

Oct 12, 1985

Kirtan at Quintessence Ashram (Raja Ram and Sita Devi)

At this kirtan the devotees were instructed to dress up in 'Inca style', with the men wearing a headdress of white feathers and headbands. Sati sang a new and very beautiful song to the words of the GSR poem,

*'Cherish my precious Mother Shyama tenderly within, O mind,
May you and I alone behold Her...'*

After much dancing and bhajans, Swamiji gave a discourse:

'These tapes and notes you are making will persecute you one day, will harass you, will haunt you, will be your nightmare, because they are God's presence when they are given. It was He who was telling you, it was not I, we are just like a tape recorder. But there was Him, the Man, behind it. The tape recorder does not record just on its own. It has no power. Only when it is made up and ready, so it is picking up. When you are made up and ready, you shall be the handmaid in the hand of God. These words will be valid, they will come out in your dreams, in your visions, in your meditation, and you will find all the answers you are looking for from old, old things. Nothing is lost in spirituality.

'So once again, O my God, with all bareness, nakedness, Lord, once again I am ready to be Thy child in this congregation, believe or not believe. Nothing is ours, all art Thou. And Thou art in all, Thou art one, Thou art in the control, Thou art in purity, Thou art Ramakrishnaya

Om namo Bhagavate Ramakrishnaya

Jai Ma Sarada Parashakti MahaMai White is Thy dress, Purity incarnate, Love incarnate.

[To Sri Ramakrishna] 'Thou dwellest in the *gadi*,¹ the umbrella, the shade of our life from the scorching town of London and England in the year 1985 and 1986. Thou art the foundation, Thou are the root. Uplift those who have heard Thy Name and called on Thee; and also on those who love their mother, Ma Sarada.

'We thank Thee, Lord, once again, for putting a parasol in the form of Christianity which we have practised with all heart and love, as Thou Thyself did for three days. But Thou camest back to Thine own ways of realization. We Thy children call on Thee, so that Thy Name, Power and Love will lead us into Thy own lap and way of divine love...

'We ask help for all those that have really come to seek Thee through bait of joy, love or suffering. We invoke all gods and goddesses, and saints and mystics of all religions, that they may give help, tangible help, physical help to those in desperate need at any time. Thank Thee, Lord, for sending a mystic here, Thy will be done without commentary. Jai Guru Dev.

'As we came earlier, very quietly, we would like to depart so quietly and lovingly, with great light and illumination even beyond Thy Name and Form. We ask for those who smoke that they may be lessened in their desire, and may they have incense smoke, and thus may their thought be raised to Thee and reach Thee. They cannot meditate, cry, sing, and dance as Thou hast done. But at least a little sacrifice they can do by giving up not food but smoking and drinking wine, unless it is by Thy way of wine which is Thy blood if it is given by the priest properly...'

Reading from For Seekers of God, Ambikananda selected a passage on the birthday of Sri Ramakrishna. Mahapurushji says:

'It will take centuries to realize who the Master is, and what his gift to the world has been. The whole world is saved by His grace. For the Master is none other than Mother Kali Herself, who descended

¹ Cushioned throne

on this earth as Sri Ramakrishna. Every time I think of him, I am struck with wonder at the greatness of the personality with whom we lived. He was none other than God incarnate, Mother Herself.'

'Yes, this is unique indeed.

'...Be steady like a candle in a windless place. If you don't mean it, don't tell us anything, just say yes for yes, no for no. Don't say a lot of things you don't mean. Because we take people seriously - we come for it and it has already been forgotten. We are very disappointed and say, "How words are unvalued now. There is no power in words. They don't remember."

'So mean what you say. Pay attention to what we say. Mother of Her own accord comes and warns people, Her devotees. Mahapurushji is tasting the light of the guru, all else has become insipid ever since. He was desperate just to go and be with the Master. And the same person in the ocean of immortality gave us a lift. When we asked, "Why is that?" he said, "He is so compassionate." That's why it is said that this is the vessel of safety in the ocean of existence.

'Let the barrier be broken and then go across. It's no good to say "I am He" until you have realized it. Even for those who have realized it, to say "I am He" is very dangerous. "I am He" has to go through the crucifixion of temptation. You are baited by art, not to speak of human temptation. How can you be "I am He"? Yet the Lord said, "He who says 'I am He' is sitting in the Five Fires, and the Sun above, and is burning himself till he becomes brown, ebony, and is not burned yet. He is the seed, *siddha* of *siddhas*, Purusha, he identifies "I am Atman".

'Here you don't have *darshan*² of us, but you have *darshan* of God.

'Where is your faith? If your faith was here, and not just your body, you wouldn't have time for so many things, you would be here for what you came for. Why did you come? that's a good question. Ponder what we are saying. Say to yourself: "I am going. Will I receive? Will I be *darshanized*?"

'So don't just go and come. Feel. Recognize. Sanctify. Purify. Only the pure see God. "May I become pure." Purity is the requisite of spiritual life. There is no real spiritual life without this Guru Dev purity. Purity is immaculate, the virgin of virgins, Maheshwara and Maheshwari, all-controlled, this Guru Dev is beyond women [lust]. "I have gone beyond the Vedas," he told Naren³.

'What is Ramakrishna without Vivekananda? God is in His picture and everywhere you think of Him. And This Naren is a minister, a universal minister. He went abroad in a group body and carried the message of his master.

'When you guys have become Guy Fawkeses, and have burned your bodies and desires, your Novembers, then you will realize Naren and will be worthy of Naren. After Naren you will be worthy of his Master if it is His will to know Him.

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² Auspicious sight of a deity or a holy person

³ Vivekananda's earlier name