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Notes

I am very grateful and honored that I am with Italian devotees. Rupa Goswami taught the principle that SP so much personified and this principle is very much revealed by my param guru BSST. Yukta vairagya which means that everything in creation has potential to be used in God's service. If we have humility, gratitude and will to love God in our hearts. Because things in the world can be used that to harm others, exploit others and I am the enjoyer. But spiritual principle is to serve. Jivera krsna - this is the nature of spiritual soul that we are all servants of SPOG. When we have this spirit then we can utilize so much of God's gift to upliftment of others and pleasure of others. In truth, the more utilize our intelligence, words, ability and intelligence and anything in the service of Lord for his pleasure for upliftment of human beings than it's the foremost principle to live liberate and to be happy. The idea of in giving we receive is the very spirit of bhakti yoga. It is imp to learn the science of how to give so that our seva can be harmonize to our body and mind and soul in the service of spog to serve him and please him. We have this technologies which is inconceivable. 100 years ago, there is quiet more than my father's age that anyone show the internet than they will think that he has some mystic power. But today we take as ordinary. 200 years ago if there some flying in the sky then we see as miracles and now every living entity flying in the sky. But everything in this world can be used to agitate others or uplift others. SP given one example that somebody drops gold ring on a street. a thief and secretly comes pick and keep it and other person knows that is against law and doesn't pick up and he went. And another person who picks up and returns that ring whose that ring belongs to. Sarva loka mahesvaram - everything is the property of God. This Material consciousness that we take this property and we want to claim that it is mine and all this bodily things comes to us we claim it as mine. Some renunciates they understand that everything we do and say that whatever we think that we are this bodily attachment that brings karmic reaction. and law of karma makes us so complications to us and suffers in this world. So, we don't want to use any of these things and stay aloofed. But a real devotee sees everything as krsna property and he uses in krsna's service. In material existence, the greatest way is to serve the supreme is to gratefully receiving that mercy and share with others in the form of compassion.

SP told that traditionally swamis or monks will never travel except by walking. But SP flying on aeroplanes because we can better service to Lord with better upliftment of Lord than its favorable. And we must accept what is favorable for krsna and you should accept it and that is gratitude. Its based on this idea or principles that we are together with this internet technology. I want to congratulate to all of you because there are millions of things in your internet that you will use that thing to experience but you have chosen this to be together to share Lord's message. This material existence is constantly changing, a truth is never going to change that is constantly changing. Krsna says in BG that -janma mrityu jarava vyadhi - that in this world whoever we are and who we have that we have material body it will be diseased, it will born and old and die. Dukhalayam everything in this world

that is temporary and if we are attached to this anything in this world we will be suffering in this world. Mam upateya tu kaunteya - from highest situation we may achieve but suffering and death will come to us. But truth is experience that if we take shelter unto krsna than we will achieve perfection. Krsna says that if we can free from attachment, anger than we can develop love to god. And it has been shown in the past. There is one thing that never change is krsna - who is all merciful and all loving, all attractive who is always in our heart. Sarva loka mahesvaram - suhrdham sarva bhutanam - krsna gives us beautiful key to open the treasure of happiness. How to achieve peace in an uncertain and ever changing world. Whoever we are we have some abilities to control the things around us. But there is so much beyond our control. Most prominently there is kala or time. No one can control time even the greatest clockmakers cannot control time however he is intelligence, so much wealth, so much powerful, every rising of sun and every ticking of clock we are coming closer to death. Throughout history we are witnessing that things change and it will change. Matra sparshastu kaunteya - non permanent happiness-distress, victory-defeat, success or failure, it is coming like winter or summer which are beyond our control. Although it's our duty to strive our best to make the world best. But best place could be is to serving the lord. In this ever changing world, that one moment you can have perfect health and other moment something happens in a devastated and this is the truth of everyone.

SP warned us that we should expect difficulties in everytime how the good things would be. Does that mean we should live as fear. No. when we know that things are going to change than its an opportunity to take shelter unto lord. In that shelter we can attain a status that will never disturb us. Krsna says ones happiness our security is like puddle in the water and that anything which comes in water which cause disturbances but in the ocean which is filled with water whatever comes in the rainy season and river dry in season sometimes.but ocean remains constant. Nature of living force or soul is sat chit ananda. To the degrees we connect our happiness within ourselves than that will nothing can make us unhappy. The dry summer rainy season this situation will come and go but we cannot change the world but we can change our consciousness in God's grace. Krsna is with us always eager to give peace and happiness. But so long we are habituated to gain happiness through ever changing world. But the supreme lord appears to remind us that our true happiness is to love him and serve him and awakening our love towards him. This ideas are not difficult to speak but actually to have spiritual realization is not that easy. Its not that cheap thing to find peace within and love for god. If we take cheaply than we always be distracted. There is a high price. That price is not in money but its in sincerity. SP said the greatness of person is how they tolerate difficult situation. LCM taught sanatana that to love krsna and realize that eternal happiness to our true self. It is very rare. There is high price but lord within us in our heart easily gives prema to those who are sincere who can serve others without ulterior motives. Govind das prayed In this world everything in our life, in our body is like a drop of water on lotus leaf. It won't stay but it slips. How can you be happy in such condition because we know everything what we have

and everyone we know is going to slip away but by taking shelter of lord hari we can achieve eternal peace. It's not that easy but if we practice with sincerity and then krsna guaranteed that we get eternal prema bhakti. The one supreme being who is the causes of all causes who appears at lcm in 500 years ago. Although he is the supreme being of all the hearts but he appears in the form of devotee to demonstrate how we could be a devotee. This human life is so rare. Durlabhama manushyam janam - this is the opportunity to take shelter unto god. To the degree we recognize god than we recognize all living beings as god's children. LCM explained some essential principles to go back to krsna. After lcm left his home after being sanyasi, he wants to go to vrindavan then he met his mother sacidevi and so many other devotees. Mother sachidevi seeing her son leaving his home weeping with love and affection. She was completely transcendental eternal associate of lord but still she felt motherly love and worried about LCM who called as nimai. In motherly love, requested nimai. After some days in sankiran he told I will go now and everyone around became very concerned of LCM. LCM said there will not be any time that there will not be obstacles. Obstacles, difficulties are inseparable parts of life. Whether we are material or spiritually, the same situation can come to us in this world. But a devotee sees everything and every difficulties as opportunity to go to B2G. LCM said I will go now and advaitacharya becomes blissful and he revealed to all of us that lcm teaches us. Advaitacharya said what impediment will impede us to go back to krsna. All obstacles are your servant my dear lord. Krsna is bhakta vatsala. He is always interested to infusing the mercy in the hearts of devotees. All obstacles and difficulties are servant of the lord that they help us to take shelter of lord. In this world because it is always changing, celebrating or heartbreating. But we must take shelter unto krsna tams tiksva bharat. We should never give up hope and faith and we should continue to jaganath with few associates. On this journey to puri, so many incidents were taken place. The most dangerous incident happened in the border that there was deep jungle. It's very difficult to go by road so secretly ramchandra khan arranged a small boat and lcm got in boat and told his associate mukund dutta to have kirtan and chanting with other devotees. Local boat man became feared of by this chanting and he said stop this chanting. It is dangerous and we must completely hidden and silence. There are soldiers if they find out they will kill us. And there are so many pirates and they will attack us. Mukund dutta and his associates took this warning seriously and they remain silent. Lcm proclaimed that krsna has appeared in his names. And when we take shelter in his names than krsna is with us. Nam nam akaradi nisarvashakti. Lord's supreme power, beauty, and his shelter has given in His divine names. If we take shelter of his names than krsna will be there with us. Sudaarshan chakra will help us to dispel all dangers. So let us chant. When lcm told this such compassion, faith than he infused with everyone with faith and everyone became happy and fearlessly started chanting but now we cannot imitate the lord and liberated soul but we can follow unto their footsteps. This story is not to neglect our safety because this body is god's property entrusted to us and it's our duty and intelligence to protect our body. So this would become an instrument for service. This story tells us that inevitable difficulties come in our life that we should not give up shelter unto lord. We need association of

devotees those who are in the path of enlightenment to remind us because there are endless distraction in world. Success, failure, good health, disease can distract us. But satsang association of devotees are necessary to remind us in whatever condition we are in. This is the precious gift of life is our sadhana for our purification. Satsang, sadhana, sadachar seva are the principles so sacred that Whatever difficulties comes we maintain our character or integrity. And when we do all this things than we can able to engage in pds. This same principle is so much personified by SP. LCM teaching us how to take journey to krsna and understand that all obstacles in our life are there to help us to find deeper shelter unto krsna.

SP when he was living in vrindavan. He went to historical journey to bring krsna to us by going in cargo ship with cardiac rest and in compassion he continued and while living in NY cities he had a stroke how he could live. SP said that heart attack is massive that its hardly will live. But he continued on journey and giving krsna and give us an example. We must understand this in practical way. SP went to doctor. Doctor said to devotees that swamiji prays too much and devotee got angry to doctor. SP understood what doctor saying. Doctor saying he needs exercise and walks everyday. And rest of his life he took his morning walk as part of way strict living. Sometimes, he walking alone in sunny at california. and other times he takes walk in winter freezy season. Pradhymna pr and shyamsunder pr said one time there was massive storms and heavy winds and SP was staying in little hotel and he said that its time for morning walk. Devotee said we cant go outside and we take it here. And SP walked down and started his morning walk. SP was so much regulated in his diet and took medicine for precautions. When sometimes devotee are ill sp put so much energy to heart to helping that devotee. Once Giriraj maharaj has hepatitis and was in hospital SP would visits him and infact he writes that I hope its meet you in good health. SP was conscious about devotee's health and very much concerned about health of eachother. At the same time SP took precautions that nothing could stop him from continuing his service. SP taught that we must take care while seeking shelter in krsna and his names and his books and his devotees and his service.

In california there are redwoods tree, some are thousands of year old over the time massive storms, hurricanes, earthquakes in forests. But all the trees they wrap around them and with each other to give protection, Krsna is called root cause of every ling beings. And when we share the roots of hearts with each other on behalf of krsna we really take care of each other. Similarly, devotees whatever it may comes we must hold on with each other. Krsna said that my devotees always share Me with each other. Lcm taught us and SP given us life to live. When we take shelter of krsnas pastime we take shelter with each other. This particular time in covid19, many are isolated in different places but it is not impedement if we see an opportunity, krsna is there with us always. And we have technology and japa to bring and keep us together. One time SP was ill and wanted to go to vrindavan and all the devotees were crying how would we live without you SP. SP said if we are chanting hare krsna and I am chanting hare krsna, we are always together. Nothing

can separate us, not even death can separate us. In krsna, we can be united as a eternal servant or soul. This internet is temporarily thing to connect us but when we actually tuned in krsnas love which is manifested in krsnas name. we can remain together connected forever. This is matchless gifts we have ever seen. There are immense eg in SB that to see every crisis in to an opportunity. Abarish maharaja, prahlad maharaja was so much in crisis but that state also they were engage in krsna's service.. We are not on that level. That level is those who knows krsna and love krsna. When we find gajendra. He was in condition and pain and about to die and insulted and relatives and friends. In that state, he took shelter of krsna. And krsna given highest liberation in spiritual world. Whatever we would be in we are in same situation are there to take sincerely take shelter in the association of devotees and his names through our hearts.

There are many reason to fall victims. Because we are human being. When we turn krsna, we can go beyond and we can reach grace of krsna.and nothing and no one would take this from us that opportunity to find shelter in God. These are the times when there is greatest opportunity to pray and with our efforts to make our spiritual progress to help each other and influence the world because the world is feeling many many people great spiritual hunger due to the confusion and mistreatment. Lets give them blessings of radharaman.

Thank you very much
Hare Krishna