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Topic - Worshiping deity with full consciousness

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Radhanath Swami Maharaj lecture on Importance of Deity Worship

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This section of SB udhav gita is composed of Krsna instructing the dearmost of dwarka and science of self realization. previously BG spoken to arjuna at the time when arjuna was the dear most friend stays in hastinapur. there was a battle at kurukshetra. sanjay describes the condition of arjuna in a first chapter. The relevance question is essential for understand the true purpose of life. Udhav gita also spoken in a very desperate time. udhava ualso a pure devotee and dear to Krsna. They walked together, joke together, serve together, sleep together and discuss about it. udhav describes vrindavan to serve the gopis. when Krsna was about to leave from vrindavan and udhav knows that he is going and Krsna wanted udhav to stay in this world. and he was very much in pain in desperation. not only arjuna and udhava did for themselves but also they did for to develop our faith in Lord.

they did samshidir hari toshanam to serve the Lord. What service we can offer it to Lord? Lord has everything. we must serve others to understand the nature of them as an eternal servant of Lord. Arjuna asking questions on our behalf. he is in the mood that because he is fully engaged in the body mind and words. from his disconnection from this world we are, we are thinking of ourselves still they are thinking for all of us and asking question on our behalf. In 11th canto, fully describes about deity worship to arjuna and udhav. some people don't understand the pure devotional service or deity worship and they think that those who are less advance or less educated they worship deities or something is recently created. if you finds in history or shastra that deities are always been to worship Krsna as a direct form of the Lord.

for example - devaki wanted to see his childhood pastimes of Krsna. devaki was asking that I wanted to see you as a pastime of Krsna but I was always listening to your lilas at gokula and vrindavan and specially yashoda mayi. I wanted to see that pastime again.

for example - when you are young and mother and father became old that they remember that you walk in a certain ways like that and this. similarly, devaki also wanted to see Krsna playing in

a childhood. rukmini was also started loving 🤍🌸😊 to Krsna unflinchingly. than Krsna manifested in balgopal so that rukmini devi can serve Krsna as balgopal in vrindavan. while speaking to udhava than Krsna probably worshipping bal gopal. in the block of chandan was a deity of Krsna. when madhavacharya received a deity then he started worshipping krsna. the principles that given by ramanajucharya, sankaracharya as a devotee, Lord chaitanya mahaprabhu was serving Krsna. LCM got a deity of Lord vishnu when he was in his childhood. in this age of kali, the supreme brahman, the God of all God, appears in a wood and water. in a wood he appears as a Jagannath and in water as gangadevi. madvendra puri such an exalted devotee was seeing the Lord and felt unconscious in everytime and everything. he seeing Krsna and expressing his service for the Lord. madhvendra puri perosnally walked alone and he was facing his lots of difficulties. not only he was surrendered by his own mind words and body but also he was a doing his pure devotional service unflinchingly rupa goswami was multi billionaire but they surrendered and finally radha govinddev reciprocated them and they were sleeping under a tree and they were builded a magnificent temple with stones because they wanted to show the love for supreme Lord govinddev. Sanaatan goswami describes in hari bhakti vilas that - how to worship deities. srila Prabhupada said that we must take inspiration from gopal bhatt goswami for how to worship deity. they had show the commitment to serve the Lord as a pure devotional service.

- we should read SB, BG daily
- chant holy names
- Associate with devotees.
- the science of the deity worship is so deep and simple. Krsna told in BG that through his energy he is everywhere. Lord has multi furious energy. om purnam purna idam... he is complete everything. every thing is emmanated from him. I am the source of all the universe. aham sarvasya prabhava. Krsna never separated his energy. Only separation between supreme Lord and us is our awareness.

one time one devotee ask srila Prabhupada that God is everywhere, why should we worship as an idol? Srila Prabhupada said, if God is there why can't he come as a deity form? so it's just an seeing mentality how we see the Lord with out consciousness. Everything is potentially is spiritual. Krsna is talking about material creation. he is saying this world is divine creation of mind. we should develop our consciousness that Krsna as in a deity form is himself. it's just a matter of consciousness to see the Lord.

ravana was worshipping Lord shiva just to fulfill his envious needs. Many great demons are using Lord for their selfish needs. That's why our Acharyas teaches us the principles of pure devotional service. in the line of LCM, vallabhacharya, and many more are serving the Lord with the pure devotional service. everything is related to Krsna and devotees uses His energy to serve Krsna.

Srila Prabhupada promised to the deity radha rasbihari to stay in Mumbai and we will be serving the deities. because we need that commitment to serve the Lord and to share the pure Devotional service. At the time initiation, we keep the commitment to serve the pure devotional service and the service of acharyas. The Faith that experiences us that reality. and the association makes our faith strong in a reality.

The seva we offered to deities like radha gopinath, radha rasbihari) we can baith for them, cook for them, we can play with them, chant with them..
In a degree we serve the Lord and that we can able to reciprocate the Lord. Krsna descend as a fire as a yanya. Krsna descend himself as a water as a ganga. he also come as a sound 🎵

metal or deity should be worship as a commitment by following the acharyas teachings.

srila Prabhupada describes when he was giving SB class and taking darshan in radha vrindavan chandra and he stopped and taking darshan. devotees are anticipating what Krsna and radharani will wear. and devotees has no money, no proper clothing, they have muddy clothes but then too everyone was happily dancing. there is no other way to become happy no matter what he has. when you watered the tree of root, the whole tree is satisfied. similarly, everyone is coming and serving Krsna and everyone desire is to serve Lord. therefore they are happy. This happiness is everlasting. helping each other to make Krsna happy. just to protect radha govinddev, maharaj jaysing took the deities at Jaipur palace. similarly, simple devotees we find that they are offering tulsi, flowers, etc. to just please the Lord with their sincerity. sincerity of our intent is to serve the Lord.

In path of kc as a two railway track - panchratra and bhagavat dharma. Pancharatra is a deity worship. we have to regulate our life in a quality of cleanliness of body, mind, soul to completely clean as an offerings towards krsna. this is a mediation. this is the science of soul of worshiping the Lord.

Bhagavat dharma means hearing about the Lord with full dedication with full intent and love for Lord. if we are not properly hearing and chanting or not doing sadhana amongst association of devotees. sp said, that why my guru left me as a burden in the form of deity. When we not hear the glories of Lord and not chanting the holy name than we loose our faith and trust on Lord that we loose the opportunity to serve the Lord and devotees. **And the best way to serve the Lord is chant the holy name of the Lord where Lord Chaitanya mahaprabhu had given the opportunity to serve the Lord by chanting the holy name of the Lord.**

Thank you very much
Hare Krishna