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Ramakrishna Loka

Saturday, about. 12.30 pm. Swamiji was making lunch while Julie played flamenco guitar. He had asked her to perform at the next kirtan. Julie then played a background accompaniment during Swamiji's talks at a number of subsequent kirtans. After serving food, making tea and washing up, Ambikananda also played guitar before talking to Julie, Steve, Jai Narain and Mahalakshmi.

From the discourse:

‘Music is a universal maya, both *vidya* and *avidya*,¹ and it speaks for you in other worlds. But if you don't dedicate it for a good purpose you get a different result. You have to be in the right place, the right mood, the right mind. The yogi hears celestial music; here that gives temporary relief, but there it's all day long. One Name properly wafted from heart to mind, concentration without distraction, is a sound that attracts the Gods. If you see God as guest, if God Himself is coming as guest, you leave your meditation and give everything to the guest, and the bliss can last for weeks. The other sort of music is artificial, it may cause an attraction but doesn't last. This celestial music emanates colours that haven't died.

‘Man has made himself an instrument to receive. This is all a dream, everything is a dream, but get rid of the headache by breathing, then you can seize the function of the dream. Wake up the dreamer! It's not easy. You must be very pure. How to be pure? Take a Name - Jesus Christ, Virgin Mary, Sarada Devi - all these were celibate. The Brahmacharya must be celibate for purity. Anne Catherine Emmerich is also so pure, ever-virgin, detached. Sri Ramakrishna was never entangled in the senses. Vivekananda was pure. But if you are in the world it is not easy to be pure, there is a gap, flies come in, and filth, etc,

‘A man may seem a bit on the negative, dark side, but if you look through, inside him is a mine of eternity, deep within, buried and covered. He can't see it, but the holy man can see. Man is not aware of himself inside. Everyone is a beauty one metre inside, a psychic seed hidden. But most of the world is tangled by this game of body consciousness. He can't believe unless he practises absorption in meditation transcending the senses; and the grace of realization rests with God.

‘Freedom is in purity. If you're not pure you can't be free. You are conscious of your deficiencies. But when you are pure you are free like a child on the beach. Practically naked, they just like to bathe. God will reveal if you seek. Many older children are bathing fearlessly in the ocean. God likes you to seek Him, it's His joy to play hide-and-seek – so much greater the joy and amusement when He reveals to you. So go in. The gate of paradise is open now, Padmaloka.² He will show you first his many forms. In everyone He is - It. You must have convincing revelation to see Him, and you have to be hungry to see Him for yourself.

‘The guru can reveal to you, but it's soon blurred by maya. You must remove the scum from the water.... God can come in the form of anyone. Mother walks naked, friskily, in form of a Muslim girl, yet with tilak like a Hindu,³ If you aren't guilty you aren't affected.

‘All men look alike, but not all men are the same. Sri Ramakrishna kept himself just like an ordinary man. But the power is completely different. Eternally vast difference.... The power of purity. Nothing, no desire left to burn. He is Shiva.

‘Human form is vital form, human form is God. Man can raise his mind up to heaven, but barely can he raise his soul. In one life he didn't reach the goal, so you need a multiplicity of lives. God is identical to scripture and even more in holy man who is divine. The living God in the living Man - living water of immortality; and inside is the reflection of light, light alone.’

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¹ Knowledge and ignorance

² Realm of the Lotus

³ One of Sri Ramakrishna's visions