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Baba's Love and Teachings

The love Bhagawan showered on me was so immense and I am grateful to Him for that and constantly strive to live in His thoughts and words. The more time I am away from Him physically the more I started thinking of Him. After finishing my academic education in SSSIHL, I had requested Swami to give me an opportunity to be in His immediate physical presence to practice what I learnt there in Parthi. Here I share with you a couple of teachings.

During the winter of 1990, Swami went to Brindavan. I was working in the accommodation office and was really restless being away from the physical proximity of the Divine. So I decided to go to Brindavan against the advice my peers and well wishers. Swami graciously accepted me there in Brindavan and talked to me frequently. This made me to stay there till Swami returned to Parthi. On the day Swami returned He called me and asked to follow Him in the entourage that followed Him. Near Gokulam I saw my peers standing and waiting for Swami and I gleefully greeted them. In the next morning when Swami called the Gokulam boys and myself for the interview, one of the boys said Swami though we wanted to come to Brindavan for Your darshan we could not come as we were busy doing Swami's work and could not come out of the place. Swami smiled understanding our plight and made a beautiful statement. '*Karma chesedi tirigi karma cheyakunda vundadam kosame*'. Meaning in plain English 'one performs action only not to make actions again'. All of us pondered again and again over that statement and finally requested Swami to explain the meaning. Then Swami said whatever the actions you are doing are not for my sake. You are performing those actions only to make sure that you do not have to perform any actions later. In another way one has to perform actions with the soul objective of getting liberated, not with the objective of pleasing someone or because you are asked to perform by another.

In another context Swami explained the theory of Karma philosophy. In the year 1990, Swami gave all the institute boys and some guests a discourse inside the bhajan hall. One of the senior students spoke before Swami and prayed Swami to answer his dilemma. The dilemma is, according to theory of Karma one has to bear the fruits of good karma and bad Karma. As a part of life one performs various good and bad karmas. How does one know his good and bad karmas are even? It is understandable if some one has to take birth to bear the fruits of his bad karmas. But even to bear the fruits of good karma also if one has to take birth where is the end to the cycle of birth and death. This theory, if correct, discourages people from doing good work too. We were startled by this new theory and started praying Swami to give us the right direction. Our loving God always wants to answer your prayer when it is genuine. In His discourse Swami gave a very beautiful answer. One has to bear the fruits of ones actions. Whether it is good or bad one has to get the fruits. There is even out of good or bad actions. Each actions has its own reflection, reaction and resound. This will continue forever..... but there is a way to get out of this cycle of birth and death cycle. That is simple. Dedicate all your actions to God. Do not associate yourself with the action. Remove the big 'I' from all your actions and dedicate to the Lord. Then you are only a witness of actions and the fruits of your actions will not touch. What a wonderful answer. While we were discussing about that later in the evening one of my fellow members said when you know that you are dedicating all the actions to God, you make sure that you do good actions only as we do not want to offer an impure or dirty actions to God. Thus all our actions will become pure.

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