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*Kirtan at Exeter Rd (Radhani and Vishnu Shakti)*

Discourse keynote quote: "You have been tested once, twice, a few times in Hinduism; now we have to touch the coin in Christianity..."

**"We pray that you come out of darkness and bathe in the vein of Christ, garmented in the red blood of Christ, and body white of Mary, and parasol of Father Shiva, Abba, Abba."**

*Father Macnamee<sup>1</sup> was invited to this kirtan, and some devotees were amazed to see him involuntarily shedding tears at his first encounter with Ambikananda. It was clear that he very much appreciated the kirtan, and at the end he gave a little talk expressing admiration at the standard of the music and singing. But warm as this meeting was, Ambikananda did not encourage closer contact between devotee converts and Fr Macnamee. Not long afterwards this charming, intelligent and lovable man was transferred from Kilburn to a diocese in Baltimore, USA.*

*At this same kirtan there was also a showing of the video Nita had made (1982) depicting the story of the Markandeya Purana, the vision of the sage Markandeya as the world came to an end and was reabsorbed into the body of the Goddess. Fr Macnamee responded very positively to this too.*

*After Fr Macnamee had left, at the end of the kirtan, Ambikananda had a final word for the devotees:*

It is the end of a great beginning again. The second stage. The seed dies here, the realization comes, the man realizes... We thought you were on the same level when we were putting our foot on the acceleration. We don't realize that human flesh is defective. The mind cannot comprehend, eye cannot see, everyone hears according to his capacity and limit.<sup>2</sup>

"Some do not hear it at all, some do not see what I - I can see God perhaps in everyone, more in a priest - the priest made Vishnu Shakti cry, so I thought this man has inner activity, there is some element, as he has said, the subconscious knows where there is something. The priest didn't tell him, but he felt it in his soul, a drop of tears, you feel who is your own. So now, go along with all this, eat and drink, man was not made for the Sabbath. And we are going along with you, we don't just say you have to become Catholic. We have to walk in the church with you now and then, we gather you. But you have to live your words, your deeds, your daily life has to become Catholic.

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'You have deposited your soul in the bank of Mary, but to get the interest you have to live Catholicism daily, you have to wash daily, you have to go to work daily. You are young, you cannot claim your pension now, you cannot claim realization or salvation now. You need earthplane, you're so grateful God came down. If God didn't come down who will save the world? Priests are going bad, so beware of false ravaging wolves.

'But at least we know you, and you know us, that's fair, isn't it? We know you from the last sixteen Indian years<sup>3</sup> and we love you and we love your children; and slowly - Rome was not built in a day. But it can be destroyed in a day if you are not careful...

'We go along with you. Try your level best. You have been initiated by God, you have been initiated by us, you have been blessed by the priest - these are official, the Power, the Will. You were going to hell, I tell you, but the priest just blessed you like that. Whoever the priest has blessed, hell will not

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<sup>1</sup> A priest at the Rosminian Catholic church at Quex Rd, Kilburn. He was instrumental in converting many devotees who became Catholics at this time, in accordance with Ambikananda's instruction

<sup>2</sup> Swamiji is referring to the so-called 'Bliss or Cross' kirtan two months earlier (Good Friday), which many found painful.

<sup>3</sup> The Universal Independent Asram, Guru Dev Sri Ramakrishna, was founded by Ambikananda in February 1969

prevail. That is word of revelation. And Jesus himself is established, whether the priest is crook or not, and because of his establishment he stands by it, he stands behind it.

‘And Mary is the church, the daughter, the mother. You can't accept just the Father when Jesus himself accepted Mary. The church, that's what it is, not to become too dogmatic, too 'churchic', but that is established. And you also notice how Mary decides religious activity on the world, is defending Christians and non-Christians, she is appearing on border of Iron Gate,<sup>4</sup> onion dome there, Russia. She is saving the world, not only Christians. So all are her children, she is warning and warning. ...

‘You have been tested once, twice, a few times in Hinduism; now we have to touch the coin in Christianity... We tested you last time, and your spirit failed, your flesh failed. But you didn't all fail! Those who are willing, they have passed. Those who have found it hard to last over the long run, the fifteen rounds of the Passion – well, the spirit is weak, it was a hard sacrifice. So we apologise, but there is no grudge, no animosity in it.. It finished here, it was not carried home. The worry, the trouble, the criticism is yours, it is not ours. We finished the game, and we laughed. Some people are still cold, I suppose, some people still doubt. But there is no doubt here. I am speaking with God as the witness. I have no witness as man Perhaps - if only you could trust me! We realise by the word of the Mother, [we] take it so seriously we can't even go and see the Mother, the Mother closes the door. And there are many people who close the door to Mary.<sup>5</sup> I mean, this is a big blow for me, not for you.

‘We only want you to share and get into heaven. Ramakrishna said to Vivekananda: 'Listen, we are not asking you to take the trouble to cook all the meal. I have gathered the wood, I have cooked the meal. I am asking you to sit quietly and partake of the Holy Eucharist. That also you cannot do? How unfair! He did say that, didn't he? So we try to do things. I am weak in different ways. You are strong in different ways. but it may not be so easy to move in long strides. The first step is always the hardest towards the gate of heaven, towards God even,

‘So it was very good to have that last meeting, which has increased our heart, our drop of love. .. and we have suffered you, and have known how people are willing, and how they don't have to do [too much] - the Hindu master<sup>6</sup> said do one-sixteenth, it's plenty for them. But one must do the one-sixteenth. A lot of his 32 disciples did much more, meditated much more. But the rest can do the one-sixteenth.

‘So it doesn't matter. Believe me, we still are friends. It is better to have friends than to have masters and all this. Friends sympathise; a master gives orders. So be friendly to each other. Friendship is great. True friendship, true sympathy. Be true in your word, whatever you do in your daily life. Truth is the tapasya of this age. The austerity of this age. Make vows every day, before you go in the world. All is artificial, all is makeup everywhere, all is commercial.

‘Jesus suffered for the whole world. He sent his disciples to India, to the continent, everywhere. So this one religion is still baffling the world.

‘You are friendly lotuses with God sitting in your heart. You are our lot, still friends. You have all kinds of lives, all kinds of complications, but before in Hinduism we didn't realize that, true Christianity made us realize your stripness. He has brought you into our hand. Everyone is a child. “Unless you become a child..” True Christianity doesn't accept adult, “Theirs is the kingdom, these little ones,” Jesus said, 'O Father, I thank Thee that these things are not revealed to the wise, but to the fools and the little ones. I thank Thee Father for keeping these things from the sight of the learned.”

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<sup>4</sup> Ref to Medjugorje?

<sup>5</sup> Swamiji must have been having visions of Virgin Mary because he refers to her so much here and in other kirtans around this time.

<sup>6</sup> Sri Ramakrishna.

So Christianity strips all of you, and you were exposed there the last time,<sup>7</sup> in the Agony, and your capacity and de-capacity. It's very good, it's truth.

‘So now we are on a different level of working. We work in the same principle, we are not monotonous, but we are strict, we are truth is one way, and truth is God. So whenever we meet, we'll play, we'll dance, we'll talk, we'll listen. Rome was not built in a day. We differ. We differ in tastes, in work, in liking and disliking, in dress, in diet, in suffering, in love, we differ everywhere. To bring everyone in one is not an easy matter. God has given free will. So Christianity has brought us that it is very acceptable to take people as they are, the most we are patient, we are crucified patient, which has been carrying the cross and sharing with Christ, and now we are bruised, we are all bruised.

‘It is only these under-bruises that manifest themselves afterwards. A stigmatic doesn't become a stigmatic out of the blue, it has been there lying in a latent form...then it materializes. For some silently, for some nothing at all, just one man hiding from all these words - everyone has a different mission. We are revealed with so many people. We deal according to the will of God, everything planned by God, the planning permission of the Will. So actually, if you are upset with me you can be upset with God just the same. [Laughs]. If you are loving me you are loving God directly, if you accept me you have entered heaven directly, you don't have to go anywhere else.

‘...You are householders, you have a little responsibility for family. But soul is in the hands of the Stablisher, those who have established that this is for soul, not just for body only... Man and wife both have to be in love with God, through the Wine, or through the Host. Or through somebody, the Wine-maker.

‘You are very free to choose. I'm not saying I have got to keep you together any further or anything, it's up to you. God has given free will... but even out of sight - the children run away from the mother but mother's heart and mind barely run away from the child. That's why I say, good mother suffers for the child, good and bad. ...So don't have worry about what had happened, keep going, keep on your own practising way, and your heart also, don't be monotonous...Some people have no laws. ...It doesn't matter, you will see eventually; when things come of their own accord you understand better yourself. “Now I can see what it means.”

‘So we are on the same way, we are a pilgrim like you. We are going somewhere and we find that we have forged an interest, and we widen our interest to give you a sharing interest. Much more even. You have been battered and bruised, for which we apologise over and over. Some have not, some have gone straight in the Christmas box, all warm.

‘...We thank everybody so much. Do what you can. Take it easy. Whatever you do onwards, do it with your faith, your heart, and follow diligently. You can't be a Christian just like that, you have to know why. But if there's anything wrong, leave it to God. The priest is only just an access card. Once you get the Access card be truthful to your account, what you have drawn on the Bank of Mary. You know she will forgive you, you know she will pay your debts, you know she will intercede for you anywhere, you know she's your defender, your banker, your lawyer, she's very [illeg]. of you, much more than you know. God wished to be born through her, chose her before He chose us, chose to be born in her womb, the mystery of the immaculate way.

‘...So we deal with a lot of things without you knowing about it: hospital, food, old people, from heaven to hell, animals, creatures, water, air, fire, sea, a lot of things...

‘It was all about Mary. Believe me, she's not a dark horse, a dark light. Onwards there is nothing to say, just meet you, and sing and dance. Be very friendly and helpful to each other. We always wanted

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<sup>7</sup> Ref to previous 'Bliss or Cross' kirtan

you to be genuine and helpful and good to each other. Because of your love and genuity see how strong the community up to this day is bringing [in] genuine people from the Christian world<sup>8</sup>

‘We are not Christian, we are outsiders, outlaws, for them. If the priest wants you to join his church... you are not helping him, you are helping other people. It is a big community. You will have very good friends. People who just like you, not want your money. don't mix with the world, mind your own business quietly and don't waste what God has given you.

‘When Mother comes so many priests will come. Doesn't it say that in GSR?

‘If you find a true saint you have found God. God has said, "If you want to see me, keep company of holy men," A saint will never forget you. You can forget the saint, but the saint will materialise x-ray in the hospital of the world to heal a lot of thing. We sang "The song of the Saint" at Blenheim Crescent at the beginning of Quintessence. "I want to be a saint..." It was Hari Bol. A saint is not recognized in the body, but after the body everyone recognize a saint, because a saint is a great big light for souls - the soul is attracted like a moth only to the light, and this light is the light of God...

‘There is no darkness in true angels. the bad angels and evils and all this have gone down. Therefore before you start pray for protection, Rakshamam, Pahimam. Think of God before you go into the world. Everywhere there is robbery. Pray and watch... Be on your guard. I nearly became a Welsh guard when I was in Wales, Tiger Bay, when I first came, it was interesting.<sup>9</sup>

‘If you want to laugh and live, God will make you laugh non-stop. There is a state where you laugh, laugh, laugh by God. God reminds you, though you want to cry because you want to suffer too much with Christ but Christ doesn't want you to suffer. He makes you happy. Ramakrishna also has said, sometimes you cry, sometimes you dance, sometimes you laugh. Nothing is new. Whatever you are doing you have already done it in secret with God, and here you are trying to join together with the lame who could never sing, dance, and make up all these things. They can't see, hear, they can't feel it.

‘Some people are going this time. So be prepared, say mass for the souls, for people who are not well. Someone in our community is going, this year is the year of going.<sup>10</sup> When they go they will be sorry if they haven't prepared their way here. they have come for this. As we are here we have to get ready here.

‘It doesn't matter if we are not with you, but you be united. United you will stand in the love of God. Always be united with yourself, and be silent, be discriminative, be good to yourself. Otherwise we'll just meet to say hullo. I look at you and laugh, because when you love people you just laugh, there's nothing to say, just love, laugh, love, laugh. Can words speak of love? It's heart, that love, it's the pang of the heart. Love goes faster than rocket. You have to think, but love is there already, present, ahead. And love is God. If there is no love, then all is artificial, all is a bit hypocrisy. You have to be reborn, and let love express itself.

‘...You straightaway went to church, you didn't ask, just went and baptised. So salvation is at hand in you. But there's more worry for those that haven't done it. So I must leave those who have been salvationed and go and get the lamb, get the ring, kill the calf, get the father's blessing, get the wine, and celebrate. Even Jesus said that. Every single soul has to be liberated, and better if they do it now, it's for their own sake. For love also, love of their children, love of their family. Love of knowing each other. The sharing will be your benefit.

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<sup>8</sup> Ref to Fr MacNamee's recently concluded visit.

<sup>9</sup> Ambikananda came to UK in 1956 and spent some time in Cardiff where 'he trained with professionals [in boxing and wrestling]...but he gave it up when his madness for the great search started'. From Swamiji Autobiog., 1971

<sup>10</sup> As far as I know, nobody in the asram died this year - though JN's mother was dying of inoperable cancer and died in October of this year.

‘There is nothing to say. When we meet it will say itself, there's nothing to say really. Love will say itself...

‘Whatever you do think of the Seer. See the Seer everywhere. You are not doing anything, all for others, and all to share. So there is hope, plenty plenty hope even with many births. The man who is in charge will never leave you until you are fully liberated. We wanted to finish the game maybe quicker, in one life hit the goal. Many of you wanted to be liberated in one life. It's for your own sake. But we don't seek liberation, we seek suffering. We go to seek soul, not for our self but for yours.

‘Mary tells you to meditate on her heart, and whoever mediates on the heart of Mary where life is, where God is, is already free, liberated. You must have faith and conviction that the Word became flesh in that body of that Mary. the Word became flesh and she consented.

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