

Notes for 2019 Feb 16 kirtan

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Exeter Rd Kirtan

Swamiji had just returned from a visit to Mauritius, where all his relations lived. He seemed very pleased to be back with the devotees, and sang a song from the earliest days of the Universal Independent Ashram, founded by him almost 22 years before: "You, me and us, we are my favourite people... Together together like Radha and Krishna"

Raja Ram: "We haven't heard a word from you, Swamiji, tell us about Mauritius."

Swamiji: "Mauritius? I don't want to speak of this rubbish. I had a quick break, I am not officially back. Brothers and sisters, people whom you think your own, they are not your own, whereas your very own, they are those who are here, God will bless them here, now, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. We are 22 years old now - no one is older than what we have started, the company.¹ All else is false, and unreal. So "Lead me to the Real..." He who meditates on the name of the Real becomes real.

[Tryambaka sings] "Thou must save me, sweetest Mother."²

*Swamiji: "Thou must save me..." This Thou is the paramount Mother. And wherever there is God there is also you. You form part, you cannot be omitted. You and God are part and parcel... The real ecstatic context which is not unreal. Why should I go back to Mauritius when I am here with you to enlighten this NOW? I don't want to live in the past, so I come back. I know I have my brothers, my sisters. But who are my brethren, who are my sisters? Who is my mother? Didn't Jesus say the same thing? I am only recording from these *ishvarakotis*, isn't it? Yes or no. We are up to the level of quality and high state of blissful awareness. Not in words, but in reality. You are a spark of that reality...*

'Here there is joy. I can't deny your burden, your unhappiness at home, but you have consecrated, you have done sacrifice by coming here. The first step is the greatest. That is the foundation. You are the stone, the brick, and the roof is also made out of the same foundation brick. The brick of Ramakrishna is fully baked. But here we are not fully baked in our state, our mind, our determination, our sight, our reality of facing each other. What do you want - to be beautiful, to be handsome - what?

Madeleine: Rich!

Swamiji: 'Right. You are very rich, but you are not known in your richness. Richness is not more money. In that other world you are poor. Who is the richest person? Where do you keep that wealth? In this world? No, keep your wealth where moth does not corrupt. Didn't Jesus Christ say like that?

¹ Feb 1969

² *"Thou must save me, sweetest Mother,/unto Thee I call for refuge,/helpless as a bird imprisoned in a cage./I have done unnumbered wrongs,/and aimlessly I roam about/beset by maya's spell,/bereft of wisdom's light."*

‘Now you gather here, there’s no rite, God is already happy. Can you bring light to the Sun? How ridiculous! Go to the Light! Get enlightened from the *Om Bhu Om Bhuvā Om Swaha*, may that Sun illumine our mind and soul³... We are celebrating your birthday, we are reminding you how old are your children on the secondary stone. And we are the foundation stone.

‘Food satisfies hunger, food distributes contentment. But in the banquet of God we are still awaiting, and sharing in eternity into oneness, greater than paradise. There’s a state greater, a state united, there’s no division. Where is division in unity? But there is division here. One thing has fallen into pieces, therefore we say this chit has fallen out of my territory. This is my very own. Love each other as I have loved you, Jesus says. If you are happy with that, I am happy with that. Anything for your happiness, anything for your togetherness, anything for your strength – as long as you yourself don’t deviate from yourself.

‘I have come to give, to share, to unite, to strengthen your mind. When do you most deviate? When your mind doubts, isn’t it so? Mind is very fickle, therefore it has to be brought here, where it may become like a candle in a windless place. Here there is not much wind, but even here mind is moving and dancing, isn’t it so? So the mind must be steady, the person must be steady, and then you will see how Reality greets us. Here, love is the food. Why are we gathered here? Because there is a greater hunger to eat. Jesus Christ, Son of God, Son of Man, has established that. I am not depriving you from eating and drinking and going out and into your other world. I have come to revive, to enlighten, to give my everything. But I am also withdrawn, I am indifferent, when I am at my place I am building up. I live in Reality, I don’t live in temporary or impermanent things, all my dwelling has been established from childhood, that’s my nature.

‘Try to abide, try to reform, try to adopt, make your children also become part and parcel of your greater life, your real life, though unrevealed to you, your unknown life. At the end you have to give an account. You accept this? If you have done a lot of selfless good things, it will abate the debt of the bad ones. And He is full of compassion, but first He is full of Himself, which is you in a human form. You are an abandoned form of the first block original stuff.

‘Though I have come to eat and drink with you, yet my hunger and thirst is to see you eat, drink and be happy together, to see you reformatify in yourself in this huge paramount gathering, though it is very small. We don’t want too much outsiders, but those who come are welcome - some fly to the four corners and do come back, still the same. We love your children, we dance, we sing, we celebrate, we make them happy as well. We are the teaching of your children. Your children need this big huge gargantuan spiritual foundation stone, isn’t it? It is their birth.

‘You are adopting children, but we are giving birth. Therefore the guru is greater than mother and father. The father at most can give birth to human being, part and parcel of godliness, but we give the full release of rocket from sphere to sphere. Isn’t it so? Therefore the guru is *mahaguru* or *satguru* because he has got his link; we are anchored in the foundation of the boat of safety in the ocean of existence. Which is Shiva, Brahma, Hari, you have got these names yourself. And Hari has come, Hari is here, though you don’t know him.⁴ Doesn’t he look good? Praise ye the Lord and praise ye the man! Everyone is welcome here. The old shall be made new, the abandoned shall be washed clean. Put on a spiritual garment, a spiritual name, today is the celebration of Sriman,⁵ the great adoption, so many weddings, so many celebrations. ‘We are householders. If

³ Gayatri mantra

⁴ Harry was the name of Radhani’s actor friend present as her guest at this kirtan.

⁵ Sriman means one who has the presence of Sri, which is a name of Lakshmi Narayana.

we have no children we adopt children, if we have no brothers, we adopt brothers, if we have no father, we take double father, mother as well.

[Sings], "Together, together..." this is the reality, this is the garment, you are one fibre in this real love, we are stitching one garment of love, everyone is covered by this garment, from here to the heavenly sphere, covered by the warmth of love, a love not seen but felt. And your love must be great - "Love one another as I have loved you." Jesus said; and "I will not eat and drink until I see you" up there. I tell you Christian Hindus, Peter was here, Peter came in a white garment, and so happy! May you and I blend. We are one group of patients, people meditating in the private department of God's hospitality. All are going to have treatment, long treatment, eternal treatment! Not worldly treatment - eternal treatment there. Mauritius can cure a bit but the pipe is still lingering in the place.⁶ It's static.

'I am memory, *smriti*, I don't forget my people. Here I seem to forget, but when we see, we are equal. Or when we are not, I bring you to your own level by yourself. You have to be brought up by yourself because you have to face life here. Our ways and your ways differ. It's the same God in a different country, different customs, but the heart is bloody the same, the indweller of the heart is bloody the same. The blood is reality, you are my own blood and flesh. But I cannot speak of this which has separated the homogenous into particles. The water of bliss elixir has splashed, here, there, everywhere.

'sometimes we come down, sometimes we don't, sometimes we speak, sometimes we don't, sometimes we sing, sometimes we don't. It all depends on the vibe. Vibe and mood, the right feeling, is God! There's a place and time for everything. I am here for skating on the ice of love, balance, contentment, unification, solidification. Let the whole world fall, so what! I am for you, I am not living for the world. We have been withdrawn from childhood, and we have stayed here, if you so still want. This is the stair, and this is the ground. What happened when Ramakrishna meditated? Be a bit Ramakrishnaic! First the floor, the ground, the ground of reality. Where is your foundation?

[To Jonathan, Sanjana's partner] 'Do you love that girl? Are you sure? Are you promising that you will never abandon her? I blessed you before. You are united, you are welcome. These are our babies, we are the brothers, the sisters, we are here to celebrate those who are not united properly, those who are a bit bruised in their weddingment. 'The husbands and wives must not go stale. They are also the most beautiful, the starters,⁷ they were the first, they are still here. Come my people, come, let me look at you with my heart, with light, with love, with my Self in your form. If you love me you must be my Self in a different human form. There is nothing but the Self, yes or no? So these are the babies, these are the beauties, this is the foundation. Blessings, blessings. Marriage forms part of divine life.

'God dwells in the heart. Go and report to God. Never hurt anyone in your life. Go and tell God your problem. If you don't hear him, who is deaf, God or you? Whose fault if you can't see Him, who is blind? It's always our fault - who says that?

[Sings] ' *Sriman namo Narayana, Narayana, Narayana, Narayana...* We have to give thought to these young ones. Why should our children suffer? Don't you suffer more when your child suffers? You feel the pain, isn't it? So we have to celebrate, we are God's children, we are here to celebrate these angel children. Whenever we meet we shall celebrate, and I leave your hunger of

⁶ Curepipe was the name of Ambikananda's birthplace in Mauritius, and curing devotees from their love of the cannabis pipe was one of his aims.

⁷ Starting devotees of the Universal Independent Ashram.

godliness privately at your home. At your home you are going to have your soul fed. When your soul is fed with God, then he will come and share here. Our God is not monotonous. It's not japa only.

'So we are united here. You must not break this linkage. All stand up, please, unite these fickle men, they are not giving enough attention, you have to be strong, lest our flow goes. Some men are getting a bit doubtful, they have to have confidence in themselves and in their wives. Look at your wives, I say your wives are light, they are part and parcel and particle of the blood of strength, of the eternal wish-fulfilling tree of Brahman. Ramakrishna said, "I see all women, holy and unholy, as the same Divine Mother." All women are part and parcel of the Divine Mother. Reinforce, Don't let the plaster of your human mind, body and soul crack. Refurbish, if it is bad remove all the badness into ourself and have it replastered, refurbished.

'God bless you in light.'

[All sing], *Twameva mata, cha pita twameva, twameva bandu cha saka twameva,*
twameva vidya, dravinam twameva,
twameva sarvam, mama deva deva...

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