

From Agaram Jayaraman's Diary

*Thus spoke Bhagavan
Yogi Ramsuratkumar*

YOGI RAMSURATKUMAR BHAVAN

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By way of introduction, we add here an article by Ma Vijayalakshmi on Jayaraman which appeared in "Saranagatam" in October 2023.

IN THE TIGER'S MOUTH

Sri Ramana Maharishi said that once the disciple comes under the protection of the Guru, the latter will not leave him, even if the disciple wants to wriggle out; it is like being caught by the 'Tiger's Mouth.'

The tiger may choose to chew up or swallow its prey. It would be the most welcome fate for the disciple.

Shri Jayaraman, his parents and his entire family became devotees of Bhagawan. Yogi Ramsuratkumar had a special soft corner for Jayaraman's parents, saying that they supported a Sadhu for over sixteen years. Their devotion to Bhagawan matched His kindness to them. They would consult Bhagawan on every occasion and follow His direction whether it was a minor matter or a major incident.

One day Jayaraman's mother told Bhagawan that her daughter in Thanjavur was in indifferent health and that she would like to visit her and stay with her for a while. Bhagawan said that the daughter was alright and there was no necessity for her to visit the daughter.

Jayaraman's mother was unhappy. The thought had entered her mind that she should visit her daughter, and Bhagawan's words of assurance could not dislodge this idea from her mind: She was restless throughout the day.

Next morning she announced that she was leaving for Thanjavur by bus and requested Jayaraman and others in the family not to mention this to Bhagawan.

Jayaraman according to his usual practice went to Bhagawan's abode at Sannadhi Street around 9 A.M. with some buttermilk offering.

Bhagawan looked at him and asked "Jayararna, what do you have in your hands?"

"Buttermilk Bhagawan"

"Leave it there Jayarama. You go straight to Thanjavur and bring back your mother immediately.

Shocked and amazed Jayaraman quickly saluted Bhagawan and left for Thanjavur. There he found that his mother after her bath and lunch had just started to relax. Jayaraman said "Come, let us go back to Tiruvannamalai. Bhagawan wants you back at once."

"What Jayarama, I told you not to tell Bhagawan that I have gone to Thanjavur. Why did you tell Him?"

Jayaraman said "As though Bhagawan needs to be told verbally that you have gone to Tanjore."

So that was it. If Bhagawan in His wisdom had specifically issued a direction we cannot flout it in secret. We have come to a Guru from whom nothing- not even a thought -can be hidden. A Guru who can enforce his disciple, has all the comprehensive knowledge of what is happening and what is

good for the concerned person, his or her family, neighbourhood and the entire world!

Once we have come within His protective circle we cannot furtively do anything without His knowledge. The tiger will not loosen its grip.

Has He not repeatedly proclaimed 'Father alone exists; nothing else, nobody else. Only Father, total, whole, undivided. Everything in the whole cosmos is related-nothing isolated or separate.'

Being part of this whole, only the cosmic Master can know the impact of our thoughts and deeds "on the total, whole, undivided."

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On New year's day: (01-01-1979) (Kalpataru Day)

1. All of you are lucky to be here today. Anybody who spends even a fraction of a second with this beggar will be benefited. Every moment of this beggar is moulded by Supreme Father. If anyone recollects to memory any movement of this beggar which is interesting to him, it is enough, it is nectar, *amritam* and ambrosia which he cannot get by a rigorous tapas of one thousand years. I tell you the truth.

2. This beggar can make poison into ambrosia. No, no! Not this beggar! This beggar will appeal to Father to make it ambrosia. Father is the Intelligent Director of all actions that take place.

3. We should offer all our actions of the past, present and future at the Divine Feet of Father because it's all my Father's will. Whatever we do is all Father's work. Everything happens according to Father's will. But we forget this at times! It does not matter. When our finger is burnt, we cry out but afterwards, we say, everything happens according to Father's will.

4. If anybody asks this beggar how long he has been here in Tiruvannamalai, this beggar in (God) madness will say that this beggar has been living in

Tiruvannamalai from Eternity to Eternity! In madness, he will also say that this beggar will be in Tiruvannamalai for millions and millions of years! If he is not in madness, he will say that he has been here for the past 20 years.

5. Once when this beggar was near Swami Ramdas, 6 or 7 people were there. Swami Ramdas said, "According to the scriptures, a Master can bless his devotees by his thought, word, look, touch and smile. Have any one of you ever felt any of these?" All of them sat quietly without saying anything. This beggar raised both his hands and said, "I have felt them all." Papa simply laughed happily.

6. All those who are helping us to do some service to the guru or God are our close relatives and friends irrespective of their caste, creed and status etc. On the contrary, those who are hindering or preventing us to do some service to the guru or God are our first enemies, irrespective of their human relations, caste, creed and status. Even if they are not helping, it will be good for them at least not to do any hindrance to the service.

7. Not all get a chance to serve the guru closely. Only a few can get the opportunity and that very rarely. The aim of every man must be to do some service to his

Guru and he should do it to the satisfaction of the Guru.

8. Every man's primary aim in his life must be to remember God and do some service to God or guru. Then, your life becomes the responsibility of the Guru or God. The guru will easily take you, in no time, to the place where *jñanis* and *siddhas* will go, after their hard penance in the wild forests for thousands of years.

9. All *jñanis* have no mind. They have identified themselves with the Brahman, the Almighty God. So, whatever they say or do, and whichever way they act, is perfect, true. They are like the radio that simply relays programs. Whatever the *jñani* says, is coming straight from Father. It should be honoured.

10. People who have only little intelligence will have faith in God and in religion. They will get on well. Whatever happens to them, they will think it is the will of my Father or Guru. They will not use their intelligence and get confused. So, they are safe! People who think they are very intelligent and always use their intelligence against the will of the Almighty, cannot control their mind, thoughts and feelings. They will naturally suffer and suffer. Only at a later stage, they come to an understanding that everything is happening according to the wish of God.

11. You must always be careful in watching and doing service to the guru, according to their wish. Great Masters always do only good to each and everyone in the world and that in their own way. They are here only for unity and peace of the whole world.

12. My Father is looking after the whole cosmos from eternity to eternity. Things happen only under His directions. Every moment and also every movement of this beggar is being utilised in the best way possible by Father. Father has assured this beggar that this machine works very well. All the actions cannot be explained. This beggar's very existence is only for the welfare of Humanity. Some of his actions can be understood here and now. Some of the activities can be seen only in the long run.

13. Even now, this beggar feels that Swami Ramdas is always present with this beggar. Like that, It is faith, it is *shraddha*, it is *vishvas* that is necessary to feel this beggar's presence. But if anybody thinks that this beggar is limited to this body only, then this beggar is like that only for him.

14. This beggar is not limited to this body which is only from head to foot. If one hundred people should recite this beggar's Name at 100 different places, all the 100 people will be helped by Father simultaneously. If one *lakh* people should repeat this

beggar's Name at different places, all the one *lakh* people will be helped simultaneously. There is no question of this beggar going to all those places physically. But help will definitely come.

15. A real Yogi or Mahatma is always in communion with God. God is present everywhere, so the Yogi is also present everywhere. This beggar is in the hands of Father only and whatever action this beggar does, is governed by Father.

16. It is Father's promise to this dirty sinner that if anybody remembers this dirty son of Father, in any *bhava* (in any feeling of relationship), in whatever form, in whatever Name, Father will bless him. If anyone has got this faith, then this beggar will surely go there. That's all!

17. Vedas are the constitution of the entire humanity. Just like we have our constitution for India, the Vedas are the constitution of the whole of Humanity. (A Constitution dictates rights, duties, responsibilities, limits, restrictions, traditional rules and also rules of emergency etc., all based upon *Dharma* for a responsible and harmonious Ministry for a responsible and harmonious society.)

18. Lord Krishna has said, "I am the protector of Vedas-Veda mantras". Krishna has promised! So,

always some *jñanis* are there, some *jñanis* will be in our ancient land, *Bharata Desam*, to protect the Vedas and Vedic *pandits*.

19. Nowadays, nobody is coming forward to send their children to study the Vedas! Because the ladies are not interested in marrying the Vedic Brahmins. The men who study the Vedas are not properly honoured and they have to suffer for food, proper status in society. So, they want to study some subject, so that they may become a doctor, engineer or lawyer etc. They ask, "What work can I do, if I study Vedas? What is the use of my studying the Vedas alone?" They do not consider the chanting of Veda Mantras as a great job. If they chant, I tell you the truth, they are serving the whole humanity. Protecting the Vedas is their duty.

20. Now the time has changed. The westerners have started showing interest in learning the Vedas and preserving them! They feel that everything is in the Vedas. According to this beggar, whatever you have to learn in any field in this world, you have got that in the Vedas. You have everything in the *Veda mantras*. Nothing was left out.

21. The days are changing slowly. Now our people are also slowly turning to protect Vedas, to learn the mantras and chant the *Veda Mantras*.

22. There can be no greater service to humanity than to preserve the Vedas. This beggar is limited to time and space and is working about the protection of Vedas but talking will not serve any purpose! But my Father will make use of this beggar's words for the protection of the Vedas. Father who rules and looks after the whole cosmos from Eternity to Eternity will find out how the Vedas can be protected.

23. This beggar's salutations to Kanchi Shankaracharya and Shri Agnihotram Ramanuja Thathacharya. Sri Thathacharya is a great Vedic scholar who has been serving the Vedas for decades, who taught M.S. Subbulakshmi, the meaning of *Vishnu Sahasranamam*. His disciples Sri Rajagopalan and co, Auditors for Tamil Nadu Chief Minister, approached the Government and the Governor and successfully got the permission from the government for writing 3600 small stories from Vedas by Thathacharya for the Nursery School Students. He is also writing books on eternal Vedas. This beggar told Srinivasanji that Thathacharya should be looked after nicely, especially when he does the work of Vedas.

24. India is a nation of great culture and Vedas and Vedanta. This beggar always gives a lot of respect for the Brahmin community in the south. They served quite a lot for the upliftment of Vedas. Oh! In olden days, the zamindars, Rajas and other big Chettiers

have done so much for the Vedas and Vedanta. To tell you the truth when Buddhism and Jainism were followed by the masses, the Buddhists did not accept the Vedas and our idol worship. Then, only Nayanmars and the Vedic scholars in the south made them run away so they could not spread Buddhism in the South.

25. The *Acharya* of Sringeri and the *Acharya* of Kanchi both are doing my Father's work. Both the Senior *acharyas* are the two suns in the spiritual sky of India. There is no difference of opinion between the two. They work in perfect cooperation. They work like Rama and Lakshmana, Balarama and Krishna, Shiva and Vishnu. They are both doing my Father's work as per the desire of my Father and to the complete satisfaction of my Father. All the outward differences are only within the devotees and that is because they cannot understand the *Acharyas* fully. The *Acharyas* have come with the specific purpose to bless all of us. Today being Adi 18th, Jayarama, we have received the blessings of both the *acharyas*.

26. When food is offered to sadhus and beggars, it does not go waste. Also, when food is offered to Gods and Goddesses according to the traditional rites, it does not go waste. They are offering these only to Gods and Goddesses, who in turn, will give prosperity and peace to all in the world. But scientifically we

cannot say how it is so. If you experience only, you will understand.

27. Here is an example. Once the *Athirudra Yagam* was performed at the advice of Kanchi Paramacharya. At that time, some atheists commented that it was a national waste. Instead of pouring the *gee* etc on the fire, they could very well feed thousands of poor people with that money. You see, Jayarama, it was not a waste at all. Such *homas* should be performed periodically to propitiate the *devas*. By these offerings, *devas* are pleased and they bless us by giving rain.. Without rain, we will not be able to raise crops. Hence such Homas are a must.

28. Paramacharya said in this connection, "If we sow a seed, will you call it a waste? if someone asks you to feed the poor with these seeds, will you be able to do so? No. we are sowing the seeds only with the expectation of reaping a good harvest. Is it a waste? Similarly by such offerings, which would please the Gods and Goddesses, we benefit a lot." So, you see, dear friends, both, observing the rituals prescribed in the Scriptures and feeding the sadhus, benefit the whole world. If you ask me to explain it scientifically, this beggar may not be able to do so. it is a matter of faith and experience.

29. So we must have faith in God and in our Scriptures. Even renowned scientists like Einstein and C.V. Raman had faith in God. Once when this beggar met Sri C.V.Raman, in Bangalore, he answered all the questions of this dirty beggar. He had such faith in God!

30. *Shastris* are doing great service to the Vedas. Even if they do not understand what their reciting, they are to be respected. Even if the *shastris* are not like what they are expected to be, yet they are to be respected. Kanchi Paramacharya is doing a great service by giving them awards and financial help. He has created *Ved Nidhi Rakshana*.

31. As far as this beggar is concerned, the *Bhagavad Gita* and the other texts done by great great *rishis* of ancient times, have given the way in which the whole world should function. All rules and regulations have been framed and given in those texts. My Father will look after everything in the world nicely. He is the one who protects the nation, and the whole world, at all times. He will see that nothing unwanted is done.

32. Father is looking after the whole cosmos from Eternity to Eternity. Everything is happening only under His supervision.

33. It is important that we recite the Vedas and *Thirumaraigal*, whenever we are passing through a critical period. Wherever the *pandits* are chanting the *Veda Mantras*, there you get peace, *shakti* etc. If they chant in the streets, then, in that particular area, there will be peace, *shakti* etc.

34. This land, India, is protected and will be protected nicely by Great Masters. This *Veda Bhūmi* has faced many testing periods, may be more than England and Europe. Yet it has survived all that. So many Masters are always living in this Holy Land. You may at times identify them, but many may not always be identified. India is their playground, *Lila Bhūmi*.

35. This holy land will always have such great Masters, like Adi Sankara, Ramanujacharya, Madhwacharya, Sri Aurobindo, Ramana Maharshi, Ramakrishna Paramahansa, Sheshadri Swamigal, Vivekananda, Mahatma Gandhi, my Master Ramdas, Bharathiar, Appar, Sundarar, Manikka Vachaigar, Thirugnanasambhandar and the Alvars etc. etc. There will always be sufficient Masters available in this nation and they will protect this Holy Land, this *Veda Bhūmi*, their *Lila Bhūmi*,

36. Wherever Vedic *pandits* chant *Veda Mantras*, go and listen, even if you don't understand their meaning.

It will do you good. It will bring welfare to the whole world.

37. By Father's grace, these activities will increase and our land will march onwards and pave the way to the whole humanity.

38. India is rooted in the soil of Vedas. This is *Veda Bhūmi, Dharma Bhūmi*.

39. This ancient, Holy Land, *Bharata Desam*, Indian Nation is the play-ground of Great Masters . We must be lucky to be born in this Holy Land. My Father Lord Krishna has given assurance to this dirty beggar that in this Holy Land, some Great Masters will always exist. He will protect them, look after them nicely.. At the same time, He will see that this Land, this Holy land flourishes, in all aspects, at all times.

40. At least, one realised Soul should always exist in the world. Fortunately, this holy land is blessed and protected always by Great Masters. So whatever we do, whether we run the government or do business, or work in top-most posts in the world, unless we do something to protect the *sadhus, sannyasis* and the realised souls, we are of no use.

41. When one power increases in the world at anytime, others will lose their importance. When

some power comes to the higher side, then, the others will lose their importance. The nature of the world is like that. But, my friend, my Father is always behind all these powers. No question of His losing importance at anytime!

42. For sometime, Japan has been flourishing and then Germany, Italy, America, and now England. Hereafter, only India. The time has come for this. My Father will do the work nicely.

43. Swami Rama Tirtha had said that he would always be present in some human form and see that our goal is achieved. Swami Ramdas, Sri Aurobindo, Sri Rama Tirtha, Mahatma Gandhi, Bharathiar and other Great Masters have predicted that India's time has come and only India can lead the whole world. Only India can show the correct path from now onwards.

44. To tell you the truth, the psychology is the main factor. You must always concentrate on the sayings of my Father and that of saints and sadhus. We are always progressing.

45. This Holy Land is only ours, the great Masters. We must be lucky to be born in this Holy Land. Although we are in the poorest condition, the spiritual power that we are all having is not even in the top class of one or two very rich countries in the East and

Europe. This is a fact accepted by so many foreigners who use to come and visit this Holy Land.

46. Oh! The Soviet Union, Japan, America, and others are playing politics, a type of politics. They want to show who has got the supreme power whether it is China, Korea, Soviet Union, Japan, America or India. This type of dirty politics is going on nowadays. My Father will see that India reaps the beauty of this play. My father knows the beauty of the present day politics. In fact He is the King in politics, the King Politician, Great Politician and He knows how to play politics.

47. This is my Father's Land, this beggar's heart, *Dharma Bhūmi*, *Veda Bhūmi*. It is the playground of this beggar. My Father knows how to make us play the game of politics. He knows how to make India flourish forever, in all aspects. Nothing to worry. The land of sages, seers, beggars like me, will always exist.

48. When this beggar heard that the Prime Minister of our country was coming to Ramanashram, this beggar also went to Ramanashram with the help of Sri Sivaramakrishna Iyer. Fortunately, this beggar was taken into the special enclosure and was seated. He could have a nice *darshan* of the Prime Minister! This beggar could do my Father's work there for India

nicely. *Bharata Mata* is the *Loka Guru, Loka Mata!* She alone could lead the whole world in the right direction.

49. My Father will see that India, Our nation is not affected by any war and that, to our great surprise, any such thing is totally avoided by His Grace! My Father will give great strength to the Prime Minister of our country and guide the leader in the proper path to take bold decisions and timely actions.

50. We have got everything in this Holy Land. We have got oil, gold and all that we need. We have all the natural wealth! We are now thinking that Rajasthan is only a desert. My Father will show us at the right time, where to dig, when to dig, for what to dig and we will get all that is needed for our country from our Holy Land itself. India need not depend upon others for anything at any time.

51. The mineral wealth of Rajasthan extends beyond the present known minerals. Valuable, worthy minerals are hidden inside. They will come to the fore in all spheres but also make it lead the in future years. It is going to be the leader of mineral states in India.

52. As far as this beggar is concerned, he feels that India, our country, will flourish and pave the way to the whole world nicely. India will lead all the other

nations in every sphere. India's words ' will be heard by the whole universe shortly.

53. The exact time has come now. We cannot judge things by what we see outwardly. As is the appearance of the sea with its waves on the surface, so is the outward appearance of the country also, now. We should try to see the depth of the deep sea.

54. My Father has got so many ways of doing things and he knows where to do, what to do and when to do etc. He will definitely do it and make our Indian Nation, *Bharata Desam*, not only flourish in all spheres ut also make it lead the whole world soon.

55. We are all fortunate to get a place in the heart of the Great Masters, in this land of sages, seers and beggars. Our Masters will definitely guide us, make us serve our Nation in the right way. In this spiritual playground, *Amar Bharat*, they will always look after their children of Bharat and make the play their part nicely.

56. Swami Ramdas, my Master, is one among the brightest stars of the whole cosmos. He will guide us in the way in which he wants us to serve our nation, our beloved country. By my Father's Grace, our nation will prosper in every field of activity.



57. Mere prostration before this beggar is not enough, complete surrender is what is required.

58. We should offer all our actions of the past, present and future at the Divine Feet of Father because it's all (the actions are all) my Father's will. Whatever we do is all Father's work. Everything happens according to Father's will. But we forget this at times. It does not matter. When our finger is burnt, we cry out but afterwards, we say everything happens according to Father's will.

59. If you come round the *prakaram* (the mount carridor) of Lord Arunachaleshvara along with *Stala Viruksha* (the holy tree of Tiruvannamalai) inside the temple, seven times, it is like *Giri pradakshinam*. This beggar assures that Father will see that coming around the temple seven times is taken as *Giri pradakshinam*.

60. Do *sadhana* during early morning hours. Rama and Lakshmana used to get up early in the morning before sage Vishvamitra and do *sandhya vandanam*

(twilight Vedic worship). *Aditya Hridayam* is important. One must get *Aditya Hridayam* by heart."

61. Today, the Principal of the local college is talking about some problem. You see, it is like sweeping the room daily. Problems come daily. We have to clear them out. This Beggar agrees with Swami Vivekananda who said, "We have to blame only ourselves and not the others for any mistake, problem etc. "

62. Serving humanity, society etc., is like a donkey carrying the load on its back. *Ram bhajan* is the only *ananda*. Saint Thyagaraja sang the song, "*Nidhi Sala Sukama, Rama ni Sannidhi Seva Sukama.*" Therefore *Ram bhajan* alone brings *ananda*. Whoever thinks of Narayana and only Narayana all the time, will be looked after well.

63. According to Sri Aurobindo, people should not keep quiet. There, they must always do some work. (Quoting the *Śloka* from Malukdas of North India) Swamiji explained, "Neither the big snake (python), nor the birds do any work, but they are getting their food by God's grace. So, it is Rama who gives food to all whether they work or not."

64. Reduce your desires. Learn to live with very few needs. More and more you reduce desires, more and more you become happy.

65. The greatest of all the wealth in the whole world is only contentment in life. It is even greater than Kubera's wealth. Kubera is supposed to be the king of wealth. He is supposed to be possessing everything in the world, at all times but could not be happy, because, he lacked contentment . Do you know what it is that the king of all wealth, Kubera, is lacking? That is contentment!

66. If you have contentment in life, then, you have everything with you. It is impossible for an ordinary man to be contented and to proceed to lead his life, thinking that the Lord, The Almighty, has given him what is to be given. We must try to be always satisfied with whatever we have and be happy with it.

67. What is happiness? 'Wherever you are, whatever state you are in, if you feel you are not lacking in anything, if you feel contented, that is real happiness.

68. Thousands of people have suffered and sacrificed for independence but all stood behind Mahatma Gandhi. They are satisfied if the people of the world recognise Mahatma Gandhi. They do not want any recognition for themselves at all. They are satisfied to be a Foundation unnoticed by all. You see, even in a big building, only the pillars and other ornamental works will get the attention of all the people whereas

the pillars and other things can stand only on the mercy of the foundation. Although many people cannot identify or notice the Foundation at all, they will not miss to see the pillars and ornamental works.

69. Seek satsang, the company of good people, company of Sadhus. Tulasidas says, " If we put all the pleasures that are here in this world and in the heaven, in one plate and the happiness we experience in the company of good people for half a second, in another plate, you will see the plate containing the happiness of satsang will weigh more."

70. Tulsidas emphatically says that if you find glory, greatness and generosity in a man, you must know that he has had satsang. Otherwise it's not possible."

71. Everything must be taken as the will of God. He who takes everything as the will of God is a perfect man. He does not care even if fire burns him or cold makes him shiver.

72. Why do good people suffer? It is Father's will. We are not able to understand Father's Leela. Good people may suffer outwardly but they will be feeling happiness in the heart of hearts, but bad people appear to be happy outside but one never knows what is going on in their mind.

73. Yes, Faith can move mountains.

74. To a young ascetic from Rishikesh, "Continue the same japa, *Om Nama Shivaya*. Do not mix *japa* with breath control etc. Simply concentrate on *Namajapa*. Don't mix it with something else. (*When the young aspirant raised some questions about guru, kundalini, some flashes of light etc*), You please do what this beggar says. You concentrate only on *mantra japa*, that will do. Whatever you have to get, you will get by doing so. No question of thinking of *kundalini*, flashes of light etc., Other things are all not necessary.

75. Sri Aurobindo says, "While God desires that you should be in hell, where is the need for you to seek heaven?" You see, God knows what is good for you and where you will be happy.

76. As long as you use your intellect, you see different things, like floor, door, window, cup, this man, that man and so on. But once you experience bliss, the supreme *ananda* upon seeing the divine form of Lord Krishna, you will, then, see the whole, only as the beauty of the Lord and nothing else. You will see Lord Krishna only in everything. You will see the Lord's beauty even in ugliness. Till you see the Divine, you use your intellect, see differences and pass comments like "This must be like this, that must

be like this, etc." But once you see the Divine, you believe in experience and not in the intellect.

77. If anyone thinks that Yogi Ramsuratkumar is this body, he is wrong. This beggar is not confined to this body alone. This beggar is everywhere, He lives in your body and in every living creature.

78. If you believe sincerely that this beggar lives in your heart and prompts you to do what all you do, this beggar will release you from *Maya* at once.

79. If you do anything without any selfish motive, my Father lives in you. If you are selfish, God leaves you immediately.

80. Wherever you are, if you think of this beggar or speak about this beggar, my Father is with you and blesses you. This is the Truth !

81. The confluence of the three holy rivers *Ganga*, *Jamuna* and *Sarasvati* is *Triveni Sangamam*. It is also called *Prayag*. It is a holy place for Hindus. But it is a fixed place whereas, wherever there is a guru who is a *jñani* (a realised Master), it is *Prayag* for the people. The *jñani* is a moving *Prayag*.

82. We must be in the state of stillness, undisturbed by any happening - like the sea which is always in the

state of fullness, undisturbed by the rivers flowing into it. it has no boundary. This state is called nirvana. Serving the Great Masters who are in the *nirvana* state is the right action, serving them in the way the Masters want to be served. Serve your Master to his entire satisfaction. That will take you to the state of complete fullness, giving you liberation.

83. The most important *sadhana* in the world is to serve a Great Master with full dedication. But it is very difficult to get a chance of serving such a Master, yet the best *sadhana* is serving the Master only.

84. Our task is doing our Master's work to our Master's satisfaction. That is all. We must ignore the comments of the worldly people and not worry if anything bad happens to us outwardly. In fact, we must feel happy about it.

85. Tulasidas says, "Some people may say, you are a cunning man and some may say, you are a great *jñani*. But we should want to be only a good instrument in the hands of Sri Rama, to be used in whatever way Rama chooses." So, remembering that we are only instruments in the hands of the Great Master is a great *sâdhana*.

86. Sri Aurobindo said that he did not want to become the All Totality of The One but only be a good

instrument in the hands of Lord Narayana, the Supreme Being, the All Totality of The One and do His work, in whatever manner He wants, for the betterment of the whole humanity. Likewise, the only idea of this beggar is also to be a good instrument in my Father's hand always. Father can make use of this instrument in whatever way He wants, for the betterment of the whole nation, the whole humanity.

87. Everything is in the *bhava* only. if you people really think that this beggar is a *jñani* and whatever He says is only for the good of you and that you must try to follow meticulously, then this beggar will no doubt do everything for you.

88. If you people think that even a little food offered to this beggar will be equal to offering the same to 2000 Brahmins, then it is definitely so.

89. Be always a true devotee who can be fully trusted by the Guru always. Then it is the duty of the Lord, the Guru to take you to the place where the *jñanis* will go.

90. It is not the correct account that we maintain in the worldly affairs. The true account is always maintained for all, by Chitragupta (a celestial being meant for this job). So, we must always try to do good to everybody

in the world. If not, we must try, at least, not to harm anybody even by a simplest action or word.

91. The world is full of conflicts and the solution does not lie in fighting with one another. People must fight within and learn to control their mind. Fight within yourself and not with others.

92. Whatever happens is due to my Father's wish. Everything is for good. There is nothing to feel sorry or bad about anything. My Father who is looking after everything will make use of every situation, every change, in the best manner, for the improvement of the whole humanity.

93. We must surrender ourselves to Father/God/Guru, control our mind, not fight with others. We must practice first before we speak. It is easy to preach but difficult to practise. All must work according to Sri Aurobindo, all must work hard, work dynamically and not waste time under any circumstances. No one should be idle.

94. No doubt, the people of the world feel very happy if this beggar does something that makes them happy immediately and also in the long run. But, the same people will not be happy if God does something by which they will definitely feel good, but only in the long run, not immediately. As far as this beggar is

concerned, he is not bothered about what others think. By his Father's grace he will do only good to all invariably but of course in his own way of doing thing.

95. Just like a man who dives deep into the sea and comes out with pearls, you should also turn towards God and go deeper and deeper. Then, you are sure to get the Divine Nectar. You see, Those who went deep into the water found the pearls. Not the ones who sat n the shore and looked at the ocean.

96. Children are busy playing with the toys. But when their mothers call them, they immediately rush to their mothers, leaving behind the toys. Like the children, we are wasting our time, playing with the material things of the world. When the call of the Divine Mother or Father comes, we will also respond to Her call, leaving the worldly things behind. This advice is meant for all.

97. Why was Arjuna made to fight his own kith & kin and kill them by lord Krishna? As a kshatriya king, his right action is to fight the evil people to uphold Dharma in this world.

98. In the *Vishvarupa Darshan* of Lord Krishna, he showed to Arjuna that all the worlds are only Krishna. *Sarvam krishnamayam*. But Lord Krishna gave the

Divine Eye to Arjuna to see the *Vishvarupa* nicely. People say that Krishna had in the stomach, all the seas and the worlds and all that exist anywhere and everywhere.

99. On the other hand, for Yashoda Mata, Krishna showed everything in His mouth. Yashoda was able to see all the worlds, including a small Krishna and Yashoda in His mouth. What does it mean? When we are always in the mouth of Krishna, my Father, The Almighty, why should we fear? For Lord Krishna is always keeping us in His mouth and protecting us. Only thing is we should constantly have the feeling that we are always in the mouth of Lord Krishna and that except Lord Krishna, nothing is in the world. We are always surrounded by Lord Krishna. If we exist in the middle of Lord Krishna, surrounded by Lord Krishna everywhere, then why should we worry about anything? We are always safe.

100. At the time of *mahapralaya kala*, people say that we all and also whatever exists in the world will go into the mouth of Lord Krishna. Krishna only can exist. Of course, when Krishna wants to create the world again, then, He Himself will create everything. Nothing to worry. One day or the other, at least at the Mahapralaya kala, we all will merge with Lord Krishna, so in every aspect, you exist as part of

Krishna alone. It is important to surrender to the Guru or God.

101. We should salute all the great masters, even though they work in different ways. The goal is the same.

YOGI RAMSURATKUMAR BHAVAN

One day in the third week of September 1980, two brothers from a nearby place, came to Sri Swamiji seeking His blessings to go to Madras, in connection with a bail petition to be moved at the Madras High Court, to get their brother-in-law released with 8 others, who were arrested sometime earlier by the police on a murder charge. After sending them away, Bhagavan explained the whole story.

"This beggar doesn't want to mention the name, even though he knows the whole family very well. The family is very devoted to God, and never fight with anybody for anything. They do not have that nature. One day, one family member, say Mr X gave a loan of just 15 rupees to Mr. Y, a meagre amount, considering the charities they do. On the fateful day of the incident, Mr X with some friends and relatives ran into Mr Y, unexpectedly. Mr X, prompted by fate, asked about the money to be returned. Just see the way the fate works. Mr X had given so much money to others by Charity but that day, unfortunately he began to question that small debt of 15 rupees. Mr. Y not only spoke arrogantly, but also denied ever receiving any money from him. Thus provoked to anger by the injustice of the claim, Mr. X and the group got into an exchange of words and then blows

with the other group. As fate would have it, Mr. Y died that night, unfortunately! "

"The next day, Mrs. X came to this beggar and casually informed that "God is definitely there to give punishment to do justice to the happenings of the world. Mr. Y tried to cheat my husband. Now he got his punishment. He paid dearly for it." But this beggar said, "No, you cannot take this so easily. Now the police will definitely combine both incidents. You see, they fought in the noon and the death occurred in the night."

True to Bhagavan's word, the police came and arrested all the people of Mr X Group with the serious charge of murder. They, in turn, applied for bail in Vellore, but it got rejected. Hence the need for going to the High Court at Madras to get the bail. The beauty is that the money actually involved is only 15 rupees of loan! Mr. X is a rich man and does not have a fighting nature at all. So pious, so devoted to God, a follower of Dharma and yet, the circumstances forced him to act in such a way that he got involved in this case! By now, they would have spent more than 2000 rupees for moving the bail! It's a trap of fate.

Then Swami said "If you forget the Divine, if you forget the Guru Mantra even for a small time, even for a fraction of a second at a crucial time in life, then you will be tempted to get involved in the dictates of fate.

It is absolutely necessary for each man to think of the Guru constantly, particularly, at the crucial times and act accordingly. It is enough for the evil forces to get in, if they get even a fraction of a second! That is why, however alert some people are, while travelling, they may still go to sleep even for a short time, when fate can enter!"

Bhagavan emphasized that we should concentrate on the Guru, on the Divine, all the time, particularly at times of taking crucial decisions.

"It is not necessary that somebody has to come in physical form to confuse your mind and make you act indiscriminately. It will suffice if you allow your feelings, your senses to be carried away at the heat of the moment. So to have control of your senses, your feelings, you must try to keep your mind always on the Nama and concentrate on Guru's Holy Feet, His Name or Form."

Bhagavan quoted examples from Ramayanam. "Sri Rama was to be crowned and the date was fixed for the same. The sweet message spread widely throughout Ayodhya and people were all rejoicing in it. When the message was conveyed to Kaikeyi, she was also overjoyed as if her own son was going to be crowned! Although she was a very strong-minded lady, what happened, everybody knows when Manthara went and poisoned her mind saying that

Rama should not be crowned. If Rama was crowned, Kaushalya would be treated as Raja Matha and Kaikeyi would be treated as a servant. Why would she feel so happy about Rama's coronation instead of feeling sorry? Manthara also advised that Kaikeyi should immediately stop Rama's coronation. The time was very near and she must think and act accordingly."

"You know, Jayarama, what happened after that. What followed became history. So, we must always try to keep our mind on the Guru, concentrate our mind only on God or Guru to the extent possible, and not allow our mind to wander away from Father."

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In May 1980, one day, around 7.30 pm, a lady and her brother came to see Sri Swamiji. They were called inside. Swami asked the brother what he was doing at present, his qualification, and his brothers/sisters names etc.

Mr. K said that he had completed his B.Sc. and B.Ed. in the year 1975 and 1977 respectively and from then on, he had been unemployed. He also said nearly 50,000 graduates were still unemployed and that the

batch upto 1975 had been provided appointments. But it would take at least another two years for him to get such an appointment. Swamiji asked him, “why don’t you call some students to your house and teach them?” He replied that he was not interested. He also said that he was helping his father in agriculture, irrigation etc. Then he mentioned the names of his brothers and one sister.

After the initial enquiries about Mr. K’s general welfare, Swamiji casually asked what the name of his Aunt was who resided in Tiruvannamalai. He mentioned. Then Swamiji asked him about one incident which happened a year before or so between him and his Aunt, which displeased her, and hurt her feelings. Shri.K said, “It happened only once Sami. My Aunt used to cook everyday some food and offer to around 50 Sadhus and beggars. Once I happened to get some coolies from the neighbouring village for some work and I had to provide them food. On that day I told my Aunt that I wanted the food which she cooked for the Sadhus and beggars and took it away by saying, instead of offering to some idlers, it could very well be offered to the Coolies who were practically working hard.”

Then Swamiji enquired,” How were the lands offered to your father by your Aunt’s husband? Is it not clearly written in the Will that some portion of the

income from the properties should be used for offering food to Sadhus and beggars and to do some Puja to some temples?”

Mr. K said, “All these things were said only orally Sami. Nothing in the Written Will, Sami.”

Then Sri Yogiji asked Mr. K, “Oh! Nowadays, even the Written Will doesn’t have any value. So the Oral Will doesn’t have any value at all, Is It?”

Mr.k said, “No Sami. Although he gave the lands by saying so, we are 13 in all. In these modern days, we cannot do feeding etc., Sami. It is mere waste only...”

Then Swamiji began to explain in detail, “Nothing is a waste. In fact they are offering food to Sadhus and beggars, according to the traditional rights. They are offering these, only to Gods and Goddesses, who in turn will give prosperity and peace to ALL in the world. But scientifically we cannot tell you how it is so. If you experience, then you will understand.”

Swamiji also gave an example, “Kanchi Acharya was doing once, the Athirudhra Yagyam - Homam. At that time, some people commented, “Instead of pouring the ghee etc., on the fire, you can very well feed thousands of poor people.”

For that, Kanchi Acharya commented, “It is not a waste. It is an offering to the Gods and Goddesses, so that they will be pleased and in turn give us all that we need like rain, produce etc. at the appropriate time.”

Sri Yogiji continued, “Shri Kanchi Acharya also said, In a paddy field, if we throw seeds on the earth, it is not a waste. If somebody comes and asks you to give the seeds for poor feeding, will you be able to give it? No. Certainly not. We are throwing the seeds on the earth only with the expectation that by throwing one seed, we will get plenty of paddy. So it is not a waste. So also, doing homas by offering Gods and Goddesses what little we can, we are very much benefited. We are getting everything from Gods and Goddesses.”

“So, doing Annadanam (feeding) to the Sadhus and beggars, or doing rituals, Homas etc to please the Gods and Goddesses, etc., is a MUST and IT IS NOT A WASTE. We are, in fact, benefiting only.”

However, Mr. K still argued that according to him, he felt that it was better if he offered food to the workers instead of, to the Sadhus/beggars.

He also argued there was no necessity to do Homams etc., to please Gods and Goddesses to get the rain etc, we could get artificial rain.

Sri Swamiji replied, “In Madras, although we spent so much money may be 1 :100, we did not get the rain in the particular spot! The artificial rain just moved from place to place and finally we got the same at the sea! What is the use? We did not get the rain in the place we wanted - even after spending so much money!”

Then Swamiji said, “Mr. Einstein, a Jew, born in Germany, and settled down at America during the Hitler period, was a great Scientist, world-renowned Scientist who was the cause for Atom Bomb, had God Faith.”

Secondly, Dr. Sir C.V. Raman, one of the world-renowned, great Scientists of India, had God Faith. In fact, this Beggar got an opportunity to meet Mr. Raman at his place, sometime in 1952. Once, this beggar had been to Indian Institute of Science. At that time this beggar was 100 times dirtier than now. My clothes were dirty and torn here and there in many places and so full of stitches. When I went to the Indian Institute of Science, this beggar came to know that Mr. Raman had gone to his house, PANCHAVATI. When this beggar went to his house in search of Mr. Raman, this beggar came to know that he had gone to his Estate, Sringagiri. This beggar could reach the Estate only on Sunday. It seemed that Mr. Raman never used to see any friends/visitors on Sunday and he would take complete rest there.

Without knowing this, this beggar enquired his wife. She said to this beggar, “He has gone for a walk. But, you being a Sage, it is an exception. You can meet Mr. Raman on his return from walk.” She offered some tiffin and coffee to this beggar which this beggar took. After waiting for two hours or so, Dr. Raman came. He immediately went for his dinner. Although Mother informed him about this beggar waiting to see him there, Mr. Raman took rest after dinner. Somehow he had forgotten. This beggar was then waiting, may be, till 5.00 pm or so. By evening, this beggar saw Dr. Raman coming to this beggar with thousands of apologies, saying, “My wife informed me about your waiting here. Even then, I forgot and went for rest. I am really sorry.” Then Dr. Raman offered a seat, a chair very near to him and we discussed for about an hour. This beggar asked so many dirty questions, but Dr. Raman politely answered all. Very patiently answered! Although, this beggar remembers even now certain dirty questions and also the answers Dr. Raman gave, I am not going to tell you all these now, Jayarama! (Laughter).”

Then Swamiji said in general, “The most essential thing in our life is that we should have God Faith, absolute faith in God. If we don’t have Guru Bhakti, God Faith, then whatever we possess, there is no use. If we have Guru Bhakti and we have the blessings of

Guru, then it is more than sufficient, it is more than what we can possess materially in the world.”

YOGI RAMSURATKUMAR BHAVAN

STORY OF NARADA

2nd April 1979 at Sannidhi Street.

Sri Swamiji (Yogi Ramsuratkumar) sang the following song, and then explained as follows.

Saint Tulasidas says,

*Dhut kaho avadhūt kaho,
Rajapūth kaho, jo lahā kaho kovu |
Julāhā thyāgā kāhu ki betisom beta
Na ivyāhav kāhū ki jāthi bigār na sovu ||
Huvā lasi sarnām gulām hai Ram ko,
Jāko ruchai so kahai kuch ovu |
Māngi kaibo, masīth ko soyibo,
Lybo ko eku na daibko dovu ||*

The contents of the sloka – Somebody will say that Tulasidas is a cunning man, fraud, etc., whereas some others will say that he is a great Jnani, Avadhūth etc. However, I want to be only a good instrument in the hands of my "RAMA" and RAMA may make use of this instrument in whatever way He wants."

Narada was a great Brahmachari (a celibate). Once he got too much pride over this. Lord Narayana, the Supreme Lord, the "All Totality", out of mercy, wanted to teach a lesson and thereby bless Narada. So Narayana created a beautiful land and a very very beautiful girl by Maya. Narada was made to pass through that land, where the arrangements were going on for the svayamvaram (self selection of the bridegroom in the assembled hall of great kings) of the beautiful girl created by Maya. Lots of kings and other eminent personalities had come for the svayamvaram. Narada was overwhelmed by the beauty of the girl and felt that he should marry the girl. For that purpose he wanted to be present himself there. Knowing that a number of the most handsome kings and others had come for the function, Narada approached Lord Narayana and pleaded to Hari to bless him with His own beauty. He pleaded very carefully, "Oh, Hari ! Please, give me the beauty of Sri Hari Himself."

Lord Narayana gave all His beauty as also the monkey face, as one meaning for Hari is monkey ! Without knowing this, Narada went to the svayamvaram hall, where this particular girl was. When she came to Narada, she was shocked to see a monkey faced man competing with other handsome men for her hand in marriage! With all hatred she said, "Oh! A monkey also has come for the function!" Everybody laughed

mockingly in great fun! Here was Narada thinking himself to be the most handsome man there. Who else could be as handsome since Hari has given His own beauty! When he was all ready to give his hand to that girl, this horrid fun came as a great shock and humiliation. Narada felt very sad and went fuming in great anger to Narayana again. While on the way, he looked at his own face in water for verification. To his horror, he found that he indeed had all the beauty of Sri Hari's form, but the face was that of a monkey! Highly disappointed and angry, Narada met Lord Narayana and cursed Him, "Oh, Hari, you are generally very kind, giving all and everything to your devotees, at the appropriate time, even without being asked for, by your Mercy. Whereas I am a great bhakta of You, Sri Hari and always chanting .Your Name. When I asked for all your beauty, you cheated me like this! So you should also suffer like me longing for your spouse.... etc.

Because of Narada's curse, it is in Ramavatar, Lord. Narayana, the Almighty, the All Totality, the One, coming as Rama had to suffer from separation from Mother Sita, etc..

Sri Aurobindo said that he did not want to become the All Totality of The One. He wanted to be only a good instrument in the hands of Lord Narayana, the All Totality of The One Supreme Being, to do His work

in whatever manner the Lord wanted, for the betterment of the whole nation, humanity, etc.

Everything is in the *bhava* (faith based feeling) only. If you people really think that this beggar is a jnani and whatever he says is only for the utmost good of all and that we must try to do what he says, then this beggar will, no doubt, do everything.

If you people think really that anything, even a little food, offered to this beggar will be equal to offering the same to thousands of Brahmins, it is then definitely so.

As far as this beggar is concerned, I need not learn anything from anybody in the world. Whatever this beggar has to learn he had already learnt from his Supreme Father.

The only idea of this beggar is like Sri Aurobindo, to be always a good instrument in my Father's hand, so that He can make use of the same in whatever way He wants for the betterment of the whole nation, humanity, etc. This beggar never wants to become The All Totality of The One Supreme Being! We are all only instruments in His hands.

It is always good to be a true devotee, who can be always trusted fully. If you are like that, then it is the

duty of the Lord, Guru, to take you to the place where the jnanis and other realised souls will go.

What we maintain in the worldly affairs as our account is not the correct account. The true account is always maintained for all only by "Chitra Gupta". So we must always try to do good for everybody in the world. If not, at least try not to harm anybody, even by the simplest action or words.

No doubt, the people in the world really feel very happy if this beggar does something, by which they feel happy immediately and also in the long run. But the same people will not be happy if God/Guru does something by which they will definitely get some good in the long run but cannot feel or see any happiness immediately.

As far as this beggar is concerned, he is not bothered about what others are thinking. He will do only good to all invariably by Father's Grace but of course in his own manner of doing things.

GURU BHAKTI

Swami Yogi Ramsuratkumar used to say repeatedly that a Divine Man would come and show us who we are. In this connection, he told us a story.

A pregnant lioness, when chasing a herd of sheep, gave birth to a cub. After delivering the cub, the lioness died. The cub was living in the midst of the sheep, playing with them and eating grass along with them! It had imbibed the qualities of a sheep and was timid like them. One day a lion saw the cub, picked it up and took it to a nearby well. Looking at the water and its own image therein, the baby lion realised that it belonged to the "Lion's family" and that it was not a sheep. From then onwards, it behaved like a Lion. You see, we are all like that cub. We are living in the midst of many kinds of people in this world and are lost in the crowd. We do not know what to do.

We are confused. (With emphasis :) A Divine Man would come and show us who we are. My Father will show us at the appropriate time who we are, what is the purpose for which we have come to this world, what is our work etc. The only thing is that we must have complete and unshakeable faith in our Father always. My Father will look after the rest."

Yogi Swami placed considerable emphasis on absolute faith in God and Guru-bhakti. He told us: "If we do not have Gurubhakti, whatever we otherwise possess is of no use. If we have Gurubhakti and have Guru's Blessings, it is more than sufficient and it is much more than whatever material possessions we have in this world. It is not easy to get a Guru, a spiritual Master. It may take many births to get a spiritual Master. But we must be happy that by Father's Grace we have at least got a desire to get a guru and to come up in spiritual line. Therefore the most essential and important thing in our life is that we must have absolute faith in our Guru."

AMBARISH AND DURVASA

Here is a story with moral teaching, read out to Bhagavan from Kalyana Kalpataru at His request, which He relished very much.

According to Bhagavata Purana, King Ambarish, the son of king Mandhata of Ikshvaku Dynasty, was a great devotee of Vishnu. Pleased with his devotion, Vishnu Bhagavan had given His Sudarshan Chakra to Ambarish who worshipped the weapon with great fervour. For twelve months, King Ambarish fasted on every Ekadashi Day (every 11th day of the lunar month), not even drinking water. Once during Vaikunta Ekadashi day, Ambarish observed fast as usual and had to break it at the start of Dvadasi, the 12th day and feed all his people. But, on the morning of the twelfth, Sage Durvasa and one hundred of his disciples arrived at King Ambarish's palace. Ambarish was overjoyed. He fell at their feet and welcomed him with all honours. He said, "Today my Ekadashi fast ends, and on this day you have also graced my palace. Indeed, I am very fortunate! Please dine here today." Durvasa replied, 'We'll first go to the river for a bath and then return.'

Durvasa and his disciples went to the river and bathed for a long time. But the sacred time for ending the fast was near. The king's Brahmins advised him, "The right time to end the fast is passing. It is best that you eat now and end the fast." Ambarish said, 'I shall eat when Durvasa returns.' The Brahmins replied, 'But it is getting late. Only a few moments are left now. If you eat afterwards, you will not receive the fruits of your fast.' Ambarish was troubled. But Brahmins found an easy way out. They said, "Eat a sacred tulsi leaf. In this way it can be said you have ended your fast, and yet, you haven't eaten a meal!" On the Brahmins' advice, Ambarish placed a tulsi leaf in his mouth. Just then Durvasa and his disciples arrived. They discovered that Ambarish had completed his fast in their absence. Durvasa was well known for his short temper. He shouted. 'Ambarish, you are known as a great devotee, yet you have no idea of how to treat your guests! Why did you eat alone without us?' Ambarish touched Durvasa's feet in apology. He said, "Only to safeguard the vow, have I placed a leaf of tulsi in my mouth. The banquet is ready. Come, let us dine together.' But would Durvasa listen? No! He was the very incarnation of anger. Cursing Ambarish he cried, "You shall have to suffer the fruits of insulting me." Saying this he plucked a hair from his head and transformed it into a demoness. He commanded her to beat Ambarish. Now, Ambarish was truly a great devotee of the Lord. He stood with hands joined in

humility. The Lord placed his special weapon, the Sudarshan Chakra, in Ambarish's protection. The Sudarshan Chakra began to spin. Its bright light burnt the demonness to ashes. It then moved towards Durvasa to burn him as well. Durvasa saw this. He became frightened and began to run for his dear life. The Chakra chased him everywhere. Screaming "Save me, Save me!", Durvasa went to Lord Shiva and asked that he be saved from the Sudarshan Chakra. Shiva replied, "I cannot turn the Chakra back. It belongs to Lord Vishnu. Go to him." For a whole year Durvasa ran. He finally went to Lord Vishnu. God said, "Durvasa, once my Chakra has been thrown at a person, it never returns without killing him. I have no solution." Durvasa began to weep.

God said to him, 'No good will be done by weeping. But yes, there is one way of saving yourself. You have insulted my devotee, Ambarish. Go to him in all humility and fall at his feet. If he forgives you, then the Chakra will return to Me.' To live, Durvasa had no other option. And so, after a year of battering, Durvasa went to Ambarish. From the moment Durvasa had run away with the Chakra chasing him, King Ambarish had remained standing at the place he had been insulted. He had not eaten or drunk anything. "Paahi maam! Paahi maam!" cried Durvasa. He fell at King Ambarish's feet. Ambarish pulled his feet away and raised Durvasa. He said, 'King of

Sages, your falling at my feet is not right." Durvasa replied, 'Ambarish, you are a true devotee of the Lord. I have insulted you. Please forgive me. Save me from the Sudarshan Chakra.'" King Ambarish prayed to the Sudarshan Chakra and said, 'If the love and respect I have for Durvasa at this moment are the same as they were when he first came to my palace, then, O Sudarshan Chakra! Please return to the Lord.'" The Sudarshan Chakra returned to Lord Vishnu at once! Durvasa was tremendously relieved. Then both he and Ambarish together went to the banquet hall.

The Lord cannot tolerate an insult thrown upon a great devotee of His. So never find fault with any devotee.

A TALE OF TWO BIRDS

Bhagavan Yogi Ramsuratkumar encouraged sharing and listening to value-based stories that inspired transformation. He especially enjoyed A TALE OF TWO BIRDS - whose story of determination and dedication will surely strike a chord in our hearts.

Once upon a time, there lived two birds - a male and a female, who led a happy life on the shore of an ocean. One day, the female bird Laid her eggs near the seashore. The birds were delighted at the prospect of the eggs hatching into baby birds and took care of them with great care.

Alas, their happiness was short-lived. When they had gone in search of food, a great wave came up to the shore and washed away their eggs! When the birds returned, they realized, to their great dismay and shock, that the ocean had swallowed up their eggs! The birds were distraught. How happy they had been in anticipation of seeing their baby birds. All of a sudden, everything changed - a life that was once joyous and peaceful felt suddenly bleak and desolate! They felt their life was not worth living anymore!

But soon their grief and desperation gave way to hope. They decided their best course of action should be to empty the ocean with their beaks to recover the lost eggs ! They vowed that they would not stop until they discovered their precious eggs! With two tiny beaks and one enormous resolve, the two birds began their attempt to dry up the vast ocean! They collected water beakful after beakful and threw them on the shore, daily with great determination and vigor. They went on and on for hours at a stretch, well into the night, unmindful of their hardships. Soon, many people came to hear about their pursuit, and a crowd formed around them. While most people tried to dissuade them by telling them their attempt was foolish, many laughed at them mockingly!

Soon, days turned into weeks, and weeks into months, and months into years! The birds looked thin and haggard - they had been reduced to skin and bones. But the ocean looked the same with its vast expanse of water! For any passerby, it seemed they had not even accomplished a small part of their goal. The seasons kept changing but the-birds' determination remained unchanged, and they simply persevered. Though the ocean in front of them looked as imposing as ever, giving up was not an option for them. They could barely muster the strength to continue their labour - beakful after beakful, but they kept trying!

Though externally, their situation looked pathetic; internally, they had become powerful. Unknowing to them, their one-pointed determination and single-minded efforts had become their sadhana, a tapas that gave them fire in their eyes, a sense of deep purpose, and strong will power. Moreover, they had mastered the art of ignoring the negative comments around them!

One day, a Sadhu Mahatma, a saintly person, walked by. The birds were delighted to meet him and asked for his blessings for their success. They thought he would surely sympathize with them and help them with their work. However, they were in for a surprise!

"Your very attempt is ridiculous," roared the Sadhu Mahatma. "What foolishness! How can you even imagine emptying the mighty ocean with your beaks? Stop this nonsense once and for all and get back to your regular lives."

The birds retorted back in anger. "Are you really a Great Soul?" they questioned him angrily. "We could understand when the whole world made fun of us, but we thought, at least, you would understand our resolve."

"Go Away, Go Away," they shouted back at the Sadhu Mahatma. "We will not stop our efforts. We

would rather die in our pursuit of the eggs. We don't need your blessings."

Saying this, they returned to their work with even greater vigor.

Seeing their passion and purpose, the Sadhu Mahatma's heart melted. He was impressed by the lengths they were willing to go to pursue the eggs. He smiled and raised His Hands in benediction.

"My children, He said in a loving voice, I will help you get back your precious eggs. I spoke harshly to you, only to test the depths of your dedication. Your pursuit has touched my heart. "

The birds were amazed as they witnessed the Great Mahatma's hands growing in size until they reached the ocean's depths. In one swift and graceful movement, He scooped out the eggs and returned them to the birds. You can imagine the birds' bliss; they had struggled on and on all these years, and finally, it is GRACE THAT ACCOMPLISHED WHAT THEY WANTED. Needless to say that the birds danced around their eggs with great joy! So it is Grace in the beginning that gave the thought for ceaseless attempts, it is grace in the middle, and it is grace in the end. It is GRACE all through!

The tale of the two birds is symbolic of our sadhana. We must always remember that every achievement needs patience, hard work, and determination. Every Nama we chant is like taking a beakful of water with the idea of drying up the ocean. Every Nama that we chant is taking us one step forward to God. Just like these two birds took up a mammoth task by working day and night, we must also try to chant the Nama as much as we can 24/7 and not give up trying. Sri Yogiji always said that it is this trying that is tapasya the penance. Just like the birds were ultimately rewarded for their perseverance, the Divine Grace will ensure our continuation of sâdhana amidst all the temptations and difficulties by strengthening our will and labour and leading us to the ultimate destination. Let us all earn this grace and learn it is GRACE althrough.

WHAT IS THE MEANING OF “NIRVANA”

(A devotee visited Yogi Ramsuratkumar Swamiji at Sannidhi Street house on 1st July 1979 and was seated in front of Him. It was 1:45 p.m. Mr. Venkatesan and his family were outside and were called in by Swamiji. He watched each member of the family as they prostrated and after they were seated, asked Venkatesan whether he knew Sanskrit. Venkatesan nodded.)

Swamiji: Please, tell this beggar the exact literal meaning of the Sanskrit word "Nirvana"

Venkatesan: The state of Bliss is known as Nirvana.

His son: Nirvana, according to his textbook, means right thinking, and right action. There are the eight paths of life to follow for attaining Nirvana, as given by Buddha.

Swamiji: What is meant by right action?

Son: Right action means always leading one's life without harming anybody, without killing anything and always doing good to others.

Swamiji: What ? Suppose you are in a room alone with a Cobra, what will you do? Would you leave it or kill it?

Son: I will pray to Swamiji to help me in that situation.

(Swamiji smiled and blessed him.)

(After a couple of minutes,)

Swamiji: Do you all know why Arjuna was made to kill his own kith and kin in the war, by Lord Krishna ?

(No one replied.)

Swamiji: Arjuna was a Kshatriya. The right action for a Kshatriya is to fight for Dharma. His right action was to fight to uphold Dharma in this world." (He further explained the meaning of Nirvana by quoting a sloka from Bhagavad Gita, (chapter 2 sloka number 17) :

"Apuryâ manam Achala Pratishtam,
samudram aapah pravishanti yadvat |
Tadvat kama yam pravishant Sarve,
Sah Shanthim aapnothi na Kamakami ||"

The meaning is , "we must be in the state of stillness, undisturbed by anything, just as the sea is not in any

way disturbed by the waters of the rivers Ganga, Kaveri, Narmada, Godavari, and Sindhu coming and joining it. It means, the sea is always in the state of fullness, not at all disturbed by the coming waters. It has no boundary. That state is called Nirvana."

Swamiji added," Serving the great Masters who are in the state of Nirvana like Buddha; Mahavira is the right action for the people. Nobody can follow all the eight paths. It is suffice if anyone follows any one of the eight paths and do the right thing. The right thing is serving the Master in the way the Master wants to be served, to the fullest satisfaction of the Master. That will give you liberation, salvation. That will take you to the state of of fullness. "

Finally, Swamiji concluded, "The most important thing in the world is to serve the Master with full dedication. It is very difficult to get a chance to serve a great Master but considering all the other actions and ways available in the world, the best way is serving the Master.

SERVICE TO HUMANITY IS SERVICE TO GOD

On Mahamaham day, in the year 1980, a devotee came to Tiruvannamalai and presented a RAMA PHAL (Rama fruit) to Sri Yogi Swamiji who said with wonder in His voice "This fruit has come from ANANDASHRAM, Kanhangad!"

Sri Yogiji distributed the fruit to the devotees present there and remarked, "See, today is an auspicious day (Punya Kalam) and we got RAMA fruit from Anandashram. Father has sent His blessings!"

To the surprise of all of us assembled there, Sri Yogiji made a gesture by saying, " This beggar will pray to his Father that He should come and bless all of us in Tiruvannamalai as if we also have taken bath in the Mahamaham Tank of Kumbakonam."

(He asked us to fetch water in His Kottankuchi (coconut shell), which we did. He took it in his hand, saw the Sun and Temple Tower and blessed the water thrice. He then sprinkled the water on all of us.)

He said , "That is all. My Father has come and blessed all of us with the Holy water (Punniya thîrtham). We will definitely feel divine. Guru is Brahma; Guru is

Vishnu; Guru is Maheshvara; Guru is Parabrahman. Salutations to the Guru! According to Saint Tulasidas, the confluence of three holy rivers Ganga, Jamuna and Sarasvati is called Triveni Sangamam. It is also called Prayag. This is a holy place for Hindus. Whereas, Wherever there is a Guru, wherever there is a Jnani, it is Prayag for the people. The Jnani is a moving Prayag. So, we have got the blessings of Father, Lord Kumbeshwara, Lord Sarangapani and other Gods here itself."

" Take policy!!"
