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Topic : One Man. One Mantra. Thousands Liberated. 🔥
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Notes

- I believe the temple of Laxmi Narayan was established almost one hundred years ago, 60 years later, Radha Gopinath appeared in the temple that we are sitting. One century ago, when a temple was built here on this property, Lord who knows past,prsent and future understood that we were be here today to celebrate
- Krishna says in BG that vedāhaṁ samatītāni vartamānāni cārjuna bhaviṣyāṇi ca bhūtāni māṁ tu veda na kaścana i know everything happens in the past and all that happening in the present and everything that come in the future and also i know every living being. This is the principle of the heart of Bhagavad gita.
- Knowing God in truth means to being aware that god knows,ishvara sarva bhutanam, krishna is the heart of every living being and this is the universal principle of dharma which is explained in Bhagavad gita that the eternal soul and living force which is within us throughout the stages of body and mind, is the part of god.
- Na jayate mriyate va kadacin, for a jiva there is no birth and no death, these body is like a dress for the eternal soul and inevitably of body is birth, then we grow, then we maintain for sometimes and we produce offspring, we get old and dwindle and inevitably body gets separates from the soul that is actually the change, changing through the stages what we called as death that soul simply changes into another form. According to our actions, words, and our thoughts, we prepare our thoughts for the destination of the soul after leaves the body
- Principle of human intelligence is meant to help us to aware in our pursuit of happiness, both in these life and after these life and we are in the journey of an auspicious direction
- Man mana mada bhakto, krishna says in Bhagavad gita, if we are absorbed in krishna and if we were sincerely taking the shelter of pleasing krishna then we attain krishna without fail. And krishna is within our heart suhrdam sarva bhutanam, as the intimate loving wellwishing friend of every living being.
- The extent we understand god within our own heart, we can recognize, appreciate and love krishna within the hearts of every living beings, trees, plants, birds and various human beings and actually the testimony of one who is closed to god is that vidya vinaye sampane that we actually see the presence of god within all living beings.
- The more we know god, the more we love god and the more we love krishna, the more we dedicate our lives naturally to become the instrument of krishna's love and that is express through the compassion and that is the greatest need in the world today.
- We have so many reasons to be divided, so many reasons to be partial according to our ahankaar, but real enlightenment is to find the real happiness in the loving service of Supreme.

- In this world, the service is expressed and also the path of gaining the realization is to be absorbed in remembering god and living according to what's pleases krishna And there is nothing that pleases more than to be absorbed in loving and showing honor and respect and compassion to others and that is sanathan dharma and that is eternal jaiva dharma, eternal dharma of soul.
- To help the fallen soul who have forgotten this, the lord manifest through various incarnations as lord varahadev, narshimhdev, ramachandra, and lord krishna and many other incarnations of the lord and lord manifests to revealed himself so that we can have personal relationship within the form of deity or archamurty.
- Almost one hundred years ago the deities of laxmi narayan is worshipped in the property and originally this building was an orphanage called as LNHO and according to vedic shastra, aham bija prada pitha, i am the eternal mother and father of all living beings,
- From the spiritual point of view, when we separated from our awareness and awareness of god's love for us and natural love for god then we separated from the reciprocation of god and we considered that we to be spiritually orphans.
- Krishna merciful and kind and compassionate that he comes in the form of deity in the temple just so that we can able to recognize that our true mother, father, friend and our beloved is with us. And when we recognize the form of god in the temple and when we learn how to serve and how to be attracted and to be absorbed and then gradually we realize, by god's grace, that god is in our heart and he knows what is past, present, future.
- What we done in these life time, past life times, etc , sarva dharman… lord within our hearts never leaves us, but lord in the paramtma always eager and ready to forgive us and enlighten us and to liberate us and ultimate liberation is to reveal Himself to us.
- Every temple more or less is an orphanage where the lord is coming, prabhupada uses the term as back to godhead, so that orphans could actually find the way to the eternal spiritual truth,our real home and the lord reveals that opportunity to us through the hearts of those who love Him.
- Mad bhakta pujita…bhagavatam says that when we serves those who love the god, then the doors of highest liberations is opened in our lives.
- Without the greatest personalities, we cannot really understand how to recognize and how to really appreciate and how to reciprocate with the archavigraha in the temple. Durlabha manava janama satsang… the human life is such rare gift, but the most rare gift is satsanga, the association of people who are truly trying to live honesty and earnestly and sincerely trying to live in the service of supreme lord who are trying to help one another to live in the path of dharma.
- Our beloved guru srila Prabhupada would sometime says, there are different paths that people takes and different levels of dharma, one is to live piously so that we can able to enjoy the things in these world but no matter how pious and how enjoyable, oldage, disease and death is inevitable for everyone and then for those who are renounce everything in these world, trying to make our desires void that nothing is min, therefore we dont want to do anything, just meditate.

- But krishna says in bhagavad gita that sarvaloka mahesvaram, everything is god's property so prabhupada says that if everything is god's property then what do you have to renounce?
- You may say we will give up my possesion, but that is not your possession to give up and i will give up my wealth, occupation, etc, but how great is to give up what is already to someone else?
- If i take the food from gopinath chandra's plate and give it someone and say that oho i am giving.. Ofcourse you get benefit because its maha maha prasad. But you benefit because of recognition, not because of i am giving but it because its coming.
- The lord and his devotees, true dharma, bhakti is recognizing everything belongs to krishna and let me utilize everything in a way that pleases krishna in the spirit of devotion and compassion and in an actual mood of seva or service.
- To claim god's property to be my own, to renounce something that we never had. This is not complete, the complete dharma when we strive to use whatever god's gives us in a way in harmony of krishna's pleasure. sarva dharman.. This is the conclusion of bhagavad gita, abandon all varieties of dharma of trying to enjoy and renounce and just surrender to me, take shelter of me,
- Krishna says, if you just surrender in these way and take shelter in these way, surrender doesnt mean to just give up, surrender means to live in harmony with lord's love and compassion within this world.
- Krishna appeared within the sound vibration of the names of krishna, harer nama eva kevalam, the age of kali the great divided time so much quarrel and anxiety and so much confusion, but the names of god and names of hari that cleanses us and purifies us and actually gives us the happiness that we are all seeking anandam budhi vardanam,
- kali kale naam rupe krishna avatar…krishna has descended in the sound vibrations of holy names, so we must strive to absorb ourselves.
- Just as lakshmi narayan appeared one hundred years ago and radha gopinath have appeared almost forty years ago and so many temples inn so many places in srirangam, tirupati, badrinath temple, the same lord is accessible in every moment in any places for anybody who is sincere in the beautiful avatar of the harinaam or holy names
- How do we know all these things and that how the god's words of bhagavad gita and bhagavatam, how do we know that how to approach the deity of the lord? Krishna is so kind that from the hearts of those sadhus or mahatmas or acharyas, krishna teaches us.
- We can read in the shastras again and again, but krishna describes mahajana yena gatha sa pantha but to come to actual conclusion how the god is in the holynames, within the deity form, what the lord is actually teaching us in the scriptures, we need acharyas, teachers, today is the appearance day of great acharya is Ramanujacharya.
- Ramanujacharya's guru is yamunacharya but yamunacharya left the world before ramanujacharya have the formal relationship with him, he received siksha, inspiration and have complete faith in his guru yamunacharya and dedicated his complete life in the service of his guru yamunacharya and received the formal initiation from yamunacharya's disciple, and that was mahapurna
- Ramanujacharya came from kanchipuram to srirangam and there he studied with mahapurna as a student, mahapurna understood that he is the acharya, and my guru

but he wants me to the role of his guru and he took that role and ramanujacharya was gratefully serving even ramanujacharya was sanyasi and mahapurna was grhhastha but still ramanuja was serving him and that the spirit of devotion and that the spirit of being the servant of servant

- Mahapurna said to ramanuja that you are such a good student that you are going to so much deep into the understanding of bhakti and i wanted you to deeply understand a mantra, his name is ghostipurna, he living in the village and received the mantras and understanding of the mantra and this is actually great extraordinary thing but both are godbrothers of their guru.
- Ramanuja came to ghostipurna to get instructed in this mantra and ghostipurna meditated upon and i have never given the mantra to anyone and the mantra is very pure that you are asking me and actually no one with the material desires can understand this what to speak of can properly chant or meditate upon it.
- We cannot demand or expect mercy but when we are truly grateful then krishna through the great souls, gives the mercy.
- Ghostipurna said i can understand now that you are the only person that i can feel that its actually fit to understand and fit to receive this mantra and i will give you with explanation that these mantra is the name of lord, its purifies the mind and heart and nondifferent than lord narayan and therefore, no person is who is not pure should be, the lord should not subject in his name to be recited by somebody who is not pure, its offense to god to be impure and chant these mantra and you are only person is fit and you must never repeat to anyone because if you do then you will go to hell.
- Ramanuja heard the mantra and bowed to his guru and he got explanation and mantra and then he left and on his back to srirangam and thinkking in his mind because he chanting the mantra and this is the effect of mantra and he was chanting harinaam and such an ecstasy of love of god and symptom of that ecstacy that he started feeling compassion for all beings. and he said how i can be happy and everyone is suffering? As he was walking and he was thinking like this, with tears from his heart feeling the suffering of living beings and he saw the people some are pious or impious and disconnected from the eternal happiness of the soul and they are going to inevitably suffers
- Ramanjuja called everyone and said i wanted to give you freely the most precious jewel, and the words spreads and he said come to the temple of lord vishnu, within a few minutes, there were thousands of thousands of people gathered and Ramanuja saw them all and felt so much love for the lord and inorder to give everyone jewel, he climbed up to the top of the temple of vishnu and everyone was eager and everyone was looking at him and just by seeing him, they became so much transformed because ramanuja began saying you are more dear to me than my very life And said with so much sincerity that they believed it.
- When we associate with sincere devotee of the lord, sincere sadhus vancha kalpa taru bhyacha, they gives us faith in god’s mercy in flowing through their teachings that you are more dear to me than my very life and i promised you that i will give the most precious jewel and most precious of all wealth and everybody cheered it that we want it, we want it.

- Then ramanuja said, this is the god's holy name and repeat after me, with the thunderous voice and full of deep sincerity, he called out the mantra - om namo narayanaya, everyone cried out in response and thunderous and feeled the world and they felt so much happy and face was so much light in connection with krishna that will inevitably bring them the highest destination vaikuntha,, so they realize that we just received the highest wealth.
- Krishna said in bhagavad gita param dristva nivartate when we experience the higher principle, then we no longer to attracted to the lower things, ananda mayo abhyasat we are all looking for happiness, when we find the happiness of the mercy of saintly person or sadhus or when we find happiness of god's love and god's presence in the holynames.
- Just by chantijng the mantras om namo bhagavate vasudevya druva became so much purified that actually lord narayan reveals himself through his heart and he was such samadhi and absorption and lord narayan beauty disappeared in his heart and when he opened his eyes, the same lord is standing infront of him and lord narayan said ask me whatever you like, dhruva said, i just want to serve as the servant of the servant.
- Greatest of all wealth is pure devotion, and the pure devotion is the darshan of the supreme lord.
- Recognize that these darshan is the more precious than all prestige and power and control of the whole universe because that will awaken our love. Ramanujacharya gave the precious jewel to everyone and everyone became completely happy.
- Ramanuja said humbly to his guru that secret of the mantra anyone who chants will attain vaikuntha and if all these thousands of thousands of thousands of people will go to vaikuntha by chanting these mantra, then its just a small thing if i go to hell then i am willing to go to hell and he said with such sincerity and respect and humility. And when ghostipurna heard it, he completely transformed with tears in joy and embraced ramanuja and ghostipurna said, i have never met anyone who is very dear to lord narayan as you. Ghostipurna said to Ramanuja, today i will accept you as my guru and i am your disciple
- Ramanuja said whatever i gave is all because of your mercy because you are one who have delivered thousands of thousands of people by giving these mantra and i am just sharing your mercy and your love and your compassion to all these people.
- There is nothing in this world that pleases the lord than willingness to accept the inconveniences out of compassion to others.
- Bhagavatam says about lord shiva, out of his compassion, he drank the ocean of poison, there is no service that is pleasing to the lord than being willing to endure difficulties to show the compassion for others.
- On the holy day of appearance of Ramanuja which is the history and biographies of his life and devotion and his compassion. And our beloved prabhupada is that lineage of that pure compassion as an expression of love for krishna is that how we received the holynames of Lord.
- Kaler dosho nighe rajan, in the age of kali, there is an ocean of faults but there is a benediction that simply by chanting the name of lord hari, one can attain ultimate liberation.

Thank you very much
Hare Krishna