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At Ramakrishna Loka

Present: Sarasvati. Gayatri. Mahalakshmi, Jai Narain, Sri Lakshmi, Satchidananda

From Ambikananda's discourse:

‘You may practise 1000 years of spiritual life, but what is that without change of heart, change of person, change of life? Work your work, do your thing, but really you are completely different, unknown to everyone, except the One. Because of this One you have done that, have transformed, transfigured because you have immersed in the huge expanse of consciousness. People have ears and don't hear, have eyes and cannot see. They're born blind, they've got all kind of problems. Pray, “Oh my God, take my ear and put it in my heart, let my heart hear. My heart will always tell me about it; if my mind doesn't understand, so what.” Let your heart speak, because He dwells there. But man must have this determination. Determination is a will power for those who want. But for those who don't want, they can't have worldlywise way, this and that, semiconsciousness. They want full benefit, full harvest, but how can that be? How unfair! Only if you work you deserve it.

Did you enjoy the meeting?

Jai Narain: Oh yes Swamiji!

Swamiji: ‘A lot of people didn't know what was happening. It was the birth of love. Death and birth, both. That's why God has come and we are celebrating our first year.¹ A child is born. God is born. The same full consciousness in a child's form. When Jesus was born he showed Mary that very minute all her endings. The child was the joy and also the grief and sadness, and also the transcendent state of it.

‘We are not celebrating artificial Christmas. In fact Ramakrishna stopped me celebrating anything. We belong to Ramakrishna, we are British with Hindu state. You are our department. You don't exist anyhow - this old Jai Narain, this Mahalakshmi, are old documents, Russian documents, they don't give them out any more.² These are finished. God Himself comes down in different forms and with different plans. Today is a new year for us, not for everybody, maybe. Though that kirtan was Sai Baba's birthday in one way. And I think on the 23rd it is Sarada Devi's birthday also.

‘Sri Ramakrishna suffered tremendously at his last end, and is still suffering, because of our misdeeds. What makes God suffer? Devotees' misdeeds. He is perfect, but He suffers our condition. Therefore that change is needed. And those who don't change, their suffering is greater. Therefore it's better to think of what I am saying, be reborn now, stop all this. There must be a medium, a middleman. Who was the middleman of Jesus? Peter. Who was the middleman of Krishna? Arjuna. Who was the middleman of Ramakrishna? Vivekananda or Sarada. Yes or no?

‘Here there is indifference; and there are some bloody fools, harassers. The heart is twisted, it points to one thing, God, and now the point of the heart points somewhere else, in a different direction, so you make your soul take a different direction, and your soul is directing the heart, directing the body, deforming the body to retrace itself, to go back to where you got lost. Twisted

¹ Ambikananda announced this new dispensation at the beginning of 1990

² MahaLakshmi was trying to get compensation for family assets confiscated by the Soviet government in 1917.

mind, twisted soul, twisted heart - what a play it is, Ramakrishna said. But these are our children just the same. It's their celebration, it's their birth in what we are celebrating. The others, they are missing nonstop, they are tired of it. Even I hear Brahma wants to join this club?"

Jai Narain: 'He said it was very nice belonging to this spiritual club.'

Swamiji: 'God bless him, God bliss him. He will be blessed out. Then there will be no regret. While you are blessed out all will be forgotten. There will be no regret, and also no repentance. Now you are feeling sorry to do this, to do that, a lot of people don't want. There is pride and all this. But it's not for you. It's on behalf of something, isn't it? Unity, unification - we are having affair with bliss incarnate. If you work with a block of bliss, if you work with sandalwood, wherever you cut what do you get? The fragrance, isn't it?

'I feel sorry for the rest, who are thinking of this world as a permanent place, and borrowing allowance from devotees' company, and group, and meaning. They must not exaggerate. The devotees are giving a share of their spiritual wealth. They should be grateful. When a person is far from reality, then God is treated as pig. So if they treat you as pig you will be a pigman. But bear in mind the Lord also comes wildly in form of a wild boar.³

'We are paying the debt, our gathering is paying, it's filling the gap, the hole. Otherwise some people will be in a hole if we don't fill the gap. You were adamantly indifferent then, you had the gut to be indifferent to the people,⁴ while things were happening, it was live. So, the iron heart. Some people have got iron heart. You people who are here, you have to be reformed, vastly, hugely, immensely. You are really reborn if you consider what I am saying, if you dare.

Recuperez what I have scattered bric-a-bracly while we have been eating, and make an invisible string of this, thread it, make garland to remind you. Work with it, live with it, sleep with it - even depart with it. This my unknown life. Jai Narain book present. Only one book Jai Narain wrote about reality: This My Unknown Life. Only one book, and Jai Narain will never write again.

'Nita was here, did she tell you? She will give life back, much more life back, in such a gathering. It was like an iron flame. At one point people were hypnotized, mummified. But we don't cause much miracles here, it's natural. Jai Ma Durga Jai Maha Shakti. Durga Mai. Never, never abandon Kali Mai, Durga Mai, Lakshmi Mai, Sarasvati Mai. These are like the four yogas. Work, knowledge, art, bhakti.

'A lot of ancestors were present at the gathering. Did I ask something about Joe?⁵ Because they are thankful now, they are reminding me while we talk. No spirituality is lost, no work is lost, not a grain. All started from a thought. Thankyou for even thinking. Thanks, thanks, thanks. Always thanks and be grateful.

'At least it started well, the ground, the foundation. It may not have been completed by different workers in ability, in terms of workmanship, but the designer, the architect, the plan, was dispatched in heaven. The plan is not destroyed. The key of the plan is still available. So we are going back to the original. In earthplane I confirm this as a witness.

³ An incarnation of Lord Vishnu.

⁴ To Jai Narain.

⁵ Father of MahaLakshmi and Nita. Died 1976.

‘Life is a big sacrifice. You have to choose what you want. Everyone gets what he wants, life is a wish-fulfilling tree. If you have made a wrong decision at the end you suffer, even here, you don’t have to wait to die. It’s about suffering here. It’s like a learning, and a forbidding, and a reformed thing, isn’t it? Many are reformed. Mahut also is Narayana,⁶ The indicator to tell you where you are, more or less.

‘Some things you can’t avoid – or you don’t want to avoid. It all depends on yourself, isn’t it? And time, place, circumstances, environment. You don’t know what is the position of a person. But those rogues who are taking advantage, they can avoid it, but they don’t. You will have to account for everything. It is sheer hypocrisy to gather in His name and then make it otherwise. Now it has come to a time of compassion with straightforwardness, straightforwardness.

‘All is gathered around householders and most of the time women, householder women. Prakriti Supreme. You see, one Divine Mother reforms other human mothers. It’s all symbol. Don’t take God just as it appears. He speaks in silence or barely in sign. SS - Supreme Shakti. He speaks in silence.. And the very shoes have to be worshipped in the heart. Guru Dev is not seen, his sandal is left behind. There are many ways to attain to Him. If all this is too expensive, then finally you may have recourse to here. If nowhere is pleasant, if here also is unpleasant, then “I am afraid to speak, I am afraid to keep quiet, lest I leave you completely also.” To be lost completely is more regretful. At least now I am happy you have done an act, you are having a reaction, I can see it. It’s a trifle, all your greatest pain is triviality. Whereas there, for a second, the pain – you will not be able to bear it even for a fraction of a thought. It would be too long. So better to turn back before, a stitch in time. Reform in mind, thought, heart – especially the heart, when it comes to take action. Schoolchildren do not have too much right over the master. One captain, one master.

‘There are priceless gems, priceless pearls, priceless diamonds, and we are not asking you to go into the din and bustle of the world to get them, we are not asking you to dive so deep among sharks, alligators of the world. We have been diving for you and have brought it. We say, gather for a few seconds, make a necklace of it. But bear in mind what we have got, and how priceless and precious. [*Sings*] “*Cherish my precious Mother Shyama tenderly within, O mind...In solitude...Take the tongue that now and again it may cry out Mother Mother.*” Isn’t it? You see, my words are an invisible – form, put it that way. That will make the big becomes small, love reduces the height. He did say, I am the biggest of the big and the smallest of – God who is paramount, matchless, huge, colossal, becomes so small so He can sit in the lap of his mother/father/friend devotee.

‘But He is not seen when He is denied or not believed. Therefore now and then there is a stop of obeisance, obedience. Obeisance becomes obedience. Obedience becomes an order, one of the greatest orders in Christianity that can bring God down, and bring a man down from his trance. Obedience is the name of Hari that brings Ramakrishna down to earthplane consciousness from high up there.

‘Therefore God is the index or the tongue. We are That. The rest are the three gunas. Rajas, Tamas, Sattva. These are also fetters. Sometimes there is no choice, you can’t help it. But you have a state to go beyond all these, didn’t Ramakrishna say? Raja Ram must manifest Ram, not just rajas. Radhani must take all these ‘nees’ out. Radha Rani, there is no ‘ni ni neti.’ Either become Radha or Rani.

⁶ Ramakrishna’s parable: all is Narayana, the mad elephant and also the warning mahut.

‘Sattva is like cream. Cream is not butter but it comes that close. To get the butter you have to keep this milk settled in [holy] company, don’t disturb that cream if you want to get butter. Eventually churn it. That’s the last stage. This man, in him there is God. Don’t irritate him, don’t ruffle him, don’t bruise him. These are devotees of God, they have the name of God, they have three in one. The name protects the house, suppresses the cyclonic storm of the environment, whether they know it or don’t know it. “These are my people. They form part and parcel of Narayan.” ... With the name of Narayan Ajamila defeated the king of death. That is the power of the name, that is the state.

‘So, it is not to be trifled with. But there are different grades of love: love single, love liquid, love medium, love in block still invisibly, a barrier, we are close but not fully understanding of the invisible reality. But you have to come close. If I am close to the fire I get the heat. If you are at a distance, you get the chill. So come close, and closeness is not only by body. Body has to be left. It has to be in oneness, with all your might, all your strength, it becomes the first commandment. It has to be revived, remembered, retaught for the education of your children, to re-educate in humanity and the world state in their hand. If eldest will not benefit – there are many facets to this Brahman. Hiddenly He is everywhere, wherever you turn. He plays, He sports, but love can stop the game. Love is the ruler. Whoever has love has the power, the voice. And his voice is weighty.

‘Oneness, truthfulness, reality is not there, it is hid. God is in His word, that is sufficient for a devotee like yourself. “I haven’t seen but I have heard.” Believe me, Thomas,⁷ they are blessed, thrice blest are those who have not seen. If that is denied everything falls, it is chaos. You have to anticipate. Have a few births before you go to see God. Anticipate. Start seeing Him now in all these, He also is all this. Think before you drink, offer it mentally. People don’t have time for too much word, children don’t understand. Ba Ba black sheep is enough. Ba or Ma. Or bow. Why should god come to see us? Why should God come? ‘We come as children for unification. Since we came back from Mauritius we live in Reality, the other bit drops.

‘Suffering is inevitable. I had abscess when I kissed - but I am happy to take condition and share happiness. Culprit has to be reformed. We come first for the little ones, second the prodigal youth. When you had mouth you kept dumb. When you had ears you didn’t listen. I am afraid to speak, I am afraid to keep quiet. If I say anything it will explode. Tomorrow I know all the inner feelings you only guess with difficulty. Something is bursting. Every action has reaction, and God protects His devotee. But don’t upset holy man. God is love, but who is loving Him? Christ didn’t like hypocrisy.

If you weren’t devotees you would employ yourselves better in society, theosophy. But those who belong to us belong to us. And those who try to destroy will be punished. Every one of you who has stepped in the circle is a flower in the circle, the garland. We need each other. God will straighten the path, He is bearing until He has had enough. If others try to cause blisters – they didn’t know my God and yours is the same. Make negative positive by touching the polarity. Choose your company – this is a matter of trying to put inner practice into outer friendliness and love of unification of this group equally.’

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⁷ i.e. Doubting Thomas