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To celebrate the 145<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Sri Ramakrishna's birthday and the 12<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the original kirtan

*Tryambaka sings to a play about Skanda-Ganesha round-the-world competition; Skanda [aged 10] plays recorder v well with Tryambaka;*

*Sita Dev accordion 'As the full moon of divine love...';*

*From Swami's discourse:*

'The one-eye is king among blind, and this one-eye has declared you are blind indeed. The only survival devotee is one who has thrown himself heartily and soulfully and without fear. Therefore Sathya Narain<sup>1</sup> has said, "Why fear when I am here?" When a devotee has fear he creates a shadow of womanliness – "Oh, I can't do this" – well, you may not become effeminate but you may think of God like the gopis, who left everything and wanted to realize God Personal in form of Krishna, or Ramakrishna...God appears as guru and disappears into Brahman

'Help others, but help in a dharmic way, with truth, with great love...When love speaks, He gives you a hint even if you can't grasp Him. But He can reach you, penetrate you, melt you into your higher self, so jivatma merges into ocean of Paramatma, becomes one with it. Now someone comes with the joining process of yoga, of love, to unite, Radha and Krishna, Rama and Sita, Parvati and Shankar, Narayan and Lakshmi. What becomes of the drop when it is united? It disappears, isn't it? But an ishvarakoti, an avatar like Ramakrishna, like Sai Baba, Rama, Shirdi Sai, or any great divine personage, they are known as paramahamsas, they can separate the water symbolically [from the milk] and drink that alone.

'But you must not ill-treat your body; your body is a temple, therefore we insist that health is a first yoga - there cannot be yoga without health. All our gross refusal to you is nothing but to get you ready, to get you very sharp in your spiritual consciousness. You have to have a sharp intellect, it's the sword of discrimination as well. When your consciousness is healthy we would like you to have no fear in the ocean of Satchitananda, which is ocean of love fathomless and colossal. An avatar is nothing but a bubble in the ocean of Satchitananda, which is all existence, all consciousness, and ananda – the bliss that is to come, the children, the devotees, the bliss of the devotees – Brahmananda, Shivananda and so many are the children of God, the hairs of God...Satchitananda is Shakti of Shiva, is Radha, is Sita, is Lakshmi. Therefore rejoice in God and beyond God – Parabrahman. The drop joins the ocean and in no time it becomes one with the ocean

*[Sings] O jai Sri Krishna Govinda Hare Murare hinat Narayana Vasudevaya.*

'If Brahman didn't come down in the form of human being to tell about Himself, how the – how the hell would you know about Him! God is formless, but Ramakrishna said, "I want to enjoy sugar, I don't want to become sugar." He wanted to enjoy the sweetness of God...You can go loco, you know. You have to go mad about it...RA-A-MA: Sai Baba says Ra – the fire is the first thing, burns all sin; and A the Sun is next, the knowledge that illumines, and Ma the moon, the Chandra, that cools the influence of your search, your pain.

'But bear in mind that this is also sickness here, we don't agree, we are not compatible in our mental digestion. You follow different paths, methods, you play classic, I play akasic, or third fourth class, though we are well we are not very well together, we are not hand in hand. But

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<sup>1</sup> Sathya Sai Baba

spiritually when you don't talk to me, when you love me for what I am, and God knows your love. God is love, isn't it? And love attracts love, goes with love, therefore you and me are really one. And your name is a part of Brahman, and your name is you. And if you have a good name, the good name reminds you of the formless reality.<sup>2</sup> And Mahapurushji has said. "three-quarters of Brahman is undifferentiated . What you see is one quarter."<sup>3</sup>

"Know thou art That, sanyasi bold." You are not different from That. The only thing is your wrong identification of your own conception, the way you have conceived in yourself, isn't it?...Wipe your eyes they are both dusty - take dust out of eyes. Sleeping beauty meditation is no good, thickset meditation you need, say thanks God you are very well, can you think of God when you have headache and have worry? Can't you be grateful when you haven't these things in your life? You don't have to shout, you have to send a thought to God, "May my mind become pure, may my body become pure, may I realize Brahman as the light divine" Use your tongue, your limbs, your heart... may I be attracted by force, say.'

Ambikananda calls for Arati but switches to Mata Kali arati, then interrupts it altogether, continues with his talk:

. 'The Divine Mother incarnates, Kali Ma! Just to know that the Divine Mother is, is a great great channel of blessing The Mother has become Ramakrishna, and Sathya Sai has said, "I have never given you the secret, I am telling you today, I am Shiva and Shakti, I am Shiva Shakti." I don't know what that means in Guru Gita.'

ARATI TO Kali Mai

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<sup>2</sup> Ambikananda may have been addressing the devotee Brahma, who often spoke up in an independent way.

<sup>3</sup> "One-fourth of that principle has resulted in this universe, whereas three-fourths remain undifferentiated." *For Seekers of God* (p.105)