

*Kirtan at Wales
August 6 1988*

A feature of this kirtan was Mahayogini's song based on the prayer of St Francis of Assisi ("Where there is darkness...") and corresponding to the Vedic prayer ("...from darkness lead us to light").

Towards the end of the kirtan, Swamiji said:

'Whoever is born from a womb should say the prayer: 'From darkness lead us into light...' From love give us supersensuous love, give us golden love, give us true love, O God, may we love each other as you have loved us.

'From darkness lead us into light. May we love our children, may we love those who are not with us now, our children who are abroad, their friends, their friends' friends, all those who hear about us but don't know us - send love to everyone. Let the sun of love go to everyone. Where there is darkness let there be light. O God, Thou art the golden effulgent one, give us love, love, golden love. May we love each other genuinely, love for love's sake, love for love's sake, love for love's sake.

'May love extend to everyone. Love is like the sun, it shines for everyone. This kind of love goes to everyone. "Where there is darkness let there be light." May we love each other genuinely, love for love's sake. Amen.

'Play to release some souls - there are a lot of souls listening. If you play well perhaps they will get something. You see, so many souls listen to what we say, so many souls...'

Appendix

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Notes from a talk the following day at Shiva Shakti's apartment in Gondar Gdns, London.¹

'If there is no love you can't do anything. Love forgives, love is truth, love is light.

'Love forgives, and love corrects. The quality of perfect love is to give. True love gives. True love is beyond the physical. True love has its own ministers of righteousness, ministers of karma, workers who observe if you speak wrongly or don't keep your word. Then nature condemns you, because you are falsifying love. You're caught by nature itself.

'Physical love is only a symbol of the supersensuous eternal love. But when you mistreat love, that's when nature takes over. If you want to have that thing you have to realize it yourself. You have to have a sincerity that applies to thought, as well as to practice. Therefore, love and knowledge meet. Vivekananda couldn't understand that, many devotees of Sri Ramakrishna couldn't understand – and Sri Ramakrishna said, "Yes! True knowledge is not different from true love." And true love is contagious.

'You must appreciate love in human beings. Everyone loves. Whoever he is, as long as he's a human being he has got this light of love. And love is like the Sun. The Sun shines regardless to the white, the yellow, the red, or the black. In fact it changes the colours – it gets everything burned until they can no more produce. It gives new life. True love gives new life, new hope, new living. And it clings to the Eternal.

'Some devotees are of mixed type: one minute God, next minute Rum Baba, one minute Brian, next minute brandy, next minute Sai Baba. They are not like the bee that sips only the lotus. But we are not

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condemning. A broom is not a clean thing, but it can help to clean. Maybe they seek the everperfect. But you can still form part.

‘So we can always repair our house, our old house which has deteriorated from lack of work; and our body is like a house, full of holes – but not holy!. There was a tangle of gunas at the meeting, mind has not been to the concern of others, tongue has been not speaking enough, ears are defective, therefore we are deaf! Nature has condemned your ears. You haven’t been listening enough to your neighbours, to find if help is needed. A lot of people want that help, but you have no time, but you know psychologically and ‘patiently’ what to do.

‘Therefore meditation is like medication. Practise so many times, regularly, because the man who practices it gets better and better – good, better, best, perfect, everperfect – until he can even do without meditation.

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