

‘I am the grandfather and it is my duty to see my grandchildren don’t suffer.’

5 March 1995 Swamiji at Old Vicarage, Lincs

Visit shortly after the Ramakrishna birthday kirtan at Corfton Rd where Ambikananda had been so ill. Gayatri was there, Shiva Shakti, Satchidananda, Lakshmi.

Ambikananda’s discourse:

I have been very spiritually minded from birth, it’s a gift you can’t erase in any life because that’s the only life that exists with God. As soon as you are born you are distracted; maya binds you, both eyes are hypnotised by colours, flowers, birds. We are identifying straightaway with creation, we form part of it, not with the Creator, we are more attracted by creation, art, all these things. But from birth flowers, music, dancing and all this never attracted me, thank God. Just one thing attracted me.

‘It should be natural - a perfect dancer makes no false step. I am the grandfather and it is my duty to see my grandchildren don’t suffer. You have to be controlled, disciplined, detached. When I was seven I had visitation, everything I did worked, and it continues. I renounced, I was married, I came back, it’s still going on, I defeated death so many times, bang, bang! I could have gone long ago, even at Blenheim Crescent;¹ But like Yogananda I didn’t want to go, we have an extension of life.

‘My mother was about 7 years old, my father was 14 when they were married, but they didn’t stay together then, they joined when they came of age. My grandfather went somewhere and saw my mother, a peasant girl, he liked that little white Brahmin. Like Sarada was five, Ramakrishna was 20 years old. Indian parents sometimes choose, they are a bit guided... So it’s our concern to unite people, to warn them, but you can’t force people, just be together, be friends, be loving, help each other. Anything I can do to help, but don’t get in your way.

‘I couldn’t study. But when I came to England I saw I would have to speak English, know a little bit, I went to Hyde Park and studied after time cooking for patients, study, teach myself, get by, that’s all we wanted. Someone said, “I hear you are a preacher”, I say, “No, I only preach what I experience.” It’s true, it’s beyond book what we say, we preach revelation, private, personal, intimate relationship. Trust and confidence, that’s what matters, and we find Christianity has backed it, said it, it’s not new. I didn’t know anything, but when I read Christianity I said, “But that’s the man! That’s what I am saying!” And when I was practising Hinduism for 40 days, when I was young, father was very rich, everything was there at home, Hinduism says the yogi is born in a house of rich. I practised 40 days of Hindu gods, I wanted to realize all the gods, but who do I see? – the big Jesus Christ on the cross talking in Iranian, I don’t even understand. And up to this day, this minute, invisibly he is telling me things.

‘At kirtan we showed Kudiram accepting God to be born, and in the ashram a child was born, Sanjana’s child, and Sanjana had a dream, written in her private diary which is not revealed, of the Divine Mother, and Divine Mother told Ramakrishna “Thou and I are one.” So the child is the love of Divine Mother born, the Dark One – but all this is for future revelation. When it happens people will say, yes, he did say that. There is a new generation, this is the worst now, the evil has to be chained, Michael² is chasing, given the freedom to test everyone...

‘I am Mauritian, not Indian, not intellectual, so I am versatile, I see what you are, and I am young in my soul, a child, and I do the will of God. I am not monotonous in my search, I taste different things, same like Ramakrishna. Then karma sends a loop, a lasso, now he [Ambikananda] is caught, there is no way! He is surrendering to hospital, caught with the lasso of karma. This is the second warning. Three steps and there is nothing more to cover. The dwarf covers everything in three steps.³ So I have

¹ Himalaya Ashram, 1970-72

² Michael was Swamiji’s first name, anglicized.

³ AS Vamana, his incarnation as a dwarf, Vishnu covered the three worlds in three strides.

to finish my pilgrimage, I started a lot of work at the hospital, I built up a lot of things, I built up Ramakrishna, and today I had visitation unexpected in my head, it was confirmed by Vivekananda who came to approve. A saptarishi,⁴ for him to come and talk to us! As you are, so God responds to you. It's not the first time, but this is to let you know, let you be in the picture, this is something new for you, this visitation.

'That man [Ambikananda] is a challenge, day and night, 24 hours, or a good 12 hours, for what you are seeking, in his mind. Not even to show all. Bondage and liberation are in his mind, the concrete establishment is in his mind. So I am supposed to be on pilgrimage, but lasso of karma has come, I am sick, I can't be on pilgrimage when I am sick. He has gone enough on a certain height so he can glide now if he switches off, he is still going on, even if death comes he has done enough. So if I cannot finish my pilgrimage, I started with a good mind. If I am well, I will carry on my pilgrimage for three months. We have to meet at Easter at least if all goes well.

'Now I am finished, detached completely, now no more house, no more luggage, get ready my little bundle, and God is born again, I am on the ascent. Tears come in my eyes when I see these young Saradas. White Saradas. Beyond temple girls, go and pay homage to Jesus. It was so moving. Jai Narain cried when Sanjana read. I told him. You have to harness the horses of the Vedas to jump the river of intellect to reach the lake of bhakti. The Vedas are Lord Vishnu's horses, and Narayan holding. What the husband does the wife will benefit. Company can be just two people, a solace, an alternative medicine; it's a support, a human crutch, you help each other. God binds both in one so that goes to eternity and becomes a blessed sacrament. It's an eternal union.

'Our company is still going on after 25 years, so there must be something more in what the man is saying and you are not appreciating, and yet he doesn't force you because he abides by the blissful free will of the devotees. I leave you in great peace as I experience it. I hope you get more love and confirmation, transplant yourselves both together, and earth itself becomes soft, so make your mind and love solid, on a good foundation, no nonsense, permanent. Grandfathers are happy for the grandchildren and generations to succeed; it's a succession, private, every time they come they are gilded a little bit, otherwise if you get all at once they get lost, it disturbs their condition.

'We want psychological to change for golden age that is coming, saved by the man who practises his words a bit. If word and deeds are not put into action the treatment suffers. So when he says something and you go home, he means it and he makes you do it. He is trusting on my good servant – "Oh, I leave it to my ministers. All is taken care of..." "

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⁴ One of the Seven Sages. See GSR.