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Just an other vessel, as He ferries us towards the golden shores....

As we sail our way from the darkness of ignorance to Light...

svāgatam

Salutations to Maha Ganapathi
- the Embodiment of the Pranava – AUM
Which arose as the Foremost in the manifest creation!



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Charanāmṛth is here greeting us on this Chitha Nakshathra.

Charanāmṛth, an electronic journal embodying ŚrīPāda's grace, guiding HIS folks on the path of bhakthi, gnyana, karma.

'Ananda' is the nature of the Self. It refers to the timeless dimension of contentment.

We can enter this zone of eternal joy, if we transcend fear, desire, ego, etc.

Recall ŚrīPāda Vallabha's words, relating to the Ananda-maiya kosha, which He terms as Golden Pithikapuram'. Golden Pithikapur or Golden Shirdi is not bound or defined by physical dimensions.

To make this 'inner zone' accessible to all, to abide here permanently, ŚrīPāda Vallabha, out of HIS immense love, has sent us this boat. This platform is akin to this boat – as ŚrīPāda had defined it for our understanding.

We are here to sail our way from limited awareness to HIS Eternal Consciousness.

Charanāmṛth is just a part from HIS Boat of Grace. There's more in the Vessel.

We are here to share love and care; not hate

We are here to ascend...

Humility is indeed beautiful. Let's surrender at the Guru's Feet.



From the Dwarakamai

From Chapter 39, Sri Sai Sat Charith.

The veil or the film over it is the 'agnyana' which necessarily needs to be dispelled. The darkness of ignorance has to be driven away. 'Gnyana' is to be realized, not taught. With the removal of 'agnyana', 'gnyana' is realized. That the world is real is a great illusion. That is the dark veil over 'gnyana'. This has to be dispelled first. Then only, the true Self or the Divinity will manifest, which is the ultimate 'gnyana'. With the grace of the Guru, the veil of Maya is removed and the devotee experiences the ultimate Truth – which is the real 'gnyana'. 'Gnyana' is to be realized. It is not something which can be taught.

- Shirdi Sai Baba



An excerpt from Charithamrtham

Contents in puraana are not at all pieces of fiction. Their general meaning is different. Their inner essence is different. Only for those spiritual aspirants who observe rigorous spiritual discipline, the inner meanings of the puraana flash in their mental horizon.

- Chapter 24



Awareness - On the Path of Gnyana Yoga

Knowledge in its primitive level, is based more on gross vibrations, which means it relies more on verbal communication, physical sights or senses that feed in.

This gross or material knowledge is of the lower mode. It can be altered based on physical conditions; worldly abstractions and thus subject to variations. Because of its inconsistency and its dependency on external factors, it lacks clarity and transient.

Awareness when in an expanded state, is not subject to conditions of the physical world. It holds clarity, insight from a higher perspective and guides the being towards progress.

Awareness in its expanded state is not through the objects or senses of the world; That said, it does not rely on what is read or seen or heard. It blossoms from an inner knowing. This wisdom is constant, unaffected and untainted.

The expansion of awareness from its primitive to advanced, can be observed in the invocation of the Gayathri Mantra: ***bhūr bhuvah suvah***

Marking the ascension from lower physical states (conditioned) to higher real states (liberated/free).

As Sai Baba had stated in Sat Charitha, when the moss is removed, it shines on its own. When the darkness is removed, Light is eminent.

Likewise, when ignorance is unveiled, knowledge shines on its own.



As a being in the gross world, one is bound to conditions of the world; causing us to remain rooted in ignorance. Towards Higher states of Awareness, what is required is effort and churning. Churning can happen through Karmic effects and/or through Guru's grace.

Of course, Faith, Compassion, Selflessness and nobility facilitate ascension in awareness.

But it is to be noted that without Bhakthi, Gnyana is neigh impossible.

All efforts of the world, can only lead to a certain point which might not open doors to higher states of awareness.

Guru's grace is all that is required.

The journey is the mastery of transformation on the path of action that leads to knowledge. (On the path of Karma, coupled with bhakthi, that leads to Gnana!!)

Quoting Adi Shankara,

It isn't yoga, if the subtle body of the individual, along with the mind, prana is unaffected.

In other words, it is yoga only when the individual consciousness is led to realizing its union with the Universal consciousness.

Our evolving into higher states of Awareness will usher in a new Age of Light.



ŚrīPāda's Call to Higher Dimensions

The Charithamrth conveys lessons of deep wisdom in gross terms, so as to make it accessible for seekers across dimensions.

Meaning: Each reader can grasp the meaning as per the state of his/her awareness, rather as that is required for him or her in their particular states of awareness.

It leads in the transition of awareness from the gross to the subtle; from the material to the higher.

So when Sripada mentions HIS Dharbar, it happened in the physical so as to give a hint to the forth coming generations of devotees; that the Dharbar can as well be happening in the subtler or higher dimensions as well.

That HIS Dharbar is not confined to conditions of time and space.

It is an eternal happening in the cosmic or boundless space.

Regarding HIS mention of the Mahasamasthan that is to be formed in the coming centuries, it can relate to both the happenings in the gross and the subtler plane. While in the gross world, it is about the establishment of the structure and the organization; it could have deeper levels of meaning on the higher realm.



Establishment of HIS Maha Samasthan could also mean the establishment of HIS Sovereignty – which means HIS rule, HIS reign.

And how does this happen in a higher level or on the plane of Truth?

On an individual level - when a being follows the path of absolute surrender and allows the Higher Self to rule over his/her limited self;

On a universal level – When collective souls wake up to this understanding and allow the expansion of their awareness, it is indeed the establishment of HIS rule.

Establishing HIS Kingdom means to allow ‘bliss’ and contentment being the only experience for us. Where fear or anxiety or pain or any of those lower vibrations are at the bay, away from reach.

This indeed is the highest human experience and absolute awakening to Truth. This is our inherent Nature.

Sripada’s call to Golden Pithikapur, is our awakening to the Consciousness/Truth or the Self. It is our waking up to Sat Chit Ananda.

Let us contemplate....

Recalling Sripada Vallabha’s words from chapter 28,

“Witness the future programme to the full satisfaction of your eyes. You will understand the significance of My incarnation and the special sportive play filled with Divine joy and mirth.”



Understanding the Higher states of awareness from Sripada Charithamrth again.
Quoting from Chapter 43.

Happiness is within the reach of all jeeva. But sorrow always accompanies this happiness (the nature of which is transience).

One, who has no desires, derives pure joy.

A yogi experiences ecstasy.

Bliss is a matter related to Parameswara.

So worldly knowledge may grant happiness which is transient, subject to conditions.

A higher state of awareness confers joy.

Ascending further high, one may derive ecstasy and eventually bliss.

These are constant and lets the being enjoy liberation (free from being affected by the conditions of the world).

Hence let us invoke the Higher wisdom, inherent within us.

For which, we need to first let go off our conditioning, ready to stand unveiled;

Thus discard the false knowledge, unlearn and unwind and be ready to ascend.

Digambara Digambara Sripada Vallabha Digambara



From Śrī Sripāda Vallabha Sahasranāma

Aum m̐hā kārana loka-adheesvarā ya namaḥ

**Meaning: Lord of the Higher dimensions/realms
(In other words, Lord of those in higher states of awareness).**

Aum suvarnaloka pradharśa kā ya namaḥ

**Meaning: Lord Who reveals the joy of the higher states of awareness
(Or Who brought to perceptibility, the higher/golden realms of
existence).**



Symbolism of the Three Heads

It is well known that most often Dattatreya is depicted with three heads.

Datta Purana, and the ancient Dattatreya Upanishad states Dattatreya physically appeared with One face only.

Even Sripada Charithamrth testifies to this statement saying Sripada Vallabha bore the exact resemblance to Dattatreya of yore.

So what about this depiction with three heads?

As we all know, Ancient Scriptures are handed down to us through time.

Any depiction or description is veiled with several layers of deeper wisdom.

It holds a variety of currents within itself. Each revealing its deeper essence to those ready to receive the same.

Unravelling the layers of meaning, requires 'Faith' and 'Patience' as Baba often states.

The three heads denote the Primordial Power, Absolute Mastery in Ichcha, Gnyana and Kriya. Dattatreya is addressed as

Adi Guru Rupa Iccha Shakthi Gnyana Shakthi Kriya Shakthi Swarupa.

Just an intent is enough from HIS side, there is instant manifestation of the same.

This is referred to as Brahma Tatva.



Gnyana is the quintessence of 'all that is'. It is not merely knowledge. But it is the essence of absolute wisdom and realization. Here, the one who sees (seer), that which is seen (object) and the act of seeing is merged as One. Dwaita diminishes.

In all that is Created or in all that is manifest, realisation of 'I am That' is realised. 'Tat Vam Asi' – Seeing/Realising Oneself to be present in all – is the ultimate Gnyana Shakthi.

With this realisation or 'gnyana' all that is created is sustained.

This is the Vishnu Tatva.

Kriya Shakthi is the act of transformation. Kriya is not to be confused with karma, which is limited and bound by conditions. While karma is born of cause and effect, reinforcing separation; Kriya is from a stand point of absolute Gnyana/realization, depicting Oneness.

Kriya is transmutation from conflict to calm; from agitation to peace; from attachment to detachment; from ego to altruism; from karma to rest.

That which is manifested by mere will,

That which is identified as One with the Self/consciousness,

Certainly has to be transformed. All that is created is subject to transformation.

This power of transformation is identified as the Rudra Tatva.

Dattatreya is empowered with these three primordial powers.

To depict the same, HE is portrayed as One with three heads for understanding.

Digambara Datta Digambara Sripada Vallabha Digambara



Establishing Sripada Vallabha's Rajya On an Individual Level

When Light reigns the land and wisdom governs the Self, it is indeed the establishment of Golden Rule - Ram Rajya – the establishment of Sripada Vallabha's Kingdom. It is our journey back to fearlessness, selflessness, painlessness and rest.

It is our journey back to breaking free from suffering.

It is our eternal home – state of absolute peace and contentment.

– the golden age of mankind!

This is the highest human experience and it is certainly possible.

Those who are ready receive the call.

Those who answer the call are on their way there.

And those who have discarded all baggage, have arrived.

JAI SAI RAM



A Little Sanskrit

*yoga-yukto viśuddhātmā vijitātmā jitendriyaḥ
sarva-bhūtātma-bhūtātmā kurvann api na lipyat*

*Those armed with Yoga, such Yogi's having subdued the senses are victorious
to still the mind (silence the thoughts);*

*Such yogis see the Self in every being and thus rise above the sense of
'doership'.*

yoga-yukto - armed / empowered by Yoga

viśuddhātmā - the pure /untainted Self

vijitātmā jitendriyaḥ - victorious having subdued the senses and stilled the mind

sarva-bhūtātma-bhūtātmā - see the Self in every living being.

kurvann api na lipyat – They are not entangled by actions



Thought for the Day

ŚrīPāda remarked *that no one should be hated in this Creation, and when we hate any one, such hatred will ultimately reach Him only. – Chap 48.*

Let's remind ourselves to always be calm, if we cannot be kind to all. When we are kind to another, what we receive in return is a 'blessing'.

The fuel that is required for life's journey to move on, is 'blessings'. Blessings cannot be brought with the materials of the world. Blessings need to be earned.

When we are compassionate towards another, when we are kind to those in pain, what we receive back is pure blessing.

Kindness is the easiest way to reap HIS blessings in abundance.



punar darshanāya

***punar darshanāya punar harshanāya
Śrī Guru kripā varshanāya***

Until we meet again, in a peaceful manner (on a note of contentment)

Let us all be showered with Sri Guru's blessings!

With Sri Guru's blessings, the next episode will be available at the link for
the next Chithra nakshatra @

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Jai Guru Datta Digambara

Jai Sainatha Digambara

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