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- ❖ The month of Karthika is an embodiment of Goddess of prosperity (Lakshmi). On adoring either Parvathi-Parameswara or Lakshmi-Narayana in this month, the Alakshmi (adversity) within your mind flees away and the Goddess Lakshmi (Goddess of prosperity) starts residing in it.
- ❖ The Dharma shastra states: He is not a donor who donates on being asked. One who finds out the need of his fellow beings and donates them even before being asked is a donor in a true sense. The Dharma shastra has mentioned 4 types of people: Firstly, the donors who donate even without being asked. Secondly the donors who donate only after being asked (who are referred to as charitable people). Thirdly, there are people who are rich enough (have the capacity to donate) but do not donate inspite of being sought (who are referred to as mean). Fourthly, there are people who cannot do anything good but create hurdles even if others try to do some good. They are the meanest of the mean.
- ❖ Every person has three types of bodies. The body made of flesh and blood is referred to as gross body (stoola sharira). The mind is referred to as the subtle body (sooksma sharira). If you still go within, there is another body called causal body (kaarana sharira). The causal body implies ignorance. The body and mind arise out of ignorance. As long as you possess ignorance, the body, mind, rebirth and the other worlds continue to exist.
- ❖ Some tasks have to be carried out for the sustenance of the body. While performing such tasks, if you serve any old people at home without being irksome, the body gets purified. In addition to your day

to day tasks, if you unselfishly carry out any task for the benefit of the society, it is referred to as Yagna Karma, which will purify your mind. By performing Yagna karma, the flaws and tendencies carried forward from the previous births get annihilated. By doing something or the other, don't presume of having performed Yagna karma. It is God who has to decide whether it is Yagna Karma or not.

- 🌸 Many people state that they lack peace and happiness. The people with authority as well as the people lacking authority, the wealthy people as well as the poor people state the same. There is neither Peace nor Happiness in this world. The world resembles the curvature of a dog's tail. None could rectify it till now. Peace and Happiness exist within the Self. If the mind which states that it lacks Peace and Happiness merges within the Heart and takes its form, it is all Peace and Happiness where ever you see. Then you reach a state where you neither gain nor lose anything by staying in this world. You must reach such a state of equipoise.
- 🌸 By performing the Yagna Karma, the mind will get purified but it is very difficult to get rid of the causal body (Kaarana sharira). The Kaarana sharira will get annihilated only when you attentively listen about the Brahman. After having continuously listened about God, until and unless you contemplate upon the same after going back home and thereby own it and bring it into your experience, the ignorance will not get annihilated.
- 🌸 You don't even have a 100th portion of attentiveness towards devotion that you have towards sensory objects. Instead of watching a cinema, some people attend these sermons. It is good. Some people listen to

these sermons very mechanically. Whatever is being told here has to be assimilated. You are not getting the inquisitiveness to attain the Supreme Consciousness. Leave alone the others; even devotees are not getting the inquisitiveness to attain the Truth. You lack attentiveness. You do not worry about the lack of attentiveness but presume the utterances of God to be false! You have earned money and honour but are unable to realize that you haven't earned discrimination yet. At least some hard work is needed in order to earn Money then how can you earn discrimination without toiling hard? You don't possess the discrimination to differentiate as to what is true - what is false, by knowing what the Permanent Peace comes into experience, what brings us good -what brings us bad etc. All the time you run after the things that seem to be green today and wither away tomorrow. Though they may seem to be nectar today, they get converted into poison tomorrow. When you are not even aware of these things, how can you attain Self Realization?

 In this world, every Jiva has two paths to tread: the path of Shreyas and the path of Preyas. The Path of Preyas constitutes thus: Presuming that this world alone is true, there is no other life after death, whatever is visible to the eyes alone is true, there is nothing invisible to me and the enjoyments experienced in this world alone are true. Presuming thus if you lead your life for temporary motives, bound by small and petty happiness and thereby get caught in the vicious cycle of birth and death- it is referred to as the Path of Preyas. When the physical body is very much alive, the path that enables you to: give up the path of Preyas, sacrifice that which is not good for you, attempt to attain God Realization and leads you towards Bliss and Happiness- is the path of

Shreyas. Lord Yama asked: “Oh! Nachiketa, decide yourself, of the both, which path would you like to tread?” All the enjoyments in this world beget manifold sorrow. Due to the force of habits, the words uttered by God in the path of Shreyas may seem to be poison. But they will ultimately lead you towards Immortality.

There might be differences in the intellect, mind, colour and attributes. But the Self alone exists. The attributes of Rama may differ from that of Ravana. Their attributes may be different but the indwelling God is one and the same. Ravana has no separate existence apart from Rama. Rama exists even in the Heart of Ravana. Then the question may arise: ‘Why did Rama slay down Ravana?’ It is similar to cutting down the abscess on the body. Ravana became an abscess to the society. Therefore He punished himself. Rama slayed down Ravana for the benefit of the society and not for any selfish motive. It is neither due to enmity nor killing out of anger.

Both the good as well as bad desires emanate from the ego. Until the Truth within the Heart is not experienced, desire emerges, anger crops up, you will get new bodies ie birth and death will continue. This will become your sole task. You won’t have any other task in hand.

This world will continue to exist for lakhs of years. What is the worth of man’s life and his assets when compared to eternity? You aren’t aware how you are going to be in the next one hour. Then what makes you elated? There is nothing worthwhile to get elated. If anyone is getting elated, it symbolizes their innocence and ignorance. Even if you possess some money, how worthwhile is it when compared to the entire wealth of the world?

🌸 The Scriptures have prescribed the following four: dharma (righteousness), artha (money), kama (desire) and moksha (liberation). You have given up the first and last ones (ie dharma and moksha) and caught hold of the middle ones (ie artha and kama). The Lord said: “Let not the task performed, the words spoken out and the thoughts you get be against righteousness.” Giving up the white clothes and accepting the saffron clothes doesn’t constitute ascetism (sanyasa). Only He is a true ascetic (sanyasin) who has given up his wealth and lust (ie artha and kama). Dharma doesn’t infer charity. It prescribes the way of life in order to attain liberation. Those who relinquish lust and wealth are equivalent to an ascetic. It doesn’t matter whether they are a householder or wear white clothes. Those who contemplate upon lust and wealth while wearing saffron clothes are not ascetic.

🌸 Everyone won’t perform the same task in this world. They will act according to their previous birth’s tendency. There is nothing like a great or a mean task. Everyone is same from God’s perspective. As you arrived onto the earth, perform your duty attentively and lovingly without being lazy and reach the true abode of liberation. Else you will continue getting several bodies.

🌸 Whatever wealth is earned here will not accompany you after death. Few relatives and friends accompany you till the burial ground and throw the corpse there. The corpse gets converted into ashes on being burnt or into mud if buried. Then what happens next? Don’t presume that nothing will accompany you after death. All the good and bad deeds performed, all the good and bad words spoken out will accompany you. They will remain attached to the Jiva.

- ❖ To identify yourself with the body, limit yourselves to it and to consider the body to be your whole and sole- this is the first sin. As long as this first sin prevails, none can refrain from incurring sin.
- ❖ Do you all possess Self related Consciousness or the body consciousness right now? You possess the body consciousness only and not the Self related Consciousness. It is due to the sin incurring faculty. Without the faculty of incurring sin, you will not restrict yourselves to the body.
- ❖ Many people gave good advices to Duryodhana. Duryodhana said: “I know that you are all giving me good advice. I even understand that I am doing mistake but I am unable to refrain myself from doing it. My thinking faculty got habituated thus.” It is only called as Maya. It is only referred to as God’s Leela. Unless one transcends the Maya, one cannot attain Self Realization.
- ❖ Some people experience happiness while some people experience sorrow due to their household members. All this doesn’t happen without God’s knowledge. If your days pass on happily, it is not true. Similarly if your days pass on sorrowfully, it is also not true. This entire world is nothing but a dream.
- ❖ Don’t possess the differentiating faculty. Try to tear off the obstacle called mind. It is the mind alone which creates the hurdle in attaining Self Realization. While performing your duty attentively, don’t give up your attempt to reach the true abode. Your true abode here refers to liberation. Work but without any expectation. Remember this very well: One who performs his task considering it to be his duty/virtue will not expect anything in return. Understand that the Lord has allocated that

particular task to you and it is your duty to perform it. Everyone in the world will not do the same task. The world cannot move forward if everyone performs the same task. You expect something or the other when you try to reform others. You brush your teeth and take bath on a daily basis. Do you expect anything out of it? No. Perform your day to day tasks in the same manner then you will not have any expectation in return.

 You may have rice, vegetables and all the ingredients needed for cooking. But if you don't have the fire, you cannot finish cooking. Similarly you may have any number of opportunities but without God's Grace, you cannot attain liberation.

 The Truth exists within your Heart. The Guru is not apart from the Truth. All of you are currently presuming the Non Self to be Self. You cannot get rid of this faculty instantly. It will torture you terribly. One who has increased the Self related Consciousness alone can get rid of this faculty. Those who contemplate upon the ever existing Self and who toil hard for its Grace, they alone can transcend the Non Self but how can those who constantly contemplate upon the Non Self and toil hard for its sake transcend the same?

 The nature related attributes are transcended only by them who possess God related thinking. If the body related consciousness has to be reduced, the Self related Consciousness has to be increased. If you have to get released from the Non Self, you have to attain the acknowledgement of the Self (that which you are). As long as you possess body consciousness, you will get some kind of desire and fear constantly. Though all the circumstances seem to be favourable, some

people continuously complain of experiencing fear. When all the circumstances are favourable, why should one fear at all? All these are not true. They emerge from the false. This is only termed as Maya. It is only called as God's Leela.

 The Indwelling God in everyone is only Lord Krishna. He is only the Supreme Lord. He comes to us in various forms. You dress well while attending a marriage but wear ordinary dress at home. You wear a towel while getting into the bathroom. Whether you wear a good dress or an ordinary dress or a towel, it is you who does it. Similarly God presumes various forms but it is one and only one God. Therefore don't have any differentiations. Look at the indwelling God; you will then get liberated.

 Don't state that the form of Krishna is greater than that of Rama. Stop differentiating thus. Krishna preached the dharma (righteousness) whereas Rama practiced the same. Rama forbear all the hardships that an ordinary man would undergo. He has done it only to teach us tolerance. However, despite possessing a physical body He was very well aware of His Divinity and that He has no relation with the body. Both Rama and Krishna have done several commendable tasks. While doing them, they never thought that they are the doer. If they think so, they are as good as us. Presuming thus is an attribute of a Jiva. The Supreme Lord has no presumptions. Things happen through Him.

 You don't realize that the motive behind the entire preaching of God is to reform us and to take us to our true abode. If you assimilate the preaching of the Lord and lead your life accordingly, you will experience the Peace and Bliss and lead from death towards Immortality.

- 🌸 Gandhiji said: “If you want God’s Grace, do not live for fulfilling your desire but live for the sake of an Ideal. Don’t live for the sake of eating rather eat for the sake of living. Consider the food that you eat to be God’s Blessing; don’t presume it to be your own. There is nothing in this world that you really own.”
- 🌸 In the Kathopanishad, while conversing with Nachiketa, Yama dharmaraja said: “You are still very young. Why do you need Self Realization in this tender age? Go and get married. I will gift you with kingdoms, several enjoyments, elephants and everything else. Leaving them aside, why do you talk about Self Realization?” Nachiketa then replied: “Whatever you have promised to give me, are they all permanent? Either I will die before they are lost or they will be lost when I am very much alive. If I reject them out of anger, I will desire them again tomorrow. I want nothing else other than Immortality.” Then Yama dharmaraja said: “Nachiketa, you have transcended all my temptations. Now you are eligible to attain Self Realization.”
- 🌸 The disease of ego is much terrible than the disease of hunger. The Hunger can be borne for a 10 days but not the ego. Those who have transcended the ego will get released from all the sorrows. Everything exists if the ego exists and vice-versa. Gandhiji has uttered thus in his last days: “While talking to anyone, express your feelings without mingling the ego. If there is ego in your expression, it will lead towards your downfall.”
- 🌸 Don’t differentiate between Shiva and Keshava. Don’t fall in that Maya. Learn to introvert the mind.

 The level of attentiveness that you show towards the household tasks and the social tasks, show the same in God's preaching and try to get liberated thereby. The Collector goes to his office but at the end of the day has to return back home. Similarly you have arrived into this world but some day or the other have to return back to your true abode. Earn the ingredients needed to attain Liberation. Try to attain Self Realization. If possible, you will attain it in this very birth else you will die in that process and atleast earn the eligibility to attain Self Realization in the next birth.

 Milton said: "On attaining old age, one may transcend all their desires except the desire for fame." There are some people who do a good task only if they get fame. They refrain from doing it if they don't get fame. The people who are ready to die are also but slaves of fame. Milton said in one of his dramas: "You are unable to realize that it is due to the slavery to the fame that your Peace and Liberation are being lost." If you want to do a good deed, do it and forget it. Don't crave for being honoured. If you consider a particular task to be a good deed, do it even on not being honoured. Your children will mix your bones in the Rajamundry's Godavari River after your death. Here Milton is asking you to mix all your honour-dishonour in the Rajamundry's Godavari River when you are very much alive. Only then you will attain the Permanent Peace.

 It is difficult to attain Jnana but the one who has attained Jnana is a Mahatma, a Maharishi. There are several Mahatmas in this world. Only few of them reveal themselves. Whether the Jnani is a householder or a Sanyasin, whether He possesses a body or not, He is always a Jnani. Where ever the Mahatmas reside, one has to bow down and seek their

blessings. Why is it so? It is needed in order to get rid of the disease called mind.

 Lord Vishnu came onto the earth taking several incarnations. When you look at the incarnation of Vaamana, you feel as if beauty itself took a form and walked on the earth. Bali Chakravathy was a good man. He was a great donor. He was getting ruined with the thought: "I am great. None else can make donations like me." The Lord incarnated as Vaamana in order to eradicate this ego. Bali Chakravathy had this ego of being a great donor. The Incarnation that came onto the earth to eradicate this ego of Bali and bestow him with liberation is the incarnation of Vaamana. The Lord came as Vaamana not to punish Bali but to shower His Grace upon him.

 If there is atleast one good person amongst you, the Lord incarnates on the earth in order to liberate that single person. Such is His Compassion. The Incarnation of Lakshmi Narasimha came for the sake of a single devotee called Prahlada. Take refuge in atleast one incarnation, contemplate upon Him and thereby get liberated.

 Without having money in hand, one should not expect to buy something in the market. Similarly without being virtuous one should not expect Peace and Knowledge. Expecting Peace and Knowledge without being virtuous is equivalent to a poor man craving for enjoyments without having any money.

 You presume as if Peace will descend upon you somewhere from the Heaven. You don't realize that the Peace is dependent upon your behavior, the way of life and the extent of reduction of likes-dislikes. Peace cannot be attained through wealth or education. Practicing

virtue, regulating the mind and possessing discipline will bring in Peace. Peace is not something that is available for purchase in the market. It exists within your Heart. Search where it really exists. You will then get it.