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- Radha and Krishna seem to be different but Lord Krishna Himself incarnated as Radha. Radha is not different from Krishna. Krishna incarnated as Radha in order to give us an ideal showing how to love God and how to focus the mind and intellect upon God in order to secure His Grace. But you always have a misconception that Radha is the devotee and lover of Krishna. Radha is not different from Krishna. Krishna incarnated as Radha only to exemplify how the Lord has to be adored in order to secure Him. Radha is the means (represents spiritual practices) and Krishna is the goal (the object of spiritual practices). Krishna showed us in the form of Radha how the spiritual practices are performed and how Krishna is attained through them.
- The Vedas have mentioned more about the Karma kanda. The Upanishads have mentioned more about Jnana. The Lord has balanced both and narrated the Bhagavad Gita. A person cannot be devoid of ego. Therefore the words of a person cannot be taken as authority. Therefore the Lord said in the Gita: 'If your life is based on scriptures, considering them as the authority, you will then attain Me ie you will secure liberation'.

Do not trust the human love. The scriptures said: 'Human love resembles the weather'. The weather always keeps changing. If it is hot now, it may suddenly become cold in an hour. But there is no wavering in the Divine Love. There is wavering in human love. Only God's Love is reliable and trustworthy. Our Mother, Father, friend, spiritual practices and liberation – all of them are God only. But we lack reverence for God.

- Many people state that they are unable to carry out their house hold work. If they do any little work beneficial to the society, they boast of themselves reforming the society as well as the entire nation. The Lord said: 'A true devotee and a Karma Yogi never work to display their pomp and show'. Some people practice virtue but they do it only as a show off and for being praised by others. They are honoured in this world but their life after death is a big zero. Many worldly people work only for the sake of show off. They practice virtue neither out of reverence for it nor out of belief that it is going to reform them. They practice virtue only for the sake of being honoured. You are 100% worldly people. Who is devoid of world related tendency? If virtue is practiced only for the sake of show off, it represents worldliness.
- The Lord said: 'A true devotee expresses his love for others in the form of his work'. He alone is a true devotee who expresses his love for his fellow beings and society not through any market related words but through his deeds. Such work alone can be referred to as true work. Such work alone purifies a person and leads towards his liberation. Whatever may be the work, whoever may be served, one who expresses his love in the form of work (deeds), he alone can be referred to as Karma Yogi. The Lord said: 'Such Karma Yogis reach Me after their death'. This is called as Krama mukti (gradual liberation). Work is also an expression of Love. One who expresses their Love in the form of work, is referred to as Yogi. Hence they get liberated who perform their work as Yoga and not as Karma ie grumbling it to be their destiny.
- Lord Krishna is the personification of all the gods. When you chant out: 'Achyutam, Anatham, Govindam, Keshavam, Jagannatham, Ramam,

Narayanam etc.', the salutation done to Keshava reaches out to all the gods.

- An egoistic person feels that his family people, villagers and countrymen should be within his control and listen to his words. Such people are only called as demons.
- Kamsa sent Akrura to bring Krishna to Mathura. Krishna and Balarama waited for this message. The Gopikas pleaded with Lord Krishna not to leave Brindavan. Radha said: 'As a person abandons his torn clothes, you are abandoning us, Oh! Krishna'. Gopikas love is incomprehensible. Their love is desirless. Contrarily your love is filled with desire. When you visit a temple or visit pilgrim centres like Tirupathi, Kasi, Arunachalam etc., or perform Girivalam ie circumambulate around the Holy Hill, you won't do them without desiring anything. You are totally ruined. It doesn't matter if you keep quiet inspite of being ruined but you criticize the Gopikas. Gopikas are the purest of the pure. They are not aware what is meant by desire. Discretion less people are rebuking the discretion filled Gopikas! So many people are sitting here. Is there atleast one person who adores God and meditates upon Him only for the sake of God? Then how dare you criticize the Gopikas? Remember that Gopikas are Maharishis and Yogis.
- When you take birth, you are full of attributes. You are completely within the control of Maya ie take birth, sustain and die within the ambit of Maya. But God's birth is not like any human birth. It is referred to as incarnation. Why does God incarnate? He incarnates in order to protect the virtuous and to punish the vice. Every deed of Krishna is

filled with love, peace, bliss and glory. You may think that Krishna is in Brindavan. But that Krishna dwells here itself within the Heart as the indweller. However He is not revealed due to lack of adequate spiritual strength.

- God is Poorna Kama ie the one who has all the desires fulfilled. All the full moon days in a year getting consolidated into a single day represents the incarnation of Lord Krishna. Such is the beauty and glory of Krishna's incarnation.
- You are born with attributes but the Lord is born without any attributes. You are bound by your work but the Lord is not bound by His work. You work with an expectation of result. The work yields a result and you try to experience it. But a body is needed for this purpose. Once the body comes, none can stop the sorrow. You work but only for the fulfillment of your selfish motives. The devotees and yogis express their love in the form of work. The secret of Lord's birth is: 'Though He is born, He is equivalent to not born'. The secret of Lord's work is: 'Though He performs work, He is equivalent to non doer'. God is beyond the world. His birth as well as work is beyond the world. One who understands this very well attains the birth less state.
- Whoever chants the name of Lord devotedly, their body, mind and intellect get purified. Without being the purest of the pure, none can merge in God.
- It is true that all of you have devotion to a certain extent. But you also have the world related fever to a greater extent. You don't have God

related madness but it is 100% true that you have world related madness. Therefore you are unable to understand the Lord's words. Your mind is unable to grasp them. You don't think thus: 'The Lord has mentioned these words. But I am unable to understand them. I don't have the required past merit, concentration and subtle intellect to understand them'. Rather you feel that the Lord's words are essence less and listening to them is a waste of time.

- God exists as the indweller in everyone. He said: 'I am the breath of your breath. I am witness to your every deed'. Your fellow beings may not know your thoughts but God knows them immediately. It is because He exists as indweller within the Heart.
- A task may be big or small from your perspective. But for a person with Love, all the tasks whether big or small are one and the same.
- The Lord doesn't look at your work. He only looks at the intention behind the work.
- The Lord said: 'Liberation cannot be secured without purification of the mind. Whatever Yoga you may adopt, the purification of the mind must be secured'. The Lord further said: 'If you can Love Me like Radha, you will secure purity of mind immediately much faster than the journey through an aeroplane'.
- One who feels his work to be burdensome is bound by its results. One who performs His work willingly and lovingly becomes a Yogi.

- A devotee asked Bhagavan: 'Will the householders get liberation or they need to adopt Sanyasa for that sake?' Bhagavan replied: "The householders think: 'I am a householder. I am unable to bear the burden of my family'. People wearing saffron dress think: 'I am a Sanyasin. I am a Swamiji. Who will worship my feet?' The Brahmachari thinks: 'I am a Brahmachari. I am a Brahmachari'. Hence all the three ie householder, Sanyasin and Brahmachari have the ego sense. None of them have transcended it. Therefore all the three cannot secure liberation. Irrespective of whether you are a householder or a Sanyasin the ignorance has to be lost. Until Self Realization is secured, the ignorance cannot be lost".
- Once you start working, the ego sense gets converted into doer-ship. As God is egoless, He doesn't have doer-ship. When a person works without doer-ship, he doesn't incur any sin despite destroying all the three worlds.
- God is the director and we are merely the puppets in His hands. Whoever may do whatever work, it is all driven by God. By forgetting this, you get bounded in this world. The dolls namely physical bodies play according to God's directions. Everyone may start claiming: 'I am playing my role. I am playing my role'. But are there so many people to make such claim? No. God alone is the driver. Unless you have God's Grace, this fact cannot be understood.
- If possible, honour the Mahatmas and Holy men but don't dishonor them. On dishonouring them, the ill effects of it will be manifold.

- Sometimes even the riches become the cause of your ruin. It is alright if you are able to restrain the riches but if you are unable to restrain them, they will lead you towards bad habits. When your positive aspects cannot be restrained, they will lead you towards danger.
- For some people, God Himself is the Ultimate wealth. The poorest of the poor need not feel: 'I have no wealth'. God Himself is their biggest wealth.
- Some people convert their sorrow also into good. On looking at an aged person and a dead person, Buddha became dispassionate and got converted into Gautama Buddha. If Arjuna was not sorrowful, Bhagavad Gita would not have come into existence.
- This entire creation is being driven as per God's will. God exists as the indweller within the Heart. But you don't have surrender towards Him. A person dies whenever He has to die. Whoever has to be secured (ie God) is not somewhere far away. He dwells within your Heart. On securing Him, the purpose of your life gets fulfilled. The Lord said: 'Make all the possible effort. Make the best utilization of the available opportunities, surrender to the indwelling God and secure Him'.
- The true 'I' within the Heart is not being revealed. Therefore you identify yourselves with the mind. From here originates the entire sorrow. As the mind is considered to be true, no effort is being made for the sake of the true 'I'. Opposing the driver of this entire creation, can you perform atleast one task? Are you independent enough to do so? You have descended onto this earth only to act according to God's

will. God is everything. Whatever happens is as per His will. Lord Narayana dwells within the Heart. The age old tendencies form hurdle in experiencing Him.

The first name of the Lord mentioned in the Vishnusahasranamas is 'Vishwam' (creation). When the Lord showed His Universal form to Arjuna, He said: 'It is Me who has assumed the forms of this Bheeshma, Drona, Karna as well as this entire creation. It is Me only who is being seen thus'. All this may seem to be false due to the sin within your Heart. You are unable to view this creation as the very form of the creator.

The Lord said: 'By constantly contemplating upon Me, I will make you sin less'. Your mind resembles a housefly. Observe the houseflies. They dwell upon the sweets for a while and then move onto the filth. It is the same even with your mind. It chants the name 'Rama, Rama' for a while and then dwells upon the sensory objects. The Lord intended: 'If you can restrain your mind from dwelling upon sensory objects and contemplate upon Me constantly, you will get liberated'. Sometimes you too may contemplate upon God. It may be due to knee pain or delay in marriage or when subject to hardships. Your devotion is motive based devotion. It may aid in fulfilling your desires. Only motiveless devotion. can secure God. God can be conquered only through love and devotion.

In the journey towards liberation, there will come several hurdles which cannot be transcended. Effort must be made from our end and Grace must descend from His end. Without His Grace, one cannot overcome their habits and tendencies. Your efforts are increasing the ego sense. Without annihilation of the mind, God cannot be secured. Effort alone is not sufficient. God's Grace is also required. Without God's Grace, you cannot reach ashore through your efforts alone.

- By constant contemplation upon Lord, all your defects vanish away. Your mind and intellect get purified. Vasudeva's thinking faculty was pure and Devaki's mind was pure. Where ever the thinking faculty and mind become pure, the Lord incarnates there.
- It doesn't matter whether you are a householder or a Sanyasin or a Brahmachari. Though you may stay at home, whether your mind gets annihilated or not- that is more important; whether your mind gets torn or not- that is more significant. The mind doesn't get torn as easily as the clothes get torn. It is because of the habits and tendencies compiled since thousands of births dwelling within the mind. Irrespective of their religion, one cannot secure liberation without the annihilation of mind.

All the bodies do not perform the same work. You may perform several types of tasks. Give up the thought 'I am the doer' and then perform the task in hand. Then the mind gets torn very soon. Once the mind gets torn, the indwelling God reveals Himself. It then becomes your last and final birth. There will not be any further need to bear physical bodies anymore.