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Kirtan at Quintessence Ashram (Raja Ram and Sita Devi)

Swamiji said:

‘As long as you have human body you need human gods and goddesses, you need word of God to make you understand. Word enters being and takes form and goes in the subconscious, because it is reality. God alone is. The dream vanishes, liberation is dead and after death then life, you merge in light, the scripture says. But you don’t just want to become light, you are light already so why should you want to become what you are? You want to enjoy sweetness, dance, and show other people also, if they want to.

‘So there’s nothing much to worry. Be good, be good, be good, be devotees. Let everyone struggle hard, do their level best, don’t hanker after name, fame, power, position. You have to earn your wages, but it’s not the acme... When you see the spirit, when you make the effort to see the light, your eyes cannot behold, the eyes are like two tusks of an elephant, and you need the inner, third eye, the eye of the soul, the eye of wisdom. As soon as God is seen, word finish, can’t express, cascade of tears of love. Love that drowns your worldliness and also takes you to there. Water is the liquid form of God direct from the head of Shiva, Ganga, otherwise the world would be finished. And Narayana is reclining on [the serpent] Sesha in the water of existence. According to Sai Baba Sesha is desire and He has conquered, and sleeps on worldly desire.

‘So try for realization. Come face to face with God... We are all sick, I tell you, as long as you are not drowned in bliss elixir, as long as you are not inebriated by calling on God, by thinking of God, you are still sick. ...

‘Bow to the Sun God, he is the visible eye of God, he is the healer... Make your acquaintanceship. If you die you will take the path of the sun. The mother of Gayatri now is taking to double sun, two suns, and yet she is not here, God knows His devotees... You are the witness at Blenheim Crescent.¹ Ramakrishna took that one book, when I was at Jadu Mallick he spoke like that, every time I touch earthplane I bounce, I go back again, I used to call it “downstairs”, you remember? I would say every time, “I am going downstairs.” And see, today we read, Ramakrishna said ‘I am coming down to earthplane, would you like to come with me?’ What I am telling you is not scripture, it is my own experience... the Divine Mother is very self-willed, and I bear Her name [*Ambika*]. I am happy for you...

‘It is very small-minded to die in a cocoon when you know you are a butterfly. You have beautiful colours, so to die like a caterpillar after you have known your nature [is not right?]. You have heard it and we have told you. You know you are becoming it. I am *Ambika* but you are becoming. ... For you it is no more Kali Yug, you are already coming into the Silver Age, today... Eliminate a bit of body consciousness and pray to Mother, “Mother, can you give me divine colours, give me love of divine colours, but please, Mother, never let me be bound by it.”

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‘If you take one word of Ramakrishna and dive deep in it you lose your fingers, you can’t hold him, fingers disappear body consciousness disappears completely, what is left is soul. It is he who holds you, not you who hold him... Next kirtan?’

¹ Ambikananda’s experience at Himalaya Ashram (Blenheim Crescent, Ladbroke Grove, London) June 6 1971 .

Raja Ram: ‘Many thanks, Swamiji’

Swamiji: ‘No, it is thanks to you. Thanks to all of us. This is your kirtan, don’t take it in a doubting way, it is meant for you. She brought you, and you brought everything here. Everyone is great in this house, the house of the Lord Himself.’

[Sings) ’O Lord, look not on my evil qualities...’

Devotees sing:

’Twameva mata, cha pita twameva
Twameva bandu sha saka twameva
Twameva vidya, dravinam twameva
Twameva sarvam, mama deva deva.’

Swamiji: ‘...Pray for Gayatri’s mother.’

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