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Notes

- Back to basics that we have drifted from basics and got something complex and we are gone beyond and made mistakes.
- Suppose you are student of engg and you are doing course of maths and some degree of maths that you required to study and many of the students cannot relate to it because their fundas are weak. So its said back to the basic before we go to the advanced level.
- Back to basic really implies that we are going to do the that is basic and fundamental and deviated from norms and this is the time to get back to go back and because we see there is problem in current situation.
- Just like student doesn't have to fundas right, then he is confused and well in exams so he need to go back to the basic.
- There was problems and bewilderment so they need to go back to the basic and fundamentals.
- In today's world they need to go back to the roots going back to the tradition of thinking of doing the things in this modern area we have unique way to do things in every arena of life. While modern technology given lots of comforts thus there are still so many problems. Infact there is worth to discuss it that it has worth it all.
- Problems has so much magnitude that many people start talking about it better go back to roots how our forefathers did it.
- Generally in india, quiet norms to derive something which was done by forefathers which is old fashion or irrational. And idea is today we are advanced and commercially proficient we need to learn from the past.
- Unless we learn from the past we cannot able to understand present and cannot able to deal with future effectively. So if we are dismissed everything as our forefathers did as unscientific or irrational than we are loosing our very precious or important basic of life.
- Many good tradition and bad tradition as passed down. And tradition I am preferring is that need to be preserved and its based from the scientific and based from the guru, sadhu and sastra.
- The way the vedic scriptures presenting for modern understanding by sadhus is to cherish and understand and have the intelligence to apply this teaching in modern context.
- Instead of dismissing as useless it is advisable for us to or benfiical for us to consider what wisdom is to offer all of us in this day and age.
- Science of vedas is not this science changing with new theories but its that science that establishes from time immemorial and continue valid till the endless time in the future.
- As our modern thinking keeps changing it is imp to note that ancient wisdom has to offer all of us.
- Many people all over the world in the last decades has been realizing modern technology, science, socio-development, etc. we are not helping the way to thought they

would.

- All the advancement is all remarkable but cost benefits has to be done.
- In this corona where phrases like back to basics, back to the roots become all relevant.
- People realized that modern practices has become extreme harmful and toxic and therefore we need to go to natural way of thinking to the lifestyle which is more harmonious.
- Despite of fact people had latest development but they went to the way to the village of life because they realized that modern civilization is not giving most giving imp thing in life is happiness, love, harmony, relationship.
- Despite of so-called advancement people are fighting more and more. Certainly these things were there previously but the fact this things happening today is very imp because despite of socalled of advancement we are not able to deal with natural calamities.
- There are problems like forest fire, floods, famine, etc because there is much destruction and misery caused in humans and to other entities. Science will not stop this And they will continue no matter how much we have developed scientifically.
- When we tries to exploit nature than nature gives back.
- **SP said punah mushika bhavah!**
- Human civilization seen great kingdoms, leaders, but one time in US so SP said that your country is mighty with economically affluent, educational facilities etc. but you do not appreciate the country that is only by the mercy of krsna that you become affluent in material terms.
- If you don't recognize the grace of god in lives then all the things get destroyed. Then you need to go back where you have started out.
- In dollar it is written, in god we trust. SP said this slogan for name sake. Because they don't know the meaning as far as practical of policy of govt and people were concerned.
- British empire is also vast and one point is said sun never sets in british empire
- Because they don't follow the laws of god and they misused the power and all the power and kingdoms, countries they were ruling and they are no longer with them and now they have little small. Punar mushika bhavah. SP said this is the nature's law if we flaunt with nature then we have to come back again.
- SP said we don't want to forget this that human form is very special and human form is to realize to know god and if you waste the human form and transgress this human form of life then we will be punished.
- Corona is coming from nature as corona is coming from God's displeasure because humanity doesn't follows the laws of harmony and we have forgot the basic of principles and become uprooted from the original purpose of existence.
- Especially in India, we have deep root going to the bygone ages in spiritual knowledge, self-realization. India is special land because it is a land of spirituality.
- Human beings are especially born in bharat varsha go back to the roots and retain the roots and don't forget the basics fundamentals.
- **Basic are - we have got this human form of life and simply become perfect spiritually and become liberated from cycle of birth and death and once we get free from birth and death we can go to spiritual world to live with lord krsna with complete bliss and knowledge.**
- But animals, birds, etc don't have intellect to understand this but they don't concept of sin but still they have to suffer. Because in some part of point they were also human beings in previous birth but now they are suffering the reaction of that. Especially human beings should take life of self very seriously.
- Spiritual knowledge is simple living and high thinking. Time and tide krsna is acting through his material nature sent so many difficulties to all of us.

- Just like tiny ants has brought elephant to his knees. Similarly, this tiny virus we can hardly see had brought to the knees.
- Our science, medicine, economy none of this has been able to tackle this corona virus. Problem arises when humanity tries to exploit and control nature that's when problem arises
- We earlier doing in the name of advancement and progress and now nature forced us to stop doing that activities and because of that everything suddenly became very fresh and healthy - a source of happiness and nature has set the reset button.
- Nature doesn't take long to reset itself but we have to let nature as she is and do the healing internally. But in the name of progress we don't allow to do that. We were constantly polluting all around us including our mind.
- Time to time some bacteria coming to remind humanity that you are gone from far away from roots and basics of how you are supposed to live in life in this world
- This pandemic are meant to reminds us to back to the basic, back to the roots - simple living and high thinking
- Natural gifts has nature has given to all of us, but we have spoilt it.
- **Queen kunti says we are nothing without you krsna. Whatever achievement we have, because you are friend and you are merciful for us. She says -There would be no longer value, fame if you could disappear and if you are there then everything is fine.**
- Just like soul in body, body can able to do the function and when so soul leaves the body then all name fame of the body get destroyed once soul become departs from body.
- Similarly, when you leave us krsna then all the things name, fame and wealth we have it will lost.
- SP says - no one should proud of his prestige, his advancement without guidance of God.
- Whatever technology we have that must be used in the harmony in the laws of God and that should be used for the sake of His satisfaction otherwise it would be fiasco
- **All the material advancement is like everything is zero, many zeros one after another and many zeros will be only zero and krsna is like one and when you add krsna places in front of zero and it will increase the value of zero.**
- Similarly, all this things are useless and creates lots of misery to humanity and world but coming back to the basics means to bring back that 1 or krsna in our life and let our economic or science works as per he wanted.
- Queen kunti says everything is flourishing simply by looking at glance and if you glance is not there then all the beauty goes away.
- So we are able to opulent to survive only because of nature gifts because nature means gifts of lord. Since we are son of god then we have rights to utilize the gifts of lord as much as children is utilizing the enjoyment of property of their parents and enjoying the property and if they starts creating disturbance in house then people will admonished them and children will punish them
- Similarly, we can also utilize the gifts of nature according to the laws of lord without loiter in exploitative spirit then we will going to trap in exploitative trap.
- Nature is providing so much drinks, fruits, flowers and its abundance to satisfy the appetite and naturally providing for the livelihood for housing then what is the need for us to have slaughter houses and kill unnecessary kill who are helpless animals and so natural gift depends on mercy of lord and humanity must be obedient to the laws of god then we will be rooted in life.
- If we uproot in fundamental culture and creates complex situation which is harmful then we will brought to suffering and then **we realized that we must go for the roots, back to basics.**
- This natural disaster are meant for the purpose and it is not that we find happiness and suffering that other humanity is undergoing.

- Even if we are not devotees still we should feel pain of others. Devotees will naturally feel the pain what's going on but here is the solution to go back to the basic.
- Simple living not simply living. Instead of simply living we must live a life of simple which means don't clutter your life.
- SP said Don't become unnecessary necessity. Unnecessary comforts in the name of advancements.
- When we live a simple life then we can have high thinking and we can focus on time and energy in KC or spiritual development.
- SP said scarcity or natural disaster of such things is unnatural phenomena that happened because humanity lives unnaturally and humanity lives separated from the roots.
- When we understand the teachings of SB then it will help us to get back to the roots and get back to the basic.
- ***Our basic of KC practice is chanting, hearing, and association of devotees with living a simple life.***
- ***Life of simplicity means that we are not greedy that we don't accumulate more and more goods and we are satisfied with as few as really required to keep body healthy and strong then we will be happy and stable.***

Thank you very much
Hare Krsna

Q. How can we be stick to the values of good habits when we are especially alone?

- One of the basic imp aspect is association of devotees is essential.
- Most people live outside the temples they don't get an opportunity to associate with devotees because they want to go for work so we must try to associate with devotee in other time. If you do this then it will provide strength to go through the periods when we don't have association of devotees.
- When we are not in workplace or home then we must try to associate with devotees as much as possible.
- You can get the association of books by reading SP;'s books and by chanting holy name regularly. And by this you can get required strength.

Q. How to have clarity in our life with the respect with decision?

- The more KC we have, the more we will have clarity
- It is always helpful to discuss with devotees especially senior when we are unsure in a situation of what to do. And especially decision should take as imp in all the reason with consultation. That consultation bring clarity.

Q, How to excel in our life?

- Excel in what? And what purpose ? If we are clear with basics that ultimate goal of life to excel in KC by developing Pure Love for supreme lord and if we are sincere in this primary endeavor then automatically we can also develop excellent in secondary endeavor of virtues of existence of the world.
- Excellency depends on primary in KC and working at the development of skills that are required and that required practice and hard work.
- Our sincerity in KC and efforts in our life for the sake of pleasing krsna.

Q. How to develop will power in our life?

- Intelligence is strengthen when we hear the message of BG, SB, etc and when we associate with devotees who are determine in KC then we will also be determine.