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Ramakrishna Loka

Swami Ambikananda had invited Jai Narain to lunch. After the meal he spoke to him while they took Kali the dog for a walk across the flatlands and levels round Ramakrishna Loka:

Ambikananda said:

‘Man goes round and round before he goes to church, and delays himself so much. He waits for Christmas to come before he thinks of Christ. And Christmas is soon buried after a few days and rubbish, you forget about it, celebration is finished now, war has taken over, isn’t it?¹ New year happiness is all gone now, isn’t it? Man beats about so much.

‘All this soon will be covered in water, but the Word will stay. So what is all this, houses, money, cattle, elephant? All is finished, it isn’t worth the gauntlet to go after these things. God has given free will, and in this free will He sports. Some animals are at war all the time - leopards, tigers, lions, they have to hunt their victims. Man is another carnivore, but for him it’s a fall of man, isn’t it, and so with human birth he still doesn’t know how to grow, how to live, and how to die.

‘You get nowhere! You are like a boat in the ocean of this world, anchored deep in the world, and you try to row, row, row with a feeling “I am going there, I am going there.” But really you are at the same place when you thought you were so far. A divine thing may come all of a sudden, which is beyond these men, and then all their mind is, “I’ll buy this house that’s going, big money, houses.” And now house price drops, and it’s “I wish I had my money in the bank.” And now bank is capsizing, reducing, and now they are afraid. Like Russia, they had so much money, and racketeers come, and now even the rouble or whatever it is is losing its value.

‘Man hasn’t the will to exercise his power in a good direction. But in England there is knowledge, sitting knowledge, a kind of peaceful knowledge. This knowledge is debated, and voice of people is voice of God, so eventually Gulf War will be decided on vote. God sports here, and when it comes to the boil, then people have to vote. Voice of people will be voice of God. And truth has to come to the surface. Ramakrishna spoke about the Gulf war when he said about the two brothers arguing, and one said this is my land, the other said no it is mine. And God laughs. He says, no, all is Mine.

‘The world needs to be chastised, but the whole thing, everybody, will suffer. Even without this war the world is in a terrible state. All our children have gone to the dogs and are going more and more, so the world has to be chastised. Every action has a reaction. This suffering is inevitable. The evil has to be destroyed. So while you haven’t yet gone mad, make a decision if you have the gut. It depends on willpower, it depends on yourself. Better to enter the kingdom of heaven with one eye, it is said, or with one hand, than the whole body going to perdition. Which is what most of us are doing, the way the world is going now, drugs, vice, discos, parties, nonsense. I don’t encourage these, even at kirtan it’s becoming like this. It’s ridiculous. Justice has to be done. A stone has to be removed for your own good. People have to reform.

‘If you don’t know how to live you don’t know how to die. If you know how to live you are already a living dead. Let death really take you, unexpectedly. Many people don’t understand us, but if they don’t practise what do they know? They are not in the game. If you practise, it helps. But not if we are not in the same language, the same frame of mind. And a lot of secrets are being revealed. The deeper you go in the sea the more gems of secrets from the Gods are found, that’s the beauty of it. So I am detached to attach. I am private, personal, indifferent to the world, the church, ministers, all this Rome thing, bishop and all this. I like to stay behind, underneath the blanket. I have renounced my religion, my caste, my name. I am still proud, but pride of taking shelter, pride in the way I reform people who are going to die. I am straightforward. If I am soft it doesn’t help you. You keep us, we keep you, we have to be severe. We have to practise secrecy, silence, and we have to be in touch with the one reality.

¹ First Gulf war

‘All go through the mincer, the grinder. When all is gone through the grinder, and from there powdered, when we have ground the beauty of your attachment, minced it, powdered it, refined it, then perhaps Ramakrishna will accept it.’

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