

*22 Feb 1986 kirtan Buckley Rd, Kilburn<sup>1</sup>  
Steve and Julie, first kirtan at Buckley Rd*

Sri RK's birthday ...

Sati sings: "Ramakrishna... If I have a light within may that light be Ramakrishna."

*Swamiji's talk [Mostly to Vishnu Shakti Magid]:*

‘Sri Ramakrishna is born for his devotees and householders. So today one seventeenth is for and on behalf] of the householders’ liberation. The Lord expects a little bit more from devotees, especially those who are not very well. He puts them in a peg and a trial, like Jesus had to give his life, so the devotees have to give the best contents of their heart, and that will save sickness.

‘Blessed, blessed Christian mystic. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. O Lord Shiva, You have become all this Christianity, You have become all the four corners of the earth’s religion, You stand on one leg in tapasya in this Kali age, You breathe kumbhaka, and You stand in the air. Your tears of love are crystallized in the form of ice that people cannot see; they can hear, those who have transcended gross sight so that they can live in the blood earth of Shiva, in Christian Christ consciousness and mysticism, they may approach You as a swan. The swan has power of discrimination, and the wings of dispassion and detachment. And the swan is white and lives in the lake of nectar of immortality. Swan is ‘swa’, it is Self, ‘hamsa’ is the swan in the limpid lake. So from darkness lead us into light, from love into this seed of light, from darkness into the condensed juice of nectar ...

‘Snow comes from heaven and falls on earth, you may not know if it is God, if it is Shiva. Love can take form as ice, so says our Guru Dev, when it feels the power of the cooling influence of the devotees’ love, so God can be seen through the whiteness of the cooling influence of love. Water is the liquid form of God; it may be vapourized by the sun of knowledge, become subtle and practically unseen when it’s vapour, it’s so fine, but you can feel it, and so is the silence of the inner spirit, the garment of the body of love. Through this silence, intuition of expression dispels the confusion and misunderstanding of the devotees gathered. Suffice it to stay here for the time being. When there is milk here why should I go to the ocean? I must be satisfied with the contents of my heart.

‘O God, hide not in my heart. When You hide, everything is acrid and bitter and sour. Why can’t we see You? Why do You have to come in the form of this old season? Why cannot we see You and feel You without these things? Blest are those who have a slice of Your share. Let it suffice to have a head to carry this light, to dispel the darkness around us. Amen, Amen, Amen.

‘Observe silence, which is peace. Observe silence while OM peace is chanted. Think of Ramakrishna and say, ‘Om Namah Shivaya.’ Ramakrishna is your father, Ramakrishna is your mother, Ramakrishna is also Christ. You must invoke, it’s an invocation of the spirit. What we lack in our daily life is appellation. Christianity gives a tip of the appellation, the breath of the mystic magnetically drawing divinity. I breathe God, I exhale God, I keep *Kumbhaka* God, I sleep God, and I belch God.

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‘Not only what you eat but what you think, that’s where your subtle consciousness is, your real inner self. Your gross body is either a jewel or some kind of burden – the body has turned golden for others, it cannot just turn golden for you, you must deserve it, the touch of the philosopher’s stone, and once it is converted it cannot convert other things. That must be borne in mind. That self in you is unheard, unseen, but in unison with Two – the Father Mother God: *Twameva Mata cha Pitas twameva...*

‘Gross people hear it, subtle people try to comprehend it, loving people have been converted to what he is saying. The Word takes form and dwells with him, that’s the gross difference between ordinary people and *ishwarakotis*. God stays in disguise in the world, among his people. He plays hide and seek until you [are no longer] mystified by the mist of Him, or Her, or His Consciousness.

‘God is spirit, it is very difficult to comprehend what we are saying unless you are breathing Spirit. So live in the world and don’t be affected by this happening. God is a mystery, and so are his real devotees. He who meditates on the real becomes real. The unreal when it touches the real is transformed in a shock of reality. Therefore there is transformation going on, and step by step you will reach your goal. These yogis who have withdrawn from the world are still alert to the world in one way. When they withdraw, they suffer for the world. Ramakrishna suffered for the world, Jesus came and suffered for the world.

‘A lot of pure, true, honest unselfish devotees who seek nothing will be the adherents of the Father saviour. It may not be fully accepted yet, for when the fruit is not ripened you can’t pick or pluck it, but when the fruit is ripened it falls of its own accord and its taste is sweet. ‘When God says ‘yes’ everything comes to pass, with God the impossible becomes possible. And God is the slave of His devotees. He may yield, not to everyone but to His true devotees, even against your will. Because devotees are here to save what is in your heart.

‘In the original place, God created you in His image, immaculate, pure, Brahman. There, it is: ‘Thou art I, I am Thou; I am One, I have become many;’ but now falling here into the free will of this world, we don’t want to know God because there is too much imposition of discipline, laws, hundred of forbiddings, things one shouldn’t do. We can’t control ourselves and we like our enjoyment, and we ignore reality as it is. Even if God has come we are not very deeply interested to see Him lest He asks something of us, and we are deprived of our pleasures. That goes without saying, for hundreds of years, it’s not just today that you are hearing that. Therefore people are put on test and trial.

‘ “*Those who are detached, aloof from the world, alone are aloof after the destruction of the body*” [*Vivekachudamani*]. For them God is at hand. They have no attachment to anything, it is their sport, their sweet will. God Himself sports in the world, so they sport, not in the world but with people. People sport with each other, they kick a ball; but we don’t, we withdraw our game and we sport naturally with you. You become the game, as it is. What is this sport? To win you, and make you likened to your original. Otherwise, suffering is inevitable, hear it from me. Go away, refuse it, but suffering will not leave you far, it will be close.

‘Nature is God as well. Listen to the yogi, listen to your preceptor, listen to the voice of reality, the voice of silence, the voice of detachment, listen to the teacher, listen to the one who is detached. Attachment is suffering, you may say. Either you can suffer from this happening, or suffer because of God. You are attached to God, but that attachment to reality is of course exempt. You may say these things, but you are not *It* yet, therefore there is a vast

difference in the scale. The word is there, but the person is heavier than the word. The mind may attain - mind is subtle, the soul is God - but the body is pleasure, the body is paying tax for the soul occupying it. Your body is different from the atmic consciousness.

‘Whatever is happening is the speeding of karma. You don’t want to come back again and again, and God wants to liberate you, so suffering also is Him. But He is just and fair, He cannot just go by bribery – one minute you call on Him and the next you are different. He wants words, deeds, and thoughts to tally. So every action has a reaction. But we are not harping on that, He will change things, it is possible. Like today, there is no snow, nothing much, the weather has changed. It is possible to prove to you that God can do anything He likes, and against your will. But it is the sweet will also of the devotees to wash you a little. Just as when your clothes get dirty, and you like to look clean when you go to the office or job, so we also are attendants of this office, though we are dirty in God, so we wash the body, inspire the mind, and rekindle the individual.

‘We are here to get you ready. If you are not willing, God has given you free will. We send the seed of thought, it may not be today, it may not be tomorrow, or the day after tomorrow, which means one life, another life and another life. But we will get you ready, that’s why we are meeting, that’s the point of meeting - to get you ready.’

*Vishnu Shakti Magid reads from GSR*

*Ambikananda:* ‘Think of the Master. He meditated on nothing but the Real. It’s a good tip. The Master was God, we believe, and I hope you still do. From darkness to light, from ordinary to love, from impermanent to permanent. What is lacking in us is due to the glass of darkness in front of us; we can’t see further; we hear something, we feel it, but we are too short-sighted to go through this to the light. So we need the help of those who have crossed the barriers of space and time, and who are with us: mystic guides, prophets, sages, seers, or gurus.

*Vishnu Shakti goes on reading ‘...The real cleverness is the cleverness by which one realizes God.’*

*Ambikananda:* ‘Ah! You understand? What is this clever trick? A man may not be learned, but he has got a trick, he’s a magician. Magid – magic – magnet – the net of Ma. So what is it?

*Vishnu Shakti:* Love of God.

*Swamiji:* Ah! But love mixed in the world is still only a show in the jeweller’s place, it’s still for sale. True love is not for sale. The jeweller loves his gold, but he’s not giving you a grain of it. So the trick is – it’s *not* a trick! Love is when ‘God says, “Bind him”,’ as Ramakrishna said about Vivekananda. And yet Vivekananda was enlightened. You see how God sports, even with enlightened people, how He torments them, not to speak of those who are seeking refuge but want to cover in one leap what Lord Vishnu needed three leaps for, to cover the whole thing.

‘How can you get the message properly if you cut the wire?’

‘Attachment to the body is evil. You should live for others. God comes down for others, yet He has got everything. It is evil to live for yourself. A good king sees that his people won’t starve. Greediness, selfishness is Ravana, God has to come and kill this false king. Self attachment is touching hell. You are suffering, you can’t deny it, you are suffering all the time, not just for a little time, but on and on. Yet your nature is divine, there is a soul in you, what is suffering is the body; the body is paying tax because he is not recognizing someone who is there, occupying, witnessing every single activity and thought.

‘Make a decision. Money won’t help you to travel in the astral sphere. Money is given, but not for you, we have to love our people first: first your very own, then your neighbours, then your country, then abroad. But first your very own. [*To Vishnu Shakti*] I’m glad that the Master has made a loop for you, he hasn’t left you, he’s fishing you, he has grabbed you in a leather loop. The master is fishing you for three lives. Those whom He likes He pulls with a leather strap. He gives you three lives. But why do you have to come back for three lives? Make a decision. Ramakrishna can reduce thousands of lives into a day. Where will you find such a Guru Dev? He gave liberation by a single touch.

‘Everyone is God’s jewel. So bedeck them into God’s name. I am sharp, [and] when the sharp needle hits, it injects Brahmanic consciousness if you can bear it. So karma has to shuffle through different apertures, through eyes, ears. When a man dies, the soul comes out from different apertures, according to Hindu mysticism. Accept it or not, you are subject to it; deny it, but don’t deny you are suffering, the body is paying tax for the soul, the witness consciousness that has become an individual dweller, jivatma.

[Song: *Antar jyoti namo...*]

‘Are you worshipping your selves? Who is this *antar jyoti*? It means inner light. We are worshipping, saluting this inner light. Without this inner light inside you you pass out, the man is no more. So sing, meditate, and clap hands. Wash away sin. Today you are born in Sri Ramakrishna’s *antar jyoti* consciousness, that is the Indweller. “Know, Arjuna, I dwell in every man.” He has declared it. It’s not new but you’ve forgotten it.

‘If you believe in the omnipresence of God, you must do something, my friend. If God is omnipresent, all the time, He must not be denied. He said, “Whatever you do, if possible think of Me. I am everywhere. I watch, I witness the very depth of your thought. But do you heed me?” When you are in a hurry, when you tangle with the world, God is denied.

‘Love begs. How God begs His devotees! Meditation is to bring all these scriptures into the library of your spine. God dwells in His word, and the scripture is not different from God. Bring these into your vertebrae. It will be a liniment.

‘Say OM NAMA SHIVAYA. This is mystical love, this *Om namah Shivaya* must not be done just by individuals; join all people who have realized God through this greatest mantra which can save the world. Read Babaji Hariakhan Baba, read Agastya who discovered the only mantra that can save the world, ‘*Om namah Shivaya*’, that can contradict nuclear.

‘So join in your reading and dedicate, “*Acharya Om namah, Rishi Om namah, Brahmarshi Om namah, Devarshi Om namah, Om Bhuvah, Om Bhuvah, Om Swaha, Om Maha, Om Jana, Om Tapa, Om Satya.*” So my bones are scripture, word of God, that’s why without reading you

can squeeze water of consciousness from the almanac . He may look thin and dry, but squeeze that lover – he must have a subtle sponge!

*Vishnu Shakti reads: ‘...Every woman is a mother to me.’*

*Ambikananda:* ‘Right! Right! Right! That’s realization, that’s light - every woman is darkness if it’s not that. Deny it if you can. The Gospel is not a skipping rope but a rope of *prema* that is binding MA. Love is too pure to hurt the beloved. Can you get more love than Ramakrishna? Not only the mother, even the wife. So was Jesus. Two incarnations that kept the purity from birth to death. So with this word, ‘*All women are Mother*’, all suffering stops when this is realized. Suffering has to stop this very night. God is not seen when there is lust. It’s not easy. God has masked himself into youthful woman form. Gospel says, ‘The mind of a worldly man dwells among the three lower planes. With great difficulty he can raise it.’ So we have taken the birthday of God today to describe attachment and continuation and progressive enlightenment in knowledge, awareness, and bliss.

‘Birth without labour. As you think so you become. The larva becomes a butterfly. I am talking to you as a friend and also as what I have experienced besides the Gospel. So develop a jewel love, a true yogi goes beyond the sandalwood. Open a diamond shop! Get plenty of money and open a diamond shop! Now think of the Mother. The book is burned, it is thrown in the Ganges, but the word stays, it remains in the bones, in the eyes, in the light of consciousness. Truth is the tapsya of this age.

*Vishnu Shakti goes on reading*

*Ambikananda :* ‘Take a dagger, take your heart, say to God, “Here you are, heart and dagger,” make a decision. You have to be very iron-willed in the Iron Age with Iron Mother. Or if you have no sword, give your word. If you have not this word, give your mind. Because “*bondage and liberation are in the mind*”<sup>2</sup> But don’t be fickle with your mind. If you’re fickle with your mind your life will be fickle – one minute nausea, the next, “Oh, how I love you!”, the next, “Oh, that’s a big worry!”

‘There are many ways to cross the ocean: through clapping the hands and beating the drum, through words, through observance of silence, through gazing without interference -

‘*May you and I alone behold Her, letting no one else intrude.*

*In solitude, O mind, enjoy Her,*

*take but the tongue to say now and then, “Mother, Mother”.*’

No interference between our gaze. Love is the thread that binds the two ends, that holds it. And God pulls it like elastic. India rubber elastic.

‘Another procedure of meditation is to become the *antaryami* itself. Identify with the light, the lamp. No body consciousness at all, just light. And this light is offered to Light, that which is Light.

‘Always sit straight in your meditation.

*Vishnu Shakti goes on reading: ‘A true devotee of God doesn’t care for such things as wealth...’*

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<sup>2</sup> Ramakrishna in GSR

‘Repeat that, make a garland of it, mean it with your heart, make it your heavenly wealth. Make sure you give plenty of money to your son. No children of the ashram should suffer. I care a lot for the children. If you have, give. God is giving you work. Karma has to work. But the world is not my concern. I am concerned to give love, to share love and to bring love, by forcing love into intellect. This is the thread that binds the Gospel.

*Vishnu Shakti goes on reading*

‘[In reading] the power of purity imbibes. But the mind has to be clean and receptive. If the mind is crisscrossed with various colours, qualities and gunas of the world, it gets a mixed-up sort of realization. When you are at peace you want to think of God, and when you’re not – God is no good! Remember, when you read, you read to God. All are Narayana, so let God hear. God says, “Take delight.” God is the hearer, the listener. Take it, do it for him, as He is here today, He is in the scripture, He is in the picture, He is talking through you, He is reading through you.

*Vishnu Shakti reads: ‘Undoubtedly God exists in all beings as the all-pervading spirit.’*

‘Ah! That’s exactly what we were saying...God dwells in the picture, God dwells in the book, God dwells in you. If you take that word seriously, then the *kundalini* mind dwelling in the basic chakra, the lower centre, trembles and wants to rise. Because truth has been watering the worldly mind. So the mind gets the help of the water of truth to rise to higher centres. But the mind must be pure first, or it will get amalgamated, mixed. The man will have vision, but without understanding. The freedom to embrace in oneness is not given.

‘The spiritual life has to be in a good foundation. The spine, the lower centres, are stony, you have to till the soil, remove the stones of the lower mind...God is the doer through subtle inspiration. When inspiration comes you pick it up and harp on it and print it. The real happening thing is somewhere else and the person happens to pick it up and he prints it. The real doer is subtle, it is spirit, and the spirit waits for the obedience of the second performer – the ‘I’ who seems to be the doer.

‘You have to be an instrument, you have to be calm in your mind when you meditate, calm in your music, self-composed, detached - then be the receptacle to receive, to receive not only God but angels – automatic writing, talk, vision – someone is giving something to you beyond your capacity. There is a subtle guardian angel, a personal God for him, all these are incognito here. The manifestation is different in one person or another. One person can pick an angel, just close his eyes, doesn’t have to meditate, his rest is a meditation, a vision of God. He knows how to rest his body, he tells it to go and rest, God in the form of sleep, God in the form of hunger, God in the form of thirst, God in all forms is recognized in the state of a yogi’s awareness. That’s the proof that God is there without being called. Vision is there but eyes are open. The person whom you’re thinking of is there in front of you.

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