

Apr 2, 1994 (Easter Saturday) Kirtan at Newbury (Atmananda)

Tryambaka sang a new song to Ramakrishna and Sarada Devi:

'I am a true lover of Sri Ramakrishna,

I am a devotee of Mother Sarada.'

'With Shiva my Father, and Kali my Mother,

I swim in the blissful Ocean of Satchidananda.'

After bhajans, Ambikananda played a video that featured a contemporary Irish visionary called Christina Gallagher. This lady's visions included graphic accounts of Hell that to some devotees seemed simultaneously harrowing and banal. The video caused difficulties for some devotees who thought that the agonizing punishments she witnessed being meted out to souls 'because they did not love God enough' was hard to reconcile with an all-merciful deity. Some went so far as to express their confusion openly, and this resulted in an argument with Ambikananda that quickly became acrimonious and bruising.

During and after prasad Ambikananda spoke:

I have given so much, now I am eating and drinking. But who is eating, who is drinking? I am happy sharing it. It is bliss, what I am eating and drinking is bliss. Why do I say it is bliss? Because I experience it. We are a child, and what does a child want? Philosophy? Prayers? I never knew how to pray, what to pray for. But now I know: pray for others. I don't do anything for myself anyway, I don't want this, I don't want that. If I wanted experience, well, I have had it already, I don't go for it - it's love for love's sake.

'A prophet is not known in his own land, by his own people. When I practised some things long ago, hundreds of people thought I was a witch; nothing was mentioned about spirituality. History always starts like that, but can you bear the weight of my tablets, the invisible tablets I have given? If there was light you would see the shadow, if the light was visible. But if the light is not visible you can't deny it just because it's not seen. There are two things, the Real and the unreal, but the Real has to be experienced. However you talk it out, there will still be some sceptics and septic tanks. Those who are septic go into the tank and get emptied, and then filled with aroma of divine fragrance. All is Brahman. Come to that state, you understand, come to the state of Brahmanhood. All is Brahman: the block, the victim and the executioner, the food - and the poison also.

'Now see who is here; the visible and the invisible, isn't it? God is in His word, but behind you there is a paradise. (*Laughs*). These people don't see behind them, just like the shrine - the shrine is a symbol, the *real* shrine - if that is seen, it's like mourning without death. You don't know why you are crying! You can't help it, just cry and cry, nothing so satisfying. But I am Janaka, come Jesus Christ and Ramakrishna.¹ Spirituality with empty stomach is not with the Michael!² Eventually it will come to that state naturally. Then it is "man does not live by bread alone;" God lives in me and dwells with me, He eats through me. Have you eaten? Yes. Did you offer? No. But God also is hungry; Thou wert in the form of hunger, thirst, isn't it?

'Somehow get yourself to the school where they teach you to experience God, That's the purpose of life, in a nutshell. Wherever it is, so long as it is this One God. First love God; when that is full let it go to kith and kin, then neighbours. After the neighbours it goes to the main road. After the main road if it has capacity and means it goes abroad, to other lands. But first your kith, isn't it, this kith and kin is our duty. You, me, we all are brothers and sisters. When we started, these people have helped us, but sometimes they have shot themselves like an arrow and the arrow has got stuck. They started well; they aimed well; the arrow could have gone through, "beyond sandalwood" to mines of gold and

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silver.³ But in that state you can't tell a person; you have to reunite them - or separate them, and make them love God above all. It's a picky-choosy business. You need a bit of work, you need health, shakti, vigour. If you have these, don't ask for any further problems.

'If you are very good here you may join somewhere else, if you are real brothers and sisters, united. I tell you, Vishnu Shakti and others [*deceased devotees*] are so busy preparing, helping, cooking for devotees, very busy. But if we fail here, if we fail today and tomorrow, we've had it. *L'esperance c'est la pratique*, which means, if you're not practical, mate - tomorrow never comes, so take it well. Otherwise you are a man who lives in dream or hope. Hope when you are doing something, hope will come, but where is your self? You want wages - where is your work? You want promotion, where is your work for promotion? You can give up this one and take a higher job, leave this for somebody else and get better and better, isn't it? But you have to be a bit practical for realization; realize the fantasy, the evanescence of everyday life - see the world, the people, open windows: the car, the boat - where are they all going? But I don't say, don't work. Work is purifying. When you are working there is less chance you fall into lethargy and create blunder and sin. It depends on which mind you are working with; it's not the amount of work but the interest with which you are working, and how much you are loving your work. I tell you, work is worship: cleaning this table conscientiously, not a crumb, just like the Lord is coming next here. Perhaps, by chance, He *is* coming. "Where two are gathered..."

'We are at the most a garment, and He is the user of this garment. If the garment is worn and torn, He throws it away and gets a new garment, just like when you have had enough of an old garment. So God gives you a new body. Therefore you have to love your elders, look after your elders. That's your responsibility. But I am funny, I am different. I love outsiders even more than my own family. Jesus said, "Who are my brethren?" But I shouldn't judge, no one should judge anyone. Don't judge the living, don't judge the dead, mind your own business. We see people, we are in touch with people on this earth, on different planes, and they are in touch with us, vice versa.

'So, cling to your Self, get enlightenment, love each other. It sounds silly, crazy, a bit odd and queer. Your lives are properly queer and odd, I am telling you, but you are not. So if I make you become among the queer people? Ramakrishna never initiated anyone, just gave them [gerua] cloths, when deathbed came, by sign. He couldn't even talk because of the cancer. And you are the children; one day Sanjana and Sita Devi and all will be at the loka, not to speak of the seven gates. Even at the shore you will be crying and melting, not to speak of the throne! So she [*Christina Gallagher*] saw something of God. She speaks of the Guardian Angel, and we did give that [*Guardian Angel mantra*] a long time ago;⁴ me as a non-christian, I did give it to Sri Lakshmi whenever she comes to remember; it's a blessing. This word goes not just for you in daily life but also for those who are not here. Dual consciousness is one point, then that is added to something else appearing. So [*visionaries like Gallagher*] see what is happening in time of Christ and what is happening now.'

Devotee: 'But some of them have hallucinations, Swamiji.'

Swamiji: 'Who does not? That is the power of maya. If all is maya, your meditation also is maya, the God is maya. But there is also a maya that leads towards Him. You don't experience what I am just talking now, do you? You say hallucination, but do you experience what we are doing now, live? Experience is greater than book learning and reading. It is a personal thing: I give, you accept or not, I couldn't care less. Too bad for you, mate! I came to give you a pearl. If you throw it I withdraw it...'

Jai Narain: 'She said she saw a whole lot of people being burnt because they didn't love God enough. Well, if God is a god of mercy he wouldn't allow people to be burnt forever because they didn't love Him enough. That's not a merciful thing to do, so I couldn't believe that.'

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Swamiji: 'Not love, maybe. Perhaps they criticized Him, they ignored Him. And bear in mind you are listening to an Irish lady in trance and vision, so don't be more confused and confounded, you understand? Try to understand between the lines. GSR cannot be understood even by swamis. You have to experience. When she was talking I was out of my body, I was experiencing all the states here... You can't be more compassionate, more knowledgeable than God! It is His warning. And when His justice comes - Jai Narain, you do not know of what I am talking, I had better not talk! You think I have come just to warn or to frighten?'

JN: 'If He is a god of mercy, then a merciful god is a merciful god, not a god of ...'

Swamiji: 'When God was not merciful was it always justice, was it always terrible, was it always Satan?'

Brahma: 'But Ramakrishna did say, Swamiji, that dwelling on sin makes a man become a sinner.'

Swamiji: 'That doesn't mean you have to take advantage, mate! Get on, reform, get on your boot, pull your socks. No excuses.'

Brahma: 'But no one would want to end up like her [*Gallagher*] however much they pulled up their boots or their socks.'

Swamiji: 'God gives free will. Listen, when you are suffering, you will be alone facing that.'

Brahma: 'So is she! So is everybody.'

Sw: 'This is a reformation. It depends what makes you happy. Listen, every happiness has its unhappiness in threefold. This video was a bit to get you on the track in case you have been a bit astray, out of alignment, so you don't wobble.'

Brahma: 'It creates confusion, it doesn't solve any problems.'

Swamiji: 'Brahma, I tell you with all respect, now you are talking without - how can you explain what it is until you have tasted it, experienced it, until you yourself have been converted, your self has discriminated? Once the moth sees the light, what happens?'

Devotee: 'It dies in it.'

Swamiji: 'He enjoys dark no more. But all this is a state. You are groping in darkness, you are happy. But see the light, and then you will see which one is more powerful, then you come and tell me! Brahma, you are the one who after one or two [*experiences*] was crying at Home Farm House! "Sir! Sir!"'

Brahma: 'Yes, but I still could never accept that that programme with that woman talking about her experiences could ever be in any way enlightening.'

Sw: 'It depends. Listen, if you are a child, and mummy says, "Don't go there, there is a wolf," if you were a child you would believe what your mum has said. You are a bit materialist, a loving person who hasn't got the headache to do all these things.'

Brahma: 'No!'

Swamiji: 'It's a headache. And you have got headache to sit here quietly until you have got enough of it and you walk out! That's true, don't deny it. When the headache, the malady, becomes a melody in harmony, in unison...'

Brahma: 'But is it true? Is what she was saying true?'

Swamiji (*Laughs*): 'I have no comment. I just came and presented it to you, it's up to you, I am not God to judge anyone. If it helps you take it. If it does not then go and multiply without violating anyone's wife or girlfriend or neighbour. Don't misuse anybody. You see what has happened, sin has lost its meaning, it has become benumbed. Slowly you become benumbed, immune to all this. Lust and all this, it has become the common thing now, normal, what was forbidden. But God is so good, He is not judging you tit for tat. Woman is a charm for a man, there's a power, it's Shaktimaya. But there is a code, a moral. It's not just for today or tomorrow we are talking. You are living just for a minute, but we are talking of long run, of many births. So I say, don't come, Brahma, if it upsets you and you upset my other people. I have to protect these children, those who have slightly gone astray. You had better not come if you are not a child, if you can't put your genital down. Jai Narain was supposed to come with a long chain round his neck, socks and a big lady hat. Jingle bell going round! This is a state, don't laugh, it has to come. This is a tedious time, Easter time, suffering of Christ. We like you as a person, but if you want to spoil others, these innocent lambs, you have choose, be honest here, don't come at all and let them be happy...'

Jai Narain: 'But if a question comes into your mind...'

Swamiji (*furiously*): 'We haven't come for questions, we have come for practice! This meeting is a practice! When you come here, don't mess about! Either you come or you don't come, but don't stop others from developing! You have to choose, mate. I am not upset, but I have to let you know what my position is. You don't challenge me, you challenge God! I speak on behalf of God. I don't say you are not to come or just keep quiet because he is upset. But we don't encourage paralytics who think they are well, we don't encourage deformed spiritual people who are wavering; there are a lot of waverers who don't know where to go, here or there. This has been going on some time, beyond all this, whether you should stay or not. You are pegged to face others, not me. What will they think? You have got a responsibility to each other, just the same, but I am telling you, as I am here for you, for your spiritual life - and I am telling you there is not much further left before 2000. Give you 2000 at least. You don't have to die before your heart stops. But think of your own spiritual state. If you can't eat something don't prevent somebody else from having their spiritual food to their heart's content...'

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Christine Gallagher video (she of the Padre Pio scabs) causes dissension from Brahma, Satram, Jai Narain Swamiji imposes bans on Atmananda (giver of the kirtan) and Marian as exwife of arch culprit Satram.

Easter Saturday, 2 April 1994

Tryambaka sings 'I am a true lover of Sri Ramakrishna, I am a devotee of Sri Sarada,' which was a card we were all asked to bring along, I think

Discourse 3,315wds

Tape 2b

[People are eating.]

'It's a personal matter. Therefore you have to talk - a mystic can understand it, a mystic has a mystical language, they can understand without talking...

*'I have given so much, now I am eating, now I am drinking. But who is eating, who is drinking? I am happy sharing it. It's bliss, what I am eating and drinking is bliss, food is bliss. Why do I say it's bliss? Because I experience it. Yes, first it's food, 'grossly' you can't deny it. Just as Vivekananda couldn't deny the chair, the table, the cup - but [it was] not [so] with the Master. No servant is - greater than the Experiencer. When the Master touched that [man] the experience was transferred. It lingered for weeks; then it was difficult [for him] to perform, everything was [the same] - . And this was through someone, an *intermédiaire*; and Mother is an *intermédiaire*, Mother Mary, Mother Mother Mother Mother Mother.*

'Nothing is lost, no spirituality is lost. We are the child, and what does the child want? Philosophy? Prayers? I never knew how to pray, what to pray for. But now I know: Pray for others. I don't do anything for myself anyway, don't want this, don't want that. If I want experience, I've had it [already], I don't go for it - [it's] love for love's sake. Then you find Ramakrishna says, "Love for love's sake." Unconditional. Then there is such a thing, natural, for somebody at least. Born natural! Born spiritually normal, abnormal to different people, you understand?

'But these are for certain people, not for people of the surroundings and environment, the neighbours. A prophet is not known in his own land, with his own people. When I practised things, hundreds of people thought I was a witch, I was this, I was that [Back in 1968 when he went to the Psychic Research Centre?]. Nothing was mentioned about spirituality. It's always like that, history always starts like that. But can you [bear] the weight of my invisible tablets? The invisible tablets I have given? It's in my head, isn't it? And it's not gone; I gave it and it's still here. If there was light you would see the shadow, if the light was visible. But if light is not visible you can't deny it just because it's not seen. America is not seen but you can't deny that America is there.

'There are two things, the real and the unreal. Actually the unreal is more 'real'... But it [the real] has to be experienced. However you talk it out, there will still be some septs and sceptic tanks, both. Those who are septic go into the tank and get emptied, [and then] filled with aroma of divine fragrance. All is Brahman. Come to that state, you understand, come to the state of Brahmanhood. Brahmanhood is: "All is Brahman: the block, the victim and the executioner, the food, the poison also is - ."

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'Somehow go to the school where they teach you to experience God. That's the purpose of life, in a nutshell. Wherever it is, so long as it is this One God. If it's easier for you [to be here] where they speak the truth, and love you as your sisters, and share with you. The Man must share with you, not

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just himself - "This is God" and so on - but he won't be embodied unless he takes the suffering, has the feeling of others' suffering. Privately you suffer for your sister, your niece, whoever, who forms part of you. Well, come to the state where every foreigner and neighbour also - [the state] when love overflows, spills over from your house. *First love God; when that is full it goes to the neighbours. After the neighbours it goes to the main road. After the main road if it has capacity and means it goes abroad, he gives it to other lands. But first your kith, isn't it, this kith and kin is our duty.*

*'You, me, we [all] are brothers and sisters. When we started [the ashram project], these people have helped us. But sometimes they have shot themselves like an arrow and the arrow has got stuck. They started well; they aimed well; but the arrow could have gone through, 'beyond sandalwood' to mines of gold and silver.'*⁷

'In that state you can't tell a person; you have to reunite them - or separate them, and make them love God above all. It's a picky-choosy business. "Where there are two I'll separate -" It's very Christian, natural Christianity *en pratique*.

'You need a bit of work, you need health; and you need youth. [*Bad news for most devotees, who tend to be middleaged or more!*] Shakti, vigour. If you have these, don't ask for any further problems....

As long as you can bend and touch your toe... (to Shiva Shakti). That's terrific! You're so fit as a fiddle, after rice pudding you can still reach your leg and touch your head! I can't even bend. Shakti is greater than Shakta, I think. Greater than God is His power. You are Shiva Shakti - beautiful names for these people. When they are sick their names will save them.'

Devotees begin to leave. Tryambka says goodbye with his son Skanda, they're heading for home in Stroud. Swamiji tells the host (Atmananda):

'Give him a little prasad or something. Lovely. Give my love to your dearest and nearest. Take some flowers for Sati. It was a lovely meeting, I hope you have enjoyed something. It was nice to see Vicky (Skanda's partner). Shakti, give that little child something....God bless. Say Om namah Shivaya. Om namah Shivaya, Om namah Shivaya, Om namah Shivaya.... Keep going. Say Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus. We'll send a prayer for them, OK? In the name of the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit: [*with devotees*] Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name... Aa-men.⁸

'Hari Om tat Sat. God bless Sati, God bless Sati, God bless Sati. Send this blessing now, let it travel, mentally go with them. All of us will go with them. If she is in a funny state she will [still] have to receive us there, whether in dream or vision, something - hallucination, so much the better. Go with her spiritually, accompany her. Peace, peace, peace. Hari Om Tat Sat. Flowers are good, and a tape of music of what went here, what went bombing...

'You see, what I say, if you're very good here you may join somewhere else, if you're real brothers and sisters, united. I tell you, Vishnu Shakti and others [deceased devotees] are so busy preparing, helping, cooking for devotees. Very busy. If we fail here, if we fail today and tomorrow, we've had it. L'esperance c'est la pratique, which means, if you're not practical, mate - tomorrow never comes, so take it well. [Otherwise] you are a man who lives in dream or hope. Hope when you are doing something, hope will come, but where is your self? You want wages - where is your work?. you want promotion, where is your work for promotion? You can give up this one and take a higher job. Leave this for somebody else and get better and better, isn't it? You have to be a bit practical for realization, realize the fantasy, the evanescence, [of] the everyday life - see the world, the people, open windows: the car, the boat - where are they all going? Is the plane in time? Is the fax going?

'I don't say, "Don't work". Work is purifying. When you are working there is less chance you fall into lethargy and create blunder and sin. It depends on which mind you are working with, it's not the amount of work but the interest with which you are working, and how much you are loving your work. I tell you, work is worship: cleaning this table conscientiously, not a crumb, just like the Lord is coming next here. Perhaps, by chance, He is [coming]. 'Where two are gathered...'

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'But I am funny, I am different. I love outsiders even more than my own family. Jesus said, "Who are my brethren?" I can't be hypocrite, I tell you the truth. I am very justice in one way, especially to my kin and kith when they could do a lot for the family. You can ruin yourself, but when you are responsible for a whole family you can't ruin a whole family... but I shouldn't judge, no one should judge anyone. Don't judge living, don't judge dead, mind your own business. We see people, we are in touch with people on this earth, on different planes, and they are in touch with us, vice versa.

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'And you are the children, one day Sanjana and Sita Devi and all, [will] be at the loka, not to speak of the seven gates. Even at the shore you will be crying and melting, not to speak of the throne!

'...So she [Christine Gallagher] saw something of God...these things cannot happen just like that. She speaks of the Guardian Angel. We did give that [Guardian Angel mantra] a long long time [ago].⁹ Me as a non-christian, I did give it to Lakshmi, told Sri Lakshmi whenever she comes to remember. It's a blessing. This word goes not just for you in daily life but also for those who are not here. We don't need this but someone else may need it, isn't it? You have to think of others...

'...Dual consciousness is one point, you don't deviate, there's nothing else in between. Then that is added to something else appearing. It's like picture on picture on TV - you watch video and then you see Channel One or BBC One. They [visionaries like Gallagher] see what is happening in time of Christ and what is happening now...

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JN: *'[Ramakrishna said] "Make him dull!" '*

Sw: *'Straightaway! And it did come to pass then and there! And he said, "What have you done?" You can't be more compassionate, more knowledgeable than God! It is His warning. And when His justice comes... Jai Narain, you do not know of what I am talking, I'd better not talk! You think I have come just to warn or to frighten...'*

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'It's not just for today or tomorrow we are talking. You are living just for a minute, but we are talking of long run, of many many births. So I say, don't come, Brahma, if it upsets you and [you] upset my other people. I have to protect these children, those who have slightly gone astray. You'd better not come if you're not a child. If you can't put your genital down. Jai Narain was supposed to come with a long chain round his neck, socks and a big lady hat. Jingle bell going round! This is a state, don't laugh, it has to come...'

'This is a tedious time, Easter time, suffering, suffering of Christ... We like you as a person, but if you want to spoil others, these innocent lambs, you have choose, be honest here, don't come at all and let them be happy...'

JN: *'But if a question comes into your mind...'*

Sw (furiously): *'We haven't come for questions, we have come for practice! This meeting is a practice! When you come here, don't mess about! Either you come or you don't come, but don't stop others from developing! You have to choose, mate. I'm not upset, but I have to let you know what my position is. You don't challenge me, you challenge God! I speak on behalf of God. I don't say you are not to come or just keep quiet because he is upset. (laughs theatrically).'*

¹⁰ I still find it very hard to believe that Swamiji didn't put on this absurdly hellfire video with its laughable statements ("God looked just like Jesus only older") in order to wind up certain members of the ashram, e.g. the awkward squad of Brahma, Satram and (sometimes) Jai Narain!

‘You see, I laugh. I’m normal. *But you don't encourage these paralytics who think they're well, you don't encourage these deformed spiritual people who are wavering; there are a lot of wavers who don't know where to go, here or there.* They are testing in the test ground, West Indies v India. *This has been going on some time, beyond all this, whether you should stay or not. You are pegged to face others, not me. What will they think? You've got a responsibility to each other, just the same, but I am telling you, as I am here for you, for your spiritual life- and I am telling you there is not much further left before 2000. Give you 2000 at least.* You don't have to die before your heart stops. Some people's hearts stop without a malady, from out of breath. But think of your own spiritual state. If you can't eat something don't prevent somebody else from having their spiritual food to their heart's content...