnations except Jesus. Is this possible for you? Certainly the devotees of other religions in millions and other human incarnations in thousands will stand against you. You want all the other religions to disappear and you want all the human beings on this earth to be Christians and accept only Jesus as God?

This is the ambition of every religion. These ambitions will clash with each other and peace is crushed to pieces. No religion can achieve this ambition at any time in the future. The devotees of other religions will certainly oppose Jesus, the Bible and Christianity. This happens to every religion. I can achieve this ambition of each religion to a very large extent. One day or the other the entire world will have a Universal Religion with Universal Spirituality. One day or other the intelligence of every human being will awaken and will find the truth. On that day every human being will not oppose any religion. Every human being will say that Jesus is also God; Krishna is also God etc. This will also be your success to a large extent. Nobody will oppose your religion. Every human being will respect and worship Jesus. I cannot fulfil your wish completely. You want every one should worship only Jesus. Through My path you can get 99% success. You cannot get even 1% success by your path.

### **About distributing My Knowledge to everyone**

Christianity is distributing the books of the Holy Bible to all the people in the world. Suppose a book has gone in to the hands of a Muslim. He believes even Mohammad to be only a human being. According to his level of realisation, a human being can get the knowledge from God and at the maximum he can become God's messenger. A Muslim will not accept any human being as the Son of God or God Himself. He reads the Bible and finds the two statements of Jesus that He is the Son of God and God Himself. He also finds the statement of Jesus that He is the messenger of God. All the three statements are in the same book. A messenger cannot be the son and the son cannot be the father. These statements contradict each other. Now the Muslim comes to you and asks you "These three statements contradict each other. I will not accept the human being to be the Son of God or God Himself. Why have you written other two statements for mMe?" Then what would be your answer? You would have to say "Friend, we have sent the books to all. A Christian believes in Jesus as the Son of God. Another highly advanced Christian believes that Jesus is God (Father) Himself. These two statements are meant for those two Christian devotees. The Bible contains all the statements, which suit each of the levels of devotees. Therefore, accept whatever suits you and leave the other statements".

Similarly when My lectures are sent to several devotees, who are at various levels, the same story repeats. I am Datta for My strong devotees. Datta is in Me for My ordinary devotees. For general human beings who are believers of God, I will say that Datta preached the divine knowledge to Me and I am His messenger. For the rest of the public who cannot even tolerate the last statement, I am just a devotee of Datta and I am just giving some scriptural knowledge since I am a scholar in Sanskrit and philosophy. Therefore the objection raised to My lectures will equally apply to the Holy Bible also.

Krishna is teaching the Gita to Arjuna. Arjuna belongs to the level of action (Karma). In that level one should do his duty. Therefore, Krishna asked Arjuna to do his duty, which is to fight. But while preaching the Gita to Arjuna, the Lord describes Jnana (Knowledge) and Bhakti (Devotion) also. In these higher levels, even if duty is neglected one will not get sin. But these two levels do not apply to Arjuna. Since these two levels are mentioned in the Gita as topics in the subject,



Arjuna should not mistake that he is in the higher levels. He has to take only the statements related to Karma Yoga.

### **About bliss from knowledge**

Several emails are received from all over the world in which people are praising My divine knowledge and say that they are getting a lot of bliss. Often I even receive telephones in which people express their bliss and excitement in words. I am truly telling you that you are only the person who states that My knowledge has not given bliss to you. Either all should be wrong and you alone should be correct or all should be correct and you alone should be wrong. But as far as I understand you, you are not at all a wrong person. I feel that you are pure and innocent like a child and therefore you have not received the initial bliss like a small boy does not receive initial bliss by seeing the injection in the hands of the doctor. You say that you have received bliss by coming in contact with Jesus, since Jesus is the Maker. But again I ask you why majority of the people did not receive bliss from His knowledge and crucified Him? After all He was their Maker too! You said that such people are attached to the world (and not to God). But Jesus said that they are innocent people and do not know what they are doing. Therefore, not only worldly people, but also innocent people cannot get the bliss from His knowledge.

I therefore, have sympathy for such innocent people, instead of condemning them as bad people attracted by the world. Not only minus, but even zero is different from plus. In this point, your comment exactly coincides with the concept of My statement and therefore there is no need of any analysis in this place. The only addition is that even innocent people cannot grasp the divine knowledge. But compared to grown up worldly people, such innocent people will be turned to God very quickly. Since their hearts are pure, I have full hope about the innocent people but I have no such hope for grown up worldly people.

Hindus get bliss from Krishna and say that He is the Maker. They do not get the same bliss from Jesus. Christians do not get the same bliss from Krishna. Now are there one or two Makers of this world? If there is only one Maker, then Jesus and Krishna should be the same and one should get the same bliss from both of them. This is the burning point of the present divine knowledge. The attachment to the world cannot hinder the attachment to God. The attachment to God is very powerful

and the bonds with the world drop away subsequently by themselves. If one tastes divine nectar, the liking for other drinks drops away spontaneously. Ofcourse, in the initial attempts to obtain divine nectar, one has to keep away the desire for other drinks to some extent so that the other drinks will not hinder the attempts to achieve the divine nectar. But once it is tasted, there is no need of any effort to dislike other drinks. Detachment to the world is a consequence of the devotion to the Lord.

### **Avoiding impulsive decisions**

One emotional innocent person went to a shop and purchased an ornament due to a lot of attraction towards it. He went to another shop and found another ornament and wanted to purchase it by throwing the first ornament in the first shop. Again he goes to the third shop and sees another ornament there. He wants to purchase it by throwing the second ornament in the second shop. It would be better if he did not purchase any ornament from any shop. He should visit all the three shops and see all the three ornaments. Then he should purchase the ornament best liked by him from only one of those three shops. All the three ornaments are made of the same gold and differ only in form and shape. The same person saw a girl and married her immediately. He presented a golden chain to her, which is the symbol of his practical sacrifice and a symbol of true love. He suddenly saw another girl and wanted to marry her by leaving the first girl. What is the guarantee that he will not leave the second girl also when he sees the third girl? It will be better if he sees all the girls one by one, analyses all their merits and demerits and finally marries only one selected girl. Jesus preached concepts by such parables.

### **Prophecies about Human Incarnations**

I have explained the signs of a human incarnation as described in the Vedas [Please refer Chapter#8 Vol. 5]. The divine special knowledge that gives bliss permanently in long run, by establishing the eternal truth is the main sign. Just like the earlier prophets indicated the birth of Jesus, several sages had predicted the birth of Lord Krishna. Even a voice from sky was heard and it prophesied His birth. A great sage called Shri Venkavadhuta also predicted the birth of Shri Satya Sai Baba to His grandfather. Such predictions are seen in the case of several human incarnations and you cannot monopolise them to Jesus alone and

say that Jesus alone was the human incarnation based on these signs and prophecies.

### **What is in the name?**

The name cannot be a proof of the divinity or absence of divinity. For My devotees, even My birth name gives them a feeling that I am Lord Krishna. The other name “Datta Swami” also gives them a feeling that I am Lord Datta. Therefore, for My devotees any name gives the same divine feeling. For a non-believer or an ordinary person, none of these two names will give a divine feeling. Suppose a person has changed his name during the ceremony of Sanyasa or conversion of religion, do you think the second name is used in its real meaning? If somebody takes up a new name as “Parabrahmananda” after taking saffron clothes [formal renunciation], does he really become the Parabrahman, which means Absolute God? Similarly if somebody changes his name to “Krishna” while converting from Christianity to Hinduism, does he become Lord Krishna due to his new name? Therefore for non-believers, I am neither Lord Krishna by My birth-name nor Lord Datta by My second name. Actually devotees called Me by the second name and I am responding by that name also and I did not mean anything by it. I cannot become God by name or dress etc.

The scriptures quoted by you (Mat 11:21; Mat 13 etc.,) mean that disciples or false human incarnations cannot imitate the real human incarnation. In the time of Lord Krishna, a false incarnation called Poundraka Vasudeva claimed that he was the true incarnation. Parashurama and Shri Rama were both human incarnations of the same Lord and existed simultaneously. Similarly Sai Baba and Akkalkot Maharaj, both were incarnations of Datta existing simultaneously. The scripture quoted by you applies to Poundraka Vasudeva, who was a false human incarnation. This scripture is applicable in every human generation. It is an eternal divine statement beyond the concept of time.

### **Holy Spirit**

Holy Spirit means Pure Awareness or Sattvam (*Sattvaat Samjayate Jnanam—Gita*). The word spirit stands for the soul, which is made of pure awareness. The Gita says that this pure awareness generates divine knowledge. As long as Jesus remained in this world, He Himself can be the effective preacher of the divine knowledge. As long as He was present here, no disciple could effectively preach divine knowledge.

When Jesus left this world, then only could the disciples effectively preach the divine knowledge to propagate it. This is the inner meaning of that scripture. The divine knowledge was given to the world through Jesus and such divine knowledge existed in His conversations with two or three spiritual devotees (Satsanga). For discussions, neither large numbers nor a single person is convenient. A qualitative seminar contains only a few selected gems.

### **Which scripture to use?**

I said that Jesus is the most powerful incarnation. I also said that Krishna is also the most powerful incarnation. I have no objection to discuss with you whether you are using a single scripture like the Bible or several scriptures of other religions also. The same God has given all the scriptures and there cannot be any contradiction between these scriptures. I have no objection if you are using a single scripture but you must use the correct interpretation of that single scripture so that it will not contradict other scriptures in order to maintain the above fact. You should concentrate on the use of the correct interpretation of any scripture and not on which scripture you use. The recognition of correct interpretation lies only on one point, i.e., the correct interpretation does not contradict any other scripture because the author of all scriptures is the same God.

### **Tribulation**

Tribulation comes in every human generation. Tribulation should be understood in its inner sense. The sun becomes black. The sun means the intelligence or the discrimination power. Black stands for evil direction. The moon becomes red. Moon stands for mind (*Chandrama Manasah*—Veda). The red colour indicates emotion and anger. The divine bodies escape their orbits. The divine bodies mean the feelings of good people. Orbits mean the paths of justice. Thus one should understand the inner meaning. It is a scholastic language. Jesus was a great scholar. The same tribulation is mentioned in the Gita “Whenever the tribulation appears in any human generation and at any place, I shall come down in human form to set it right” (*Yadahi Yadahi*—Gita). In the Gita, “Dharma Glanih” means tribulation. This tribulation may take place in the physical sense at the end. The re-incarnation of the Jesus to judge and punish is nothing but the “Kalki” incarnation mentioned in Hinduism. It is a very powerful incarnation. But in the meanwhile the

Lord will come again and again to change the people through the divine knowledge. After many efforts, the final step is taken. When you say that Jesus will come again, it means that He will come again and again to preach and change. This interpretation synchronises with the Gita also.

### **Liberated souls**

[Regarding liberated souls having to be re-born with God's incarnation repeatedly in this 'dangerous world']

This world is not dangerous. Only the worldly bonds are dangerous. Whenever the Lord comes down in human form, the devotees of His inner circle follow Him because they cannot live without Him. But when they come down to this earth, the worldly bonds do not attract them. Therefore, they always lead liberated lives.

### **Truth**

The Truth can never be contradicted. When all the contradictions are removed, the absolute truth is found out. The single God as the single Creator of the universe and the single Father cannot be partial in an unjust way. He came down in several human forms to satisfy the devotees present in various religions and regions during various human generations. Therefore, this truth removes all the contradictions between all the scriptures.

### **God is above rules**

I said that God is not bound by any rule. You say that God is not bound by My above statement. You say that your God does whatever He wishes. Shall I say that your God is also not bound by your above statement?

### **Quotation and interpretation**

[Regarding the physical description of hell.]

When you quote from the Bible, the quotation is correct. But its interpretation is narrow. I am giving a broad interpretation of the same quotation. The physical pictures are meant only for children. But they always have an inner sense. The fire indicates pain and punishment. There are people who behave like animals and this is practical experience. There is no need of any scripture in this point. The two brothers born as a frog and snake respectively are mentioned in the life story of Shri Sai Baba, written by His own disciple who has witnessed

the incident. You can find this recorded in any book written on Shri Sai Baba.

### **Contradiction about rebirth**

Hinduism preaches rebirth. Christianity says that there is no rebirth. One has to solve this contradiction. I am giving a solution. You are welcome to give a better solution, if any. You neither give a better solution nor accept My solution. You want the contradiction to be alive like a burning fire and you want to make this world into a hell with these religious fights. You do not care about other religions. You are rigid about your own misinterpretation of your scripture. You say that your scripture in the light of your own misinterpretation alone is correct. This indirectly means that the other religion is wrong. After sometime you will come out directly saying that the other religion is wrong. The people of other religions do the same thing. This creates hatred among the people. Love vanishes. Fights and wars result. You are responsible for all this chaos.

The solution I give here is that there is no rebirth as far as the spiritual chance is concerned; the real human birth is lost. Even if you get human rebirths, you will only be immersed in worldly bonds. When the concept of God and divine knowledge is lost, such human births are as good as animals (*Pashuvat Naraanam*). Thus, both religions are synchronised. Moreover, God can give human rebirths to deserving souls and He is not bound by any rule. However, I only criticize Hindus and appreciate Christians in this point. Hindus are postponing their spiritual efforts thinking that there are several human rebirths. In Hinduism also it is said that human rebirth is very rare (*Nara Janma Durlabham*—Shankara). I remove the contradiction and appreciate the merit, wherever it lies. You said that animals cannot remember their previous births. But even human beings do not remember their previous births and therefore they are no better than animals in this aspect. The human being who has the spiritual chance alone uses his discrimination power (Buddhi) and thus he alone is the real human being. Other (worldly) human beings are as good as animals. You stand firm on the knowledge of Jesus. I will never oppose you in that point. What I say is that you should stand firm on the real interpretation of the knowledge of Jesus and not on the narrow interpretations given by certain conservative people.

## **God, logic and justice**

God is beyond logic. This means that the actions of God are beyond the normal logical analysis of human beings. His actions appear to be beyond the capacity of logic but it does not mean that they are illogical and unjust. When scholars discuss deeply, the actions are found to be really just. For example Krishna danced with the Gopikas. This action appears to be illogical and unjust because our power of vision is limited only to this birth. These Gopikas were sages in their previous births and requested the Lord to give them salvation from all the bonds like the bond between a husband and wife, the bond between parents and children and the bond with money. Krishna attracted their children and stole butter, which was the hard earned money of the Gopikas. Ordinary human beings who cannot see beyond this birth can never understand these actions. Beyond logic means not illogical but it means super-logical. Beyond justice also does not mean unjust but it means super-justice.

The Lord punished Ravana for all his sins in this world. After death, he did not have to go to hell again because one crime cannot have two punishments according to the law. Even Jesus said that it is better to cut the hand, which has committed sin instead of falling in the eternal fire. Therefore, even if Ravana goes to the Lord, you cannot object. Since he was a devotee of His inner circle, he acted in the divine play here to preach to the people regarding sin and punishment. Even if you consider him as an ordinary demon and not the gatekeeper of the Lord, Ravana need not have gone to hell again. Even in the case of Judas, he repented and committed suicide. Since he is punished here, he need not go to hell even if he did not belong to the inner circle. God saves anyone on repentance, as stated by you. When I asked how Jesus could have suffered for My sins, when I was not even born and did not commit any sin at that time, you have written that He will save Me if I repent. The point of My question was completely different and your comment was completely different. However, I have synchronised this concept with other religions also and stated that Jesus suffered for the sins of the deserving devotees present in His time just as Sai Baba suffered for His devotees.

## **Leaving one's family**

I said that one has to leave his family for the sake of God as told by Jesus. I said that one should not leave his parents for the sake of his

wife but one can leave his parents for the sake of God. Then you wrote that it is not wrong if one leaves one's parents to set up his family with his wife. I agreed to your comment and stated that one may leave his parents to set up his family in a far away place due to a job etc., but one should not cut the bond with parents for the sake of the bond with wife. Now you say that I am saying that people can leave their parents for My sake but not for the sake of their wife! First of all, who am I? I am just a human being in your eyes. Why should one leave his dear human beings (parents) for My sake when I am just a foreign human being? You can place God in My position and then read the statement. Then the statement has no contradiction. One can leave the parents for the sake of God but not for the sake of one's wife. Here leaving means in mental love and not in a physical sense.

### **My friend**

I said that you were a friend of Krishna in the previous birth but I did not say that you recognised Krishna as God then. Your love for Him was that of a close friend. Therefore, the spiritual chance was not mentioned. In this birth, I am no where. You have come in contact with Holy Jesus. Therefore, you can treat this as your single human birth having a spiritual chance. But I am giving you one suggestion since I really wish for your spiritual welfare. You are My best friend always in whatever religion you exist. You are in My building of Universal Spirituality. I like you very much because of your practical spirituality, which does not come by theoretical discussions. The practical aspect shows a real love present in you for God. My best friend! Please think about My sincere advice to you, "Search for the human incarnation who is alive in this human generation itself. The same God present in that flesh called Jesus is present in another flesh in this human generation itself". Please do not forget this one point. You may not like this at present. But just preserve it in your pocket. Today is not like yesterday. Tomorrow will not be like today. I convey My best wishes and a prosperous spiritual long life under the able guidance of revered Christian preachers on this auspicious occasion of your Holy Baptism. I wish that you be baptised with the Holy Fire, which indicates the divine knowledge and not mere physical water. I always remain as your best friend and well-wisher.



## God's justice in the case of Judas

Judas betrayed the human incarnation. Judas may be an ordinary human being or may be the servant of the Lord who belongs to the innermost circle. Thus there are two possibilities. Let us examine your scripture in the light of both the possibilities. If he is an ordinary human being, he shall be punished by death given by the judgement or he shall punish himself by committing suicide. The latter type of punishment was advised by Lord Jesus Himself. Jesus said that it is better to cut one's own sinful hand than falling in the eternal fire. If the human being is a realised soul, he will follow the instruction of Jesus and will commit suicide. But if the human being is like an animal, he will betray the Lord and go away with the bribe. For such a fellow, the judgement in the court is required in this world. If he escapes the judgement here, he will certainly go to the liquid fire. Now Judas proved himself as a realised soul. According to Jesus, if you punish yourself for your own sin, you need not go to hell.

In Hinduism also, Manu Smriti says 'the sinner punished by the king in this world gets rid of his sin and goes to heaven' (*Rajabhih Dhruta Dandastu*—Manu Smriti). Even from the court of law, we know that a single crime cannot have two punishments. Therefore if you take Judas as an ordinary human being, then also, he need not go to hell. Now if you analyse the case, according to the second possibility, the devotee of the Lord acted in that bad role and punished himself for his own sin. In that case he has given the message to the world and entered the inner circle of the Lord after playing his due role. In both these possibilities, your scripture applies in toto.

The conclusion of both the possibilities is only that one should not betray the Lord in human form. If one betrays the Creator it is better that he ends his life and joins the list of unborn persons. This is the meaning of the statement of your scripture. Especially in the case of Judas, he became the disciple of Jesus for sometime. Betraying the spiritual preacher, who is the Lord in human form (Satguru) is the highest sin. No other way of repentance is justified. Betraying an ordinary human being itself is the highest sin. Betraying the Lord is higher than the highest sin. This shows the purity of the Lord and the importance that should be given to the Lord.

### **Analysis, signs and identification**

I appreciate you for your sincere quest of the truth. You want to decide everything by your own personal systematic analysis. You are not concluding simply based on hearing the experiences of other people. You wanted the logical analysis that should be associated with experience. The Shastra says that experience itself is not the sole authority. A person sees a rope in light darkness (partial darkness) and experiences it as a snake. Such experience is not true. Your experience (Anubhava) must be correlated with logical analysis (Yukti). When such correlation establishes the true experience, such experience is said to be the experience of scholars or wise people. Thus you should not be carried away by the experience of ordinary ignorant people. Your experience must coincide with the experience of scholars (*Vidvadanubhava Siddham*—Shastra). Thus you must invite the experiences of learned scholars, which are always based on their powerful logical analyses. If your experience is contradicted by the experiences of such elite people, you should re-analyse your experience. Therefore, one should not invite the experiences of illiterate and ignorant people and take them as standards.

Ignorant people always decide the human incarnation based on miracles, which are also shown by demons, devils, ghosts and people of black magic. Miracles are also signs of the human incarnation but they are separable signs, like the jewels of a lady. A lady may donate all her jewels to others. Based on miracles, if you identify the Lord, even demons become God. Demons got the power to do miracles from the Lord through rigid penance and claimed to be God. But realised souls like sages did not agree even though they were tortured by the demons. Saturn (Satan; also the presiding deity of the astrological planet Shani) showed the whole world and infinite treasure of wealth to Jesus to attract Him. Therefore, even demons have super natural powers. The crown is no doubt a sign of the king. But it is a separable sign and is called as an associated characteristic. The Veda says “Satya kamah”, which means that the will of the Lord always materialises; this is called as miracle. But this sign is not the inseparable and inherent characteristic of the Lord, since miracles are also seen elsewhere. The king may remove his crown and go to the palace of the queen. The queen identifies her master (the king) even without that crown. The king

may donate his crown to some beggar. The beggar wearing the crown on his head cannot become the king.

A married lady may donate all her ornaments and jewels to a virgin. The virgin cannot become a married lady just by wearing all those ornaments. The married lady keeps one inseparable ornament around her neck called as 'Mangala Sutram'. That is also an ornament and is also an associated characteristic like any other ornament. But the married lady keeps that always around her neck and will never donate to anybody. The virgin cannot become the married lady unless she wears that 'Magala Sutram', which should be donated by the married lady. This will never happen and therefore the virgin can never become the married lady. Only that single Mangala Sutram identifies the married lady in married status even if all other ornaments are absent. Thus the Mangala Sutram, even though it is an associated characteristic like any other ornament, can be treated as an inherent characteristic (Swarupa Lakshanam) for all practical purposes. This Mangala Sutram is not part and parcel of the body of the married lady like her eyes, ears etc. Therefore by catching the Mangala Sutram, you have not touched her body.

Similarly you can never touch the Lord by any identifying characteristic. The Veda says that such an identifying inherent-like characteristic is the special divine knowledge (*Prajnanam Brahma—Veda*). Prajnanam means the special knowledge, which can never be explained by anybody else except the Lord. Apart from this Prajnanam, the Veda also talks about two more associated and inseparable characteristics along with the Prajnanam. They are love and bliss (*Rasovaisah, Anando Brahma—Veda*). It is like the Mangala Sutram associated with the yellow colour of the thread and gold coin at the centre. You can find the isolated yellow colour and also the gold coin separately, apart from Mangala Sutram. Neither the isolated yellow colour nor the isolated gold coin can be called as the Mangala Sutram. The thread associated with yellow colour and the gold coin together is called as Mangala Sutram.

Sunlight is white and hot. By this you cannot say that a white wall or hot fire is the sunlight. Similarly the divine special knowledge associated with love and bliss can be the inherent sign of the Lord. Isolated love exists in the case of your relationship with a girl. Isolated bliss exists in wine. But in these cases the special knowledge is absent.

Therefore unless you find all the three in an inseparable state, you should not conclude it as the sign of divinity. Now one more point arises. A false preacher like Satan also preached spiritual knowledge to Jesus saying that he is the ultimate God. Such false knowledge can also generate love and bliss in the heart of a human being. Such knowledge is associated with love and bliss and thus Satan may be concluded as the human incarnation of the Lord. From the knowledge of Satan, one derives bliss and loves Satan because he offered bliss, which is the kingship of this entire creation. This will also generate a lot of love for Satan. Then how to eliminate Satan?

The artificial diamond matches with the original diamond in almost all the points except one point called as refractive index. Thus the original diamond may escape your attention by a very narrow margin and you may mistake the artificial diamond as the original diamond. At this margin, the point, which differentiates the truth from falsehood, is the truth of the knowledge. The Veda says ‘Satyam Jnanam’ which means that the knowledge must be true. The true knowledge does not generate love and bliss immediately. But in course of time, in a long range, true knowledge alone will generate eternal love and eternal bliss. When Jesus said that unless one is prepared to leave his family members and even one’s life for His sake, one cannot become His dearest disciple, this knowledge is true but is very harsh. It did not generate love and bliss in the hearts of the majority of the people who are ignorant. They crucified Him. But some realised souls and scholars recognised the truth, loved Him and got full bliss. In course of time, several people have realised His true knowledge. Therefore love and bliss do not mean the initial temporary love and bliss. The knowledge, love and bliss should be inseparable, true and eternal. Therefore the word ‘Truth’ is added as a prefix to His knowledge (*Satyam Jnanam—Veda*).

### **Scriptures: analysis and interpretation**

Apart from experience and logic, one should also take the scriptures as the final approving authority. Otherwise, even false preachers show perfect logic and experience in their interpretation. Therefore one needs the final sanction from the scriptures, which is called as Shruti and Smriti. Shruti is the Veda, which is preserved by recitation from one generation to the other. Not a single word is deleted or added to the Veda because the system of recitation will not allow

such pollution. Please do not mistake Me as a fan of Hinduism because I have to tell the truth and merit whatever may be the religion. The only scripture in this world, which is without pollution, is the Veda. No other scripture in this world was preserved as the Veda by such a continuous process of recitation.

Even if you have the original manuscript, there is no proof of the absence of pollution. Is there a hand written manuscript or an oral dictation in recorded form of Jesus or Mohammed or Buddha? Even if you say that the hand-written scripts of the disciples of Jesus exist, rationalists will question it by asking if there is any guarantee they match with the original oral or written version of Jesus. They will question the sincerity of the disciples in recording the words of Jesus. Even the Gita is not an exception to this powerful analysis. Swami Dayananda says that Shankara has written the Gita and introduced it into the Mahabharata. I am not supporting Dayananda. But at the same time I cannot oppose him either. Can I show him the tape recorder in which the Gita was recorded directly from Krishna? No. Then there is an equal probability for both the possibilities. Therefore the Gita too comes under the second category called as Smriti.

Smriti is valid when it is found in (agrees with) the Shruti or the Veda. This is the reason why Shankara or Ramanuja or Madhva quote from the Shruti first and only then from the Gita as Smriti, which can be only supporting evidence. Unless the meaning of any verse of the Gita is found in the Shruti or the Veda, it is not valid. The verse of the Gita should atleast not contradict the concept presented in the Veda. Thus the Gita, Bible, Qu'ran and the statements of Buddha etc are to be analysed in the light of the Veda. If any concept is contradicting the Veda and if a correlation is not possible, then such a concept is to be rejected. Fortunately all the scriptures of the second category (Smriti) could be correlated with the Veda and therefore it was established that the same God who spoke the Veda in the beginning of creation subsequently came down and preached all the scriptures.

You need not worry that I have brought your religious scriptures under the second category because there is no single instance where your scripture has contradicted the Veda, if your scripture is represented in the light of correct interpretation. You should feel worried if I show a single instance where your scripture is rejected due to a contradiction with the Veda. Since such a possibility never arose, you need not worry

because your scripture becomes equal to the Veda since it has never contradicted the Veda in the light of the correct interpretation. However if somebody brings in a statement like the anti-Christ will try to bring the world peace by uniting all the religions, such a statement cannot be accepted as the statement of God. It is only pollution (statements inserted subsequently in the original scripture). God is the very essence of the peace. Jesus is the very embodiment of peace.

I am not finding such things (misinterpretations) only with Christianity. I can quote such things even in Hinduism, if you mistake Me as a fan of Hinduism internally. The scholars of Visishtadvaita branch of the Hindu religion founded by Ramanuja quoted some verses from a book written by Sage Vyasa. These verses say that Shankara was an incarnation of a demon. It is very clear that these verses were composed by those scholars and were introduced into the book. Hinduism stands as a mini model for the whole world. Whatever you find in the world on the macro-scale can be found in Hinduism on the micro-scale. Hand written scripts were always subjected to intrusions and extrusions in course of long duration of time. But the Veda never existed in the form of a written manuscript. It existed even before the technology of writing on palm leaves was discovered. The Veda was preserved only by the process of recitation. During the process of recitation a very large number of scholars were involved who belonged to old, middle and new generations. Pollution at any level was impossible. Thus the authority in spirituality lies in the following four:

- 1) Shruti (Veda);
- 2) Smriti (Gita, Bible, Qu'ran, statements of Buddha etc.) which must coincide with Shruti or atleast not contradict Shruti;
- 3) Yukti, the logical analysis with discrimination power to differentiate truth and falsehood and
- 4) Vidvad Anubhava, which is the experience of scholars who are the realised souls.

I once again request all the other religions with folded hands and many many salutations, that one should not mistake Me as a fan of Hinduism just because I was born as a Hindu, for giving the first position to the Shruti or Veda, which is a Hindu scripture. I am not a blind fan of any religion including Hinduism. Did I not praise Christians and Muslims in the concept of re-birth and condemn Hindus severely? Hindus have become lazy and have neglected the spiritual effort

thinking that there are several human re-births. I condemned this concept and showed in the Hindu scripture itself, that the human birth is very rare. Thus Hindus have misunderstood their own religious scripture, whereas Christians and Muslims have clearly understood their own religious scriptures in this point. If there is a merit in Hinduism, I shall not feel shy to expose it, doubting that other religions may misunderstand Me as a fan of My own religion. Similarly I shall not feel afraid to criticize My own Hindus if there is some demerit in Hinduism and I shall not feel unhappy to praise other religions if they have a merit.

### **Devotees' Analysis and Identification of Me**

Infact one year ago, I asked My close devotees to write about their experiences and their own logical analyses before concluding whether I am a true human incarnation or a false human incarnation. I have asked My devotees to be true and sincere in their experience and analysis so that it will help to conclude My identity, one way or the other way. This actually constitutes the subject of recognizing the human form of Lord or eliminating the false human incarnation. It does not matter whether Datta Swami is a human incarnation or not. It builds up the subject of identification of the human incarnation, which includes the elimination of false incarnations also. The converted Christian devotee is proceeding in a systematic way either to recognise Me as the true human incarnation or to eliminate Me as a false incarnation. In the first case, he will be benefited because he will be recognising the present human incarnation. In the second case, I will be benefited because I will be realising My real state and start My spiritual effort and service to the Lord. He wants to correlate his experience with the experiences of other devotees who are scholars and not ignorant people to be fooled easily by false incarnations. Dr. Nikhil, Smt. S Gayatri, Shri Surya, Shri Lakshman, Shri Ajay, Shri Swami Vishnu Dattananda (S. Phani Kumar), Shri Sarma, Shri Prasad, Shri C. B. K. Murthy, Shri Pavan, Shri Bhaskar, Smt Pushpa (USA) etc. are highly educated people and occupy topmost positions in their professional career.

All these people are good scholars of the Hindu scriptures and are in good touch with other scriptures also. All these devotees were in the real quest of God for a long time and have come in touch with several spiritual preachers. Since they are the strongest devotees, their

experiences have highest value. If these strongest devotees can be convinced and diverted, then other devotees have to come in the same line because they are either equally strong or weaker than these devotees. After correlating his experience with others' experiences, he will subject the total essence of all the experiences through a very powerful logical analysis. During such analysis he will interact with Me with all types of questions without any hesitation. He may interact with you [other devotees of Swami] also in a similar way. In such interactions, new angles may open and you may conclude Me as a false incarnation in the light of such new angles. When such angles are opened to enlighten the truth, please do not hesitate to inform Me that I am an ordinary human being because in such a case I will come out of My illusion and start a fresh spiritual career. I want all these discussions to be recorded and published under the title 'Identification of the Human Incarnation'. This book will help the present and future devotees to a great extent. This book is more valuable than My preachings. I want every devotee to be analytical like him before arriving at any hasty conclusion. The reason is that in this aspect there is every likelihood of an error interfering with the analysis and misleading you in making the right conclusion. This is a very subtle and delicate topic because at every step there is every chance for you to slip and mistake the false incarnation as the true incarnation and also to mistake the true incarnation as a false incarnation. This is like the confirmational analysis that is found in chemistry in identifying and confirming a new chemical compound. Several instruments and several discussions are essential in this process through all these steps. The final faith that comes out as the fruit of all these intensive discussions will be very firm like a rock. Such firm faith alone can give you the true result.



## Chapter - 14

**UNIFICATION OF HINDU SUB-PHILOSOPHIES****Three Acharyas' Commentaries****O Learned And Devoted Servants of God,**

[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 mimamsakas. An atheist can never tolerate the greatness of God and so denies His existence. Shankara said, "I am Shiva" (*Sivoham...*). 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 sometime and then only you can stop it. Similarly, you have to follow an egoistic person for sometime 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 (Avatara). 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.

### **Final Revelation to Deserving Few**

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 sometime, 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, “*Jnanadevatu 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**

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” (*Brahmascha...*). 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 is 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 “*Manusheem...*”, 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, Vishisthadvaita and Dvaita. Advaita says that the soul in Lord Krishna's human body is 'Brahman'. Vishisthadvaita 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. Vishisthadvaita 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, Vishisthadvaita 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, Vishisthadvaita and Dvaita are the three steps to climb up. First in Dvaita, you join the service of God. Then in Vishisthadvaita, 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 over your body, which is Datta 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 sanyasa) and sacrificing the fruit of your work (money) i.e., Karma Phala Tyaga. You may do either or both as per your convenience and circumstances. Karma Phala Tyaga is better than Karma sanyasa

and both put together is the best, which is called Karma Yoga as said in the Gita.

### The Common ISKCON Question

[Shri. Surya forwarded the comments of a devotee on Shankara, which are “Shankara is Lord Rudra or Shiva, who is produced by the Lord Narayana as per the Veda for the purpose of diverting the demons from devotion to the Lord. Therefore, the philosophy of Shankara is wrong”.]

**Swami Replied:** Some say that even Buddha is atheist to divert the demons from doing sacrifice (Yajna) so that the demons will be powerless. Buddha is the incarnation of Lord Narayana. Therefore, the same blame applies to Narayana also. You say that Rudra is produced by Narayana. But, the Veda also says that Shiva is Narayana by Himself (*Shivascha...*). You may say that Shiva is different from Rudra. In such case, the Veda says that Rudra is the one God and there is no second God (*Eko Rudro Na Dvitiyaya...*). Now, this contradicts your Vedic statement that only Narayana is God, who produced Rudra (*Eko Ha vai...*). This contradiction can be removed only by one way, which is to accept that Narayana and Rudra are one and the same God. When the production of Rudra from Narayana comes, the interpretation should be like this: The word Naryana stands for the Parabrahman (God) existing in the energetic form of Vishnu. The word Rudra means the external energetic form of Rudra. This means that Parabrahman produced all the energetic forms of Rudra, Vishnu etc. The follower of Ramanuja (Vishishta Advaitin) is also equal to the follower of Shankara (Advaitin) in misinterpretations. Rejecting the soul as God is good. But confining to only one energetic form (Narayana) is again bad and the same mistake is done. The soul is in the human body and neither the soul nor the human body is God. Similarly, the external energetic form of Narayana is not God directly. It is as good as the soul or the human body. All these three (soul, human body and energetic form are creation only) are not God. The same applies to the energetic form of Rudra also. But the merit in the energetic forms of Rudra and Narayana is that both can be treated as God since God exists in them. Therefore, in the case of human being, neither the human body nor the soul is God. But in the case of Narayana and Rudra, the energetic form is not God but God is present in those energetic forms. Therefore, such energetic forms in

which God exists can be treated as almost God like the live wire treated as current. This does not also mean that every energetic form is an abode of God. Indra is a soul in the energetic form. In the case of Indra, neither the soul nor the external energetic form is God.

You say that Krishna generated Rudra to mislead some devotees in the spiritual path. Krishna is a recent incarnation whereas Rudra exists even before the birth of Krishna. It is said in Bhagavatam that Krishna did penance for Lord Shiva. If you say that Narayana is fixed in Lord Vishnu only as a word of Yoga Rudha, then we can also fix words like Shiva, Ishwara, Maheswara etc., in Lord Rudra as words of Yoga Rudha. In Gita spoken by Lord Krishna, the words like Ishwara and Maheswara exist in the place of God (*Ishwara Sarva Bhutanam, Mayinamtu Maheswaram, Karta Bhokta Maheswarah etc.*). This means your Lord Krishna Himself accepted that Lord Rudra is God. In the Veda, the word Eesha is used to mean God in the beginning of Eesavaasya Upanishat.

Shankara diverted atheists who were demons to become theists only. He did not mislead any soul from good to bad. God always tries to uplift the souls but does not mislead any soul. But He was constrained by limitations. The standards of atheists cannot be raised suddenly from ground to sky in which case they will go back. In the view of such psychology, Shankara dragged them up to some distance, which is the maximum extent in their case. Above that there is the danger of fatigue. He purposefully told that soul is God so that the atheist is attracted by His native ambition and atleast accept the existence of God. You say that such trick of Shankara as misleading the soul! In that case, the mother who gives food to her child by stating that the moon will come down if the child eats the food is also fraud and cheating the child! Shankara and Ramanuja know the spiritual knowledge from beginning to end because both are the incarnations of the same God. Shankara introduced that much part of the truth which alone can maintain the receivers. More than that will end in the total damage. This is not the fault of Shankara. It is the limitation of standards of the then atheists to whom only Shankara had to preach. When Ramanuja came the situation was better. He handled the believers in God. He separated God from the soul. He showed God in the energetic form called as Narayana. He could not introduce the human incarnation (Krishna) because the theists could not digest the human form of God at that time. Up to this everything is

correct in view of the then existing standards of the receivers. Later on when Madhva came, the situation was much developed and the concept of human incarnation was digested. Hence, Madhva introduced the human incarnation (Krishna) and the devotee Hanuman who worshipped the human incarnation only. Madhva could not introduce the concept of human incarnation in every generation because the then devotees could not digest the then existing human incarnation, who was Madhva Himself. The Iskcon is just a replica of the way of Madhva. The spiritual path was will developed from Shankara to Ramanuja and to Madhva. The concept of human incarnation in every generation is now established by Datta Swami based on the words of your Krishna only (*Yada Yadahi – Gita*). Your base is certainly Ramanuja and Madhva, who give more importance to the devotee than God. You accept that Shiva is the greatest devotee of Vishnu (*Parama Bhagavata Uttama*). You quote the scripture also in this context (*Vaishnavanaam Yatha Sambhuh*). In such case, a follower of Vishnu who insults Lord Shiva must be ashamed, since he is contradicting the very philosophy of the original preacher of his own Vaishnava cult. The scriptures also say that Krishna worshipped Lord Shiva and also Narayana worshipped Lord Shiva on the mountain of Meru. The scripture also says that Lord Vishnu became Mohini and became the wife of Lord Shiva and gave birth to Sashta. Therefore, it is foolish to fight with each other without understanding the preachers and the various forms of the same God. Narayana means the source of divine knowledge. This word indicates only Parabrahman. The knowledge is not the inherent sign of the unimaginable God (Parabrahman). God is only the source or basis for the knowledge. This is indicated by the word Narayana. Shiva means auspicious without any second impurity. God being the absolute truth is one without second and therefore, becomes the purest entity. Purity is the auspicious quality (Shiva). The Veda also says that Shiva is one without second (*Advaitah Shivah*). Rudra means the God, who punishes the sinners and make them weep (*Rodayati iti Rudrah*). If you recognize the concept of unimaginable God and the energetic forms as media, you will be clear. I appreciate you for having come to the height of the human incarnation (*Manusheem Tanum Asritam – Gita*). You will come to the final point of the divine knowledge, if you accept the existence of human incarnation in every generation by following the same Gita.

You say that simple theoretical devotion is sufficient to please God and you quoted a verse from the Gita (*Satatam keertayantah...*). What about other verses which praise the practical devotion like the sacrifice of work and fruit of work? Even in your verse, you have not understood the meaning of “*Yatantascha Drudhavratah*”. The word *Yatantah* means practical effort (*Purusha Prayatna*). The word *Drudhavratah* is associated with this word, which means that the practical effort comes only by firm determination.

The basis of Madhva was also the same of Ramanuja in the final God as Lord Narayana. But He stressed on Lord Krishna in the Ashtapetham (Udipi, India). He also stressed on Hanuman who worshiped only the human incarnation (Rama). The awareness of Shankara, the Lord Narayana of Ramanuja, the stress on the human incarnation (Rama and Krishna) of Madhva are the three gradual steps from formless to energetic form to human form of God. The fourth stage can be the Iskcon, which limits only to the human incarnation (Krishna). The final and fifth stage is Datta Swami, who concentrates on the present alive human incarnation. In this spiritual ladder, the Iskcon is a conservative Hinduism. They believe only one past human incarnation like conservative Christians who believe Jesus only. In this stage the development of their aspects shall be done by generalizing the same God in all the past human incarnations through Universal Spirituality (Krishna, Buddha, Jesus etc.). They should also extend such generalized concept to the present human incarnation also. You can apply the philosophy of Advaita to all the human incarnations instead of all the human beings. Just like the same soul (Pure awareness) exists in all the human beings, similarly the same unimaginable God exists in all the human incarnations. The same concept can be applied to a specified group of energetic forms like Brahma, Vishnu, Shiva etc. Only such divine specific energetic forms are equal since the same unimaginable God exists in all those specified energetic forms. You should not generalize this concept to all the energetic forms like Indra, Vayu etc. Such concept will remove the misunderstanding in the followers of Ramanuja and Madhva who feel that only one energetic form ‘Narayana’ (Vishnu) is God. I am amazed to see this conservative concept even in the formless aspect of God! The Brahman of Hindus, the Jehovah of Christians and Allah of Muslims are formless. But still they fight with each other even in this formless aspect of God. That



means they are differentiating the formless air as Hindu air, Christian air and Muslim air! Atleast we can excuse the difference in the forms of God, since the external forms differ. Krishna and Jesus differ in the external forms and the unity is only in the internal God. I assuredly tell you that you will not get the final salvation unless you are liberated from this conservative bond. What is the use of liberation from all the bonds except one bond? You are relieved from the ties of several ropes but if one tie of rope still exists, you cannot be declared as the completely liberated soul.

## Chapter - 15

**PROGRESS OF THE COUNTRY****Financial Corruption in India**

[November 1, 2006 What is the reason for India not developing compared to Christian and Islamic countries?]

**O Learned And Devoted Servants of God,**

The basic reason is only corruption that always hinders the development of the country, which is based on the public works like construction of dams etc. If you see the construction of dam by Mr. Arthur Cotton on Godavari River, there is no much damage even after 100 years. But if you see the public constructions like roads and dams done by Indians, their lifetime sometimes is only a few days! Does this mean that Arthur Cotton was not as intelligent as Indians to do corruption in the project? The lack of corruption does not show the lack of intelligence in his case. It shows only his awareness of right spiritual knowledge as the background. Similarly, we don't see much corruption in Islamic countries. Why corruption is in its climax in India only? Does this mean that there is no spiritual knowledge in India? We say that the spiritual knowledge does not exist any where in the world as much as it exists in India. Yes. Once upon a time, it existed in India in climax. But, now it exists in twisted forms, which differs from the spiritual knowledge in other countries, which is not twisted. The reason for this may be attributed to the difference in these three religions. But the same God gave the same spiritual knowledge in all religions through different forms because only one God created the entire universe and there are no three Gods or three universes!

The concept in Christianity and Islam is that there is no human re-birth. They say that this present human birth is the sole and final. After this birth, the enquiry is done and the soul goes to either God or hell. The soul will remain with God or in the hell forever. You can easily imagine the fear that is created by this concept. Just for a few rupees and a temporary luxurious life on the earth, one cannot take such permanent risk. This spiritual foundation is the reason for the absence of much corruption in these two religions. The administration of this world is

Pravrutti and the field of attainment of God is Nivrutti. The basis of Pravrutti is Nivrutti and both are not different. Fear for God exists in all the religions and the existence of hell for punishing the sins is also common to all these three major religions. But, the concept of absence of human re-birth in Christianity and Islam reinforces the fear for sin and it is not so in Hinduism. Hence, the concept of human re-birth should be carefully analyzed, since there is only one concept for this entire universe because there is only one God for this one universe as accepted by each religion. The truth is that the original concept is twisted in Hinduism and is not completely understood in Christianity and Islam. The original concept, which is beyond these religions is now exhibited to protect the justice in this world and also to bring universality in the religions.

### **Human Re-birth is for Extraordinary Only**

If we see the concept in Hinduism, it is misinterpreted, twisted and polluted by certain scholars of middle age. The concept of Christianity and Islam must exist in Hinduism also since the same God gave the same spiritual knowledge in all religions. God cannot speak something in two religions and something else in one religion. The fact is that the same concept of Christianity and Islam existed in Hinduism also originally. Infact, censoring of the original concept is done in all the three religions. God is omnipotent, which means that He has the power to violate the rule. God can violate the rule but He violates only in a few exceptional deserving cases. The omnipotency of God is also accepted in Christianity and Islam. If they say that even God can never violate the rule, it means that God is not omnipotent. We can only say that the rule is not misused but is violated in a very few deserving cases only. In Hinduism Shankara says (*Jantunaam nara janma durlabhamidam...*) that the human re-birth is almost impossible (Durlabham), which does not mean that it is totally impossible. If it is totally impossible, it means that even God cannot violate the rule even in the deserving cases. ‘Almost impossible’ means that God can violate the rule in few deserving souls who sincerely tried (Sadhana) throughout their lives for spiritual uplift but failed instead of hectic efforts. For such deserving souls God grants the human re-birth to continue the sadhana and reach the goal. But, this should not be generalized to the case of every human being. Therefore, the word Durlabham (almost impossible) is used

instead of using Asambhavam (totally impossible) in the case of human re-birth in Hinduism. Therefore, even in this point there is no difference between the three religions. But Hindus extended the violation power of God to every case of human being. Such extension of the point in Hinduism is wrong. At the same time the impossibility of violation of the rule is also wrong in Christianity and Islam. But, those two religions were benefited by such misinterpretation that the rule can never be violated. Such misunderstanding induced real and complete fear in them. But in Hinduism, the misunderstanding of the rule of violation harmed the people. The benefit and damage were both in Pravritti and Nivritti simultaneously. If you take Pravritti, India is not developed where as the countries of other two religions have developed tremendously. If you take Nivritti also, Christians and Muslims are very serious about their spiritual efforts. But Hindus with such wonderful spiritual knowledge are very lenient in their spiritual efforts because there are infinite number future human births and this leads to the postponement of spiritual efforts to the future human births. The Christians and Muslims hurry the entire spiritual effort in the present human birth itself due to the absence of future human births. Hindus think that there is always human re-birth for every soul and so the rare chance is possible constantly as it is generalized to every case. In Hinduism, you can fail any number of times and you will have infinite number of re-examinations. In Christianity and Islam, there is only one re-examination. Both these are extremities like flood and draught. The original concept is that there is only one examination but the principal can allow a few deserving meritorious students to write the re-examination. Since principal here means God, there is no fear of misuse of the exceptional power. Hindus censored the general rule (that there is no human re-birth) and the additional rule (that God can grant human re-birth to a few deserving cases) is modified (that God grants human re-birth to all the souls). Christianity and Islam censored the above additional rule completely and maintained the general rule only. Such censoring of general rule and modification of the additional rule harmed the Hindus where as the complete censoring of the additional rule benefited Christians and Muslims. This is the result of over intelligence of Hindus and the present state of corruption in India has its basic root in this over intelligence.

If you see the life of Shirdi Sai Baba, He was scolding a snake and frog by uttering their human names of the previous birth. This shows that the human rebirth for every soul is not sure. The permanent hell of the other two religions was thought as the permanent liquid fire in the upper world, so that the soul will never return to earth. In Hinduism, the hell is temporary and the soul returns to the earth. But, even on the earth it enters the cycle of worms, animals etc., which is also another form of hell on the earth. Thus, the concept of permanent hell is maintained in all the religions irrespective of place (upper world or earth). In the cycle of worms and animals, there is no chance of spiritual knowledge and therefore, the hell is continuous even by such logic. Therefore, the concept is one and the same in all the religions, which is the universal spirituality.

People think that Nivrutti is different from Pravrutti. Politicians feel that they are doing the practical service to humanity. They feel that the spiritual preachers are confined to some theoretical concepts like God, hell, heaven etc. This is the climax of their foolishness. Without Nivrutti, the Pravrutti will crumble into pieces. In India, today, if some justice is still remaining, the only reason is the concept of God and hell. Lord Krishna preached the Bhagavad Gita in the war, which is a fight to change the bad government (Kauravas) to good government (Pandavas). The main issue of the Lord here is only change of government of the country from a bad political party to a good political party, which is the basis of the Gita. The very purpose of the Gita is only making Arjuna to fight for Pravrutti. The Gita goes to the deep foundation of Pravrutti, which is Nivrutti only. Similarly, Jesus was always speaking of Kingdom of God everywhere. People misunderstood that He was planning to change the Roman Government by a new Government. But, His issue was not limited to a particular Government of a country. He was aiming at the total reformation of the Governments of all the countries. The Bible (Nivrutti) thus stands as a deep foundation for the political administration (Pravrutti) as in the Gita. Similarly, Mohammed tried to achieve the concept of single God through wars. Unless there is the establishment of single God and the single divine administration on this earth, there cannot be single concept of justice like eradication of corruption, fear for doing sins, brotherly hood without communal and religious wars etc.

## **Secularism is Indirect Atheism**

Today people are talking much about good human values without touching God, hell and heaven. They feel that they are secular. This is climax of their ignorance. They are building castles without the foundation. Krishna and Jesus talked about the establishment of good governments on the strong foundation of God, hell and heaven. The foundation is very much stressed in their messages. Our present people are wiser than Krishna and Jesus, who try to establish good government without touching God, hell and heaven, which according to them are old outdated concepts! The foundation is not painted with colors like the walls of the building. This does not mean that the colorless foundation is absent. They think that the good human values are sufficient to establish a good society and the spiritual knowledge (God, hell and heaven) is only for those who want to liberate themselves from this society. The spiritual knowledge is equally required for the establishment of good society (Pravrutti) as well as for the liberation from the society (Nivrutti). Today if any good human value is still alive, it is only due to the messages of ancient divine messengers like Krishna, Jesus etc., and not due to the hectic exercises of present messages of the modern scholars who simply stress on human values. Secularism means foundation without any particular color and it does not mean the very absence of the foundation itself. You can avoid a particular religious name of God in secularism and it does not mean to avoid God Himself. When the color is neglected, the object also loses its significance and finally is treated as almost absent. This is the present state of secularism in India. God without the religious name is like the object without any color. In course of time, the significance of God is lost in secularism and today the final result is almost atheism. Thus the practical meaning of secularism has become almost atheism. The foundation is lost. The human values can no more be established like the castles without foundation. Therefore, you must use Hindu religious name and follow the religious tradition of God in India to give stress on the significance of the foundation. If you say that all religions are co-existing in India, then, you can use all the religious names of God simultaneously. It is like using several colors simultaneously for the object. The object should have a single color or many colors simultaneously for establishing the significance. The multi-colored foundation is the universal spirituality or the real secularism.

For example, if you take the oath ceremony of a politician or taking oath in the court by witness, the real secularism means promising on all the scriptures like the Gita, the Bible, the Q'ran etc. and using the corresponding religious names of God like Krishna, Jesus, Mohammed etc. Simply taking the name of God without any particular name is not real secularism, which does not signify the foundation. Such secularism slowly leads to the significance of the non-existence of God and ends in the indirect atheism. In Christian and Islamic countries, they are using their own specific colors like Jesus and Mohammed respectively. Why not use the specific color of Hinduism like Krishna in India? The Hinduism by itself is a mini universe and thus the different names of God like Krishna, Shiva etc. can be used. If you represent India as a place of universality of all the religions of the world, you can add the names of Jesus, Mohammed etc. also. The main point is that the colorless secularism must be avoided which results in indirect atheism in course of time. Taking oath on constitution is direct atheism because the constitution does not mention God, hell and heaven. It only mentions the punishments and rewards that can be given by the government in this world. One has the opportunity of escaping the punishments by employing an efficient lawyer in the court. It does not speak about the inevitable punishment in the hell. The ancient constitution in Hinduism (Manu Smruti) speaks about the inevitable punishments in the hell. The modern constitution does not speak about the hell. Thus the foundation is lost and the modern constitution is a castle without the foundation. The Bible and the Q'ran also speak about the hell. The constitution should mention about the punishment given here and also about the inevitable punishment in the hell even if one escapes the punishment here through an intelligent advocate. The constitution should have lot of stress on this foundation. The ancient generations were educated strongly on such foundation and therefore, the fear for the sin is inherently built-up in the society. Today the modern constitution does not mention even about such foundation and there is no trace of fear for the sin. All the human values are crumbled in to pieces without such strong spiritual foundation. The kingdom of God mentioned by Jesus was such strong spiritual foundation and it does not mean any political government. The atheist says that the good human values can be maintained even without God and hell. This is impossible due to the nature of human psychology especially in the context of

availability of an intelligent advocate who can get rid of punishment even if the sin is committed. The human being is naturally tempted to do the crime in such environment. If the spiritual foundation is strongly established, human beings will think several times to do a crime even though an intelligent advocate is available to protect you from the crime here. Since such efficient advocate cannot accompany you to the hell to protect you from the sin, punishment in the hell becomes inevitable and the fear for sin becomes inherently strong.

### **Atheists Are Toppers in Corruption**

[Shri Ramanath told Swami that even in foreign countries, some do corruption at the top most level. He felt that corruption need not be rubbed only on Indians.]

**Swami replied:** Suppose you are drinking one bottle of wine every day. I show a person who does not take even one drop of wine and then advise you not to drink. Then you will have some inspiration seeing that person and try to stop drinking. Your trial shall be in controlling your habit of drinking and not to make a search of that person to see whether he drinks or not. If you have found him drinking ten bottles of wine every day, then you will be pacified and continue to drink. You may even raise the number of bottles to two or three by comparing his ten bottles. If he is drinking ten bottles, his health will be ten times more spoiled than yours. Your health may be spoiled 1/10th of his health but your health is in the negative sign [decaying] only. You cannot take your illness in positive sign with respect to his more serious illness in view of theory of relativity. If you receive hundred beatings in the hell, he will receive thousand beatings for the corresponding level of corruption. Your beatings cannot be treated as a relative heaven with respect to his beatings. Such toppers of corruption are atheists, who do not believe in God and hell. Our spiritual knowledge does not touch them. Such people are present in all countries and in all religions. They are debarred students, who are out of our limits of spiritual knowledge. Within the limits of the religious faiths, I have compared Hinduism with other religions.

‘The only one human birth, the only one final enquiry at the end of this birth and the permanent hell for the sins’, in other religions will certainly affect the psychology of the human beings. ‘The human rebirths and temporary visit to hell’, certainly dilute the psychology of



any human being. Therefore, I correlated both the contradicting concepts because the same God cannot give contradicting concepts in different religions. I favored the other religions as far as the general rule is concerned and favored Hinduism in the exceptional power of God to be used for a few deserving devotees. Therefore, the human beings should be concerned with the general rule only and should not depend on the special power of God to be used for a very few devotees only.

### **Quality Strengthens With Practice**

[Shri Ramnath replied: None can beat Lord Datta in logic! Shri Ramnath asked that whether the top most knowledge given by Swami should be confined to top most devotees only and not to general core of devotees.]

**Swami replied:** It is true that the preacher should give the knowledge corresponding to the level of devotees only. But if the top most level knowledge is given to all, there is no harm because, a theoretical goal can be set up at any level. The goal must be always highest. The effort for highest goal will be certainly better than the effort for higher goal. Every human being is eligible for the highest goal. If the teacher announces hundred out of hundred as the pass mark, then even the below average student gets forty-out-of-hundred and passes the test. If the announced goal is only forty, the below average student will certainly fail. You may fear that the below average student may be discouraged by the highest goal. But we say that if the soul is in the path of constant spiritual efforts, God will use His special power and give any number of human births (as exceptional case) till the highest goal is achieved. Therefore, every soul is sure to reach the highest goal one day or other if the effort is maintained constantly (*Na me bhaktah...* Gita). Even if the goal is not achieved in this birth, the Samskara (concept) of the highest divine knowledge follows the soul in every birth, if at least the soul is convinced with the highest knowledge in this birth. In the next birth, the rare chance of getting this highest knowledge may be or may not be possible. But, the highest knowledge kept in the brain only follows the soul as a weak Samskara to the next birth and cannot help in any effort. But in this birth if the highest knowledge is associated with constant effort (even though it fails) to be put in practice, the highest knowledge will at least follow the soul as a strong Samskara. Therefore, you need not worry about the failure or success of your spiritual efforts

in practicing the highest knowledge. Even the failed efforts have their own value because even if practice is a failure, the failed efforts will strengthen the Samskara for the next birth, which will have a definite possibility of practical implementation.

### **Analysis is always Essential**

Certain conservative Christians criticize Me as anti-Christ for establishing the universal spirituality through sharp analysis. These conservative Christians quote Bible for the existence of anti-Christ, who say that Jesus Christ is against to such unity of religions established by the divine messengers in this world. No one should accept any portion of the spiritual scripture in this world unless it is justified by sharp logical analysis. There is always a possibility of introduction of any portion created by selfish people, since there is no direct cassette recorded. This applies to any religious scripture in the world. The sharp analysis clearly indicates that this concept of anti-Christ opposing the unity of religions is simply introduced by some selfish people. If you analyze the basic philosophy of Jesus Christ, He was for unity of the human beings who are mixtures of merits and defects. Will He oppose the unity of divine human beings like Krishna, Mohammed, Buddha etc. who contain only merits? Shrutu is the direct message of the Lord in human form (satguru). Smrutu is the commentary of the scholars on such Shrutu. Yukti is the powerful and sharp logical analysis. Vidvat-Anubhava is the practical experience of learned devotees and scholars. All these four should correlate for the final authority. The practical experience of an ignorant person cannot be valid unless it is judged by the logical analysis of scholars.

### **Hinduism is already Universal Spirituality**

The conservative Hindus also may not like the concept of universal spirituality stressed by Me but they are forgetting that Hinduism is already a mini model of universal spirituality with different sub-religious philosophies and different forms of same God like Shiva, Vishnu etc. Every sub-religion in Hinduism or every religion in the world says that only one God created this entire earth. In the absence of the different earths, the inevitable conclusion is the existence of one ultimate God. The difference in the sub-religions of Hinduism leading to conservative stress on each sub-religion and each sub-religious form of

God (like Shiva, Vishnu etc.) represents the similar difference and conservative stress of all the religions in the world. The unity in the sub-religions of Hinduism represents the unity of the religions in the world. The followers of Vishnu say that Vishnu created this earth and entire humanity. The followers of Shiva say that Shiva created this earth and entire humanity. Since there is only one earth containing the humanity, the ultimate result of the logical analysis ends in the oneness of Shiva and Vishnu. Similarly, the Christianity says that Jehova created this earth and the Islam says that Allah created this earth and similar logical analysis ends in the final conclusion that Jehova and Allah are one and the same and hence, Shiva, Vishnu, Jehova and Allah are also one and the same. Conservatism is against the very basic nature of Hinduism because Hinduism is already unity in diversity by the very presence of sub-religions of Shiva, Vishnu etc. and is a mini model of universal spirituality.

## Chapter - 16

**EXISTENCE OF UPPER WORLDS****Better to believe God and hell****O Learned And Devoted Servants of God,**

The atheist directly attacks the very foundation by asking ‘where is God or hell or heaven in this space? I am going even to the moon by a rocket.’ My counter question to him is ‘I agree that I am incapable of showing God or hell or heaven in this space, but can you also show Me the non-existence of God or hell or heaven in this entire space by taking Me in your rocket up to the boundary limits of the infinite space?’ In this situation there are 50-50 probabilities of existence as well as non-existence of God or hell or heaven. In such case, which side will be towards the safety? A blind man is walking in a direction. One says that there is fire just before him and the other says that there is no fire. If the blind man is wise, he will act bending to the side of the existence of fire and will go back. Even if the fire is non-existent, there is no loss to him. If by chance, the fire exists in such 50-50 probabilities, he will be burnt. Similarly, I will avoid doing the sins like corruption by believing the existence of hell in such 50-50 probabilities. There is no loss to me by not doing the sin. Moreover, by not doing the sin, there is an added advantage of avoiding the stress and tension of punishment here. By accumulating extra wealth through corruption, the luxuries will be more leading to several diseases. My children may be spoiled by these extra luxuries resulting through corruption. Therefore, even if the hell is absent, I have not lost anything and infact, I have several additional advantages here itself.

Such logic and sharp analysis will keep not only atheists but also most of the theists in the right direction even if the intelligent advocates are available to protect them from the punishments of the sins here. Most of the theists become psychologically atheists in practical situations. Therefore, the bright knowledge illuminated by sharp analysis (*Prajnanam*) called as *Buddhi yoga* can be given by God in the form of Satguru only (*Dadami buddhi yogamtam... Gita*). Krishna, Jesus, Mohammed, Buddha etc. are such satgurus.

## **What we were and What we are**

Pravrutti means the knowledge related to yourself, your family members and the society (creation). Nivrutti means the knowledge related to God (creator) and the path to please and get love of God. All the other religions concentrated much on Pravrutti so that the human being transforms from devilish or animal nature to human nature and the fruit for this is heaven. Here, one is expected to avoid injustice and follow the justice to maintain the balance of the society. If one disturbs the balance of the society following the injustice, God is displeased and gives punishments. In the Nivrutti, the human being is expected to transform from the human nature to the divine nature. Here, one has to even cross the justice for the sake of devotion because God is greater than justice. God is the protector and justice is the protected. Here, one pleases God to the climax and gets the eternal love from the God. In Pravrutti, one is like a good employee following the rules and the boss is pleased to give promotion. But, the promotion is not eternal (disappears on retirement), which is the temporary heaven only. In Nivrutti, one is like the family member of the boss to get his earned property forever. In all the other religions, the status of God is mentioned as the Father of heaven, which indicates that the main stress is on Pravrutti. In Hinduism, the status of God is the Lord of the eternal Brahma Loka, which indicates the stress on Nivrutti. All the other scriptures mainly concentrate on Pravrutti and limit the progress of the soul up to heaven only. If you examine the Gita, it starts with Pravrutti to establish the justice by destroying the unjust evil forces, but it gives stress on Nivrutti in the entire contents. Ofcourse, there are a few exceptional devotees of Nivrutti in other religions also like Abraham, who sacrificed his son for the sake of God. But, in Hinduism, the Pravrutti was limited to scriptures like Manu Smruti only. The Gita is a special scripture of Nivrutti (Moksha Shastra). This is the status of ancient Hinduism. But, today, in India if you see even Pravrutti is in the lowest state in practice with full corruption etc. This shows what we were yesterday and what we are today. The reason for this is the twisted interpretations of the scripture by the over-intelligence of the middle age scholars in India. Today, our status is far below even in Pravrutti compared to the other religions. In other religions, Nivrutti was not there but Pravrutti is well established due to lack of misinterpretations by over-intelligence. Therefore, there is a need to revive Hinduism filtering from the twisted

misinterpretations and bring back the pure Pravrutti, which is the foundation for Nivrutti. For this purpose, Lord Datta entered this human body and is doing this divine work of establishing the original sense of the scriptures in India and also to develop Nivrutti in other religions. The original Hinduism correlates with all the other religions in the interpretations exposing the unity of religions. The unity in diversity is already the inherent characteristic of Hinduism, which contains several diversified sub-religions, which are united in the original sense and hence, Hinduism will never oppose the unity of world religions.

If the truth is perfectly realized, the misinterpretations will never arise unless the realized soul is subjected to high pressure of poverty or some other severe problem like danger to life. If the truth is partially realized, the misinterpretation is generated and maintained for financial benefit. Such a partial scholar can realize the full truth but becomes adamant to change the practice in case of financial loss. He will change personally but will not propagate the truth for the fear of loss of income. An ignorant person will never realize the truth and is adamant to change even his mind and does not want any disturbance in the system for the terrible fear of loss of revenue. But, one should understand that the realization and propagation of truth pleases God extremely and your income will never be affected by His grace. If God is pleased you will be happy in all angles because money is only one angle of life. What is the use of money if the mental peace is lost or if the health is lost or if the longevity is lost? Goddess Lakshmi is not in one form of money (Dhana Lakshmi) alone. Other forms like peace (Shanti Lakshmi), fearlessness (Dhairya Lakshmi) etc. are also equally important. I assuredly tell you that if you stick to the truth and propagate the truth, God will multiply even your income by several times. The same society will reward you in several ways and several times more because, after all, the minds of all the human beings are under the control of God only. Therefore, realize the truth, propagate the truth and practice the truth without any fear.

### **Unfortunate State of Hindu Priests**

The unfortunate state of the present Hindu priests is pitiable. They are simply reciting the Veda without knowing its meaning. They never learnt Sanskrit language in which Vedas exist. The scriptures of other religions are in their own mother tongue and this problem does not exist.

The ancient Indian sages expressed message of God as Vedic hymns revealed in their hearts through their mother tongue, which happened to be the Sanskrit language. The Vedic hymns are associated with the names of such divine sages. Therefore, there is no fault of those sages. Either you should learn Sanskrit to know the meaning of the Vedas or translate the Vedas in to your mother tongue and then recite. God knows every language and is not partial to Sanskrit language. Meaning is more important than language. Meaning leads to analysis and analysis leads to determination. The determination leads to practice and practice alone can yield the fruit. The very meaning of the Veda is to know (*Vidul jnane...*). You should recite and also know the meaning (*Adhyetavyo jneyascha...*). Recitation of the Veda without knowing the meaning is worst (*Anarthajno... Paathakadhamah...*). In the olden days, when printing was not available, Veda was preserved through recitation. The recitation also served the purpose of protection of Veda from introductions and deletions by certain selfish people. But, now that fear does not exist because Vedas are published and are preserved in electronic media. We must thank the ancient priests, who protected Vedas from additions and deletions (pollution). The Veda is the greatest among all the scriptures and is called as Brahman (*Brahmakshara samudbhavam... Gita*). The word Brahman means greatest among a category. Today, the time is wasted in unnecessary recitation because such fear does not exist now. The time should be spent in knowing the meaning and in doing the analysis of the meaning. For the analysis, all the Shastras should be studied (*Tasmaat shaastram... Gita*). The huge temple funds in India should be spent in teaching Sanskrit and Shastras and not for unnecessary recitation of the Vedas. The temple funds are diverted to public works. The public works should be confined to public revenue only. The temple funds should be spent for God's work. These funds are wasted in unnecessary constructions. The facilities of visiting devotees should not be much focused because the devotee is expected to face difficulties in devotion and not happiness. Devotion develops in difficulties and not in happiness. This is the reason why temples existed in forests and on the top of hills in ancient days. Distributing food to visiting devotees is also not correct. It only leads to commercial aspect. Distribution of food to the needy like beggars is more important for which God is pleased.

The sage Yaska says that the ritual performed without the knowledge of meaning of the recited hymns is waste and has no fruit like the process of cooking without fire (*Anagnauviva...*). Today, the rituals are done without knowing the meaning. Neither the performer of the ritual nor the priest knows the meaning due to lack of knowledge of Sanskrit and Shastras. It is better to recite the translated Vedic hymns in to the mother tongue. Priest should be a scholar of Shastras to explain the meaning and the inner meaning with the help of Shastras so that the gathering on the occasion of the ritual gets the direction of knowledge and true devotion to God. If it is done without knowledge and devotion, such ritual is called as Swadhyaya yajna. Strictly speaking even this word cannot be used because the word adhyayana means knowledge according to Sanskrit grammar. Hence, it is not yajna or ritual at all since it is a total wastage. Such ritual is done only due to imposed fear for difficulties or imposed attraction of some material benefits, which are totally false. Based on this fear and attraction, the ignorant priests are earning their livelihood and the ignorant people are doing rituals. If I am such a priest, I will prefer to commit suicide with hunger instead of continuing My life on such earned livelihood because it is total betraying God. Hence, the Hindu rituals need thorough reformation in the entire world. The case of ancient sages was totally different because their mother tongue was Sanskrit and they were excellent scholars of Shastras. In those days, the rituals were seminars of spiritual knowledge (Jnana yajna) developing the devotion to God (Tapo yajna). Today, the ritual is simply material work (Dravya yajna). The performer of ritual expects some materialistic benefits and protection from problems out of it and the priest gets some material out of it. The priest is really benefited by the material but the performer does not get any material. If any materialistic benefit happens it was either due to his present deeds or past deeds. The accidental coincidence of the benefit is attributed to the ritual and the priests maintain the ritual in this fraudulent way. If the ritual is done in its original sense, one will get the grace of God, which is the source of all types of benefits in the life. Therefore, ritual must be performed and the priest must be rewarded. I am not advising to stop the ritual and to condemn the priest like any atheist. I am only asking the priest to perform the ritual in real way so that the performer gets real benefit. In such case the performer will reward the priest in a better way. Even if the performer does not reward the priest in this way, God will



certainly reward the priest in His own miraculous way because the priest is propagating the divine knowledge and devotion, which is related to God only. In the present way, the God is furious on the priest and the performer is also not rewarding the priest properly with due respect. The priest is expected to be in the position of God in human form (Satguru) and therefore, the priest in the ritual is called as Brahma. But, today the priest is actually abused. The word 'Purohita' containing the four letters pu, ro, hi and ta are considered to be the first letters of four words pureesha (excretory matter), rosha (anger), himsa (torture) and taskara (thief)! The following Sanskrit verse reveals this '*Pureeshasyacha roshasya himsaayah taskarasyacha, aadyaksharaani samgruhya chakredhaata purohitam*'. The same purohita (priest) was described in the first hymn of first Veda (Rig Veda) like this – *Agnimeele purohitam yajnasya devamrutvijam hotaaram ratna dhaatamam*, which means that purohita is like the sacred fire who gives us the gems of spiritual knowledge and he should be fed with praise since he is the presiding deity of the yajna. What was the position of the priest and what is the position now? The public should not be blamed for this, which is innocent and not properly guided in the right direction. Even the present priest should not be blamed because he is misled by the blind tradition. Certain middle age partial scholars who were blind with selfishness and ignorance should be blamed for the blind tradition, which is built-up by them.

If you see the process of homa or yajna, it represents the climax of ignorance of the blind tradition. A Satguru-priest (Brahma) with divine knowledge is called as Brahmana and is compared to fire or agni. The word agni comes from agri, which means that He should be worshipped first. He is compared to the sacred fire for His brilliant radiation of knowledge. The fire is in three forms. One is physical (Bhowtika or loukika), second is Vydyuta (electrical energy) and the third is Vaishvanara (divine form). The first form is lit in yajna in the beginning to cook the food, which is the material (Dravya) as instrument of yajna (Yajna saadhanam). This cooked food with ghee is indicated by the word ghee itself (Havis). When the doctor says to avoid oil, it means to avoid food prepared with oil because nobody drinks oil directly. This point is known by the word lakshana in tarka shastra. The ignorant priest has taken the direct ghee due to lack of knowledge of tarka shastra. Similarly, as per alankara shastra the figure of speech called

rupaka (metaphor) should be known to understand that the word fire means the priest Himself. A member in the lions club is called as lion. The ignorant priest will bring lion from the forest in honoring ceremony of the lion of the lions club! Therefore, he took the physical fire by the word agni. If he has the knowledge of Sanskrit and Shastras, he will take the deserving Satguru as agni and the best food cooked by ghee as the meaning of the word Havis or ghee. He will feed the Satguru with such food so that the Satguru will gain energy to give a divine discourse. Instead of this real sense of Yajna, our illiterate tape recorder in the alive form (priest) has taken the ghee directly and poured in the physical fire! What is the result? The result is the environmental pollution, which stops the rains. Our priest says that it will bring rain! If the Satguru is fed all the angels will get satisfied because the Satguru is the abode of all the angels (*Yaavateervai... Veda*) and then the angels can help to bring the rains. Kapila in Bhagavatam says that a fool pours ghee in fire during Homa. The Satguru is treated as the divine form of fire (*Agneyovai brahmanah... Veda*). The hungry Satguru represents the vaishvanara form of fire (*Aham vaishvanaro... Gita*). Lord Krishna asked for the cooked food in yajna before burning it in physical fire for the sake of His hungry friends and thereby, He preached the sense of yajna is only to feed the hungry human being. He also stopped such yajna for Indra. The Lord is establisher of dharma, will He disturb the Vedic dharma? He only directed the correct path of the Vedic ritual and established the original sense of Vedic dharma. The misinterpretations of Vedas have started by the end of Dwapara age itself which extended in to the age of the present Kali.

In the above case, the misinterpretation harmed the world by wastage of energetic food like ghee and by environmental pollution. Ghee being the best food (*Annam*), should not be destroyed by burning and this is against the Veda (*Annam na parichakshita... Veda*). Recently the misinterpreted yajna is frequently done everywhere because the priests are connecting certain materialistic benefits to such burning of ghee in the physical fire. I am astonished to hear that some priests in a temple conducted Homa for the victory of India in the world cricket game! The ambition to the materialistic benefits in this Kali age is increasing day by day and such rituals attract people. Today, the Homa has become most prestigious ritual! Veda says that yajna is based on science only because cooking the food and feeding the deserving people

does not involve any super natural power in it (*Vijnaanam yajnam tanute...*). Even the smoke coming out of the Homa, which is as good as any other smoke, can be scientifically proved to stop the rain. The creation runs by scientific principles and God only created such principles. God does not accept to violate administration of His own principles. Due to selfishness, the priest is imposing the name of God on such scientific administration of creation. To satisfy your selfishness, God will not use His super power so that the smoke coming from yajna can bring the rain while the smoke produced elsewhere stops the rain. This means that you are making God as a doll of your own will. Any super power to violate the nature functions only by the will of God. Since nature also is His own creation functioning on His own administration, generally God will not use super power, which only means violation of His own set-up of principles. Only in emergency, super power functions by the will of God.

The criticism of Homa should be applied in burning camphor and other materials to produce the so called smoke, burning oil in lamps, burning candles, burning wood in Dhuni etc. Sai Baba used dhuni in the old Masjid to avoid the poisonous creatures and the purpose was served. If you say that all these light and fire represent God and divine knowledge to experience the representative concept in such burning, burning once is sufficient and it need not be done everyday and in every function. Since you have known the concept by hearing this, even burning once is not necessary. You can experience this concept even by looking the light of the Sun everyday. The enormous amount of wood and oil can be spent for the sake of feeding the beggars, who die with hunger. If you save their lives and convert them in to devotees, God will be really pleased. God created the ghee and oil, which is the best food with proteins for humanity. You are burning such rich food and for proteins you are killing the innocent birds and animals to eat their flesh for proteins. Buddha started the revolution by opposing the killing of animals and He is the embodiment of love and kindness to animals and birds. He left the home on seeing a bird wounded by arrow. Jesus is seen with love on a lamb in His hands and this indicates the love on animals. Once, a devotee asked Mohammed for the way to please the God. The first thing mentioned by Mohammed (Sallam) to please God was not to kill any innocent living being like bird and animal. He told that if you kill one living being it is equal to killing the entire humanity. You cannot

justify killing the animals for the purpose of eating protein-flesh because God, the capable administrator who created this humanity, already served the purpose by creating protein rich oils. Hence, your killing of animals is without cause and is not acceptable to the concept of Mohammed. In Hindu Manusmriti, lot of stress was given to avoid the non-vegetarian food. It imposes restrictions on place and time in killing the animals and finally recommends complete restriction called as the Mahavratam. It says that the greatest justice is not to kill any living being (*Ahimsaa paramodharmah...*). The Veda says to kill the animal nature present in yourself but not the actual animal in yajna (*Manyuh pashuh...*). The tsunami in the sea and the quakes in the earth are only the anger of God in killing the life in water and the life on the land respectively. Even the modern medical education recommends the natural proteins in vegetables to be better for health than the synthesized proteins in the animal flesh. Science is the principle of nature, which indicates the will of God because nature is creation of God only.

The misinterpretations are welcome if they do good without any harm. The mother misinterprets to the child that if it eats the food, the moon will come down. This is not deceiving the child and there is no sin in this because the child is helped and not harmed at all. Such twists for good results exist in the tradition, which are created by the learned sages. These are called as Artha Vadas, which mean lies told for good purpose. For example, offering food and money to the deserving person gives good results (Punyam). Suppose a greedy sinner dies without doing any charity to deserving people. The rituals after death are performed which are nothing but prayers to God to protect the soul. On this occasion, the vast wealth of the dead person exists without any charity. The children are advised to do some charity so that such charity will help the departed soul. But, the greedy children also will not listen. An Artha vada is created here according to which it is said that if you feed a deserving priest here, the departed soul gets that food. Certainly the charity in such feeding will help the soul but the food eaten by a human being cannot reach the departed soul because the departed soul is in energetic body, which does not require this food. Though it is a lie, but still the charity by feeding the deserving priests will certainly help the departed soul in course of time because the charity is from the wealth of departed soul. But, the son will not do the charity unless it is told that the departed soul becomes hungry without food if such feeding

is not done here. Here, the lie is not having any bad result in any side but it is having good result only. Such tricks are welcome to do good but at the same time, the tricks which have no good results should not be created for just selfish ends only especially, when such tricks harm the society as in the case of the Homa ritual done in a wrong way.

Therefore, to revive the ancient original Vedic tradition only, Lord Datta is radiating this divine knowledge through Me so that Hinduism should revive its original highest place and become the guide for the entire world. Due to the misinterpreted Vedic knowledge, the place of rituals has fallen to such low level from the sky. The Hindus have lost the benefits of spiritual knowledge and their country (India) is going down day by day. The present priest unable to know the value of the meaning of the Vedic hymns recited by him is compared to a labour, who is carrying on a bag of gold on his head just for a wage of one rupee and this is stated by the sage Yaska, who was the author of Vedic grammar (*Swarna bhara harah...*).

## Chapter - 17

**GOD, MIRACLES AND ATHEISM****Proof of Divinity**

[January 06, 2007. Smt. Shrutakirti from Hyderabad revealed her Divine experience as follows: “On December 24<sup>th</sup> 2006, I slept with some worry and I got a divine dream in which Swami walked into my house. He was radiating a light brighter than the light of a thousand Suns. Every footprint of Him was shining with a pure golden color. Swami consoled me and preached Divine Knowledge. At the end Swami told me that He is giving a proof for the reality of His entrance into the dream. Then Swami told me that if I verify the calendar of 2007, the star [constellation, according to Astrology] on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2007 is Punarvasu. This statement was repeated three times by Swami and then He disappeared. I awoke early in the morning and told about the dream to my husband. We had not yet purchased the calendar for the New Year [2007]. My husband rushed to our neighbor and brought the calendar to verify the truth. We were extremely surprised to see the name of the Punarvasu star on the 21<sup>st</sup> of May 2007. Even the composer of the calendar could not have guessed this. I immediately phoned Swami and told Him about my dream.

**Swami said:** ‘Any proof from a dream will be treated only as a dream and cannot be realized as the truth in this world on waking. Some days ago I told you that I am coming to your house on a particular day. On that day there was a profuse scent of lotus flowers in your house, which was absent outside the house simultaneously in every direction. That was a proof for My entry into your house in your waking state. If I exhibit the same scent in your dream, it is not a real proof because it becomes a part of the dream and will be treated as unreal along with the unreal dream.’ I immediately phoned and told about this experience to all the devotees of Swami”. Following is the divine discourse given by Swami regarding this incident].

**O Learned And Devoted Servants of God,**

If the human incarnation materializes matter, you say that it is a magic trick. If the Lord gives divine visions, you will say that it is an

illusion of the eye. You know that Smt. Bharati saw the divine vision of Lord Datta. She put her finger in the bright radiating wheel revolving on My finger to test the possibility of an illusion of the eye. You know that she immediately fell down and was unconscious for a long time. You know that the doctor also stated that her heart and body had been subjected to a shock by high voltage electricity. Her finger also remained stiff for three days. In spite of all this, doubts still remain in your hearts.

Now analyze this small proof in the dream. Even though it is small, it is most perfect from all angles. You know that Shrutakirti is very innocent and ignorant. How can she tell this [the exact constellation on a particular day] even in her waking state? Perhaps some mathematical genius may be able to tell this after doing some calculations and such calculations are impossible in the state of a dream. Miracles cannot satisfy atheists, who are always ready with alternative interpretations. But what sort of interpretation can they give for this? Ofcourse, one should doubt everything and everybody and should analyze intensively to find out the truth. But there should be a full stop even for analysis.

Miracles are the yardstick of ignorant people to measure the Divinity of the Lord. I stayed in the house of Smt. Bhavani for two years. She would always ask Me to tell her the thought that was going on in her mind at that time. That was her yardstick to measure My Divinity! I told her that even an evil person who has mastered a type of black magic called Karnapishachi could reveal her thoughts. But she insisted on it every day. One day I told her that I would tell her the thought in her mind once provided that she does not insist on it again. She agreed and I revealed the secret statement that she was thinking in her mind. She was very happy. But the next day she asked again. She thought that I might have correctly guessed the previous statement in her mind just by coincidence. Suddenly her third son, who was upstairs in the house, came down shouting at her for such a foolish test. He was roaring since Kalabhairava had possessed him. There is no end for the doubts of doubting Thomas.

Miracles indicate the existence of unimaginability. The unimaginability is God and its existence indicates the existence of God. The unimaginable power is the source of the miracle. The source of that power is God. That power may or may not give the address of God in a

person who exhibits the miracle. But the miracle gives proof of the existence of that power in that person. The power gives the indirect existence of God elsewhere. Therefore the miracle is an indirect proof of the existence of God but not the direct proof of the address of God. Black magic is also a power of God, which is given to Satan. Satan and his followers are sufficient for atheists to prove the existence of superpowers and thereby the existence of God indirectly. Let the atheist cross the miracle of a demon first. The theist should be above the level of these miracles and should try to achieve Divine grace of God through spiritual knowledge, devotion and selfless service through sacrifice in the Divine mission of the Lord.

If a postgraduate student forgets the alphabet, what to do? Similar is the case of the theist who wants miracles as proof. The theist requires correct guidance by correct spiritual knowledge of that standard. Therefore divine knowledge alone can be the proof of God as per the Veda. The exceptional quality of the divine knowledge (*Prajnanam*) is the spontaneous proof. You can experience the highest quality of the knowledge available and there is no need of any testing procedure for that. How do you select the Miss World? You experience the spontaneous beauty directly and there is no need of instruments to test her beauty. You select the top most beauty available in the competition. If you say that some greater beauty may exist somewhere and at sometime in this world, the result of the competition can never be declared. Only ugly sadists will say this.

The Gita says that the possessor of such topmost knowledge that can give the most perfect guidance to the souls is God Himself (*Jnanitvatmaiva...*). The importance of Divine Knowledge is only due to the importance of correct guidance in the spiritual path. For this the exhibition of miracles is not required. The exhibition of super powers through miracles is needed only for the low level of atheists and to punish the low level devils. When a high level police officer is invited to address the students in a college, he goes there in a normal civil dress. When he has to deal with criminals, he will be there in the police uniform. Even there, he will send his subordinates in uniform to deal with the criminals. But he will not send his subordinates in uniform to address the college. Similarly God comes to preach Divine Knowledge and sends His subordinates to exhibit miracles. Since the majority is in the lower strata, miracles have to be exhibited widely. Hence God gives



the super powers even to devils. The miracles include even the miraculous experiences in the life of any one, which prove the existence of the unimaginable God. Miracles and knowledge are the two requirements of people here in the lower and higher levels respectively. Generally God Himself meets the requirement of the higher level [by giving knowledge]. Liberated souls who are the servants of God, generally meet the requirement of lower level [by showing miracles].

### **Debate with Atheists**

Today atheists met in a conference in this city and talked as they liked. I can answer every point raised by them provided they are not rigid conservatives of atheism and have an open mind to accept the truth.

**Atheist:** There are 33 crores [330 million] of deities in India and yet poor people are suffering.

**Swami:** There are several teachers in a school who teach classes equally. Why are all the students not of equal standard? The cloud rains the same water drops. Why does one drop fallen in the pearl shell become a pearl and another drop fallen in a mud pond become mud? The Creator is equal to all but the creation has differences by its own nature of merits and defects. Are there no differences among people in foreign countries where there is only one God? The 33 crores of water drops (deities) have the same content of water (God). Due to the association of different materials, some drops became pearls and some became mud. The difference in the deities is due to the superimposed varied nature of human beings. You have indirectly indicated the inevitable differences in the nature.

**Atheist:** Religious exploitations have led to the misery of poor people. Why should there be golden ornaments and jewels on statues in the temple when poor people are suffering?

**Swami:** I agree that there is some religious exploitation done by selfish priests. But these exploitations are not of such magnitude to cause the poverty of some people. Politicians and rich people are responsible for the poverty of those people. Even terrorists attack such rich people and not the

priests. You are diverting the main issue to the wrong direction of a minor negligible issue. Your main issue is the negation of the existence of God. It is one of the paths in philosophy and hence Sage Vidyanaraya gave a place to the philosophy of atheism proposed by Charvaka. But now you are trying to get the support of poor people by such a diversion. Now you are no more a philosopher but you are a politician. Actually you are harming the poor people who live peacefully with pure devotion for God. Their devotion is excellent and God is giving them peace and a lot of happiness. Rich people are not blessed with such peace and bliss due to their impure devotion. Money is not the single criterion of life. Religion is doing social service along with devotion to God so that suffering people get blessings from God. Take a patient of cancer or AIDS. Your social service cannot change his worry. Only the concept of spiritual knowledge and devotion can console him completely. Sometimes the grace of God may even give a permanent cure.

Society is peaceful to a large extent based on the belief in God and the fear of hell. Now if you remove these concepts, society will end in chaos. Thus you are finally turning into an anti social element. If atheism spreads, corruption, killing each other etc. will go to the climax. All rich people will kill all the poor people and perhaps you want to remove poverty in that way! Even rich people and politicians are controlled to a large extent due to their belief in God and hell. You want to remove that too and fully support rich people! How can you say that hell does not exist? I cannot not show hell to you but can you show the absence of hell by taking Me to the end of this space? In the case of equal probability, it is better to be safe and believe in the existence of hell.

You have criticized the golden ornaments and jewels on statues in the temple. The statue is a representative model of God to give a strong impression in the minds of ignorant people. The concept of God has several sociological uses like giving confidence, peace, happiness, controlling sin etc. God is the poor man's heaven, which cannot be purchased by rich people. You are criticizing the material used in the model,

which is building up this most important concept. A villager says that the materials used in building experimental models that convey scientific concepts is a waste and that material can be used to feed the poor instead! Why do not you criticize the heavy jewelery of rich ladies and highly expensive functions, which have no representation of any useful good concept? Why have you conducted your conference in a highly expensive five star hotel?

**Atheist:** Spiritual knowledge uses no reason and perception. Hence we do not believe in it.

**Swami:** There are several things, which are beyond reason but their existence is experienced through inference. This is accepted even in science due to the inefficiency of measuring techniques (refer to Heisenberg's uncertainty principle). Work is a form of inert energy, which is neither energy nor the machine and nor the motion. But it is inferred by the final effect. The limit of space is beyond even imagination and reason. Life comes from food (matter) and matter comes from energy. Energy has no cause. Do you not believe in the existence of energy, which has no cause? A boy loves a girl even though she totally rejects him. This is a factual case even though reason does not exist in it. If love is the reason, then the reason of such love is absent and the question returns to the original state. Again love is abstract, which is invisible but inferred from the above case. All these points are created by God to give the information about Himself that He is unimaginable and that His existence is only inferred through experience. This does not mean that space, love or work (awareness) are God. They indicate God by giving indirect information about God.

## Chapter - 18

**BEYOND EVOLUTION AND RELATIVITY****Explaining Spiritual knowledge through Science****O Learned And Devoted Servants of God,**

Science is the logical analysis of the universe. It relies primarily on one authority (valid means of knowledge) namely direct perception (Pratyaksha pramaanam). Direct perception includes perception with any of the five senses. Scientists assume that spirituality is against a rational analysis and that the spiritual goal and means are not available to direct perception. This is a misconception. Our ancient knowledge of the scriptures recognizes different valid means of knowledge or Pramaanas (authorities). However they are all based on perception alone. For example, inference is a Pramaana. You see smoke on the mountain and you infer that there must be fire. Although at that moment you are not able to see fire, you can infer its presence based on past observations that smoke is always accompanied by fire. Thus prior to making an inference you need direct perception of both fire and smoke and the recognition of an invariable relation between them. Inference is called the anumaana pramaana.

Another pramaana or valid means of knowledge is the 'shabda pramaana' or the 'word pramaana'. Suppose you do not know that smoke is always accompanied by fire. However if a very knowledgeable and reliable person says so, then you can take the relation between fire and smoke for granted. Again this pramaana is also based on direct perception since that person has seen smoke to be always accompanied by fire. Not only is the shabda pramaana or the word pramaana based on direct perception but it is subject to verification by direct perception. If you observe a contradiction between the shabda pramaana and your own perception, you are sure to take your perception alone to be true. However since it is not necessary and practical to verify each and every said word, we take some reliable information obtained from another to be true. There is always the possibility of verifying it at appropriate times. Therefore taking the relation between smoke and fire for granted, you can use another pramaana such as inference to infer the presence of

fire from a visual perception of smoke. Thus in daily life, we use several combinations of pramaanas but perception is always an essential basis of it. Direct perception is the basis of all knowledge.

The scriptures of different religions contain the knowledge of spirituality. They are in the form of words and are the trusted and reliable authority in spirituality. They are the shabda pramaana. They are reliable as they do not contradict the experience or the perception.

The Vedas (scriptures) classify the pramaanas for spiritual knowledge, into four categories.

- 1) Shruti: the original scriptures.
- 2) Smriti: the commentaries of scholars on the original scripture. These may be regarded as secondary scriptures.
- 3) Yukti: the rational or logical analysis based on inference, comparison, deduction, comparison, and negation.
- 4) Anubhava: the experience based on the perception of the items in this world, which may be direct or indirect.

Out of these four ways, the fourth way is the final and the most powerful. If anything contradicts experience, it is either invalid or it may be the result of a misinterpretation of the Shruti, Smriti or a wrong Yukti (reasoning). Thus the ways of science and spirituality are not separate. The scientific method is the very foundation and framework of the spiritual knowledge of all the scriptures.

A true scientist should always rely on perception as the final means of knowledge. He should not deny the experience derived by perception. If he denies it, he is not a scientist. The topmost scientists in the world were philosophers and spiritual people. Those scientists traveled along the river of science and reached its end, which is the ocean of spiritual knowledge. This spiritual knowledge is called philosophy and it pervades all the branches of science. Every branch of science gives a Ph.D as the final degree. This degree of doctor of philosophy would not be given if science and philosophy were basically different. Philosophy is the essence of every branch of knowledge. It is the culmination of each branch of knowledge. It is what is experienced when one reaches the end of any field of knowledge. Every branch of knowledge (science) is a river while philosophy is the ocean. Similarly, all religions culminate in the spiritual knowledge. It is the ocean while each religion is a river. In spiritual knowledge all religions merge and become one. Spiritual knowledge is the culmination of all knowledge. It

is identical with philosophy. Thus science and religion both lose their identity and become one in philosophy or spiritual knowledge.

A scientist, who has not reached the end of science but still travels in the river of his field of science, denies the existence of the ocean. All he perceives is the limiting boundaries of the river of his field of knowledge. Such a river-farer is called an atheist. He neither sees the ocean nor does he see other rivers. Similar is the situation of a follower of a religion. He does not see the ocean of spiritual knowledge. All he sees is the limited river of his own religion. He cannot accept other religions or the ocean of spiritual knowledge in which all religions merge and become one. He is no better than the atheist. He believes that God is of a particular form alone. He tries to impose a limitation on the Limitless One, who created the whole universe. He limits God to a single form in His Own creation. A follower of some other religion believes that God is formless. He thinks that He is the all-pervading cosmic energy. That is a step in the right direction but is still not the truth. They forget that the cosmic energy is also a part of the creation. God is the source of the cosmic energy. The atheistic scientist believes that this creation itself is God; there is no 'other' entity that created this universe. Each one, in his own way, is far from the truth. None of them really understand who God is. Thus strictly speaking, they are all atheists. All these atheists, be they scientific atheists or religious atheists, will realize the true nature of God only when they reach the end of science or religion.

When a scientific atheist denies the existence of God, he denies his own premise of establishing the truth of a phenomenon by direct perception. The human incarnation of the Lord comes in this world and performs inexplicable miracles. We perceive these miracles. How can they deny the perception of such miracles? Agreed, that the same miracle may be conducted by an alternative means. This alternative means of performing the same effect may be explicable by science. However that still does not deny the first means, which achieved the given effect in an inexplicable way. For example, a brilliant student may score cent percent marks in an examination. Another student may score cent percent marks on the examination by cheating. Such a false cent percent score cannot deny the genuine score. The result may be the same, but the processes are different. There is a clear-cut difference in the two students. One is a brilliant student while the other is a cheater. A

human incarnation of the Lord may perform a miracle such as producing vibhuti or sacred ash spontaneously in His hands. A trickster may also achieve the same result by some trick. He may have previously hidden some ash in a secret pocket in his sleeve or within the grooves of his fingers. The trick of the magician is explicable when discovered but the miracle of the Lord is not. Although the effect is the same in both cases since a skilled magician can duplicate the miracle of the Lord, the two processes are not the same. Just because the result is the same, the processes need not be same.

The same process need not produce the same result. If it were, it would deny the fundamentals of science. In nature, we observe that there are several alternative routes to achieve the same effect or result. A chemical compound can be produced in several ways (Hess's Law). Since the final compound obtained is the same, it does not mean that the chemical reactions and the intermediates in each path are also the same. The same Chennai city can be reached by several ways. The fact that the final destination is the same does not mean that different routes to reach the city do not exist. There are separate routes and one may be better than the other.

Conservative scientists and conservative religious followers are both immature analysts. Their immaturity is that they are still in the river and have not reached the ocean. Mature scientists like Newton, Einstein and Heisenberg are scientists of the topmost caliber. They traveled down the river till they reached the ocean of philosophy. For them, there is no difference between science and religion; between philosophy and spirituality. The religious follower travels in one direction on the circumference of spirituality or philosophy. The scientist travels along the circumference of the same circle of philosophy or spirituality in the opposite direction. If both travel far enough, they are bound to meet. When they are halfway in their journey, they appear to be in opposite directions. Thus they often quarrel with each other and cannot seem to agree with each other's viewpoints.

The religious follower says that God is beyond this world and that He is inexplicable. The scientist says that this world itself is God and accepts that the world is largely inexplicable. The religious follower says that God pervades all over the world. The scientist accepts the inexplicable nature of the world but recognizes some aspects of the world, which are explicable. When God is inexplicable, the very

characteristic nature of the God is only inexplicability. The religious follower calls the explicability as creation and the inexplicability as God. The existence of an explicable part is agreed upon by both the religious person and the scientist. The existence of an inexplicable part of the world is also accepted by both. This inexplicability is called as God by the religious person while the scientist merely calls it as inexplicable, without assigning any particular name. The scientist says that there is a wire and heat in a hot wire. The religious person says that fire and the wire are co-existing. It is only a difference of words. The scientist calls it heat and the religious person calls it as fire. Fire is nothing but intense heat. Fire possesses heat. The possessor of the property is called as the property by another. This is the inexplicable part in the example. It is inexplicable because it is not tangible. The wire is the explicable part in this example, which is agreed upon by both.

The scientist believes in the independent existence of the inexplicable power as a field of energy. The religious person says that there is a substratum for that field of energy, which is called as God and which, is not perceived so far. The scientist accepts that his knowledge is not final and that he has to go deeper. The religious person goes to this depth and infers the existence of the substratum. He argues that power (energy, field) cannot independently exist and that it needs a possessor. Suppose the sun is not seen due to a cloud that covers it. It cannot be concluded that the dim light that is transmitted through the cloud has an independent existence. The light does have a source even though the source is not seen at present. The scientist makes a tentative conclusion that the light exists independently since he is not able to see the sun. Yet his conclusion is tentative and on further analyzing the problem he may see or infer the presence of the sun, which is presently hidden from his view. The religious person has already inferred the presence of the sun. So, there is no cause for a difference or quarrel between a mature religious person and a mature scientist. The inference of the religious person is based on observation (perception) of the explicable part of the world. The scientist does not want to make this inference but wants to have a direct perception of the substratum of energy, if any. Both have not seen the sun. Both accept the perception of light. Both accept that their search and research has not reached the end. At this stage the religious person infers the presence of the sun, whereas the scientist does not agree to make this inference. He leaves the



question open and says that the final truth is yet to be known and is currently hidden behind the cloud. This cloud is ignorance.

At this point, the human incarnation of the Lord comes as the support for the view of the religious person. He preaches the existence of the substratum; the Source of everything. He demonstrates the existence of this source of everything (including the explicable and inexplicable parts of the world), by performing miracles. The miracles done by the human incarnation of the Lord constitute the source (God), using the inexplicable powers to make perceptible effects on the explicable part of the world. If the scientist accepts this genuine path of miracles, the human incarnation definitely becomes the final authority and confirmation of the existence of the possessor of the inexplicable power. If the scientist has the patience to reach to the bottom of this question, he will become a spiritual philosopher. An impatient scientist who has not analyzed deeply enough becomes an atheist.

### **What is the secret of life?**

#### **Why is the scientist not able to synthesise life?**

When energy, which is another form of matter, does a special function, that special function or special mechanism or special technology is called as life. Thus, life is a special work of energy. The scientist is unable to make the energy to do this special work. The scientist is unable to know this special mechanism. Thus life is a special know-how or the knowledge of a special technology. Since knowledge is power, life can be called as a special power. Let me give you an example. A cook prepared a curry. With the same materials another cook prepared the same curry but with additional taste. This special taste is life. The taste is not the extra material, which is hidden by the hands of the second cook. The taste is only a special knowledge or talent of the second cook. The first cook is the scientist and the second cook is God. God does not reveal this one special technology to human beings because the human being always wants to become God due to his inherent egoism and jealousy. Thus God saved human beings from their fall.

One should constantly remember this point and constantly surrender to God. The soul in the physical body is only a bundle of qualities and is just like a computer chip. This chip leaves the body after death. Even if you prepare an artificial chip and introduce it into a dead

body with the supply of the required energy, the dead body can only become a robot. The difference between the human being and the robot is only this life. The body of a human being is made of living cells. Any cell can be used for cloning. But any part of a robot is non-living and cannot be used for cloning. The dead cells of a dead body cannot be transformed into living cells, which alone can make the dead person, living. The reason is that the mechanism of a living cell cannot be introduced into a dead cell since the scientist is ignorant of it. Therefore, life is a special work of the ordinary inert electromagnetic energy. The energy is inert and since work is also a form of energy, the work is also inert. The special work is also a work. Therefore, life is also inert. The word inert means that it is not independent and is under the control of a controller. When the controller is completely independent, you can call that controller only as life [sentient]. That independent controller is God. Life is inert with reference to God. With reference to life, other items of the creation are inert since life controls them. This life is called as Para Prakriti in Gita, which means that life is the supreme item of the creation. But the creator is superior to life and thus He is the absolutely supreme controller.

This special working substance is only the inert energy, which is in the hands of the scientists too. This energy is also a form of matter. When the food is taken, it is converted into this energy. Thus it is not a special energy. Life is only a special work of the same inert energy, which is produced by the conversion of matter or food. The Veda also says the same (*Annaat Purushah*). This special mechanism cannot be known by searching the matter and energy present in a living cell. The taste cannot be found out by searching the materials used for cooking that curry. It is only in the form of knowledge, which should be revealed by the talented cook. When God comes in a human body as a human incarnation, He demonstrates His special knowledge of life by raising a dead body.

Even matter is a special concept of energy. Energy or bond, binds the atoms. Most of the atom is vacant space. When you touch a solid object with your finger, the kinetic energy of revolving electrons and the bond energy between atoms repels the finger. This leads to the experience of impermeability, which is thought as the rigid hardness and this characterizes a new word 'matter'. Thus matter is only a special mechanism of energy about which the scientist is aware. Similarly life is

also a special mechanism of energy about which the scientist is not aware. Life and matter are only special functions of energy. Work and energy are inter-convertible and thus energy is work. Therefore, the different experiences of the different works are called as matter, energy and life.

Now comes the question “What is the working substance?” The answer is God. The whole creation consists of matter, energy and life, which are different forms of work. Immediately the question comes “Who is working?” The answer is “God is working.” When you say that work is a form of energy, the work of God appears as energy. When you say matter is a form of energy, energy appears as matter. Therefore, the result of the work i.e. creation, is only an apparent form of work of God. Thus, the whole creation is the power or work of God. The different items in the creation are only the different ways of work of God. This is represented by the dance of Shiva. The dance is the work and therefore the whole creation is only His dance. This creation is the imagination of God (*Ichcha matram prabhoh srishtih*). This imagination is work and the result or product of this imagination is also work or imagination. Here the work is not only the prior phase of the result but also the very phase of the result. That means the imagination is not only the work but also the product of work. This is proved scientifically. Creation is matter and energy. Matter is energy. Therefore, the creation is energy. Energy is work. Therefore creation is work. The scientist is unable to catch the Worker who is God. He is able to catch only the work and the different ways of work. He is also unable to catch that one special way of work namely life.

An engineer planned a house and constructed it. The house is matter consisting of atoms bonded by bond energies. Since matter is energy the whole house is energy. The planning of the engineer is work. Since energy is work, the house is work and since planning is also work, the house becomes the planning of the engineer. The engineer is also made of matter, energy and life. Since life is energy and matter is also energy, the engineer is also energy. Since the energy is work, the engineer himself is work or planning. Thus the engineer, planning and the house have been reduced to simply one item namely work. But there cannot be work without the worker. The worker must exist. When you see the house and do not see the engineer there, do you not infer the engineer? You also say that the entire house is the work of the engineer.

Therefore, seeing the work, you must infer the existence of the worker. Similarly seeing the creation, which is the work of God, one must infer the existence of its invisible worker—God. The second Brahma Sutra (*Janmadyasya yatah*) says the same. You cannot say that creation itself is the creator because worker and work are seen separately in this world. The house cannot construct itself. Such a systematic well-planned universe certainly demands the existence of its engineer

### **Limits of the Validity of Evolution**

[June 14, 2007. This topic is for scientists, philosophers and intellectuals for whom a slow patient reading is recommended. Swami jokes that this topic is a hard topic for digestion and can be considered as a costly vegetarian dish for rich intellectuals. The other easy topics are like easily digestible cheap vegetarian dishes meant for the common man! Mr. Anil Antony asked Swami that a scientist says, “What is the difficulty in explaining the process of creation? The theory of evolution proposed by Darwin explains it very well.”]

The main aspect in the theory of evolution proposed by Darwin is that any organ is developed to meet a need. Similarly, any organ is suppressed when the need disappears. In the case of a man the tail disappeared because its use was not there anymore due to the improved efficiency of the hands in say driving away flies. Therefore, evolution based on need is the real guiding factor in the case of living beings. Even in the spiritual field the same basic concept is maintained. When some people found out that happiness could be obtained through the effects of their own materialistic efforts, the need for God disappears and therefore, the concept of devotion is suppressed. Such people have become atheists. The so-called theists exhibit over-development of devotion related to the existence of God basically due to the same requirement of need. They want to take the help of God in their materialistic efforts to derive happiness in the world. Such need-based devotion is spontaneous and natural. Spiritual preachers based on such need-based devotion can enjoy spontaneous propagation of their knowledge and fame. But such need-based devotion is not true love to God and therefore God is displeased with it. The real devotion, which pleases God, is just the reverse of this. It is the development of devotion in the absence of any need from God. Such type of true devotion is opposite to the above spontaneous and natural devotion and therefore a

special hectic effort (sadhana) is needed. Only a qualitative minority in the world can appreciate the spiritual preachers whose preaching is based on the development of such true devotion. Therefore, a true spiritual preacher will not aspire for fame from the majority, which is not actually possible. The natural tendency as per the theory of evolution is inherent to living beings and hence, need-based devotion appeared in the spiritual field also without any effort.

The theory of evolution proposed by Darwin is confined to living beings only. If you consider the evolution of the entire cosmos, Einstein's theories are also to be considered. Science says that the cosmic energy in the state of invisible waves of high frequency is in space itself. The special theory of relativity proves that the space bends around objects and this shows that space is nothing but the finest form of energy. Hence, there is nothing like nothing (vacuum), even according to the latest science. This space is the first primordial energy in the subtlest form and this is called as akasha. The visible effects of the primordial energy like light etc. are denoted by the word Agni. Vayu (Air), apah (liquid) and prithivi (solid) represent matter in the three states. From these five elements, life evolved, which is the plant kingdom (*Prithivyah oshadhaya*—Veda). Gradually the animal kingdom with the latest human being evolved. This represents energy, matter and awareness, which are gradually evolved one after the other. Such evolution is mentioned in the Vedas (*Akashat vayuh...*). The visible energy like light is produced only after the existence of atoms. Hence the primordial energy, the gaseous state in which the atoms and molecules move freely and the visible energy like light are produced in that sequence as per the Veda (*Vayoragnih*). The final conclusion is that energy (primordial), matter and awareness are produced in that sequence. Since nervous energy or awareness is produced from the inert energy functioning in the nervous system, by the oxidation of oxygen gas, the gradual production of awareness from energy and matter is justified in the Veda as well as in the theory of evolution in science. The formation of matter from energy is clearly proved by Einstein through the law of equivalence of mass and energy. Therefore, the theory of evolution proposed by Darwin associated with the Einstein's theories will certainly prove the evolution of the universe from energy or space in a sequential manner.

### Ultimate Cause—Atman

The Veda mentions one more item indicated by the word Atman as the ultimate cause from which the primordial energy or space was generated (*Atmana akashah—Veda*). You cannot say that the word Atman means awareness here, because, awareness (*purushah*) is mentioned as the third generated product in the chain of evolution. A generated product in the chain cannot be the first ultimate cause. The scientist may say that there is no necessity of the word Atman as the ultimate cause because the meaning of the word Atman can neither be energy, nor matter, nor awareness because these three items already exist in the world. Moreover, energy, matter and awareness are visible items in the light of the development of advanced electronic equipments. Even the awareness is visible in the form of waves propagating in the nerves as found by the latest instruments. Even the Gita says this that scholars can see awareness or soul (*Pashyanti Jnana Chakshushah*).

Therefore, the meaning of the word Atman must be an unimaginable item, which is not the object of the senses, mind, intelligence or even sharp logical analysis (*Na Chakshushah, Aprapya Manasa, Na Medhaya, Naisha Tarkena—Veda*). The best word that can be used to indicate such an unimaginable object is “wordless” (*Ashabda mavyayam...—Veda*). A negative word like Parabrahman can also be used since it means that which is not Brahman. But the word used is Atman, which means the awareness that pervades all over the human body (*Sarvam Shariram Atati Iti Atma*). This word means awareness along with its property of pervasion. An independent existence of awareness pervading over space is not available and hence the awareness pervading in a human body alone should be taken. If you take the Atman mentioned here to mean the awareness pervading all over a human body, such a possibility is negated. This is because the awareness in the human body is not an unimaginable object, which exists in the beginning of the chain, since this awareness has already appeared at the end of the chain as the ordinary awareness or life (*purusha*). Therefore, the word Atman here means a human being, who is completely different from any other human being, which appeared at the end of the chain of evolution.

Such a special human being is the superman or a human incarnation of God like Krishna in whom the existence of a special

unimaginable item is inferred. The Veda says that the existence of such a superman is the basis of the inference of the unimaginable item called as God. But the Veda alone cannot stand as an authority because it can be rejected as the poetic imagination of some selfish priests to exploit the society in the name of God. Therefore, mere scripture (Shabda Pramanam) cannot be the authority. All the authorities (Pramanams) are based only on perception (pratyaksham). In Shabda Pramanam a well-wisher says that Benaras city exists. The faith in his words is based on his personal visit to Benaras and also on your possible personal visit to Benaras. Even inference (Anumana Pramanam) becomes an authority only when it is based on perception. You infer the existence of fire on seeing the smoke from a mountain. This is because you have already perceived the relation between smoke and fire in your kitchen. Therefore, the Veda said that the unimaginable item, God, should be inferred (*Astityevopalabdhyah*). The Veda is supported only by the human incarnation, who exhibits the existence of the unimaginable God through an unimaginable act. Due to this practical exhibition, perception is established as the basis of inference even in this case.

Lord Krishna said that He, the human incarnation alone, is the ultimate goal of the Veda that is to be known (*Vedaishcha sarvaih—Gita*). The unimaginable God present in Him is inferred from the unimaginable action of lifting the huge Govardhana hill on His tender finger. The reason for lifting of the hill cannot be explained by the power of the finger (energy), the finger itself (matter) or the soul (awareness) that willed to do that action. None of these three or even the composite of these three can be responsible for the lifting, because no similar human being, which is an exact duplicate composite of these three items, can do that.

Among these three i.e. (1) soul or awareness, (2) inert energy of the human body assumed to be concentrated in the finger and (3) the finger or even the entire human body (matter), the status of the awareness alone in this activity is almost nothing. This is because the awareness in a human being cannot lift even a cup by itself, without the help of the inert energy existing in the human body. The awareness of the soul only wishes to lift the cup and subsequently the inert energy in the human body does the work. In this light, saying that the awareness or soul alone is God is nothing but a joke. Among these three, awareness by itself is the weakest. Except for the specialty of willing and

designing, the awareness by itself is considered to be almost of no importance. This unimaginable activity or miracle indicates the existence of the unimaginable God in Krishna and such indication is called as inference. Such unimaginable acts or miracles are exhibited even by demons by the grace of God because such miracles indicate the existence of unimaginable God. To propagate this fundamental concept, God gives the miraculous powers to demons so that the work of God is also done through them, even though they are driven only by their ego. Actions of God are always multidimensional and cannot be understood easily.

God pervaded all over the human body of Krishna similar to the soul that pervaded the same human body. Therefore, God can be called as Purusha here, since Purusha means that which pervades all over the human body. Shankara preferred to call God here as Purusha because He preferred to identify the existence of only two categories viz, Purusha and Prakriti (*Prakritim Purushamchaiva*—Gita). In this classification the soul that pervaded all over the human body of Krishna comes as a sub-category under the Prakriti itself and is called as Para Prakriti. Ramanuja preferred to call God here as Purushottama, based on the classification of three categories viz, Purusha, Prakriti and Purushottama (*Yasmat ksharam atitoham*...—Gita). In this classification Purusha means the soul, Prakriti means the human body alone and Purushottama means God. People having common sense can easily understand that there is no difference between these two classifications and hence there is no difference between Shankara and Ramanuja.

God pervades all over the human body of the human incarnation and hence the human incarnation can be the real and direct address of God. Even the human body can be called as Atman according to the Sanskrit dictionary. The reason for this is that the human body also pervades a part of space and can be considered as pervading space. Hence, in the case of the human incarnation; the human body, the soul and God put together can be denoted by the word Atman. Even in ordinary human beings since the human body pervades some space, it can be called as Atman. Hence, in ordinary human beings both the human body and soul can be denoted by the word Atman. Externally there is no difference between the human being and the human incarnation because Atman denoting the human body and the soul is common in both. The third item in human incarnation, God, is invisible



and also unimaginable. You can call a live electric wire also as wire because the electric current in it is invisible. Hence, Atman or Purusha denote even the human incarnation. This led to the confusion to think that there is no difference between human beings and human incarnation. As long as the current in the live wire is not experienced, nobody will differentiate between the live wire and an ordinary wire. But once the current is experienced in the live wire, it is distinguished from the ordinary wire. Similarly, when God is experienced in the human incarnation, it is distinguished from ordinary human beings and the word Purushottama is used. Otherwise, even the human incarnation can be called as Atman or Purusha, which denote an ordinary human being.

You may say that Brahma Sutras say that God can be inferred from the universe, which has a wonderful design. This wonderful design demands the existence of a designer through inference because we experience that a designer is necessary for the construction of a house etc is experienced in perception (*Janmadyasya yatah*—Brahma Sutra<sup>1</sup>). We have no objection if you are satisfied by such inference. But scientists say that several items in the creation are formed by natural processes also even in the absence of a designer. They say that a hill on the earth or a crystal in a solution is formed on its own accord without any designer. Moreover, this argument of the requirement of an intelligent designer does not establish the unimaginable nature of God. It establishes God as a mere designer of creation. If just the ability to design is the criterion, even awareness can be fitted in the place of God. However, the absence of the capacity to create, control or destroy this real world or even any part of it clearly proves that mere awareness cannot be placed in the position of God even in this context. This is the reason for the appearance of the Gita in which the human incarnation like Krishna clearly established the unimaginable nature of God through the unimaginable acts called as miracles.

Just like the human incarnation is God (because of the pervasion of God throughout that human being), can we also call this entire universe as God assuming that God has pervaded all over the universe? In support of such through-and-through pervasion of the universe by God, quotations like *Sarvam khalu idam Brahma*<sup>2</sup>, *Vishwam Vishnuh*, etc. can be referred here. But this concept is not acceptable because if

<sup>1</sup> Brahma Sutra, 1:1:2

<sup>2</sup> {, #34}

God pervades all over the universe, it means that the universe does not exist separately from God. Then it cannot become the object of God's entertainment like a movie. If you pervade all over the movie, there is no difference between seer (drashta) and the seen (drishyam). Then how to interpret the above quotations, since the whole world is under the control of God? The whole world can be called as God in a special way.

Let us take an example. Suppose it is said that a kingdom is Kalinga (*kalingoyamdesah*). Kalinga is actually the name of the king but the kingdom is called as Kalinga because everywhere in that kingdom, the king controls the kingdom. Ramanuja has given this interpretation. Once the address of the unimaginable God is obtained, it hardly matters whether God is in the human incarnation or in the world. Since the human incarnation is in the world, you can say that God also is in the world. However, conversely, the human incarnation is God but the universe cannot be so, due to the above-mentioned objection. The present context is about the inference of the existence of the unimaginable God as the ultimate cause of this whole universe. So whether the address of God is direct as in the case of human incarnation or indirect as in the case of universe, it makes no difference. The advantage of the direct address over the indirect address is that the human incarnation (direct address) establishes the unimaginable nature of God through miracles. If you are already convinced with the unimaginable nature of God through miracles seen elsewhere, the indirect address is sufficient. The special importance of the human incarnation is that only in the human incarnation, can God receive your service directly. But that is a different context.

### **Relative Realities**

In the chain of evolution, the theory of relativity exists everywhere between the cause and the effect. Science takes the absolute primordial energy as the ultimate cause and matter and life can be treated as relatively true products of the absolute primordial energy. The ultimate primordial energy is the direct cause of matter and is the indirect cause of awareness. The theory of relativity applies between the primordial energy and awareness also because the intermediate matter is only a relative truth in which the absolute truth is only the primordial energy. Now we have established that the ultimate cause is God and the primordial energy is His immediate, relatively true effect. Then the

entire universe also becomes a relative product of God. The rope gave an illusion of a stick and the stick gave an illusion of a serpent. Now both the stick and the serpent are relative illusions of the same absolute primary rope. The dream is a relative effect of the soul and the soul is the absolute cause. Similarly, the entire universe is a relative effect (mithya) of the Absolute God. Mithya is neither an independently existing truth (sat) nor the non-existent complete unreality (asat). The dream does not exist independently without awareness. Neither can you say that the dream is a non-existent unreality because it masks the reality and appears to exist as a separate entity other than the soul. Shankara says that mithya means that which is neither existent nor non-existent (*sadasat vilakshana mithya*). This means that you cannot even define the relative effect of the unimaginable God.

If you analyze, the relative effect vanishes on realization of the cause. If the rope is seen, the serpent disappears. If the pearl-shell is seen the silver disappears [the pearl shell appears like silver]. But here God is not only invisible but also unimaginable for us. In such a case how can the world, which is His relative effect, disappear from our eyes? If you say that the world vanished from before your eyes, it means that your eyes have seen God. Atleast if God is imagined by our intelligence, this world can disappear in our imagination. But neither does the world disappear from our eyes nor does it disappear from our imagination. This means that neither is God seen nor even imagined. The defect in the above simile is that you (observer) are different from the serpent and silver. But here, you are part and parcel of the world and when the world disappears, you will also disappear. Even God is managing His continuous entertainment by watching the world constantly and the Advaitin, who is a part and parcel of the world boasts that the world does not exist. The world is relatively true with respect to God and not with respect to an Advaitin or any soul. If it is relatively true with respect to you, it means that the world is relatively true with respect to itself. It is relatively true with respect to God alone. Infact with respect to the world you are a tiny particle and you are almost non-existent. You are just reversing the truth. Even God enjoys this world by continuously maintaining His ignorance and experiencing the world as if it were the absolute truth. Only in certain special pressing occasions, does He realize the world as a relative truth and then He does the

necessary modifications or violations of nature, which are called as miracles.

### **Sat and Asat**

The pot generated from mud and the chain generated from gold, are the examples given for the generation of the universe. In these examples both the cause (mud or gold) and the effect (pot or chain) are knowable items and cannot be compared to God (cause) and the universe (effect) because God is unknown or unimaginable and the universe is known or imaginable. The generation of the world from God cannot be explained by any example in this world because there is no unimaginable item in this world, which can stand as a simile for God. Every item in the world including the soul (awareness) is imaginable. Therefore, all these examples are applicable only to the generation of the universe from the imaginable primordial energy, which is the first created item of the universe from God. The generation of the primordial energy from God cannot have a simile in this world. The process of generation of the knowable primordial energy from the unknowable God is unknowable. This is because any process of generation of any effect from its cause in this world is knowable since both the cause and the effect are always knowable items. This primordial energy is called as Sat (*Sadevasomya...—Veda*), which exists as the first effect with respect to God but it is the first cause with respect to all other items of the world. Since the process of generation of the primordial energy is unknown, it is always taken as the primary cause of the world. It becomes the absolute reality for all the other relative effects (matter and awareness) and hence is called as Sat. It is also called as a relative reality (Asat) since it is the effect of God, and it exists in the beginning of the world (*Asadvaidamagraasit—Veda*). Thus the primordial energy is both Sat and Asat, which exists in the beginning of the creation.

This primordial energy, being the greatest item, is called as Brahman. God who is indicated only by silence is called as Parabrahman by Shankara Himself. Shankara said that the awareness becomes Brahman in deep sleep because awareness is transformed into the primary energy, due to the resting nervous system. Such primary inert energy in the cosmos is called as Brahman and the same primary energy in the human being in deep sleep, is called as Atman. Shankara said that Brahman and Atman are devoid of any quality that

characterizes awareness and hence it is called as Nirguna. The functions of awareness cease and hence the activities like thinking (manas), decision (buddhi) and experiencing itself (ahankara) also vanish. Such primary inert energy, which simply stores information in deep sleep, is called as chit, chittam or para prakriti. This primary energy called as Atman, functions with qualities in the waking and dream states as the Jeeva. This soul is unknown to ordinary human beings but is known to scholars (*Drishyatetvagraya...Veda, Pashyanti Jnanachakshushah...Gita*) and thus it is not unknowable forever to all. The soul cannot be God, who is unknowable forever to all.

Advaitins are confused in this point and say that God is unknown to ordinary human beings but is known to scholars. The Veda says that even angels like Yama are unable to know God (*Kathametat vijaniyam...*). Does this mean that scholars are greater than Yama? The Gita says that nobody knows God and the Veda says that the knower of God is God alone (*Brahma vit Brahmaiva...*). People misinterpret the Gita that nobody among ordinary people can know God and they misinterpret the Veda too by saying that the knower of Brahman becomes Brahman. If you accept such an interpretation, you must say that the scholar, who knows Brahman is greater than the Yama, who declares that even He cannot know God. The Advaita scholar, who claims that he knows Brahman, shivers even by seeing the messengers of Yama! The Advaita scholar, who became Brahman by knowing Brahman, must be greater than Hanuman, who does not say that He is Brahman (since he does not know Brahman) but who says that He is only a servant of Brahman (*Dasoham*)!

Without touching the unknowable God, Shankara has taken the primordial energy, which is the primary cause of this world, as the meaning of Brahman. The primordial energy creates the rest of the world only by the will of the God. Every cause in this world generates an effect only by the will of God. Even a pot cannot be produced from mud against God's will. Hence, in every generation process the real cause is only God even though the apparent cause can be any item of this world. In this sense, the creation of the rest of the world from the primordial energy can be treated as the creation of the world from God Himself. The word 'Sat' denotes the existence of the primordial energy in deep sleep, which stores the information. The word 'chit' denotes the awareness functioning in the states of waking and dream. The word

‘Ananda’ is intensive happiness, received at the end of deep sleep and in the beginning of the waking state. Thus, Sat-chit-ananda are only the characteristics of the primordial energy, which is called as Atman or Brahman; they are not the characteristics of the original unimaginable God because the characteristics of the unimaginable God are also unimaginable.

For theistic scholars, unimaginable events in life indicate the unimaginable God. For devotees, the miracles performed by the human incarnations indicate the unimaginable God. For ignorant theists, devilish people who perform black magic, indicate the unimaginable God. For scientists, the unimaginable concepts in the deeper planes of nature indicate the unimaginable God. God created nature, which is partly and superficially imaginable. In the absence of this imaginable nature, the highly contrasting concept of unimaginable nature disappears. If there is no darkness, light will lose its sense. Atheists interpret all the above unimaginable items in another way. The unimaginable events in life are interpreted as incidents of probable coincidence. The miracles and black magic are interpreted as ordinary magic tricks, based on the illusion of the eyes. The unimaginable concepts in the deeper planes of nature are said to be only temporarily unimaginable. They say that these concepts will have explanations in the future just as the unimaginable concepts of yesterday are explained today. Therefore, God established one unimaginable item, which is witnessed by every human being at any time. That is the unimaginable infinite boundary of the universe. Scientists accept that the universe is infinite forever. This indicates the unimaginable God, who is beyond the limits of the universe since He is the cause of the universe. This point is the focus of the cosmic vision given by the Lord to Arjuna (*Nantostimama—Gita*).

Advaitins say that awareness (Brahman) under superimposition, due to complete ignorance, becomes the soul (Jeeva) whereas the same awareness under realization becomes Ishwara. Krishna remained as Ishwara due to full realization, whereas Rama remained as Jeeva due to ignorance and became Ishwara when reminded by Yama at the end. This means that it is the will of God whether to maintain the realization for preaching to others or to maintain complete ignorance for enjoying fully. But you cannot compare the case of Rama to that of every human being just because Rama behaved as a human being under ignorance. A

lion is under the illusion that it is a fox. A dog is also under the same illusion that it is a fox. The final effect of both illusions is one and the same in both the cases. Similarly Rama is under the illusion of being a human body. A soul is also under the illusion of being a human body. In both cases, the final effect of the illusion is one and the same, which is the human body. In the case of Rama when the illusion is removed, Rama became Ishwara and went to the divine abode. But in the case of an ordinary human being, when the illusion is removed, the soul becomes only a soul and not Ishwara. The commonness in the process of illusion and in the final effect of the illusion cannot bring commonness in the original objects also.

Meanwhile, Sage Vashishtha might have advised Rama that He is the soul and not the human body. This is a transformation of one superimposition to another superimposition. The lion might have been reminded that it is not fox but it is dog. The lion might have even thought of itself as a dog for sometime. But the lion neither became a fox nor a dog at any time. Similarly, Sage Vashishtha might have advised some human being that he is the soul and not the human body. In his case, the illusion is truly removed because the soul remained as a soul after the removal of the illusion. Similarly, the dog became a dog on being relieved of the illusion of being a fox.

Shankara said that awareness is Brahman. We are not at all objecting to this because awareness is the greatest item in creation due to its specific characteristic of knowledge. Any greatest item in a category can be called as Brahman. The word Brahman is not fixed only to God. God being greater than the greatest item of any category becomes the overall Greatest and hence God can also be called as Brahman. Since, Shankara fixed the word Brahman only to awareness (soul), God is indicated by another word Parabrahman. Shankara Himself used this word for God (*Maunam Vyakhya...—Dakshinamurti Stotram*). Now let us take Ishwara, who is a soul containing the three qualities, which is charged by God and exists in an external energetic form like Narayana or Shiva or Brahma. Let us also take an ordinary human being, who is a soul containing the three qualities and which exists in an external material form called as a human body. If you compare Ishwara and Jeeva (human being) the external gross body is not common because one is an energetic form and the other is a material form composed of the five elements. The three qualities in both the

cases may also differ due to the difference in their proportions. There is no point of comparison regarding the presence of God in each of them, because God exists in Ishwara and God does not exist at all in the human being. The only item that is common between the two is the awareness called as Brahman. In this explanation of Shankara, how can you say that the awareness in both the cases is God? The awareness in Ishwara is God since God charged it whereas the awareness in a human being is not at all God, since God did not charge it.



## Chapter - 19

**NECESSITY OF PROPAGATION OF DIVINE KNOWLEDGE****Anomalies starting from Spirituality to Worldly Affairs**

[Krishnashtami Day-1 August 26, 2005. Krishnashtami is the celebration of the birthday of Lord Krishna, the author of the Bhagavad Gita and God in human form. This festival is celebrated throughout India in different ways. Starting on this day, Swami gave seven discourses for seven consecutive days.]

**O Learned And Devoted Servants of God,**

The celebration of Krishnashtami by cooking special food items and sweets is like primary level school education. Some celebrate this festival by singing songs and dancing. In this the personality of Lord Krishna is remembered and temporary pleasure derived by the devotee. This can be compared to college education. The highest and real celebration of this festival, corresponding to the university level, is the analysis of the Bhagavad Gita, which is the divine knowledge of the Lord, who came down in human form.

**The diamond of the Gita**

The central diamond of the chain of the Gita is “*Manusheem tanumashritam*”, which means that the Lord comes in human form. Krishna not only mentioned this concept of human incarnation but also emphasized again and again that He is the Lord in human form. Throughout the Gita, Lord Krishna told Arjuna to worship Him alone. When Lord Krishna declared that nobody can even imagine Him (*Maamtu Veda Na Kaschana—Gita*) it means that the Parabrahman (Absolute Lord) was speaking through Lord Krishna’s human body. The Vedas say that the only knowledge about the Parabrahman that is obtained so far is that it can never be known (*Yasyamatam Tasyamatam—Veda*).

Lord Krishna clearly stated that the soul is a part of creation and that it is a modification of His Para Prakriti (also known as Para Shakti or Maya). His Maya is modified as this creation and maintains the

creation (*Yayedam Dharyate*—Gita). Thus He is not the soul, which is a part of the creation. In the second chapter of the Gita, He said that the soul is permanent with reference to the gross body. People have misunderstood this statement and think that the soul is eternal like the Parabrahman and hence the soul is identical with the Parabrahman. People have slipped here in not noting that the permanency of soul was mentioned only with respect to the temporary gross body (*Hanyamane Sharire*—Gita). Lord Krishna created the souls [of His childhood friends and their cows] again after the creation of the world, when Prajapati (a representative of Brahma) stole His friends along with the cows. If the soul is eternal, its duplicates cannot be created with the same characteristics.

In some references in the Gita, the soul comes under the category of Prakriti (created material; nature). In these cases, the Lord is denoted by the word Purusha (*Prakritim Purusham*—Gita). If you call the soul as Purusha, then the Lord is denoted by the word Purushottama (*Yasmat Ksharat*—Gita). [The distinction between the soul and the Lord and the superiority of the Lord over the soul is always maintained]. Maya is the direct cause of creation but Parabrahman being the cause of Maya, is the indirect cause of creation. Thus both statements are given in the Gita. The Parabrahman says that He is maintaining creation (*Mayi Sarvamidam*—Gita). It is also said that the Maya maintains creation (*Dharyate Jagat*—Gita). Infact Parabrahman maintains Maya and Maya maintains creation. The mind is based on the dreamer and the dream is based on the mind. Thus the ultimate substratum is Parabrahman or the Lord alone.

### **Representative worship**

The Gita says that the Lord is the Sun among the planets (*Jyotisham Ravihi*—Gita). At the same time it is said that the Sun cannot shine before the Lord (*Na Tat Bhasayate*—Gita; *Natatra Suryah*—Veda). The point here is that the Lord is the head of this world as the Sun is the head of the planets. Thus the Sun is used here as a representative model (Pratika). This does not mean that the Lord is the Sun (*Nedam Tat*—Veda). The Gita says that the Lord maintains creation but is not in the creation (*Bhuta Bhrut*—Gita). This statement is supported by the Veda (*Neti Neti*—Veda). The Lord says that people who worship inert objects will be born as inert objects and people who

worship the human incarnation will be born as human beings (*Bhutejyah...Yanti Mat Yajanah*—Gita). This does not mean that one should not worship statues at the primary level. It means that one should not limit oneself to worshipping only statues throughout one's lifetime. The form of the statue indicates the human form alone. With the help of the finger of a person [pointed in a certain direction] you see a flower. The finger is useful in the beginning but once the flower is seen, there is no need of the finger. The worship of statues, which are in human form, is only a training to reduce the repulsion towards the human form of the Lord.

Krishna stopped the sacrifice for the deity Indra. He also asked the wives of the sages to give Him the food that was prepared to be offered into the fire altar. This shows that He was not for burning ghee (clarified butter) and food in the fire. He told them that He was hungry and ate the food that was to be sacrificed. By this He showed them how the real sacrifice is to be done. The fire of hunger is the deity Vaishvanara to whom the food should be sacrificed (*Aham Vaishwanaro Bhutva*—Gita).

### **Jnanam and Prajnanam**

Krishna is recognized as Lord in human form through His special divine knowledge called as the Bhagavad Gita. The identity card for the Lord is this special divine knowledge called as 'Prajnanam' (*Prajnanam Brahma*—Veda; *Jnaneetvatmaiva, Vedaishchasarvaih*—Gita). Miracles are not the identity marks of the Lord since they are like removable jewels, which can even be donated to others. Demons got these supernatural powers from the Lord by rigid penance and they too performed miracles. The word Prajnanam means the special divine knowledge, which cannot be explained by anybody other than the Lord. This Prajnanam is like the yellow thread (Mangala sutram) around the neck of a married lady which can never be removed and can never be donated to others. Thus even this Prajnanam is not the inherent characteristic of the Lord but is only an associated ornament. However, since it is inseparable, it can be treated as the inherent characteristic of the Lord and can be useful to reach the Lord. Even by getting this Prajnanam, you have not directly touched the Lord and therefore the Lord remains unimaginable and is not touched by words, mind, intelligence and logic (*Yatovachah...Manasasaha, Yobuddheh, Naishatarkena*—Veda; *Maamtu Veda Na*—Gita).

Knowledge, love and bliss are characteristics of awareness or the life energy associated with the nervous system. This life energy produced by the respiratory system exists even in plants, which do not have knowledge, love and bliss. But the same life energy associated with the nervous system becomes awareness, which is present in animals, birds and human beings. Life energy is like the electricity produced from a turbine, which is like the respiratory system. This electricity enters a light bulb and is converted into light. Thus the life energy produced from the respiratory system is converted into awareness when it enters the 'light bulb', which is the nervous system. Therefore knowledge, love and bliss, which are the characteristics of awareness, exist in birds, animals and all human beings. All these are items of creation and not the Creator at all. Therefore no human being is the Creator. When the Creator comes down by entering into a human form, He is recognized by His Prajnanam. Jnanam is the knowledge of a scholar that can be repeated by another scholar. But Prajnanam is the special divine knowledge, which cannot be repeated by any scholar except the Lord. All living beings including the human incarnation have the common identity card, which is awareness. All the identity cards have the same colour, which is love and the same shine, which is bliss. Jnanam (knowledge) is like the name of a scholar printed on this identity card. This name is also common for all scholars. But Prajnanam is the special name that is printed on the identity card of the Lord (human incarnation) and this name cannot be found on any other identity card.

### **Meaning of Brahman**

Awareness is also indicated by the word Brahman. Brahman means the greatest. Awareness is the greatest among the items of the creation. The Veda is greatest among the scriptures and therefore is also called as Brahman. Brahman also means the Lord who is greater than the greatest awareness and therefore the Absolute Greatest. Whenever the word Brahman comes, you should not always take it only in the sense of the Lord. You have to take the sense of the word according to the context. Therefore another word, Parabrahman, is specifically used for the Lord. This word means the Lord who is greater than Brahman. Similarly the word Atman means the human body or human being. The

human being is a part of the human body itself. The human body is a composite of three components

- 1) Casual body or pure awareness,
- 2) Subtle body, which is made of the waves of pure awareness called as qualities
- 3) External gross body made of the five elements.

The word Atman is sometimes used to mean the causal body and sometimes the causal body along with the subtle body. The causal body is like standstill water and the subtle body is like the waves in the water. Sometimes the word Atman even denotes the external gross body as you can find in a Sanskrit dictionary. Therefore the word Atman in general denotes the entire human body or human being. These three bodies are only items of creation and are not the Creator. They are all imaginable items.

The unimaginable Creator enters these three bodies in the case of the human incarnation and He is the fourth item. He pervades all these three bodies like the electric current entering a wire, which is made of three metals alloyed together. The three bodies of the individual are also integrated together and are called as the human being or human body. The human incarnation is different from other ordinary human beings, which are like wires without electric current. Such a human incarnation can also be referred to by the word Atman. Therefore unless you take the sense of the word based on its proper context, confusion will arise. Some words like space (Akasha), air (Prana) etc. have also been used to mean the Lord in certain contexts and this is clearly discussed in the Brahma Sutras.

### **Pravritti and Nivritti**

The Bhagavad Gita is the special spiritual knowledge, which can be told only by the Lord. It is Prajnanam and not simple Jnanam. It stands as the special identity card of the Lord. The Gita establishes justice in this world and simultaneously shows the path for individual liberation. The former path of justice is called as Pravritti and the latter path of the individual liberation is called as Nivritti. Both these fields must be clearly understood, and differentiated (*Pravrittimcha Nivrittimcha—Gita*). In both fields, the individual aspect and the social aspect exist (*Lokasangrahamevapi—Gita*).

In Pravritti one has to practice justice at the individual level and propagate justice at the social level for the peace of the world. In Nivritti

also, one has to uplift oneself at the individual level and uplift others at the social level. In both fields, the Lord is pleased [with the devotee who practices each path] but the pleasure of the Lord in Nivritti is infinite. In both fields, the obstruction for success is also the same—side attractions (distractions) or attractions towards worldly bonds. When the excess attraction towards these worldly bonds is reduced, one succeeds in Pravritti. When these worldly bonds are completely destroyed due to the intense attraction towards the new bond formed with the Lord, one succeeds in Nivritti. In Pravritti the attraction towards the Lord is not required and here only the knowledge of the unreality of worldly bonds is required. By such knowledge even if the worldly bonds are not completely cut, atleast they become weak. In Pravritti there is no need for the complete destruction of these worldly bonds. In Nivritti, the complete destruction of these worldly bonds is essential, but the cause for this destruction should be the new bond formed with the Lord (*Eka bhaktih*—Gita). Infact the bond with the Lord alone can destroy worldly bonds. The knowledge of the unreality of these bonds can only weaken these bonds and cannot completely destroy them. Therefore the Lord is personally required in Nivritti for the formation of such a new bond. The Lord in human form is the best for the formation of a real and complete new bond as the case of the bond of the Gopikas with Lord Krishna.

## **Divine Invisible Government**

### **Spiritual Knowledge and the world**

It is the climax of ignorance to think that spiritual knowledge is unrelated to the present worldly affairs. People think that spiritual knowledge is related only to the upper world. This shows their ignorance. The Lord is the simultaneous Ruler of this world as well as the upper world. The Lord can grant any materialistic boon in this world and can simultaneously give protection in the upper world. The Lord is also involved in the social problems of this world because He is ultimately governing this society. There is His government underlying the present human government as its foundation. The present human government is like the castle that is seen above the ground. But the government of the Lord is like the hidden foundation present under the ground. Jesus always referred to this government of the Lord [Kingdom of Heaven]. Lord Krishna also exhibited the existence of this invisible

government of the Lord by showing the vision of His cosmic form (Vishwarupam).

Arjuna decided to withdraw from the war and he thought that thereby his grandfather Bishma and his teacher Drona would escape from death. He also thought that by his withdrawal, Dharmaraja would not become the king. In refusing to fight the war, Arjuna refused to carry out both the punishment of evil and the protection of justice. The petitioner was withdrawing his own case [since Arjuna and his brothers had faced injustice and were fighting to get justice]. In such a case Krishna, the advocate of Arjuna, need not have worried. Arjuna thought that he had brought in Krishna as a helper in his own case.

If the petitioner withdraws his own case, the court accepts it and drops the case in the present human government. But the ultimate government [of God] will not accept it. Even if the petitioner does not file his case, the case gets registered in the court of the ultimate divine government. Therefore Krishna turned the tables diagonally opposite. In the Vishwarupam (Cosmic Form) that Krishna exhibited, He showed that He Himself was killing the evil opponents called Kauravas. This vision proved that Krishna was actually the petitioner and Arjuna was His helper. The petitioner will do his work even in the absence of the helper. You may think that the kingdom belonged to Pandavas [brothers of Arjuna] and was taken unjustly from them. So the war was taking place to get their stolen kingdom back. Therefore Arjuna should be the real petitioner and war must be his work. You will misunderstand like this as long as you think that Krishna was an ordinary human being. But Krishna was the Lord in human form and the entire creation is His kingdom. Therefore the society present on this tiny earth is also a small part of His kingdom. Every living being is under the rule of His divine government and therefore any affair of the individual or the society is indeed His concern. Arjuna understood the meaning of this vision and that his grandfather and teacher [who were siding evil] could not live even if he withdrew from the war. Therefore he thought that it would be better to follow the instruction of the Lord (Krishna) and kill them so that atleast he would please the Lord.

### **Psuedo-secularism neglects the divine government**

The absence of the realization of the existence of this underlying invisible divine government of the Lord, which was preached by Jesus

again and again, as the kingdom of heaven and which was exhibited by Krishna through the divine vision, is responsible for all the present burning problems at the individual level as well as at the larger level of the society. The human government is neglecting to propagate the awareness regarding the existence of this divine government. Infact the divine government also rules the human government. Perhaps the human government feels that propagating the presence of this ultimate divine government will lose its prestige. The awareness of the concept of this ultimate government of the Lord can be propagated through academic education at the primary level. But the government, especially in India, feels shy to introduce spiritual knowledge in education due to its policy of so-called secularism.

Secularism really means that the same medicine is present in every cup and that you can take the medicine present in all the cups with equal liking. Secularism also means that you can take the medicine from any cup and respect other cups with equality. But the present secularism has ended in a horrible form in which the medicine is not taken at all, either from a single cup or from all cups. This is misunderstood or misinterpreted secularism. Mahatma Gandhi prayed to Ishwara and Allah equally and that is real secularism. But in the present secularism, you neither pray to Ishwara nor to Allah nor to both with equality. Instead of such pseudo-secularism, it is better not to have secularism at all. Let us like only one cup and take the medicine from that cup. It is better that India remains as a Hindu country and follows the spiritual knowledge of Hinduism sincerely. In the present false secularism, India neither takes the spiritual knowledge from Hinduism nor from any other religion. The government feels shy in uttering even the word God, which is above all the religions like the medicine, which is not related with any cup.

### **Blind Judiciary**

In the judicial system also, the emphasis that the Lord is the supreme judge is not given. The statue of [the Goddess of] justice present in the court has its eyes covered with a piece of cloth and is supposed to only keep its ears open. This indicates that the court has not seen the truth but gives the judgement based on hearing the witnesses. This clearly indicates to the people that producing false witnesses can mislead the judgement. The statue indicates the human judicial



government with its limitations. In olden days, every temple was also used as a court. The statue in the temple has both eyes and ears open, which indicate that the Lord is seeing everything and knows the truth. The third eye on the forehead of Lord Shiva indicates that the Lord Himself is the executive power in implementing the judicial punishment. In olden days, both the parties would present their arguments in front of the statue of God. Then both the parties were left free. Within a month, the criminal side received severe punishment from God. By this the judge would recognize the criminal. In this process, the involvement of God in the judiciary system was from top to bottom. Atleast now let the statue of human justice be replaced with the statues representing all religions to protect secularism. Let the court be made into a temple. Let the divine ultimate government be fully exhibited. The Lord who is the Supreme Judge knows the truth without any witness (*Sarvatokshisiromukham*— Gita).

### **Economy and Social order**

Even in the concept of economic equilibrium of society, spiritual knowledge gives the permanent solution. Capitalism is one extreme end and Naxalism [a form of militant extremist communism] is another extreme end. In between these two lie socialism and communism. Capitalism grows industries with the help of a few rich people and by this several poor people earn their livelihood. Naxalism takes away the concentrated wealth of these few rich people and distributes it among the poor people by force. Socialism and communism try to achieve the same result of Naxalism without force. But all these systems have not given permanent solutions.

Duryodhana robbed the wealth and kingdom of the Pandavas. Dharmaraja [the eldest Pandava] requested Duryodhana to return atleast a little bit of their rightful kingdom to them and that was like socialism. [But Duryodhana refused]. Then the other Pandavas threatened Duryodhana regarding the consequences of war [if he did not return their kingdom] like communism. Draupadi was highly emotional and wanted to kill Duryodhana on the spot, like a Naxalist. But all of them were controlled and guided by Lord Krishna who was the Lord in human form. When Krishna went to the Kauravas as a mediator from the Pandavas, He requested like socialism, threatened like communism

and showed His readiness to kill them through the vision of Vishwarupam like Naxalism.

Therefore the decision of the ultimate divine government is final and when the right time comes, the Lord Himself will become the Naxalist. In such a case, the present Naxalists are not necessary just as Arjuna was not necessary to destroy evil in the Mahabharata war. Therefore all people should act under the guidance of a spiritual preacher like Lord Krishna. Infact Lord Krishna was the real capitalist who is the actual owner of this entire creation. Thus the spiritual knowledge alone can bring the real solution since the Lord is the ultimate authority. Duryodhana was supported by his father, King Dhritarashtra, who represents the human government. But Lord Krishna, who was the ultimate government, still destroyed Duryodhana. The capitalist tries to find new ways to hide his wealth, when his wealth is forcibly taken away. Sometimes even capitalists are discouraged and do not apply their talent towards growth and industrialization. All these paths fail because they beat around the bush. The spiritual knowledge directly hits the bird in the bush.

### **Achieving Balance of Society**

Spiritual knowledge emphasizes the unreality of these worldly bonds. Your family members were not related to you in the previous births and will not be related to you in the future births. These family bonds are present only in this birth and therefore they are temporary. Anything that is temporary is always unreal (*Yadanityam tat kritakam*—Shankara, (*Nasato*—Gita). The dramatic bond, which is unreal before and after the drama, is also unreal during the drama. All human beings, whether they are your family members or outsiders, have the only relationship with you of being your co-actors.

You are cheating an outsider and robbing his wealth for the sake of your family members. But both outsiders and your family members are equally related to you as only your co-actors. Why do you then cheat one co-actor and favour another co-actor and earn sin? Your family members will not share your sin. They have not asked you to steal the wealth of others in order to feed them. This was the answer given by the family members of Valmiki, who was a robber and would rob people to feed his family. One day he had tried to rob Sage Narada. Narada had told him to go to his family members and ask them if they would share

the sin that he had earned in order to feed them. [Their flat refusal shocked and changed Valmiki forever.]

Lord Krishna started the Gita with the analysis of the self. All the family members are related to this gross body alone in which the blood flows. The self, He referred to in the second chapter of the Gita relates to the causal body along with its subtle body. When you fix the word 'I' to the causal body along with the subtle body, all the relationships with the gross body vanish. The Lord compared the gross body to an external garment. This again reveals the unreality of the dramatic bonds that exist with these family members.

Only such divine spiritual knowledge can transform the rich people and with it alone does the solution for economic equilibrium become permanent. If you appeal to a rich man to follow economic justice without removing his blind family attractions, it is like reducing the body temperature by applying ice on the body without killing the bacteria, which are responsible for the fever. Now the mere realisation of the unreality of these family bonds cannot make him motivated to continue with his work so that the poor people can be fed. He may become inactive and unmotivated because the ultimate goal is not clear to him even if he finds out that all the human beings are equally related to him. The concept of the existence of God and that He is pleased when you work actively with a broad view, treating all human beings as equal, should exist. By following the path of justice and rejecting injustice, one can please the Lord. Pleasing the Lord gives the encouragement and motivation. Without this concept, the practice of justice becomes dry and useless. It may even gradually lead to the practice of injustice.

### **Atheistic government leads to injustice**

The kingdom or government of atheists, which does not recognize God, finally ends in injustice. The atheist will not recognize the underlying divine government. He only accepts the visible human government that has established courts of law and the police department as executive system for implementing the punishments given by the court. Now the atheist will think that if he can mislead the court by false witnesses and intellectual advocates, he need not fear committing injustice, which gives more enjoyment by the accumulation of wealth. He does not fear God or hell. He only fears the courts and police and knows how to escape them.

At present the pseudo-secularism is almost like atheism. In atheism you deny God and in pseudo-secularism you forget God. Both are one and the same as far as the final effect is concerned. The atheist often argues demanding that theists show him the evidence for the existence of hell and heaven. I ask him one question, “Have you shown Me the entire space of this cosmos and its boundaries to prove the absence of hell and heaven?” Ofcourse My question also ends with 50% probability for both existence and non-existence of hell. But if you practice the path of justice there is no harm to you even if hell is absent. But if there is a hell and if you do not follow the path of justice you are harmed severely (*Nanyadasteeti*—Gita). Thus the present system of pseudo-secularism or atheism is a total failure because the divine government is not recognised properly.

Even when we conduct the Independence Day celebrations we are neglecting to acknowledge the help of the Lord in achieving independence. Mahatma Gandhi achieved independence for the country with the grace of Lord Rama and he was always chanting Lord Rama’s divine name. Remembering the freedom-fighters without remembering the Lord is like praising the Pandavas for the victory in the war without mentioning the name of Lord Krishna. When Jesus was mentioning about the kingdom of God, a fighter for the independence of the Jews from Roman-rule, misunderstood that the new kingdom meant the independence of the Jews. He approached Jesus for His assistance in such a fight. Jesus clarified to him that the new kingdom was meant for the revelation of the invisible divine kingdom. Only when that ultimate government sanctions, does anything happen in this world. But in every walk of life, the Lord is neglected and forgotten.

### **Acknowledging God in public life**

People think that praising the Lord is an individual activity and not a public activity. A divine atmosphere is not created in public offices due to which, people easily forget God in public places where their activities alone are given importance. Remembering God only at home does not affect their activities because at home they are mainly inactive and take rest. Thus you have to extend the spiritual atmosphere to every inch of the earth in order to remember the government of God that is functioning everywhere and at all times. I was very much pleased to find the printed statement on the US dollar note, which says, “In God

we trust". On currency notes, the familiar pictures of God should be printed, which remind one of the divine administration. The pictures of the heads of human governments and other natural scenes should be avoided.

It is the duty of the human government to propagate spiritual knowledge in the public. They should start training people from childhood. This alone can control the sins in society like robbing the money of others, corruption, nepotism etc. The blind liking for family members, relatives, caste, religion, sex, and nationality are responsible for the various social problems present today. The blind love to the family members is responsible for stealing the wealth of others and corruption. The blind love for one's relatives is responsible for nepotism. The blind love for a certain caste and sex is responsible for social discrimination and electing undeserving people into the government. The blind love for religion is responsible for criticizing other religions and sometimes killing people of other religions in mass. The blind love for one's nation is responsible for wars and border disputes among nations. If one realizes the spiritual knowledge and finds that all living beings are like brothers and sisters, that the one God alone is the Divine Father and that this whole earth is one nation under the rule of God, all these problems vanish.

Lord Krishna just quietly witnessed the mutual killing of his relatives in which even his sons and grandsons were killed. Yet He protected the Pandavas from being brutally killed by Ashvathama even though they were not his sons or grandsons. His protection was based on their merit. He brought back the dead the son of Sandeepani to life even though he was not of His caste, while He did not give life to His own nephew Abhimanyu, who died on the battlefield. He gave immense wealth to Sudama who was not related to Him and did not belong to His caste. He took away all the wealth and killed Duryodhana although he was his relative. The favour of the Lord was based on merit and His punishment was based on the crime alone. All the above bonds were unreal and dramatic in His eyes.

### **Advice to the human government**

I repeat again and again that the government should take all the efforts to propagate the spiritual knowledge at every level and in every corner. Any activity in a public office should be done in a divine

atmosphere. All the places of public activities must be converted into temples. If secularism is followed, let the temples have statues of all religions. Every citizen should feel that the omnipresent and omnipotent Lord watches his or her activity. If funds are required to propagate such spiritual knowledge, let the funds of the temples be used for such propagation. The temple funds should be spent for such purpose to bring the constant awareness of the Lord and His all-pervading power that controls each and every activity in creation. Such programs can be done only under the leadership of the religious saints who are well aware of the spiritual knowledge. The officials of the government cannot effectively do such programs unless they are well-versed scholars of spiritual knowledge (*Jnaninah tattvadarshinah*—Gita; *Brahmanah sammarsimah*—Veda).

The government officials, who do not have any spiritual knowledge, will use the funds for developing public facilities, which should be done only out of the revenue collected. The money of God (coming from temple collections) should be spent only for bringing about awareness of God and His rule everywhere. These funds are meant only for the propagation of spiritual knowledge and devotion. Any misuse of them for any purpose other than this divine purpose is the greatest sin and the Lord will punish the government for it. Religious priests manage the funds of the Vatican church and the government is not putting its finger in it. Those funds are managed for propagating spiritual knowledge and devotion. By this the Lord is pleased and the western countries are blessed with all comforts. India should learn this aspect from the west.

### **Your duties to the Divine Government**

When the government forgets its duty to propagate the spiritual knowledge and devotion, the responsibility falls finally on the underlying ultimate government, of which the Lord is the head. Therefore the Lord comes down in human form to propagate this spiritual knowledge and devotion. The Lord also collects some tax from you for His mission. He has already given some facilities to you, like human birth, longevity, health, wealth etc. The human government collects taxes without caring for your problems. But the Lord asks for tax from all of you, but this tax is only the time, energy or work and money, which you are wasting in illusory entertainments. You can do the

sacrifice of your work (Karma Sanyasa) or the sacrifice of the fruit of work (Karmaphala Tyaga) or both according to your convenience. The liberated souls sacrifice fully, which is impossible for all others and such liberated souls are blessed by the Lord to be His constant associates, which is the permanent result. The former case is Pravritti [partial sacrifice] and the latter case is Nivritti [complete sacrifice]. One should keep Nivritti as the ultimate aim.

### **Teacher's tactic**

Pravritti is like scoring passing marks in the examination. Nivritti is like achieving the rare gold medal from the university. The teacher who aims that all the students should at least pass, should not advise them to keep passing marks as their goal. He will advise the achievement of the gold medal as the goal of every student. Lord Krishna was such an excellent teacher who taught only about Nivritti throughout the Gita. In the beginning of the Gita, Lord Krishna stated that he had come to establish justice or Pravritti on this earth (*Dharma samstapanarthaya*—Gita). This is like a teacher stating that his aim is to see that all the students in his class should pass the examination. Then in that case the teacher should stress only on getting passing marks [i.e. Krishna should have stressed on the path of justice]. Had Krishna done this, the Gita would have become another scripture of ethics like the Manu Smriti containing all the rules of justice like a legal constitution. But Krishna emphasized on the path of salvation from the worldly bonds and devotion to the Lord (Nivritti) for achieving the establishment of justice (Pravritti). The teacher is fixing the goal of the achievement of the gold medal by every student, so that every student by putting such hectic effort will at least pass. If you put mere passing marks as the goal, then every student will put in only the minimum effort and may fail. If the total destruction of bonds is put as the goal, at least the bonds will become weak. This is the excellent tactic of Lord Krishna in putting the higher goal to achieve the lower goal.

In the Bible, Jesus also adopted this tactic and He desired that His dearest disciple should hate his family bonds including the bond with his life. Hating means that one should see his family members as his enemies. When such an extreme goal is fixed, at least the blind attraction in the family bonds is reduced. Infact these family members were really your enemies in your previous birth. Since you have robbed their wealth, they have come to you to get back their money with interest.

This principle of justice is forcing you to earn money for them and by such force you are doing all the sins and are getting punished in the process. When you rob the wealth of somebody by force, you not only have to pay it back with interest but you should also be punished. Thus your blind love for your family members is responsible for your sins and the consequent punishment.

Mohammed did not mention Nivritti in His scripture [Holy Quran] because He claimed Himself to be only a messenger of God. Nivritti means loving and serving the Lord in person. For that, God in human form is essential. But Islam believes only in formless God and therefore it is not possible to love and serve the formless God directly. Therefore the path of Nivritti has no place in Islam. Pravritti itself pleases the Lord and this pleasing of the Lord is considered ultimate in Islam. In Hinduism, Christianity and Islam the final enquiry and the punishment of sinner in hell are common aspects. The Gita introduces the teacher and fixes the gold medal as the ultimate goal for achieving atleast a total passing in the class. The Bible mentions the existence of the teacher in the class and explains both the goals [passing and gold medal] separately. The Quran also introduces the teacher to the class but shows only the single goal of passing the examination. The scripture of Buddhism does not introduce the teacher and emphasizes on passing the examination and recommends passing the examination by self-study. But the Buddhists must realize that the teacher is Buddha Himself, since they surrender to Buddha (*Buddham sharanam*). The scripture of Jainism is similar to the scripture of Buddhism but the Jains should know that the teacher is Mahavir Jain Himself. The Jains also salute to the liberated souls, who are the top devotees. God pervades all over the human body in the case of the human incarnation. But God dwells in the hearts of top devotees also and thus the salutations to the liberated souls are salutations to the Lord. All these [Lord Krishna, Lord Jesus, Mohammed, Buddha and Mahavira] are human incarnations and are represented by the word 'teacher' here.

The examination of all these scriptures shows how the Gita is an excellent way of teaching spiritual knowledge and how its preacher Lord Krishna, is a full expression of the Lord (Paripurna Avatara).



## **Krishna the teacher of Nivritti**

Whenever we remember Lord Krishna, three defects appear, which attack our faith on Him. Defects of others are clearly seen by the minds of human beings. The three defects of Lord Krishna in the eyes of people are:

- 1)Stealing butter
- 2)Doing mischief along with the boys
- 3)Dancing with the maidens in the Vrindavanam.

Even other religions find fault in these points. People are not analysing the background of the Lord and criticize due to their limited views. These maidens were sages in the previous birth. They prayed to the Lord for full salvation. Salvation means liberation of oneself from worldly bonds. There are three strongest bonds, which are like steel chains (Eshanas) and they are:

- 1)The bonds with money
- 2)The bond with children
- 3)The bond with husband or wife.

They are the strongest attractions and full salvation means liberation from these three strongest bonds. The Lord stole butter, which was the hard earned money of the cowherds and thus the bond of the Gopikas with their money was cut. The bond with their children was also cut because their children were attracted to the Lord and were not following their parents. Their bonds with their husbands were also cut because the Lord attracted them in the dance. The reason for the destruction of these bonds of the Gopikas was the formation of the new bond with the Lord and there was no other reason. This is the path of Nivritti.

When Nivritti is absent, atleast Pravritti should be maintained in which these three bonds can remain but one should not have excessive attraction to them. Pravritti is maintaining worldly bonds with reasonable and limited attractions and removing the blind attractions. If you destroy these bonds for any other reason, it is not only useless but is also injustice. You will be punished in hell for such injustice. People sometimes leave these bonds and think that they have achieved spiritual progress and this is not correct. Even a stone does not have any worldly bonds but that is not spiritual progress. The stone does not have a bond with the Lord either. The destruction of these worldly bonds should be a consequence of the formation of the new bond with the Lord. Atleast,

the destruction of the worldly bonds must assist the growth of the new bond with the Lord (*Ananyah, Satatayuktanam*—Gita). Krishna did all this only in Vrindavanam where the sages were born as maidens. When He left Vrindavanam He never repeated this anywhere because no other soul except those sages requested Him for such full salvation. Since the sages in Vrindavanam got full salvation, He never returned back. Had He done this with lust, He would have repeated this elsewhere or at least He would have returned back to Vrindavanam to do the same again. The maidens became mad after the Lord because in Nivritti nothing and none can stand before the eyes of the devotee except the Lord in human form (*Natat Samah*—Veda; *Machchittah*—Gita).

Once, a lady was worshipping Jesus by applying a costly perfume to Him. A disciple of Jesus criticised this and stated that the cost of the scent could have been spent for feeding beggars. Jesus condemned the disciple and accepted her service. The reason for such personal service was that she was in the path of Nivritti. She desired only the Lord and was not interested in social service. The followers of Nivritti will even leave worldly justice for the sake of the Lord (*Sarvadharmam*—Gita). Such souls reach the permanent divine abode of the Lord. One cannot compare Jesus with an ordinary rich man, who is also enjoying a similar service. The rich man is not God and has to please the Lord. The final goal is not his selfish pleasure. In the case of Jesus there is no other God whom he should please. The service done to Jesus protected that lady in this world as well as in the upper world. But the service done to the rich man cannot protect anybody. Once a rich man approached Jesus and asked for his future duty in order to enter heaven. Jesus told him that he should give away all his money to the beggars. Jesus did not ask him to bring any costly scent to be applied to Him. The rich man belonged to the level of Pravritti and was interested in his own personal upliftment and personal enjoyment in the heaven. He was not interested in Lord Jesus.

Thus Pravritti and Nivritti should be differentiated. Ignorant people who are unaware of this difference will mistake Jesus to be fond of the application of the scent by the tender hands of a beautiful lady. Dan Brown in his book 'Da Vinci Code' writes that Jesus married a lady called Mary Magdalene and also had a child. Krishna and Mohammad had several wives. Buddha was also married. Shankara was a bachelor but Shankara required the knowledge of sex education for the sake of a

debate and received the sexual experience practically for the sake of that debate. Therefore it is immaterial whether the Lord in human form is married or not. Some souls love the Lord through such a bond. The Lord just reflects back in the same way, to please His devotees (*Ye yatha maam—Gita*). The Lord is the fire of knowledge and any stick will be burnt to ashes.

### **God is Beyond the Qualities**

When the Lord comes in human form, He plays with all the qualities existing in the universe. God created all the qualities (*Yechaiva Sattvikah—Gita*) for His Divine Play, which is meant for His entertainment. The Lord created even Satan. In a cinema the role of a villain also exists and the actor of that role also gets paid. Any quality that is used for the entertainment and pleasure of the Lord is good and sacred. Any quality that is turned towards selfish pleasure and worldly bonds is bad and impure. The ultimate aim of this universe is only His entertainment. Even Satan is sacred, since he is playing his role sincerely by testing the firm faith of the devotees. You must hate his attraction when it diverts you from the Lord but you should not hate Satan himself. Jesus said that you should hate the sin but not the sinner. The Lord is beyond qualities because the qualities constitute the subtle body (*Gunateetah—Gita*). These qualities are the tools of His divine play and He is not the subtle body. Therefore He is not the qualities and is untouched by them. A human being is the subtle body and is controlled by the qualities. He is a tool in the game played by the qualities (*Nanyam Gunebhyah—Gita*). The Lord uses the bad qualities as His mask so that the undeserving devotees do not approach Him for any favour. He also uses these bad qualities to test the firm faith of sincere devotees. Apart from these two uses, Lord Krishna used these bad qualities to give full salvation to the sages in Vrindavanam. No human being can understand the human incarnation. Every human being easily misunderstands the Lord in human form.

Krishna loved Radha extensively. He married her secretly. But He left her within two years and never returned back even to see her. Moreover He married several girls and was living happily with them. This is the climax of bad qualities. He tested Radha for her jealousy but Radha was never jealous and never uttered a single word against the Lord. Infact she became mad for the Lord and died remembering Him

always. The climax of bad qualities was used by the Lord to test the climax of devotion of Radha. The test was not for His knowledge as He knew the truth [of how devoted Radha was] but the Lord wanted to exhibit the height of devotion of Radha to this world as an ideal to be followed by devotees.

You can find Jesus in Krishna while preaching the Gita. You can find Mohammed in Krishna while fighting with the evil forces. You can find Jesus in Mohammed while the latter was preaching the Quran. You can find Mohammed also in Jesus when Jesus stated that He would throw the evil people into the fire of permanent hell. Buddha also was a kind teacher but He also stated that people with desires would suffer with continuous misery in this world. Kindness and cruelty are the two hands of the teacher (*Paritranaya... Vinashayacha*—Gita).

Ishwara is the Lord present in this huge cosmos. Krishna is the Lord present in a small human body. The Lord in both is one and the same. The size of the reflected object remains one and the same in two mirrors of different sizes. The two mirrors are qualitatively similar but differ quantitatively. Similarly, the cosmos and the human body differ quantitatively but are similar qualitatively. The components of both the cosmos and human body are common, which are the five elements and the four 'Antahkaranams'. The Antahkaranams are Manas (mind), Buddhi (intelligence), Chittam (memory) and Ahankara (egoism). The activities of these four are called as the qualities. Therefore all the qualities present in the cosmos must exist in the human body of the human incarnation. All these qualities can be categorized under three headings, which are represented by the three divine forms. All good qualities called as Satvam, represent Vishnu. Some bad qualities like jealousy are called as Rajas, which represent Brahma. The remaining bad qualities like egoism called as Tamas represent Shiva. Lord Krishna showed His body as the cosmos in the vision of His Vishwarupam. Each of these three qualities always exists in association with the other two qualities, which may be relatively small in proportion. This means that in a particular context, one of these three is expressed and the other two are hidden. Hidden does not mean absent. They exist without expression.

Therefore every human incarnation is a true representative of the cosmos containing all the three qualities in equal proportion. This is the meaning of Lord Datta having the three faces of Brahma, Vishnu and

Shiva. Datta means the unimaginable God donated to the devotees through a visible human body. The six hands of Datta represent the six modifications of the human body, which are existence, birth, growth, change, reduction and death. Therefore the word Datta means any human incarnation with the association of the three qualities and the human body following all the rules of nature. But people expect Datta to be a peculiar form with three heads and six hands to be placed in an exhibition! A scholar will grasp the inner meaning of the pictorial representation. An ignorant person catches only the picture. The Lord is compared to the Sun who removes the darkness of ignorance by the light of His knowledge. The ignorant person thinks that the sun is the Lord. The Lord is compared to fire since He burns all the doubts with His flash of knowledge. The ignorant person worships the fire as God! Thus Datta means the usual human form with a single head and two hands into which the Lord has entered. Infact there is also a pictorial representation of Datta with a single head and two hands.

These three qualities mix in different proportions and form the thirty three crores [three hundred and thirty three million] of deities, which are shown in the vision of Vishwarupam. This again represents the various qualities or feelings, which are generated by the combination of these three qualities. The devotees of Vishnu say that Vishnu alone is God due to His good qualities. But anger is the quality of Rajas. Then how do you justify Lord Narasimha who was full of Rajas [Narasimha was an incarnation of Lord Vishnu in a fierce form, taken to protect the great devotee Prahlada]? Shiridi Sai [a nineteenth century incarnation} used to scold terribly whenever He became angry. Therefore you should not judge the Lord by His qualities, which are only the three colours of his shirt (subtle body). Only His subtle body or the shirt contains the three colours, and the qualities cannot touch the colourless Lord. One should be very careful about the Maya, which consists of these three qualities. You should not lose your grip on the Lord when He exhibits His Maya.

The Maya is generated from the Lord like electricity from a generator. By analysing the structure of electricity, you cannot get any information about the structure of the generator. Creation is a modification of Maya. By analysing the creation, you can catch Maya because the phase before modification can be easily achieved by analysing the phase after modification. Electricity is modified into light.

By analysing the light, you may get information about electricity. Therefore you can touch Maya through the analysis of the creation. Maya is called as Para Shakti or awareness, which creates, maintains and destroys the creation. But when you analyse the Maya, its source called Brahman [more precisely called as Parabrahman] cannot be touched (*Brahma Puchcham—Veda, Mayadhyakshena—Gita*). Therefore Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva are nothing but the three divine forms created by Maya while the universe is created, maintained and destroyed. The human body, which represents the cosmos, must also contain these three divine forms in terms of these three qualities. The various combinations of these three qualities represent the millions of feelings, which stand for the millions of deities.

The source of Maya called as the Lord [Brahman or Parabrahman] enters into a human body. If the human body is an energetic form [such as a soul in heaven], the gross body is made of one element only called as Agni or energy. If the human body is on the earth, the gross body is made of five elements. The Vishwarupam with several divine heads or the form of Lord Datta with three heads and six hands can only be an energetic body because only in the energetic form are such peculiarities possible. Krishna is the gross body made of five elements. The energetic body belongs to the upper world and only when human beings go to the upper worlds with energetic bodies, can they see such divine energetic forms. But on earth, such peculiarities are not possible in human bodies. Krishna always had just one face and two hands. Arjuna wanted to see the divine energetic form of the upper worlds with his human body [while Arjuna was still in a human body on earth]. Lord Krishna said that it is impossible to see that divine energetic form with these earthly eyes because these eyes would become blind by such powerful radiation. Therefore the Lord gave Arjuna a pair of energetic eyes, which a person can get only when he obtains an energetic body after death. This is the explanation of the highest divine vision given by Krishna during the preaching of the Gita.

All this creation is withdrawn into Maya and Maya is withdrawn into the Lord. This is like the movie on the screen, which is withdrawn into the film and the film is withdrawn and hidden in the box. The movie or the film is not destroyed. Both are exhibited again whenever the Lord wants entertainment (*Visrijami Punahpunah—Gita*). But once upon a time even before the production of the film, neither the film nor

the movie existed. This state is compared to the pure monism of Brahman (*Ekaki...*, *Ekameva*—Veda; *Mattah Parataram*—Gita). If the Lord wishes, He can destroy the film and show you that original state. But He need not prove it to you and for that He need not destroy the film like a fool. This hidden state [unmanifest] of the film, is called ‘Avyaktam’ (*Dhata Yatha purvam*—Veda, *Avyaktadini*—Gita). Therefore the Maya (film) is hidden (Avyaktam) for sometime and is exhibited (Vyaktam; manifest) for sometime. The Lord is permanently Avyakta (hidden) because He is always unimaginable. Thus the Avyakta (hidden state) is temporary when it refers to Maya and is permanent when it refers to the Lord. This hidden Lord exhibits Himself in energetic forms for the sake of the souls present in the upper worlds. The same Lord exhibits Himself to the human beings on this earth in the form of the human body (*Manushim Tanu Mashritam*—Gita). This is the God in Flesh of Christianity.

### **Possibility of God Coming in Human Form**

How can you argue that the Lord cannot come down in human form? If He is incapable of doing so, He cannot be omnipotent. You also need not argue that even though the Lord is capable, that there is no necessity of such a human form. You may not have that necessity. But are you the only human being on this whole earth? Have you taken the opinion of all the human beings, to say this? There are several devotees, who belong to the path of Nivritti and desire the Lord in human form to see (Darshanam), to touch (Sparshanam), to hear the knowledge and clarify their doubts (Sambhashanam) and to live along with the Lord (Sahavasa) for long periods of time.

The main purpose [of the incarnation of God] is the preaching of divine knowledge and clarifying doubts. The statues, photographs, energetic forms or formless space cannot preach the knowledge and thus there cannot be any universal observation [perception] of divine knowledge. Preaching of the knowledge by human forms of the Lord like Krishna, Jesus etc is observed universally and is available to perception. Such universal observation is according to the rules of the nature. When something is possible through a simple way, by following the rules of nature, is it not foolish to do the same simple thing in a complicated way violating the rules of the nature? When water is available in plenty from the tap, what is the necessity of producing

water by forcing hydrogen and oxygen to react with the help of an electric arc? To show the production of water by this reaction, this experiment can be performed once but not every time whenever water is required. To show the super power of the Lord, a statue, photograph, an energetic form or even formless space may talk once. But to preach the spiritual knowledge continuously, the Lord need not talk continuously through statues, photographs, energetic forms or space.

Some devotee might have experienced such super power at some place and at sometime. Such experience is not supported by simultaneous universal observation. When you see the moon in the sky, others also observe the same moon simultaneously. This universal observation is required to authorize [verify] any experience. When this authorization is absent, your experience might be considered to be true or might have been due to some psychological disorder. Such psychotic experiences are also observed in this world [and hence it is possible that your experience was not real]. Therefore we cannot isolate the possibility of these two cases in your experience. Therefore there is a necessity for the human form of the Lord and since the Lord is omnipotent, He comes down in human form. There cannot be any further argument on this point.

I know that you are worried that the Lord perhaps gets modified into the human body and thus the unchangeable Lord undergoes a change. Do not worry about this point, because the Lord is never modified into the human body. He only enters into the human body. The word 'Ashritam' in the verse of the Gita "*Manushim tanumashritam*" means the entry of the Lord into the human body and not the modification of the Lord into a human body. Lord Krishna clarifies this in the Gita in the verse "*Avyaktam Vyaktimapanam*".

When a person says that he was sent by God as a messenger and that He has brought the message of the Lord, again the same problem appears. When God is giving the message to that person, nobody has seen it. That person is the single witness. Now the only alternative left in order to believe that the Lord Himself gave the knowledge, is that we have to test the knowledge. Had we seen the transfer of the knowledge from God to that person with our eyes, we need not have tested that knowledge. It must definitely have been divine knowledge. If we have to believe a statement of that person without the simultaneous universal



perception, then we have to believe even a fraud person who utters the same statement.

If you give us a piece of metal and say that is gold, since God gave it, we cannot believe it. Either we must have seen God giving it to you or we must analyse the metal. Moreover the knowledge is not like the piece of metal, which will not change by transfer. When a teacher explains a concept to somebody and asks him to deliver it to his students, it cannot be transferred as it is. The transfer of knowledge consists of not only the concept but also the explanation. The concept might have been transferred but nobody other than that original teacher can give the same way of explanation of the concept by which the concept pierces into the heart. Therefore to propagate the divine knowledge, the Lord Himself comes down in a human form. Arjuna said the same in the Gita “*Tvadanyah...*” which means that except the Lord, nobody can preach the divine knowledge and clarify all spiritual doubts.

### **God alone can preach about Himself**

The Veda says that the Lord alone knows about Himself (*Brahma vit Brahmaiva*). The Gita says that nobody other than the Lord can know the Lord. Some people misinterpret this Vedic statement as “He who knows Brahman becomes Brahman”. But this interpretation contradicts the Gita because the Gita says that nobody other than the Brahman can know Brahman. The conclusion of this is that the Lord alone can preach about the Lord or Himself. Therefore from this point of view also the Lord has to come down in human form to preach about Himself. When the Lord preaches, He preaches the concept very clearly. Based on this knowledge, you will naturally conclude that the Preacher is the Lord Himself. This is inevitable with any human incarnation.

Now you cannot tolerate this because you misunderstand Him thinking that in His preaching He deliberately concluded that He is the Lord. You will think that He is the biggest cheater. You will be the happiest person if His divine knowledge concludes that you are the Lord in human form. Then you will praise such knowledge. The Advaita scholar solves this problem of your egoism and jealousy by saying that both he and you are the Lord. It is a compromise in the spiritual business. Unfortunately Lord Krishna did not know such norms of business. Throughout the Gita He repeatedly emphasized that He alone is the Lord in human form and He preached very clearly about the Lord.

He did not say even once that Arjuna was Brahman like the present-day Advaita scholar. He asked Arjuna to salute to Him, to meditate upon Him and to serve Him (*Manmanabhava*—Gita). If Arjuna were Brahman, Brahman cannot salute to Brahman.

If you have any doubt about the preacher being the Lord, you can analyse His knowledge. First you must see whether He is quoting the scriptures as a support while introducing the concepts. Then you must apply the faculty of your analysis and see whether His interpretations are logical. When you are satisfied with His divine knowledge in all angles and if such knowledge indicates Him as the Lord you must accept Him. If you are unable to do this, you are covered by jealousy and egoism. Shankara says that the knowledge to identify Brahman (Brahma Jnana) should be heard only after purifying your mind from egoism and jealousy. Arjuna surrendered to Krishna by falling at His feet without any trace of egoism and jealousy. Therefore Arjuna, the receiving medium, was very congenial for Krishna to say that He was the Lord. Except on this one occasion, Krishna never told anybody that He was the Lord. Throughout His life He behaved only as a human being and acted according to the role. This is the state of Advaita of Shankara in which the human being in the human incarnation identifies with the Lord. It is like the wire identifying with the electric current passing through it. Wherever you touch a live wire, you get a shock because the current and the wire are inseparable. When the Lord enters the human body, which is a composite of the three bodies, since all the three bodies are integrated, they are identified with the Lord. When the current is flowing in a wire, which is an alloy of three metals, each metal is charged and identified with the current. Similarly when the Lord enters the human being consisting of the Atman (causal body), the Jiva (subtle body) and Deha (external gross body)—all the three are identified with the Lord. Therefore the Jiva says that he is Ishwara (Lord).

When a deserving devotee like Arjuna was seen, Jesus also declared that He and His Father were one and the same. When Jesus saw a devotee who was slightly affected by jealousy and egoism, Jesus came down by one step saying that He was the Son of God. The word ‘Son’ indicates that He is different from the God but the same spirit is present in both like the same blood in the father and the son. This means that He is different and smaller than God but at the same time has the same

essence. It is like the relationship between the mighty ocean and the tiny water-drop. The father is the major component and the son is the minor component. They resemble each other qualitatively but differ quantitatively. This is the Vishishtha Advaita of Ramanuja. When Jesus met a devotee who was fully bacterialised [plagued] by jealousy and egoism, Jesus told him that He was a humble messenger of God. This is the Dvaita of Madhva. Therefore the human incarnation will declare its level based on the level of the receiver. Mohammad told His disciples that He is the messenger of the Lord. Thus there is a gradual degradation of spiritual obedience and the gradual growth of jealousy and egoism. Jesus stands as a transition bridge between the Advaita of Krishna and the Dvaita of Mohammad.

Buddha introduced social service in which you have to serve humanity like a servant. This is a training course given to serve the human form in general so that in course of time you will serve the human form of the Lord. Lord Krishna also emphasized on this training in the Gita. Service should be without any desire according to Buddha and this is the Nishkama Karma Yoga taught by Krishna in the Gita. When you are trained in doing such selfless service to humanity, you will naturally do the same selfless service to the Lord in human form too. Selfless service is indicated by the word Dharma. Humanity is indicated by the word Sangha. The Lord in human form is indicated by the word Buddha. The words Dharma and Sangha indicate the training to serve the humanity without any selfishness. The statement “*Buddham Sharanam...*” denotes service to the human incarnation after this training in the same way. This is the essence of the three statements “*Buddham..., Dharmam..., Sangham Sharanam Gachchami*”. Shankara also formulated this training in order to remove the repulsion to the human form. He asked people to serve all human beings, treating each human being as Brahman. He included your self in the word Brahman so that you will not have egoism and jealousy to humanity. When the training is over and the repulsion to the human form ceases the ripened souls served Him as the human incarnation of Shankara [Lord Shiva]. To such disciples He told “*Shivah Kevaloham*” which means that Shankara Himself and He alone is Lord Shiva.

Krishna is not mentioned in the ten incarnations of Lord Vishnu because in His place Balarama was mentioned. Krishna was said to be the fullest incarnation (*Paripurnatamah Saakshaat*). Lord Vishnu

indicates only one quality that is Satvam. Lord Krishna exhibited all the three qualities namely Satvam, Rajas and Tamas. He showed Satvam and attracted devotees. At the same time He showed Rajas and Tamas and repelled the [false] devotees. He was an incarnation of Datta, who is the form of the three qualities in equilibrium indicated by the three full faces. When the devotees ran away by the exhibition of the bad qualities, He laughed at them calling them as ignorant fools. He says “*Tribhiringunamayaih*”, which means “This fool does not understand that I am beyond these three qualities and that I am untouched by any quality. Any soul in this world is only a composite of these three qualities in different proportions and therefore cannot cross the influence of these three qualities”.

Krishna asked Dharmaraja to tell a lie but Dharmaraja refused. Dharmaraja was taken to the hell for not following the Lord. The Lord said that one should even cross justice [for the sake of the Lord] because whatever pleases Him is justice. Krishna appeared as a liar in this scene. He appeared as a thief when He stole butter. He appeared fond of girls when He danced in Vrindavanam. He appeared as the protector of justice in the Kurukshetra war. He appeared as the topmost divine preacher while preaching the Gita. This multi-dimensional personality of Lord Krishna shows that He is the Creator who is totally untouched by these items of creation. The cosmos is His playground and the human beings are the audience of the play and all the qualities are the tools of His divine game. We must constantly remember that the playground, audience, co-players and the tools of the game are just His imagination and that He is deriving the entertainment from His imaginary world. The word Krishna is derived from the verb ‘Krish’, which means that He attracts His devotees towards Him. Rama means the Lord who entertains Himself. Krishna means the Lord who wants to give the same entertainment to His close devotees. For this purpose He attracts His devotees towards Himself. He likes to enjoy this divine game along with His close devotees. It is just like somebody goes to see a movie along with His family members. He says that only one in millions can recognise Him (*Kaschit Maam*—Gita). This means that a few liberated souls, who are always associated with Him in the upper world come down into this world as His devotees and only those few devotees can recognise Him. Therefore all His life history on this earth is the divine drama played by Him along with His troop.

This discourse is the divine butter, which is being offered as prasadam (offering) to the devotees of the Lord. It removes egoism and forms the basis for receiving the eternal grace of the Lord. The [physical] butter, which you take as prasadam on this occasion increases the fat in your body. It raises your egoism and cholesterol that brings serious illness. Today you are breaking the pot containing butter, which is hanging up at a height. [On this festival of Krishnashtami, a pot containing butter and other items is hung at a height and people make a human pyramid to reach the pot, break it. Then they distribute the butter in it to devotees present. This is to remind people of the childhood pranks of Lord Krishna in which He would come into peoples' houses with His friends and steal butter kept in pots, hung from the roof]. Do you know the inner meaning of this? Lord Krishna used to break the pot containing the butter. The maidens used to store butter [wealth of the cowherds], which was in excess of their requirements. They wanted the Lord to not take this excess butter. Infact they themselves should have offered it to the Lord. The reason is that this entire world is the wealth of the Lord. You can take whatever you need. But you are taking it in excess and storing for generations together. The Lord does not permit taking more wealth and therefore you are considered as a thief (*Stenaevashah, Yavanartha Udapane—Gita; Maagrudhah Kasya sviddhanam—Veda*). The maidens used to take the excess butter to the city of Mathura and purchase some luxurious ornaments. The Lord broke their pots and the butter in it would fall in the soil and go waste. Therefore when you store money for luxuries and for the future generations, without offering it to the Lord in human form like Krishna, it will go to waste by the will of the Lord. Either it will be stolen or it will go to hospitals [to pay your hospital bills, implying that you will have health problems] or it will be wasted by the undeserving future generations.

