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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

Lord Ganapathi

*Salutations to Him who eliminates hurdles
Who spreads love and grace everywhere*



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Greetings on this auspicious Chitra Nakshatra.

When every moment is worthy of celebrating Sri Guru's eternal presence, when every day we offer our attention unto Him, it is of unspeakable significance that once every month, a day specially marked for HIM – we look forward to – so as to offer our undivided attention and unconditional love unto HIM Who is by our side, with us, within us and surrounds us all along the way.

Yes, Chitra nakshatra is indeed special, for it is an occasion for ardent devotees of Sripada – a special day which calls for our undivided attention unto Him.

The day is ruled by Planet Mars (mangala), the position of Who determines our stations in worldly life. Hence, worshipping Him on this day, helps the one who worships.

That said, devotees of the Guru look forward to Chitra nakshatra, to celebrate HIS presence, to chant His name & commemorate His Charithra and live His teaching.

Charanamrth is just another medium, an other boat, bridging the gap between shores (individual mind and Divine consciousness).

We are here to transmit His love!

We are here to celebrate His presence!

Humility is indeed beautiful!

Digambara Digambara Sripada Vallabha Digambara!



From the Dwarakamai

Wherever there is devotion, full of faith, I am entirely in its power always.

Have no doubts about this. Otherwise, I am unattainable.

If the listeners listen to this narrative with faith, then greater faith will be kindled and they will easily experience heavenly bliss and will abide in a state of contentment.

The devotees shall be led to realizing their own self.

The soul will be in tune with the Supreme Self.

The inconceivable and the formless will be understood by them and the Life Spirit will manifest. Such is the aim of this narrative.

What else can one desire?

This is also the goal of the Scriptures.

The devotees will be enriched because of this.

- Sainath Maharaj, Chap 2.



Sri Guru's Eternal Presence

"I will remain in Gandharvapura in the form of Narasimha Sarasvathi just as I am in Pithikapuram. I will seek Bhiksha in Gandharvapura exactly during midday. These will be clearly witnessed by those with yogic insight."

- Sripada Vallabha, Chapter 11

It has been the age-old tradition at Ganagapur, unique and special. It is believed that Sri Guru Narasimha Saraswathi, arrives there in some form or the other, and receives 'bhiksha' every noon, unfailingly at Ganagapur. Well, it shall be an understatement if it is merely called as a 'belief'. Rather, it is proved and it remains a 'fact' to this day.

Yes, the Supreme Master Narasimha Saraswathi is present there unseen and every noon, He walks in disguise and receives the 'bhiksha' (an offering of food with love) from His devotees. This has been happening since the last several hundred years.

This system of the Guru visiting His devotees in disguise and receiving the 'bhiksha' for which, several devotees visit from other towns, states and even countries - is called 'Madhukariya' (madhukari in the local terms). It loosely translates to 'a work of nectar' - the system of offering nectar to the Divine.

To keep with the tradition and partake of the Divine joy of blessings, devotees to this day assemble at noon at the Sangama, and seek bhiksha in the many households present there. As per the description of an avadhuth in the long past, "devotees gather here believing Datta seeks bhiksha at noon. When Adi Guru walks bare foot beneath the hot sun, seeking bhiksha, it only befits us as His devotees, to follow Sri Guru's footsteps. The least we can do is, while here physically, we too, walk to every house believing Datta is along with us in a form unseen or incomprehensible to our sight."



Belief /Reason behind the Tradition of Madhukarya

By this act,

- one enrolls voluntarily in the bhiksha system which is intrinsic in Datta Sampradaya
- one practices humility
- it is a reminder that Datta alone is the True Giver
- one embraces the system of 'adwaitha' where the distinction is dissolved
- as it is believed that Lord Datta in disguise seeks bhiksha, the devotee considers it as a rare blessing to join Lord Datta in disguise.



Live Presence - Experience Proves

An extract from comprised Sri Guru Charithra's by Acharya Ekirala Bharadwaja.

On my second visit to Ganagapur, I ignorantly exclaimed to a fellow ascetic who was seated by my side, expressing my doubt about Sri Guru visiting every noon for bhiksha. The ascetic was startled as I voiced my doubt. The elderly ascetic said that he had been visiting the sacred Ganagapur since very many years. And during one of his earlier visits in the earlier years, he was very eager to observe the people who seek bhiska at noon, just in his eagerness to see if he can possibly identify Sri Guru in disguise.

The eagerness gripped him so much so, that it had become one of his primary occupations, getting engrossed in observing the people seeking bhiksha at noon.

One day, when he was slightly asleep after reading a few chapters from the Guru Charithra, beneath the tree, he was graced with a dream. In the dream, an Avadhooth appeared, majestic and tall, in the attire of a Sanyasi, the form which was too bright to recognize and HE said, "Do not try to catch me amidst the group of visiting devotees. It is not your task to probe on it."

The voice was crystal clear and in an instant the bright Sanyasi disappeared from his vision. On waking up, the ascetic was startled and was sure that it was Sri Guru Himself Who appeared in the form of an Avadhuth Sanyasi in his dream. This further enhanced his interest in looking for Sri Guru amidst the visiting folk, for he was 100% sure that Sri Guru was appearing in disguise for bhiksha.



A few weeks later, one particular day the number of devotees at Ganagapur was unusually fewer. Considering it easier to observe if Sri Guru was in guise of anyone, the ascetic eagerly took bath at the river and was seated in the banks. But around 10 am itself, he felt catching fever and a tiredness took over him, that he went to sleep. When he woke up from sleep, it was almost 3 in the noon. Tired and hungry, he went to seek bhiksha as was his practise. But strangely none offered him that day. When he went to one household and asked why he wasn't being offered, the person asked, "Dint we offer you just a while ago when you came seeking bhiksha?" Surprisingly, many others seemed to ask the same Question.

It was very confusing to the ascetic. That night, the same avadhooth sanyasi appeared in his dream and said smilingly, "Did I not tell you, not to look out for Me. You cannot spot me with your physical eyes only. I went in your form and received bhiksha." Thus, the ascetic realised how in vain it is to logically unlock the puzzle Sri Guru sports.

It is a confirmed fact, that HE seeks bhiksha every noon at Ganagapur. Several devotees stand witness to this fact!

Here Sri Guru gives us a hint - **that HE is accessible only by means of Yogic Insight.**

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Sripada Vallabha – Live cosmic power (inherent in human Consciousness)

An inner space of learning is essential for true knowledge to flower.

Most profound healing occurs in the silence of the mind. Meditation is the way.

Consciousness holds all dimensions; smaller than the smallest; and it is greater than the greatest.

One Who is Seated in the Sahasrara chakra is Sripada Srivallabha Himself.

He is in the form of Light at the Sahasrara, seated on a thousand hooded snake.

His seat is also on the thousand petalled lotus.

It is addressed as the thousand hooded snake because, the energy within every manifest being, is coiled and appears in the form of a serpent.

This energy which is intrinsic in the living being, constitutes the energy body of a human being. It is not visible to the physical eyes because it isn't present as a physical system; nevertheless, it is present as a subtle body and as an essential and intrinsic part of every manifest being.

This energy existent within each, is most in its dormant state.

It has to be stirred to awake, and risen up.



Meeting with Sripada Vallabha

How does one get to meet with Sripada Vallabha?

HE is the One resident in the Sahasrara, it is essential that the living being too, raises his energy body, his energy, unlocking the chakras on the way and lead it to the Sahasrara, where one reaches the Feet of Sripada.

And how is it possible to do this?

It indeed might take several lifetimes of journey to the sahasrara.

While the fact is so, it is also true, that the steps you take in this lifetime, might as well escalate your ascension higher up and take you closer to His abode. You might as well get to meet Him right within you, face to face.

The timeline that is on the frame right now is very significant in answering the spiritual needs of aspirants. As in, a journey of several life times is coming to fruition for several souls across the globe.

To meet Him at His spot, one has to raise His energies and take it past the Ajna Chakra.

And for the chakras to unknot, dhyana or meditation is most essential.

In other words, meditation alone can help in stirring the dormant energy.

Meditation helps in shifting the focus inwards.



Sripada Vallabha is Ardhanareeswara.

It is essential for a human to find balance between his ida and pingala nadi.

Only when a human being ascends thus, it is possible for him to experience the golden state of existence.

For collective consciousness to experience the 'golden age', for the earth and its inhabitants to rise to higher levels, the Primordial Master – Adi Guru, Dattatreya, has paved paths, more than one – each suiting varied levels of aspirants/devotees.

The best way for one is to **surrender unconditionally.**

Jai Guru Datta Digambara

Jai Sainatha Digambara

Digambara Datta Digambara Sripada Vallabha Digambara



A Little Sanskrit

*Sripada vallabham caraṇam śaraṇam tava yātānām /
jananakleśam maraṇakleśam, nāśaya gamanāgamana kleśam //*

<i>caraṇam</i>	<i>Feet.</i>
<i>śaraṇam</i>	<i>Refuge</i>
<i>Tava</i>	<i>Your</i>
<i>yātānām</i>	<i>Of the living beings.</i>
<i>jananakleśam</i>	<i>Distress of birth.</i>
<i>marāṇakleśam</i>	<i>Torment of death.</i>
<i>nāśaya</i>	<i>Alleviate.</i>
<i>gamanāgamana kleśam</i>	<i>Torment of coming and going!</i>

Meaning: Dear Sripada Vallabha! The distressed ones here find refuge at your feet. Please dispel the sorrows of birth, the pangs of death, and the vexation of ceaseless cycles of coming and going!



From Sripāda Vallabha Sahāsrnāma

Aum moorkham api panditham vikalpa-karā ya namaḥ

Meaning: I greet/praise HIM with my consciousness, negating the limited 'me',
HE Who can transform a fool into a scholar by mere will.

Aum athyantha sat-bhakthi bandhā ya namaḥ

Meaning: HE Who is bound only by unshakeable Faith/devotion,
I greet or praise HIM with my consciousness, negating the limited 'me'.



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!

Closing this note with one of the most wonderful verses illustrating the essence of
universal harmony and wellbeing.

sarve bhavantu sukhinaḥ sarve santu nirāmayāḥ /

sarve bhadraṇi paśyantū mā kaścidduḥkhabhāg bhavet //

May all be fine; May all be free from infirmities;
May all see good; May none partake suffering.

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

Digambara Digambara ŚrīPāda Vallabha Digambara

