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At Ramakrishna Loka with Hari Om, Babaji, MahaLakshmi, Sri Lakshmi, Jai Narayan, Satchidananda. After lunch in the new shrine room Swamiji talked:

‘India rejected us, the mountains rejected us.¹ From childhood I wanted to give my life, but God slapped my face and said. “Go in the world!” But in the world I can’t... [*I am*] just for one or two, private, as we are. That’s why it goes on like that. Otherwise it would be commercial, it would be completely different. Even Sri Ramakrishna couldn’t accept a lot of people, and used to say, “Go and see the Mother’s temple.” though they were harmless. But Vivekananda’s mission was different, to go and *build* a temple, to go to the Parliament of Religions, to collect something. Different people are different. We are just private. We have gained. And now we are playing, like a yo-yo.

‘We know the path, we know the gist, due to experience, and we have had quite a few experiences. And we have the invisible presence, which is more ample than proof and sufficiency. There is no defect in the wire of communication – there is defect *here* but not there. There the witness and the checking is 100 per cent. It’s right there, it’s ever-accurate. Sri Ramakrishna said there is a state beyond perfection, the ever-perfect, the ever-perfect makes no mistake. Even if you make a mistake it will come out for your own good, because it’s not in you.

‘But you must go through these squares. We allow these squares, these falls, these smokes, these now-and-then kinds of trial. We don’t condemn. God Himself doesn’t say anything, so who are we, who ourselves have not yet attained? Or if we have attained, it is not right for us to clip the wings, the good hand and the members of the body that enable you to go forward. The other way protects it with the Name, reinforces. The more you fall, the more you keep praying, so you are reinforced by this. And when the fall comes you are strengthened, so it doesn’t affect you.

‘What happens is that people *are* affected by the fall. They become terrible, they give up God, and the demoniac attitude comes, the evil jumps in straight away. They become against it, they turn their faith, that’s where the danger is. They give up one religion, they become completely against it and fanatic. That’s the danger. Sri Ramakrishna did not become a Catholic, he realized Catholicism, he realized Mohamedanism, he saw that behind it “I am the same God.” I practise it to find out what’s in it, to taste, not to be monotonous. To blend the harmony, to make harmony...

‘Then there is the matter of self-conscience. Vivekananda was going to take some kind of guru², then Sri Ramakrishna appeared, and when he appeared Vivekananda packed it up and gave up the idea of taking the other one. You see, God appears to His devotees when it is very definite that you are going to make a move and change your attitude and religion, when He has appointed you, He has come for you, He is waiting for you in abeyance for a long long time, since time immemorial – is still waiting. Your turn has come, and He is still waiting for me, for you, for the rest. Then if you make a false step, mentally He appears, visionically He appears, gross-physically He appears. A lot of people have seen.

‘Thanks to Guru Dev [Ramakrishna], thanks to Sarada, thanks to Jesus, thanks to Mary. That’s enough, don’t add any more, we can’t. My chest is full, it will spill over, make waste of

¹ See Swamiji’s autobiographical notes.

² After Sri Ramakrishna’s passing away

everything, waste of God. What other proof do you want? Christianity covers Judaism and an aspect of Mohamedanism too. Azad, light, Pir,³ and all this. And Hinduism covers the whole universality. And the latest thing is bhakti, for this age it is bhakti. But when? And it is so difficult to get bhakti even.

‘So due to experience of the age, due to experience of spirituality, of individuality between you and me, we have to feed the chicks according to the digestion. Time and circumstance are vital. You have to make the same thing a bit different, you see, for digestion, because circumstances change. So you have to have the ability not to disturb a person’s spirituality and faith, and to keep going, increasing it, combined with work and health. The combination of raja [yoga], hatha [yoga], and bhakti and other yogas.

‘Therefore we are very quiet. When we meet we keep going, we keep flying the kite high. When we meet we talk, but we are not giving fax and lecture; we don’t have a fax, in fact. Otherwise you would see my ideas. We are not lettered people. But thought – my God, my thought is there, my thought is in a box from God to devotees. One day it will be revealed. You [*To Hari Om*] are only coming because we have been calling, singing, shouting her name and her mother’s name.⁴ It is recorded in fact, because two days ago we said that we sing for Mother and now for Hari Om. Therefore the invisible is so powerful a witness proof of all our holy being here. Such a powerful witness proof invisible. Jesus gave a tip that by every word, every single thought, you will be judged. But even if we are perfect to ourselves, temptation comes - and temptation is everywhere. That’s where the fall comes, so “Lead us not into temptation.” But if after so many falls of Adams, we can be devotedly sincere, truthful and strong, we can be that perfect Adam, naked and without shame, then and there.

‘Remember, these are very straight lines I am trimming. I am trimming the paper of your life so that your life is written anew for your next birth, according to what you are, what you have heard, and if you put into practice what we have said after temptation, and you are still perfect, instead of being guilty and sorry. Don’t do anything to be sorry for. Nip it in the bud. Still, it has to be perfectly cut, angle to angle, right fitting. I was just sitting here, last night or the night before, thinking that soon it will be the birthday kirtan.⁵ And I said to myself, “Suppose, just suppose that Ramakrishna himself is coming.” And I visualized him sitting, and devotees sitting – and he just manifested then and there.

‘Sri Ramakrishna said, “Don’t forget whom you are having affair with.” It’s not just an ordinary thing. It’s not a fantasy of someone becoming a guru and creating a disciple, and disappearing like a falling star, and finish! This is a full star, a prominent star, a star for devotees’ lives in heaven, on earth, a living star among devotees. Our star is Our Lady herself, she is our *Dame*.

‘We are like Narendra with Sri Ramakrishna: we watch, we observe. Narendra was a great analyser, and he went left and right and all over the place. He was a jnani as well as a bhakta, he didn’t just swallow anything. We are in the same sort of attitude, we argue privately with what Sri Ramakrishna is saying. Whatever he said in the Gospel he keeps saying, keeps presenting. As much as Jesus comes to us, so much there is a fight between Jesus, Ramakrishna and Mary. And you are the witness also, you are taking notes here, and you are also the witness there.

³ Muslim holy man

⁴ The anniversary of Parvati’s death was Jan 26.

⁵ Sri Ramakrishna’s birthday was celebrated at Ramakrishna Loka three weeks later, on 17 Feb.

‘You can’t bind love. When the person is loving, love is affected. Love is a disease, even a hard man hit by the arrow of love becomes soft. The man is sore affected, beside the victim. He says, no, I will not pass judgment. Go away, leave me in peace.. Love is the healer that heals itself, forgives itself. Love reforms itself. Love with perfect purity is a spontaneous manifestation without delay.

‘If you are like us, God manifests through your physical side. Because you are affected, you are attacked, but not through meditation. The attack in meditation is to test you, to break the vow. All kinds of workers come here, from doctors, writers, devotees, to scrap merchants. ...But in all these you must be super-still strong; in yourself. That’s where we fall, and that’s where we keep coming back to all the vasanas, these desires, whims. As soon as we lose control of ourselves, evil binds us invisibly, makes us weaker for the next time. He starts working on our mind, body and soul, already on earth, not to speak of *there*.

‘Therefore God sees our self-effort for perfection , and all this challenging comes through the power of purity. That also is said, in the Gita. Because they practise so much purity and self-control, they have the power to control chakra weapons. If you can be perfect here, and through the stamp of God visitation, which is invisible, then that is a matter of faith. And faith is a matter of belief also. Belief is a matter of sharing ...One has read, one has heard, one has seen, and one has been nourished. So there are degrees of practical experience of tangible concrete perfection, when a man says, “I will not budge, come what may.” Faithfulness, chastity – “I have one wife, one husband, one God, I’ll not be tempted, I’m tempered here.” But through the allowance of all these falls first: Jesus was tempted, Buddha was tempted, Ramakrishna was tempted, all were tempted. Not to speak of weaklings like you and I.

‘Before we start, our day is on fault, physical love, beauty, colour, physical. But the physical side is also a manifestation of God. It isn’t an easy matter to love someone without seeing and knowing. Love attracts. Love attracts and dispels. Love is the knower, knows what is required. Through the power of love – that is my meditation. Other people need meditation as their medication. But our meditation is love, love perfect is called supersensuous – that’s what Ramakrishna said. There is love and supersensuous love, not sensuality. Supersensuous and superconscious. There is a degree of difference. Different sweetness of candy. But with practice, with truthfulness. There must not be hypocrisy. Hypocrisy will not enter the gate, there is no way. Pride, hypocrisy and all this will have no door open to them. There are big dogs there, big growling dogs. So you have to be truthful.

‘This life is short. But who wants to linger here the way life is going these days? My God is a trinity. In Christianity God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit; in Hinduism Creation, Preservation, Destruction. We are here to have conference with God and his devotees. What else? One gets the light, but the rest can sit quiet. Spiritual life is a jungle. Let the man who knows the jungle, who lives in the forest of heavenly earth get the dry wood for the fire. He knows in winter where there are some twigs in case someone is cold, to get the seekers warm, to warm a cold heart, warm the blood – his personality changes, his mind changes, his eyes get focussed, he may even develop a vision in course of time. That’s why seeking the company of holy men is so vital. This is your medicine. Sit quiet when the holy man is meditating, and by the power of his meditation you are bound to benefit. When the fire is lit you are bound to have the heat. God is not selfish. So we need this day. You can’t just go and write – you need to have the room ready, the table, the A4 paper, the typewriter, the scrap paper. You are not going to write whatever comes into your mind. It has to be edited, revised. Then edit the best. Let holy man eat, drink, ponder a bit.

‘You have to go through the four stages before you take to spiritual life. These days life is short; thank God by the help of these invisible spirits, goblins, demoniacs, all, by the help of all – all have helped us. If you accept light you also accept dark. The face of Kali is terrible: “*The king of Death scowls at me terribly, tell me Mother, what shall I say to him...*” That’s what I was singing. And also this month is January, dedicated to Parvati. These do come down. Parvati asked me to sing.

‘The grace of the holy man depends, the watch has delicate springs inside, or cells nowadays, fine coils, so our brain is so subtle, so fine. So we have good and bad but are not affected. So when we have to fight we are not frightened of these. These are masks, these goblins, these demigods. So you will know by your thirst, your faith, your love, that’s where your sword is, where your weapon is: the conquering sword of love and faith. Positive, more positive, God will test. When I tell you goblins, snakes, cats I am telling you I have seen, I am not just inventing. If you keep quoting scripture another may say: “Yes, I can quote scripture too. We can go in the bookshelf and bow to the library.” A lot of people know how to pick a book and read, but not a lot of people have seen with their own eyes. A man is like a television, and in the screen of vision nothing has appeared, or he is not ready. All the wires to receive the akashic records from other realms are not tuned, worked and put in ready. He hasn’t got the wiring even. So do like me, meditate live. Work is worship. Take your time. Relax, blow, bow.

‘A lot of people have a black coil in their mind. When that coil has been released then through the fibre of release they can have a spark, can follow, can elongate. The black is the rubber, take it out and you have the live wire. They are touching on the black thing and are not feeling on the power. Keep peeling, keep stripping, there is no you, there is no I, there is one thing; one worker is worshipfully working for love’s sake. Last kirtan we said “Work for others”. A perfect man will not be satiated until his work is perfect. A perfectionist. It takes time. But in one life a man has gone to the mountain, has renounced, is doing all this. In one life he has sent one up to the seventh plane.

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