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🌸 Today is Krishna ashtami ie the birthday of Lord Krishna. Krishna seemed to have assumed a body on this day. Vasudeva Swami mentioned in the Gita: ‘You need not toil hard to secure liberation. If you understand the secret of my birth and the secret of my deeds, liberation comes automatically’. Not Arjuna alone, anyone who understands this secret will secure liberation. Lord Krishna did not take birth but seemed to have taken birth. This is the secret of the Lord’s birth. The body takes birth, grows big, gets old and then dies. Only that which takes birth has death; how can the birth less one have any death? God is birth less, deathless and flawless. He seems to have taken birth and assumed a body. That is all.

🌸 Shukha Maharishi narrated Srimad Bhagavata to Pareekshith. When he finished narrating it, Shukha Maharishi told Pareekshith: ‘Let me take leave now. You will die in a day or two as Takshak, the snake will arrive and bite. All these 7 days you have been listening to the Mahapurana Srimad Bhagavata very devotedly. This has destroyed your brutish faculty and bestowed you with Self related faculty’. Right now all of us are human beings and not brutes. But Shukha Maharishi inferred: At the time of body’s death, whoever feels: ‘I am dying, I am dying’, all of them are brutes. The Self is birth less and it is the body which takes birth. Everyone is birth less but as they identify themselves with a body, they presume to have taken birth. Whoever has such presumption feel that they are dying when the body dies. This is only referred to as brutish faculty. When the body is alive, one who gets rid of this brutish faculty and secures Self related faculty, they alone will experience at the time of body’s death that he has no death and that he is the deathless one. Such a person is referred to as Jnani.

- 🌸 Book reading secures scholarship and not Self Knowledge. The existing one (Self) exists forever and there is no existence to the Non existing one (Non Self). One who experiences the 'existing one (Self)' exactly as it is, He alone is a Jnani. When a person understands that He will not die at the time of body's death and is the ever existing Self, only then he becomes fearless.
- 🌸 The Lord said: 'You will get reformed when the secret of my deeds is understood'. God doesn't work for his own selfish motives as we do. He descends down onto earth only to establish righteousness ie protecting the virtuous devotees and punishing the evil. Apart from this God has no other selfish motive behind His work.
- 🌸 Lord Krishna doesn't expect anything in return. Krishna's Heart is full of Bliss, His mouth is full of sweet, His hands are always busy with good deeds and selfless work.
- 🌸 You cannot estimate the good and selfless work done by a God incarnation. You are unable to drive your families only. Then how can you understand their work? The world becomes very small for God to work on. As you are habituated to laziness and weakness, even the trivial family life seems to be burdensome. Cooking and eating itself seems to be tough. Once you sit down, you are unable to stand up again. But this world is not enough for God to work on. God doesn't get tired. Though God works, He is equivalent to non doer.
- 🌸 The Lord said in the Gita: 'Oh! Arjuna, I don't like people possessing doer-ship. I don't like people who boast of themselves and utter: I have

achieved this. I have achieved that. Such people are not my devotees. Leave about merging within Me; they cannot even come near Me'.

- ❖ Of all the God incarnations, two of them are important: 1) Rama 2) Krishna. Both the incarnations are personification of completeness and perfection. But there is a difference between the two: Rama first practiced everything and then preached others. Contrarily Krishna preached His selected ones, gave them sufficient strength and ensured that they put it into practice. Krishna remained as water drop on a lotus leaf as if He knows nothing and is not at all related to it.
- ❖ Moon bestows coolness upon body whereas Self Knowledge bestows coolness upon mind ie the Self Knowledge bestows the mind with Supreme Peace.
- ❖ God cannot be grasped with the nature related thinking faculty. God reveals Himself only to the purest of the pure within their Heart. As God cannot be grasped with the nature related thinking faculty, you feel that He doesn't exist. Whatever cannot be grasped with your intellect seems to be false. Such is the glory of your intelligence. You are the deathless Self but get identified with the mortal physical body. This is only Maya (Delusion). You consider the Non Self to be Self and Self to be Non Self. You consider the existing one to be non-existent and the non existing one to be existent. You consider the non beneficial ones to be beneficial and the beneficial ones to be non beneficial. Such is your situation.

- 🌸 God performs doer-less actions. Whatever God does is for the sake of enlightening the mankind. God is Poornakaama ie He has no desires left to be fulfilled.
- 🌸 Why are you getting rebirth? It is because you work out of selfishness. God is not your sole goal. Selfishness alone is your sole goal. You work for the fulfillment of desires and selfish motives. Sometimes you work willingly and sometimes unwillingly. If you like anyone, you perform the task willingly; if you dislike them, you do it unwillingly. But you are unable to grasp that both of them are equally binding.
- 🌸 The Lord said in the Gita: 'As a person abandons his body after death, the intelligent, wise and those having the strength of penance not only give up their sins but also their merit here itself after death. Those who work only for the sake of work, they alone are intelligent. They perform the task neither to fulfill their desire nor for the sake of honour but only based on necessity. Your work is based on desire which in turn generates tendencies. Every task done for the fulfillment of desire binds you in return'.
- 🌸 While writing the commentary on Bhagavad Gita, a Maharishi has revealed a wonderful secret: When a good person befriends a bad person, the good person is always made the scapegoat at the time of any crisis. The bad people are more crooked when compared to the good ones. When the bad people befriend the good people, they don't die but ensure that the good people get killed first. The bad people design the crooked plans in the back and push forward the good people

onto the screen. Similarly Bheeshma and Drona got sacrificed in the battle of Mahabharata.

 Desire inspires you to perform work. Having performed work, you crave for its result. The result will come but there should be a body to experience it. Work originates from desire; rebirth arises due to work and sorrow originates from rebirth. There is none in the history till date who has claimed of not experiencing any sorrow after having got a physical body. If you get a physical body, you are bound to become sorrowful. It cannot be predicted in which form it will come. The world comes into picture only when there is a physical body. Having come into this world, some or the other action has to be performed. Such a person has ego sense but not all inclusiveness. He is bound by his actions done due to his ego sense. However great or rich one may be, a person possessing body mindedness is bound to become sorrowful. This is the law.

 When it comes to Krishna, He is always blamed of being hugged by the Gopikas. How can a six year old boy have lust? When Krishna came to Brindavan, He was a 6 year old child. How can one blame Him of having hugged Gopikas? This is not correct. In the incarnation of Rama, the Lord enacted like a normal human being inspite of being a Divine incarnation. Unless someone said: 'You are equivalent to God', it did not strike Him. Rama met the Yogis and Maharishis during His stay in the forests and asked them to speak out few good words. Normally we don't prostrate to the elders if there is dust on the ground. But Rama was not like that. He prostrated to the Maharishis in the forest. Then the Maharishis lifted Rama and hugged Him to experience indescribable

Bliss. They asked Rama to bestow them with such Bliss forever. Rama then replied: 'It is not possible in this birth. I have a mission to fulfill. I can stay in your ashram only for a day and cannot stay here forever'. Later these Maharishis took birth as Gopikas, hugged Lord Krishna and experienced that Bliss again. Then Krishna was merely a 6 year old child. Their hugging Lord Krishna did not represent the hug made by some worldly people out of lust. When there is no differentiation of 'I and mine', hugging a woman is equivalent to hugging a coconut tree. How can you understand this with nature made thinking faculty? Is there any differentiating faculty in Krishna for the lust to arise? Krishna is Ateendriya ie equivalent to not having senses inspite of having senses. When the differentiation of 'I and mine' is lost, no disturbance arises inspite of being hugged by a woman. Unless the nature is transcended, this glory cannot be understood.

Put aside the prior Yogis; Leave aside Rama and Krishna. Sri Krishna Chaitanya possessed such a self control that even if sugar was placed on his tongue, not even a particle of the sugar would be found wet when the entire sugar was withdrawn from his tongue. Such was his glory. If you see a small sweet, your entire mouth gets filled with saliva. How can you afford to give judgments about such people?

The Lord lifted the mountain Govardhana for one week to thrash the ego of god Indra. He was then a 5 year old boy. If a person becomes egoistic, God ensures that his ego gets disrupted in some form or the other. One cannot predict how, where and in which form it is done. The ego is disrupted not out of anger but to teach them humility and for the sake of their reformation.

- 🌸 Did you ever do at least one task to make other's happy? Are you working for the sake of work?
- 🌸 Radha is one of the Gopikas. When Krishna was about to leave Brindavan, Radha said: 'You are leaving us all. Please give me your flute in your remembrance'. Krishna gifted the flute to Radha accordingly and left Brindavan. To bear the pain of Krishna's separation, Radha played Krishna's flute to the other Gopikas.
- 🌸 In Uttar Pradesh, Radha is honoured to the same extent as Krishna is honoured. The reason being: by constantly visualizing Krishna, by constantly contemplating upon Him and by constantly listening about Him, Radha has reached the state of Krishna ie Radha has become Krishna and Krishna has become Radha. Radha is a symbol of lively love towards Krishna.
- 🌸 Love and affection for God is termed as devotion. If you have love towards any of your superiors, it is termed as devotion whereas love towards any of your inferiors is termed as Compassion.
- 🌸 You must learn one more thing: Don't do anything that is beyond your capacity. Do according to you capabilities and capacity. Enmity with those who are more powerful than us is forbidden. Wait for the appropriate time but don't confront with them hastily. While preaching Dharma Raja, Bheeshma mentioned about a tree. The tree was good and yielded good fruits. It also had good leaves. Hence everyone praised the tree which made the tree arrogant. Narada came to break its arrogance. Narada approached the tree and said: 'You look to be

very strong possessing good leaves and yielding good fruits. Perhaps even the wind god also cannot cause you any harm'. The tree replied: 'What can the storm or rain do to me? What can the wind god do to me?' Narada then went to the wind god and said: 'A particular tree is not accepting your superiority'. Listening to this the wind god said: 'Oh! Is it so arrogant? Tell the tree that I will come tomorrow to see its end'. On listening to this, the tree got frightened. It felt: 'I am happily alive now. Perhaps the wind god will shed off all my leaves and kill me too. The next day by the time the wind god came it dropped off all its leaves and fruits and looked to be worn out. When wind god asked the tree the reason for its current state, the tree replied: 'My ego has been thrashed even before your arrival. I felt that you will drive out my life when you come here. Hence I got worn out even before your arrival. I will bear fresh leaves after your departure'. The gist of the story is: 'Don't hastily develop enmity with those who are comparatively more powerful. If they are evil minded, wait for the appropriate time to suppress them'.

 Hide these words within your Heart: Hunger gets subsided on eating something. If you crave to see someone, you will get satisfied on seeing them. If you want to eat a particular fruit, your mind doesn't crave for them after having eaten four such fruits. But this is not so with the fear. It doesn't get subsided like them. Remember this: 'None can transcend the fear until the differentiating faculty is destroyed and Self Realization is secured'. The people in authority are afraid of losing their authority; the rich are afraid of losing their wealth; the healthy people are afraid of losing their health; everyone is afraid of snakes and evil minded people. No Jiva can transcend the fear until they secure Self

Knowledge and attain the experience pertaining to that which has no fear (ie Self). The Lord mentioned in the Gita: 'Give up your desire, anger and fear for they beget sorrow. Therefore try to reduce them'.

🌸 If your devotion towards God is true, it will safeguard and protect you till the body mindedness is completely annihilated. Your flaws and weaknesses get destroyed automatically even without your knowledge. As and when the faith in God increases and you become nearer to Him, the ignorance gets destroyed.

🌸 The Lord said: 'Don't have enmity towards anyone'. If you have enmity towards anyone, you will remember them daily and not the Supreme Lord.

🌸 Have the same amount of devotedness towards your work as you are devoted towards God. Don't become escapists. Perform the work allocated to you devotedly. If possible, do some work that is beneficial to the society. It is God only who exists in the form of society. Work for the sake of God's Grace. Don't work for the sake of honour. The Lord said: 'By working in this manner, you already adore me. You need not garland me or do sit ups for that sake. You presume that offering four flowers near my idol is worship. God can be adored even through selfless work'.

🌸 Some people get elated on being subject to good luck and get dejected on being subject to bad luck. Both of them are of no use to the devotee. Maintain the same equipoise on being subject to good luck that you possessed before being its recipient. If you have ten brinjals in

hand, share two of them with others. You need not do charity in a big way. Share at least some of your wealth with others. Even if you give brinjals, you select the rotten ones and then share them. You don't understand that it is God who is eating those rotten brinjals. Don't go to the extent of liberation. If you share whatever you have, God's Grace is secured and the Supreme Bliss is experienced when you are very much alive.

 Balance this world with the higher worlds. Perform the work in hand devotedly in this world, get the required training and secure the higher worlds. Don't constantly indulge in thinking about the higher worlds and get habituated to laziness. By doing so, you will lose in both the worlds. Don't presume that something exists somewhere. Don't give up the ground realities. Accept the ground realities, get the required training, secure the Supreme Knowledge and the Ultimate Truth. But remember that Knowledge should be combined with devotion.

 Your work must be filled with both bhakti (devotion) and Jnana (Knowledge). Knowing how to perform the work is termed as Jnana. Performing the work faithfully is termed as bhakti. When these are comprised in your work, your work becomes beautiful, begets Bliss and lasts forever.

 Secure God's Grace through your work. By securing God's Grace, God Himself will decide what has to be bestowed as well as when, where and how it has to be done.

- 🌸 You may respect a person. This doesn't imply that you disrespect another. Suppose you love a particular Guru whole-heartedly. You may then feel that Lord Krishna and Lord Rama are inferior to your Guru. It is your defective thinking faculty that makes you think so. God incarnations should never be dishonoured.
- 🌸 Make the best utilization of the time in hand according to the life span bestowed by God. Life span is much greater than money, education and power. Suppose you have both money and education but die at a tender age of 20, of what use are they? All of them are of no use. Once the breath goes out and the body becomes lifeless, all your possessions also become useless. Hence lifespan is much greater when compared to other possessions. Therefore make the best utilization of time by chanting Lord's name, by singing His glories and performing the work in hand lovingly & devotedly till the last moment of your life. Don't wait for the sake of death.
- 🌸 He is intelligent who doesn't grieve for those who have passed away and doesn't wait for the death of those who are still alive. If you inherit 10 acres of land on the death of a particular person, then don't wait for the death of that person for the sake of those 10 acres of land. By thinking so, you will secure lower worlds after death. Therefore be vigilant regarding every thought that you get.
- 🌸 The Lord said in the Gita: 'Without thinking about yourself, if you constantly contemplate and meditate upon Me, I take responsibility of your Yoga and Kshema'.

🌸 The sky is up and the earth is down. What a wonderful sight it would be if both the sky and earth get merged! So is the hug of Radha-Krishna. It is most wonderful. There is no body related tendency there. It is unworldly, not related to this world. Both Krishna and Radha are aware that they are not their bodies. Only one Self exists. Therefore Radha-Krishna hug implies: Bliss hugs the Bliss; Peace hugs the Peace. Unable to understand this, Radha-Krishna's hug is always misunderstood. Radha-Krishna's Love is a Divine Love. Days seemed to be seconds for them. The Krishna Leelas cannot be understood by a person with nature related faculty. Krishna's Leelas are often misunderstood. But the Lord has no tendency or defect or sin pertaining to nature. Our thinking faculty may think otherwise. It is because it lacks devotion, love, wisdom and discipline. If the Life is properly regulated and disciplined, God Realization is secured automatically.

🌸 There are two important stories in the Bhagavata: 1) Dhruva 2) Prahlada. Of all the devotees, Prahlada is given the foremost place. Dhruva was taught the Narayana mantra by Sage Narada. While chanting the Narayana mantra, Dhruva remained foodless and sleepless and remained still. Then Maha Vishnu descended down and appeared before Dhruva. Dhruva did not even look at Him. Then Maha Vishnu said: 'For whomever you are meditating, It is Me'. Dhruva then opened his eyes and saw the Lord with his physical eyes. Neither the Mahatmas nor the Maharishis possessed such glory. By that time, Dhruva had reached the desire less state. When Maha Vishnu said: 'Ask for a boon, my child', Dhruva said: 'I have only one desire. Ensure that my devotion towards your feet remains stable'. Some devotees give a higher place to devotion when compared to liberation. They don't need external

things for enjoyment. They enjoy themselves. Hiranyakashyapa told his son Prahlada: 'Why do you always chant Narayana, Narayana? Whose strength and support makes you speak so arrogantly?' Prahlada replied: 'I have the support of Lord Narayana who is the basis of you, me and this entire creation. The Narayana that I am referring to is not only here and there but is everywhere'. Then Hiranyakashyapa asked: 'If He is omnipresent, does He exist in this pillar also?' Prahlada replied: 'How is it possible that the omnipresent one doesn't exist in this pillar?' Then Hiranyakashyapa broke the pillar with his weapon. Lord Narasimha emerged out of that pillar making a ferocious sound. The Lord incarnated as Narasimha with the sole purpose of protecting Prahalada.