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- 🌸 Liberation is the goal of your life. Selfless work leads to purity of mind. Purity leads towards Self Knowledge and Self Knowledge leads towards liberation. When the dust of ignorance is eradicated through meditation, the ganges of Self Knowledge within the Heart will be revealed.
- 🌸 Unless the attribute less state is attained, beware of the tasks done. You must understand which task is legitimate and which is prohibited. Perform the legitimate tasks and give up the prohibited tasks. By ensuring that good thoughts are secured, good words are spoken out and good deeds are done, you will get purified. On being purified, the ganges of Knowledge within the Heart becomes perceivable.
- 🌸 Don't give up the devotion for God. Without giving up the feet of God, take refuge in Holy people & Jnanis and thereby reach the goal of Self Realization.
- 🌸 All of you can meditate upon the Gayatri mantra. You must understand its essence. Its essence being: "Bestow me with discrimination and the thinking faculty that leads towards reformation." Bhagavan said: "If the thinking faculty gets reformed, how long will it take for you to get reformed?" Chant the Gayatri mantra in order to get a reformed thinking faculty. Gayatri mantra begets good thinking faculty. On protecting good thinking faculty and discrimination, you will get the eligibility to listen about Self Knowledge. Leave alone contemplation; you will not even become eligible to listen about Self Knowledge if the thinking faculty is not right. A person without dispassion and yearning to attain Self Knowledge is not even eligible to listen about Self Knowledge. A firm conviction that Self Knowledge exists within the

Heart has to be attained. The ganges of Self Knowledge is not somewhere else but within the Heart. This can be understood only by them whose thinking faculty gets reformed. Effort to attain the ganges of Self Knowledge within the Heart will be made only after getting this conviction. Without this conviction, no effort is possible.

 The Mahatmas and incarnations arrive on this earth to lead us towards the Truth. When the fire is about to extinguish, the lamp is supplied with oil. Similarly when the lamp of Knowledge is about to exhaust, Mahatmas and Jnanis arrive on this earth and supply oil to that lamp in order to ensure that the lamp of Knowledge doesn't get exhausted. They have no other personal work except for the world's prosperity.

 The Lord has put three gates to reach the hell and they are lust, anger and greed. The Lord said: "Without transcending them, how is it that you consider yourselves to be a Jnani or a rishi, Oh! Mad one?" It is enough if you possess any one of them in order to reach the hell. Unless all the three of them are transcended, neither your mind will get stabilized nor can you perform any spiritual practices.

 The ganges of Self Knowledge is within your Heart. You are not aware of it. The dust called ignorance is becoming the hurdle. This ignorance is only your enemy. Therefore you must get the faculty of eradicating the dust called ignorance. In order to get that faculty, chant the Gayatri mantra.

 Many devotees complain that they are being subject to fear. Remember the following two things in order to transcend the fear: Stop imagining about the future and stop contemplating upon the past. You will then overcome the fear in this very moment. Once the fear is

transcended, the sorrow gets subsided. Fear ruins both the physical health as well as the mental health. Both the physical health as well as the mental health has to be carefully protected. It is because they facilitate in assimilating the ganges of Self Knowledge within the Heart.

 Don't live according to your likes and dislikes. Put the Lord's preaching into practice. Whether you like it or not, if your life is based on God's preaching, you will become purified. Though you may not like, carry on the task, if God has prescribed it to be good. You will get reformed on listening to God. Your reformation is not dependent upon your likes and dislikes. The ganges of Self Knowledge can be certainly attained if your life is based on God's preaching.

 Compared to others, you love the ego most. You increase it through your word and deed. In the day to day life, you increase that whatever has to be lost and again ask the God for liberation. How is it possible? You do not adore God in a true sense. You adore the ego. In order to make you understand this, the Guru sometimes speaks softly and sometimes sternly.

 As a person craving for money and a person craving for education toil hard to earn them, if you want liberation, you must toil hard to earn devotion. You will start praying God when you understand and accept: 'I cannot help myself. Oh! Lord I cannot overcome these attachments without your help.' You pray Him thus: "I am unable to transcend the ignorance on my own. I pray for your help. Without your Grace, I cannot reach ashore." As the devotion towards God increases and complete surrender attained, God assumes a human form and descends down as Guru. He ensures that true love is generated towards

Him and preaches you accordingly. Though a river takes different turns, it ultimately merges into the ocean. Similarly though there might be several turning points in your life, when God descends down as Guru, He unites you with the Truth in the Heart. Being melted with your worship, japa, meditation and purity of Heart, He approaches you in the form of a Guru assuming a name and form, though He doesn't need them. He preaches that the Truth you are seeking for is within your Heart ensuring that the mind gets withdrawn and drives it into the Heart. Such is the glory of Guru. If you are unable to tolerate the power bestowed by Him, He will wait for four more births if needed, grant you the requisite eligibility and won't leave you until the Truth is revealed. Such is the glory of Guru.