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*A meal with Ambikananda at Ramakrishna Loka*

*Those present included Jai Narain and Mahalakshmi.*

*From Swamiji's discourse:*

'This form is a crumble. dissolving in the mouth and tummy. But the eater will benefit. Form will dissolve, be cleared and digested – but who will digest the flame, the fire, the dedication? The part of the Eater is never finished.

'Life is a dream. Calmness and firmness is the missingment of the business. God is love, and His shadow is extra hidden love in this topsyturvy world. God cannot exist without maya. If we raise our head [*like a cobra*] we don't have to sting, so we keep ourselves aloof from the messy world. The shadow of God gives tremendous light – "*In dense darkness, Mother, Thy formless beauty sparkles*" – a light that doesn't scorch, that enlightens. Santi becomes Prasanti.

'Live in the world like a boat, don't let water get in. Crossing depends on yourself, your desire, but don't take life to be real. As you think, so you become – you yourself decide your own process of living, good or bad. You have sprung from a moon of light where there is no night or day. Listening is purifying; practice is becoming. After creation it's "Come confusion, come delusion!", so you have to have discipline. Whatever we do is converted into pearls, into crystal ball with God circling in the face.

*Extemporizing on his guitar, Swamiji sang the familiar Sathya Sai bhajan to Lord Ganesh:*  
'*Ganesha charanam...*'

'Ganesh is the Remover of Obstacles who also protects. Mother is the destroyer - of ego and pride. God is humble, simple – the Simple One. So keep company [of holy], and you get the habit of the company you keep. A man must always be simple and full. Workers have to go through the channel of karma yoga, but if you speak high philosophy it can be confusing. The highest love has become physical love; supersensuous love has become sensuous. But a man [*i.e. himself*] cannot easily get intoxicated by colour, change day to night, or [*there is*] invisible kick of the guardian angel or his higher self. Man has covered himself under the blanket of imagination.

'Scripture is a guidance, a balancement. He who loves God, scripture is in his pocket; otherwise scripture crosses and regulates your life. What do you want, the author or the book? Righteousness is divinity. If I'm not righteous to God I'm a crooked ruler, not accurate. You have to be right to God. Righteousness is no different from witness.

'Silence is a proved witness consciousness, it's God. True silence is an unmanifested state of God – you didn't know it was in me until I broke the silence. I'm sharing it with words. You are a dividend in the Belur Math. True love calculates when a stranger comes. Your own can come through back door, front door, skylight – as long as your own has come it's immaterial. Silence is a virgin married God who split into two – half man half woman – who brought forth Ganesha, wisdom and protection. So when I break silence I break my virginity of vow and give it to God. God married me wealthily.

'We benefit by approaching fire. Come to the hearth of divinity and get warm. So we broke silence, we declare, "Praise ye the Lord." I climbed there with thought and invisible, this broken spring is really river of tears of love springing from hearth of heart through power of human form, mind, rough tongue. So human form is a channel, a temple. But when that is directed to divinity man becomes very rich, both heavenly and also here.

'Love is a blind giver. True love thinks he has never given perfectly or enough. For people with love who have no guru, God comes down to certify them. God – the great object of everybody's worship and adoration.

‘We are all in masks. When the game is finished we break masks and report back from earthplane, “I have done it to the best of my ability to third generation, and they mustn’t lose thread..” Fathers, grandparents give birth, but the guru gives spiritual birth. There are no lack of grandfathers in the world! Make hay while the Sun God of your personal spiritual life is shining. The kirtan benefits everyone individually, personally. God materializes for everyone personally....

‘Devotees must have transcendental life [*because*] man is the personification of God, he is in God’s image. Secondly, he has to work with proper guidance, balancement. Work well done is a security for this responsibility of being here. Work with the spirit of the Worker – don’t work more than an elephant! When work is finished you must rest completely. Know how to rest your mind. Always work with dual consciousness. The only flag that will conquer work is the bringing of Him always with you. Say, “I have no time for meditation, but whatever I can give, take it for the time being.”

‘Effort is very vital, the secret is the steel thread of effort. But we coil ourselves with the weak fibre of hair. Before you sleep, say. “O God, take away my worry of work and let me sleep.”

‘Break the ice of the world with the light of love. Night is broken by the lamp of daylight sun, so you break this yesterday darkness with the morning music of your own tune (or someone else has said it), and offer it back again. Your job is to worship the image and make it alive. Faith in the word of the preceptor is the root of all. Faith forms and reforms. It’s perfection to correct what’s composed in time, one God according to time, place and environment. Faith recomposed according to time and place.

‘Spiritual life is not for the weakling or confined in different system of thought. Here it’s an open direct vast wide philosophy, a child philosophy. Those who are children of nature are most welcome to come here and restart. There is hope to be reborn here at any age. Courage! Courage means, every day you face the demon world and demon work. In everybody’s office these are invisibly sitting. You will know a man by his work. This world is the great office of the Catcher. Fasting is very good to cancel power of evil and lessen greed, power, sex. The Catcher works through these. When you’re conscious, the power lessens.

‘Love has to be matured. Every night start maturing. We are belated in reaching the goal for what we want. Work with evil but don’t start with evil, conquer evil with good. Start the work with love, this is my revelation right now, God knows about you. My work is the flying carpet of love. I saw men flying through the power of a single thought – as when a poor man only has one penny, and that penny he gives to God. The secret is divulged pierced through eye of needle, and camels of realization pass through it.

‘The Kali age is merging into the golden age now, in every religion He is telling His people to prepare. This condition is possible with childish consciousness without literature of worship. God is eternal Child, He likes this simplicity. Take your mind from A and put it on B. From B and A, then BA – Abba.

‘Work in a transcendental way in gross body. Then God is the Doer.’

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