



Discourse by Sadguru

Place: **Tirupati**

Om SreeGurubhyoNamaha

GurumGurutaramGamyam

Guru gamyamgunakaram

Vandeguruttamamdevam

devavandyapambujam

Atman! Self-realization, it's not an easy thing to achieve. It is very near and also very far. Man tries to search outside everywhere for this self which is so close to him. He travels so far not knowing how near it could be. The root cause for this is the love he has towards Self. But really the search is not for the far away thing.

EshwarogururatmetiVyomatvyaptaropayadakshinamoortayenamaha means the Supreme Lord, omnipresent; omniscient; is residing in everything in the form of Self, without involving in any action and without touching any being. In the similar manner, a Guru is visible to every creature and acts in the same way. On the occasion of this Guru Poornima day (*Vyasapoornima*, *Ashadapoornima*) no matter how much is said, the substance is just this much. This time each one of you prepared a banner as a gift to express your love. Normally I would say no. I do not want to get attached to any felicitation. It might lead to passion. That is not correct. At the same time it's not correct to reject disciple's affection. It will disappoint them. I cannot take away your happiness from you for the sake of my principles. So I'm accepting your affection and devotion towards me with due respect and humbleness but not with ego or pride. Ashadapoornima is very valuable. Those who know the value of it travel to any distance to reach their Guru on that day and those who are unaware try to escape with any excuse. An absentee has no excuse to be absent in real, might suffer some kind sickness. Finally he will use that sickness as excuse to be absent. But the actual reason for the sickness is due his intention to be absent. Sometimes we show the same reason to be excused from work. Thus Guru or God understands his trouble finding the excuse, tries helps him by presenting this sickness. On the other hand, there are sincere disciples who do not want to miss the opportunity to worship Guru on this occasion so in spite of their sickness they attend the event. They do not want to even think of any excuse. In the similar manner they go to visit the great lord.

Atmanastukamayasarvampriyambhavati. Atman is liked by everyone. So we try to search for it. Either in childhood or young age or adulthood or old age or even before leaving the body the zeal to know about Self will arise in us. '*punaramimaranampunarapijananam*' Because, 'How



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many times should I be born and die in this manner?' this question does arise. Guru and Scriptures helps us in realizing where we reach once we leave this world.

TasmatsastrampramanyatekAryaakaryavyavasthita(*Bhagavat Gita Adhyaya 16*) meaning One should understand what is duty and what is not duty by the regulations of the scriptures. If those who are aware of the *sastras* or scriptures keep quite there will not be anybody to teach others about their duties. So as to preach these *sastras* God created pouranikas or historians like Vyasa. After listening to two hour discourse on our dharma if we do not concentrate properly, later we can't recollect even a bit of it. Thus a necessity arises for a Guru to remind us repeatedly of our dharma. Each one individually needs a Guru personally. That Guru must possess characteristics of a Sadguru who is following eternally spiritual lineage of great masters. If so that Guru should not be rejected. If this fact is ignored, you will be back to square one, lost in the cycle of rebirth and death since you are not yet aware of the secret of birth and death. So each one of us searches everywhere for the Self.

The mind, thoughts have no limits. It roams around in unlimited area due to unlimited characteristics. It goes anywhere. People try to even go to the moon in search of something. Nobody wants to visit the Sun though. We know why nobody wants to go there. The reason for wanting to go far far distances is to obtain something since we neglect the closest thing to us. The closest one to us is nothing other than *swatma* or our own Self. No matter how far you travel that which follows you always the Self. When materialistic worldly affairs increase, then you are moving far away from yourself. So when *swatma* is not seen, Guru is not seen and when Guru is not seen God is not seen too.

It was mentioned in LalithaSahasranamastotram as ...

Those who recite this stotram daily chant it so quickly to somehow complete it. After a while it becomes a headache to chant it every day. We murmur that Guru has asked us to do it so. In the same way *devatarchana*(see glossary for more details) becomes a burden. In some Brahmin families they have this tradition of worshiping the *panchayatana lingams* where they perform special Abhishekam with water and then apply sandalwood and offer flowers, lamp, harathi and finally offer food to the Lord.

Kaivalya or ultimate freedom can be obtained through knowledge. But even knowledge is also an *avarana* or obstacle for the final destination. Everyone asks for liberation. One woman came and asked me for the nirvana. It shouldn't be asked so. It doesn't take more than a second to attain. When a drop of water is poured onto, you will die in the next second. What do you mean by *moksha*? It is very dangerous to ask for it. I suggest my disciples not to ask for it. Indirectly you are asking for your death. When this world has everything filled with so many beautiful



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things when God has given you this life, experience it, enjoy it. Why should you die? Live and love everyone. Share your things with others. Enjoy in loving and sharing. Why do we want the moksha? We do not know what's in there. Did anybody who left this world come and tell you what is it after moksha?

Recently there has been news that a girl can speak of the previous births. Isn't that unreal? Those who are preaching untruth is deceiving *dharma* or righteousness. A Sadguru is needed to follow the path of righteousness. When that Sadguru is found then you should surrender towards his lotus feet. Never forget this. Why because Sadguru is rare to find. Why they are rare? When an *upasaka* has reached a certain stage attaining certain powers many people reach him. They are awakened by God and sent to make use of this great personality. But that *upasaka* gets mesmerized and lost due to flattery of these people. He falls from his yogic position he reached due to *sadhana* or spiritual practice. *Kshenepunyemartyalokavishanti* when his fruits of this Guru's good deeds end he falls from the brahma loka, satyaloka or any other higher levels of existence to this current world. So the Guru gets attracted to these materialistic affairs due to the influence of the followers and loses his virtue.

Today those who attended this event are virtuous people and also those who couldn't attend. Just like I have been examined by you I too test you to become my disciple. And only when you pass the exam you can be my disciple. I am at no loss of anything if you do not believe in. I am not looking for any marketing or advertisement. I'm afraid that I might fall spiritually due to too many followers and attention from people. I'm not interested in that.

I will be happy if mother goddess is contented with my efforts. I'm not looking for any felicitation or medals or awards. That is not my intention. Then what is my aim? For some or the other reason we are born in this world. After that there arises a desire to preach *dharma* or awaken righteousness among the humanity.

The worldly affairs bring the *sadhaka* down. First comes education, then a job, then marriage, then comes children and to take care of all these family members money is needed.

Dhanammoolamidam jagat. Everything revolves around money in this world. All these bond the person to materialistic matters. There are so many matters to which we need to be detached otherwise downfall might happen.

We need to take care of ourselves not to get attached in any of these worldly matters. Some disciples plead the Sadguru to take care of them to keep their mind clean. One disciple asked me Guruji can you please clean my untidiness? I said first let me clean my own dirt then I can think of yours later. He said "Guruvugaru I tried my best to cleanse myself but I'm indulging more and



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more into these worldly bonds, you are the only one who can help me”. While cleansing the disciples my hands are getting untidy. I hope you are getting the point in my words. I’m trying to explain spirituality through practical examples. The more you try to practice spirituality the more ignorance sticks to you. If you are in the illusion that I practiced a lot, I learnt a lot, I attained lot of knowledge then, you are mistaken. If you have become a great knowledgeable person then you will enter into immense silence.

I can explain better when I talk silently. How is it possible to talk silently? Antarmounam or inward silence contains lot of power and strength. When words are used to communicate then strength is used for it. But in case of *antarmouna* the words directly hit the heart to the core. Then knowledge arises and the individual awakens. When the disciple awakens he turns into a indestructible strength and protects the worldly eternal dharma.

Is *sanathana dharma* or eternal righteousness applicable to only Bharatdes? It is spread all over the world. In the name of Guru, supreme lord runs this act of *dharma*. We are supposed to perform our own duties. There is no doubt in that. We have to earn money for our living. We should take care of the family and dependents. We need to follow the dharma of a married household person. Why? That is your duty. Once, a married person asked me to depart *Sanyasato* him. Why is *sanyasa* required? If everybody takes *sanyasa* then God has nothing to do. The trio, Brahma; Vishnu; and Maheshwara are left with no work. It is dangerous.

Vamana requested for 3 feet of space. Bali Chakravarthy thought that’s not a big deal. His Guru Sukracharya warned him to be careful that the one who is begging is not just any common Brahmin but Lord Vishnu. He tried to save his disciple Bali from the upcoming danger. Bali said that’s great to donate to the great lord who is husband of the wealth goddess Lakshmi. Sukracharya tried to obstruct his disciple Bali in any manner. So he squeezed himself into the water jug which Bali tried to oblate while donating the 3 feet to Vamana. Bali poked the mouth of the jug with a stick for the free flow of water. As a result Sukracharya lost one of his eyes. This means that a great Guru is ready to sacrifice anything to protect his disciple. In the lineage of Sadgurus, a Guru always tries to take care of disciples and takes up to any trouble for their good. Then Bali poured water into Vamanas hands thus donating 3 feet. Vamana grew enormous in size and put one foot on the skies, one on the earth and then asked Bali where he can put the third one. Bali showed his head immediately. If I ask to give away one month salary people run away and never come to me. In case they do, a question arises for them ‘Should I give again on *Ashadapournima*?’ Yesterday a man made a phone call to me and asked ‘Guruvugaru, tomorrow for the Guru Poornima, are all the necessary accommodations taken care of?’ I said yes, yes. Then he asked ‘Do they also arrange for the clothes that we present to



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the Guru?'. He is not small kid. He is aware of the customs and traditions. He is bearing a good position in the society taking care of big responsibility. Can I say anything to him? I said, 'that's fine, clothes are something that you present based on your interest and respect. Each one is bringing their own pair. There is no such arrangement here'. This proves the way how mistakenly worldly affairs are mixed up with spiritual matters. I'm just trying to bring to your attention to explain you more clearly about spirituality but otherwise I do not have any grudge towards that person. Ignorance needs to be removed, in case if anyone of you had similar thoughts then this example might help you to clear those mistakes. It is Sadguru's job to purify the disciple's thoughts. Sadguru is the real walking form of God in this world.

Few minutes ago an incident happened just here. When they have seen this beautiful swing in the middle of the hall they asked me to sit here since it looks nice and comfy to Guruvugaru. But nobody noticed the broom stick erected just few feet away from the swing. Once I sat on this then everybody noticed all those brooms and everything. I didn't feel bad even a bit. There is no need to worry. You know why, because a Guru is like a broom that cleans away all the dirt of ignorance from your mind. *Gnanjanasalakaya*. Spirituality must be perceived in every little and big matter. Every happening must be observed and analyzed carefully.

The way you look at this world the same manner it looks at you. In the similar manner a Guru is understood the way we look at him. The whole point is in the way we perceive. Disciples are seen the way Guru treats them. God is present everywhere. He examines us through every form. Initially I have been respected by a garland and later I noticed that I have been seated next to these unpleasant things. So he tested me if I change my mood when I have seen the broom stick. Spirituality is to treat equally pleasant and unpleasant, happy and sadness etc.

There are few disciples who are very well aware of the results of worshipping Guru on *Ashadapournima*. Two years ago they performed the Guru pooja and as a result obtained whatever they were yearning for. We had the event happen in Srisailam. Every year I normally run away from the Guru pooja event. But from that year onwards, to give them an opportunity to the disciples, to fulfill their wishes, I humbly accepted their Guru pooja. They waited for more than 5-6 hours to receive me. All of the disciples were intimated about the pooja. I already am aware of who will be present there. Disciples have come and received the blessings of Sadguru.

One of the disciple thought that there are too few people attending the event. There must be at least a 100 of crowd. Why do we need 100 at all? I told him how lord Siva looks like. He had that vision, so if you want further details you can talk to him. Last year we had the pooja perform in Hyderabad. [Guruvugaru further describes the Gurupooja that happened in Srisailam]



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Always bring noble thoughts into your mind. *Pramadovaymrutyuhu.mrutyuor* death has no special existence. It comes in the form of danger. I'm not scared of anything. When there are two then there is fear. When there is just one thing then what to fear of. When I assume that everyone listening to me is also my Guru then what should I be afraid of. Then there is difference between the listener and the speaker. I have no feeling that you all are listening to me and I'm the one teaching you. So fear kills and destroys the individual. Do not be scared. Stay calm and fearless. I'm always with you, behind you and in front of you. I always walk with you showing you the path.

I'm trying to preach you whatever I follow. I do not like to teach you to live in one manner and I act in another. Sacredness is not attained by touching a sacred thing. This is spirituality. Scripture is scripture and applying those rules is different. A Sadguru raised to a certain level does know what purity is. I read this story 20 years ago. A pious Brahmin visited Shirdi Sadguru Sainath when he was having lunch with onion. A question rouses in his mind, 'How can an onion eater lead me spiritually?' Sainath who turned to the other side and eating suddenly said, 'I'm eating onion so I can't teach you anything'. Since the learned scholar Brahmin has been worshipping lord Siva all these days immediately realized the greatness of Saibaba, surrendered onto him and said 'You are the only one who can teach me nobody else'. If it was some other common man he would have left that place without knowing the greatness of the Sadguru.

I quit my job to help out those needy in the spiritual path. I will try my best to up lift the disciples. I wish that this occasion of Guru pooja is performed in unity, with respect, devotion by all the disciples to attain the blessings of Sadguru.

DharmasyaJayostu

AdharmasyaNasostu

PranishuSadbhavanastu

Hara HaraMahadeva.