

Ramakrishna birthday kirtan, Feb 18, 1984
at Shiva Shakti and Gopal Christ's house at Keyes Rd, Kilburn

Excerpts from discourse

'... Love personified born as Ramakrishna to show the path once again, the simple ways of bhakti yoga: chanting, contemplating. If you meditate on the deathbed of Ramakrishna you will find how he reaches immortality. He goes in mahasamadhi, his consciousness rises to mahasamadhi. From death to immortality. Exit and entry, entry and exit.

'The Lord of kirtan, the Lord of samadhi, the Lord of love, was born according to the *Gospel* of M on this day. So the date is nectareous. Mahavishnu was born as Ramakrishna. Rama and Krishna are incarnations of Vishnu. And there is no difference between Kali, Siva, Krishna - see *Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna* p.35 line 15. You will find Himself has said it.

'So we'll open this Mother book which was left behind, and we also recommend to devotees to read sometimes, *The Mother as I saw Her*. The incarnation of God in body, the mayic manifestation of the Divine Mother, Sarada, which is no different from Ramakrishna. Ramakrishna has left Holy Mother behind to manifest motherhood. ...Ramakrishna and the Divine Mother are one

'We have got these scriptures written in black and white. But I tell you, devotees, that your scripture [too] is written - when you die God condenses these individual drops of blood (all of you) and in the loka of your Ishta Dev you will find your life is recorded in the book of life, when you die

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[Reads:] "*The devotee, like the bee, is always eager to seek the nectar of the lotus feet of the Lord.*"

'The feet of the Lord, the heart of the Lord, the hand of the Lord, the eye of the Lord, the *deathbed* of the Lord - are your salvation; and your gross samadhi, your live samadhi in this life. Everyone wants this samadhi, but very few are meditating on death. The Lord is hidden in death; He is the life-giver, and He is the life-taker. Meditate on the suffering of the Lord. Jesus Christ recommended to meditate on "the drop of blood, my heart" - exactly similar to what we are saying!

[Reads:] "*And the Lord too, like the bumble bee, tastes the honey of the lotus heart of the devotee.*"

'The heart of the devotee is like a star with many facets - one for his Ishta Dev, one for his Guru Dev, one for his main Dev, one for Maheshvara, the Lord of yogis! He's not monotonous. Where he is, Krishna drops in, Rama drops in, Lord Hanuman drops in, the Mother drops in - but he likes to be incognito, no publicity or anything. When he speaks truthfully and doesn't keep himself in darkness he shares his starlight. You see the star when there is no cloud manifesting. And the Lord who bears the moon on his forehead is

next to you. No doubt the star is beautiful, but when the moon comes out the star recognizes it is Maha Dev (or Maha Devi) who bears the crescent moon on His/Her forehead.

‘Remember that God has drawn another line, called a 'sister line'. When you are sick and someone reads your hand they might say, "I see you are going to recover because you have a sister line, a helpful line." Sometimes, if the line of the life is a bit weak, God has drawn an extra line, which means He can change the fate or destiny of those who take refuge in Him. So what is written, destiny can strike [out] with its own hand. Don't you remember the book of Mother Sarada Devi, who is blessing you this very minute? *God is subtly hidden in His name.*

‘But the channel must be de-blocked. Or you may be open but not receiving. The receiving channel can be cleared as soon as ego is eradicated, and the man becomes a fit vehicle for God. His mind will be a vehicle which has been M.O.T(h.e.r)'d. This MOT(h.e.r) is the blissful accelerator which enables the devotee's mind to travel without light. As you think, so you are, immaterial of day or night. Time is immaterial...

‘The devotee will eventually acknowledge that God is manifesting energetically, *Shaktily*, through love's lightning flash. People can receive God without going in bliss, if God manifests Himself - or Itself; with form or without form is immaterial, light has no particularity. The subtlety of light permeates the body of the devotee. You may call it pain, but it is a flashing pain. You keep God in your heart in the form of light...

‘So bliss, ecstasy, is not outside you, for you to seek it. It's a false knowledge to go and seek ecstasy and bliss outside. Light is within. That light takes the garb of darkness, appears as you, me, Radha and Krishna, playful, romantic - and eternal. That's His maya, His play, His lila. He seeks His devotees first. "Give Me a pearl," He says, "Don't give Me a sham." To get pearls you have to dive deep; just mere floating - what will that do?

‘... Worship the guru, then worship your Ishta, then merge in your Ishta. And don't be monotonous. All these Gods manifest as these beings, so whatever is the simplest way - step in there. God's heart is wide open. Shouldn't you open yours a little bit, for access? For wealth in heavenly bank?

‘... [But] if you want to have light you have to be in contact with light, not with darkness. To receive light you have to be light yourself. You are the light of Brahman, and Brahman is again the Wish-fulfilling Tree. God has become the nectar fruit and that fruit has given seed of you, me, and us. But we have been pecked by the birds of desires. So we think we are not worthy to be even offered to these Gods. But when the attitude changes, men become children of the Immortal. Then, "All are my brothers" - God in the form of the holy man, God in the form of the crook, of the rogue, of the yogi.

‘Therefore you have to have discrimination, and discrimination you will get not by keeping yourself in darkness but in light. This light is God, and God is the wisdom in your dark, perturbed, gloomy thought and condition... So many things are lurking in the

subconscious of the mind, so you must not be affected by this world. Not being affected by this world is a great step to realization. So simple! But you must not be a hypocrite and say you are not affected when you are... So practise this, yours affectionately...

‘...We will end this book quickly by reading p.199.

[*Reads:*] "...when she [Holy Mother] left the body. Under Reverend Sarat Maharaj's instructions her clothes were changed and the body was placed on a clean bed. Incense was burned. They were all sitting at a distance, steeped in sorrow, when one of them happened to notice that rays of light were emanating from her face and spreading around. At this he shouted out in excitement, "Look, look, the face of the Mother has become luminous!" All eyes were turned towards her face. They were all speechless and looked at one another saying, "What is this? What is this? Whence has this effulgence come? We have never seen it before." The heart of everyone was filled with joy divine. They started singing a song about the Mother..."

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