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- 🌸 God's Love for the devotees is much more than the devotee's Love for God. You like God to a certain extent and presume that you possess Love for Him. When compared to your Love, His Love is much greater. But you don't acknowledge the same. A devotee gets God's protection on surrendering to Him. The Lord loves his devotee to the same extent as a Mother loves its child.
- 🌸 Someone sang: "Is it so bitter to chant the name of Lord Shiva?" It seems to be bitter to some people. If you don't possess the Divine attributes naturally, chanting the Lord's name seems to be bitter. This doesn't happen with everyone. It is bitter to them whose Heart is devoid of softness and whoever lack reverence for virtue.
- 🌸 You are building temples using stones. But how many of you are trying to convert the Heart of a person into a temple? You may build temples if you possess money. It is easy to build temples externally but it is very difficult to convert a human heart into an abode of Divinity.
- 🌸 Honouring the devotees is equivalent to honouring God. Dishonouring a devotee is equivalent to insulting God. As you take utmost care of your body, God also looks after the devotee's body as if it is His body.
- 🌸 Guru is greater than Lord Shiva. The juice within the sugar cane is much greater than the sugar cane. If Lord Shiva represents the sugar cane, Guru represents the sugar cane juice. God may look at your merit-demerit. He may punish you for all the bad deeds. But this is not the same with the Guru. The Guru doesn't punish you but tries to rectify your mistakes. Referring to one of the devotees, Sri Ramakrishna Paramahansa once said: "He is a good person and good at Heart." But the person sitting nearby replied: "Swamiji, the person whom you are

referring to may be good at heart but He is a drunkard.” Then Sri Ramakrishna replied: “Though he may be a drunkard, still He is good at Heart. My Love for him will enable him to overcome that habit. I cannot find fault with his bad habit due to My Love for him.” Such is the Love of Guru. Lord Shiva may punish the devotee for drinking wine. But the Guru says: “My Love will enable the devotee to overcome his bad habit.” Comparatively who can be considered great? Is it the Guru or God? You try to rectify the mistakes of your children. Similarly the Guru tries to rectify your mistakes. In the absence of Naren, the devotees asked Sri Ramakrishna: “Why are you so fond of Naren?” Sri Ramakrishna replied: “It is because Naren is selfless, crooked less and devoid of delusion. If not Naren, whom else can I love in this world?” Therefore on one hand Sri Ramakrishna loved Naren utmost and on the other hand stated that His love would swallow off the drinking habit of the drunkard. Thus Sri Ramakrishna represents the true Guru. God is the bestower of the fruit of action. Based on your past merit and sin, He gives you the fruit accordingly. But Guru is not like that. God gives the judgment. If you progress spiritually, He will view you as an advanced soul; if not as an amateur in spirituality. But Guru is not a judge. He doesn't give any judgment. He tries to swallow off the cause of the mind's extroversion.

-  Irrespective of how many times you read the Bhagavad Gita, you cannot understand it if you don't have the sacrificing faculty.
-  The Lord did not ask you to give up the work in hand. Perform the household work without any attachment while possessing dispassion. By doing so, the work gets completed on one hand and on the other

hand if there are any tendencies that beget rebirth, they will get annihilated.

-  Someone sang a song: “I cannot come to the Himalayas. I don’t have sufficient money for that. I will visit your temple in my hometown.” Shiridi Sai Baba said: “If you presume that I stay in Shirdi alone and not anywhere else, you are insulting Me.” How can one become God if He stays in Himalayas alone and not anywhere else? God is omnipresent. He is present in all the periods of time (ie past, present and future).
-  You cannot get love and devotion for God unless you leave aside the burdens and tendencies being carried forward from the past births and that exist in the present birth. Several tendencies have been accompanying you since past births. If you can put them aside, you can make the best utilization of the current period.
-  When Bhagavan Ramana was asked: “Who are you? Are you an incarnation of Lord Vishnu or Lord Shiva or Lord Kumara Swami?” Bhagavan replied: “I am neither Shiva nor Vishnu nor Kumara Swami. I am the Supreme Consciousness that resides in the Heart of everyone.” However your mind cannot perceive the Supreme Consciousness. The one whose mind got subsided and who are devoid of likes-dislikes can only perceive it.
-  A person needs concentration, purity, discrimination and wisdom in order to prosper materially as well as spiritually. All these come by contemplating upon God.
-  You can Love God only if you possess the knowledge pertaining to Him. Else you cannot Love God.

- 🌸 That which takes birth in nature runs towards death and dies though you may not acknowledge it.
- 🌸 The Love that you possess for the false 'i' and world, you don't possess it for God within the Heart. The false 'i' deceives you. Therefore you got rooted in ignorance. One who can deceive the false 'i' can attain the Supreme Knowledge. Then He is no more bothered whether the world and body are visible or not.
- 🌸 A devotee asked Bhagavan Ramana: "If Brahman alone exists and nothing else, why do I still perceive 'you', 'me', birth-death, ignorance etc?" Bhagavan replied: "What exists is one and only one ie Brahman. Once you bring it into your experience, you understand that whatever you perceive is all false. Without experiencing the Brahman, neither you nor I can understand it with any amount of discussion. Rather than thinking whether God exists or not, whether the world exists or not, why don't you try to get rid of the false 'i'? Rather than wasting your time in unnecessary tussles, try to get rid of the false 'i'. Your likes-dislikes represent the internal enemies and those who hate you denote the external enemies. If you can get released from the false 'i', you can permanently get rid of both the internal enemies as well as external enemies. The external and internal enemies originate from the false 'i'. Unless the false 'i' gets annihilated, you cannot get released from these enemies."
- 🌸 Without tolerance a person cannot attain introversion of mind. If the mind does not introvert, it cannot attain Self Knowledge. A person devoid of Self Knowledge cannot become Blissful and thereby get released from rebirth. The body is not the Self. If your word and

thought increase the consciousness of 'I am the body', you cannot get released from ignorance and delusion.

- 🌸 You don't know about liberation. Why do you try to imagine about that which you don't know? Try to get released from that which is the cause of your sorrow. Later you will turn out to be that which you ought to be.
- 🌸 Don't presume yourselves to be either great or insignificant. Don't presume yourselves to be either rich or poor. All these are but thoughts. The Supreme Consciousness is devoid of thoughts. Presume neither this nor that. Don't presume anything. Be as you are.
- 🌸 If anyone sat in front of Sri Ramakrishna after completing their fast, Sri Ramakrishna said: "I am unable to bear your grief. Go and eat a little food and then come back. Don't trouble your body so much. Eat moderately and come back. I cannot tolerate your grief arising out of fasting."
- 🌸 Some people get attracted by wealth whereas some people get attracted by power. Every person gets attracted by something or the other. You presume that a particular thing which attracts you is powerful but it is not so. It is powerless. You are not aware that it is you who strengthens it. This is only delusion.
- 🌸 You don't trust God as much as you trust the body. Irrespective of the quantum of Holy dips, circumambulation around the trees and the construction of number of temples, Self Knowledge is attained only when the mind is firmly sustained within the Heart. Else Self Knowledge cannot be attained. Self exists within the Heart. In order to attain the Self Knowledge, you must place the mind in the abode of Self and the

dwelling of Self Knowledge (ie the Heart). Else Self Knowledge cannot be attained. Suppose you are exposed to the hot sun and there is a tree is nearby giving shadow. Rather than brooding for being exposed to the hot sun, if you go near the tree, you can enjoy its shadow. Similarly you are totally engrossed in sensory objects right now. Rather than getting troubled by enjoying the sensory objects, if you can reach the Heart, you will enjoy the Bliss, Peace and Knowledge pertaining to the Self. If you can sustain the mind within the Heart, it is only referred to as penance as well as yoga.

- 🌸 The Bliss pertaining to liberation is foremost when compared to the other types of happiness. One who attains liberation related happiness will not crave for sensory enjoyments.
- 🌸 Your thought, word and deed should enhance your level of Consciousness on one hand and be beneficial to the world on the other hand.
- 🌸 When you get Holy Company, you need not bother yourselves with any kind of spiritual practices. It is good to adore the idols, take Holy dips and visit temples. They purify the mind to a certain extent. But this is a very long process. In the Holy Company of the Maharishis, your spiritual advancement gets accelerated. It is enough if the Purest one remembers you once. You will get liberated.
- 🌸 Practice the Bliss pertaining to deep sleep in the waking state. The indwelling Self gets revealed then. As long as the Self doesn't reveal itself, the likes-dislikes become inevitable. The birth-death becomes inevitable as long as the deathless one (ie the Self) comes into your experience.

- 🌸 Work, but do it without any expectation or attachment. Work with dispassion. Such work will aid you in attaining Self Realization.
- 🌸 Leave the body to its destiny. The body will complete its assigned task and die. Resolve the thought (ego) which gets identified with the body. You will then enjoy the liberation related Bliss.
- 🌸 Whatever may be the task, do it righteously and reduce your likes-dislikes. Nandi denotes the god of righteousness. He doesn't even look at us. His entire concentration is on Lord Shiva. Learn the sight of Nandi.
- 🌸 On surrendering to God, He takes care of when and where your life has to be given a turning point.