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Is God needed or not?

By Sriom Gnanasakthiyendra Swamiji

The above question rises in our minds quite often. At the same time, we are unable to lead a life without thinking about God. Even those who do not believe in God, they try to get some belief in God and think about God when they come closer to death. We can see this happening in our day-to-day lives.

Even those who do not believe in God or think about God or who think that they can live without God or who talks against God, can never refute the presence of Nature. One can live without thinking about God or thinking against God as long as they do not want to know the reason for our birth or death whether intentionally or unintentionally. Also one may live without thinking about God when they take birth, live and die without any thought about God. Once a person starts thinking about himself, his reason for the current birth, his body, functioning of his mind, the world where he lives, the energy which makes earth revolve or rotate or the planets around the sun, he would start thinking that there is some energy beyond us.

He would try to find out what it is.

We see that accepting God or not accepting God in our lives depends on the questions raised in our mind, how we focus our thoughts on resolving those questions, our own character and the depth of those thoughts. When we think about ourselves, we believe that there is some energy or God beyond us and beyond our boundaries; the same energy makes us act or move or do things; we cannot do anything without its or his knowledge; we are the creation of God's thoughts; all our actions are determined by God; we cannot do anything without His will; our motions are determined by His thoughts and so on. These kinds of thoughts and beliefs are registered on the souls of those who believe in God. The devotion or Bhakthi arises from these fundamental thoughts which we carry with us.

How Bhakthi has become nowadays? We believe that we must bow down to God, chant hymns or slokas praising Him, offer those favourite food or snacks which our ancestors have said that God likes them and make

Him happy and He would become happy and grant whatever we ask for without saying 'no'. We use Bhakthi to get our desires fulfilled. We also tell God that if He fulfils our desires, we would give him something in return. Many think that it is Bhakthi or devotion to do prayers with these thoughts in their minds.

There are a few, who show unlimited love to God, keep His name and thoughts in minds constantly, do everything in His name and dedicate their lives to Him. Their thoughts and deeds are all for Him. They believe that all deeds are His deeds. They firmly believe that if they lead their lives with such utmost dedication to God, their souls would cross the immeasurable distance and merge with God.

Thus we see that God is required for the devotees either to fulfil their desires or to merge with Him through love and dedication.

On the other hand, there are a group of people who do not believe on God who is not visible or whose presence cannot be proved. We can separate them

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Leave Attachment-Possible?

In case one wants to realise oneself, wants to attain the ultimate happiness, wants to end the pain of the cycle of births and deaths, he/she has to leave attachment and lead a life without attachment. When a person lives without attachment, we can accept one kind of attachment which is attachment to God. Our religious practices, Saints and Yogis have been preaching this since ages.

It is said that one has to lose something to gain something else. People do not mind losing something if they would be getting more precious thing than the one they plan to lose. This is the human psychology. There are no two opinions about it.

Now, is it easy to give up something? No. We find it difficult. We are constantly running after some materialistic thing thinking that it would stay with us forever and give us happiness. If one tells us to disown a thing which we have obtained with tremendous hard work; one

tells us not to worry if it is lost; one tells us not to consider this as a status symbol; one tells us that the thing which we hold dearly is not dear to us, would it be possible to detach ourselves from such a thing which is giving so much pleasure, pride and respect to us?

When we think it is not possible to leave the attachment, can't we try to train our mind that all things present around me do not belong to me; all things around me would perish one day; all things which belong to me today would belong to somebody else tomorrow? I think it is possible to train our mind this way so that we sow the seed of detachment to yield fruits in this birth or the births to come.

Our ancestors gave this simple practical method to develop detachment in us. They advised us to live life like a cucumber fruit. The cucumber grows from a creeper which spreads on the ground. When cucumber ripens, it stays in the plant. But the stem, which is holding the cucumber to the creeper detaches from it.

It would look like as if it is attached to it but it would not be. To conclude, instead of trying to detach ourselves from materialistic things, if we train our mind to live with detachment, the attachment would stay away from us. We train ourselves to lead a life like the cucumber fruit as a stepping stone towards achieving complete detachment.

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A recap!

If you want to read
"Evolving expectations"
under Words of Wisdom,
please read Devi's Voice,
Apr-May 2012 Issue.

Editor's Column

We pray Sriom Adisakthi Devi, Sriom Jagadhadri Devi, Sriom Devi and our Guru Sri Om Adisakthiyendra Swamiji to bless all our readers.

With this issue, we are completing 13 years of Devi's Voice. But it is normally celebrated with the next issue.

Devima in her "Words of Wisdom" says the steps to get detachment.

Sriom Gnanasakthiyendra Swamiji has analysed whether God is needed or not.

In the epic, 'Absolute Determination Tri-

umphs', we can see how divine union happens in the lives of Madhavan and Vaidehi.

Smt. Narayanan is just asking whether we are ready to go with God, if He calls.

We also have our other usual columns, "Pearls of Wisdom", "Contemplations" and "Prathama Tips." I request the readers to read and follow.

Under "Gyanaamrith", we see that no one is bad or good.

We published the answers given by a

couple of readers to the last Satsangh question. Now we have published Devima's answer and the next Satsangh question.

I also invite readers to send their feedbacks to know what they feel about the articles.

N Sankar

Auckland, New Zealand

14th August 2019

A request to members and readers

Our Ashram website sriomadisakthi.org is being reorganised.

You are welcome to give your suggestions to Srimi Vasudevan at srini@sriomadisakthi.org

Ashram News - Current Affairs - Highlights

Sriom Adisakthi Ashram, Avalur news

14th Apr 2019 –Sriom Devi and Sriom Padmini's birthdays were celebrated in a grand manner with havan, abhishek and a special alankar to Sriom Devi. Also special havan was done commemorating the establishment of Sriom Panchasakthi Peet.

15th Apr 2019 - The flag for the Chitra Poornima was hoisted in the evening. A special haven was done before the flag hoisting for Gurus, Navagraha and Devi.

16th-22nd Apr 2019- Chitra Poornima Utsav was celebrated in a grand manner. Mr B C Ramaswamy has sent a report on the event. Please see page no 9.

19th Apr 2019 - Sriom Simharani Jayanthi was celebrated with a special havan, abhishek and a special alankar to Sriom Devi.

5th May 2019 – Devi was taken in Theppam(a float) in the Mani Thadagam.

9th May 2019 – Sriom Adi Sankara and Sriom Ramanuja Jayanthi were celebrated with a special havan, alankar and pooja in their respective temples.

18th May 2019- Sriom Ninjan's Jayanthi

was celebrated with a special havan, abhishek and a special alankar to Sriom Devi.

Sriom Devi Nilayam, Yemcha Ashram news

14th Apr 2019 – Sriom Padmini Jayanthi was performed with a special havan, abhishek and alankar to Sriom Devi.

19th Apr 2019 - Sriom Simharani Jayanthi was celebrated with a special havan, abhishek and a special alankar to Sriom Devi.

28th Apr 2019 - The grand havan for Sriom Adisakthi was performed in Yemcha on this day. After the havan, annadhan was done to all villagers.

18th May 2019- Sriom Ninjan's Jayanthi was celebrated with a special havan, abhishek and a special alankar to Sriom Devi.

Sriom Devi Brindavan, Sydney Ashram news (compiled by Vidya Raghavan)

14th Apr 2019 – Sriom Padmini Jayanthi was performed with a special havan, abhishek and alankar to Sriom Devi.

19th & 20th Apr 2019 - Sriom Simharani Jayanthi was celebrated with a special havan and abhishek and a special alankar to Sriom Devi on 20th Apr 2019.

9th May 2019 – Devima arrived in Sydney ashram.

18th May 2019- Sriom Ninjan's Jayanthi was celebrated with a special havan, abhishek and a special alankar to Sriom Devi.

Sriom Devi Dwaraka, Auckland Ashram News

14th Apr 2019 – Sriom Padmini Jayanthi was performed with a special havan, abhishek and alankar to Sriom Devi.

20th Apr 2019 - Sriom Simharani Jayanthi was celebrated with a special havan and abhishek and a special alankar to Sriom Devi on 20th Apr 2019.

18th May 2019- Sriom Ninjan's Jayanthi was celebrated with a special havan, abhishek and a special alankar to Sriom Devi.

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DONATIONS WELCOME

If any of the readers and devotees like to contribute for Goshala and Annadanam expenses in the Main Ashram, Avalur, here are the bank details:

Name of the Account:

Sriom Adisakthi Ashram Trust

Account no:

407402010011642

Bank:

**Union Bank of India,
Kanchipuram, Tamil Nadu, India**

IFSC-UBIN code:

UBIN0540749

For receipts, please email your name, address, date of direct credit and amount to sriom.venkatesh@gmail.com. Please see the last page for the address of the ashram.



Top left– Theppotsavam in Avalur

Top right—Sriom Ramanujar Jayanthi in Avalur ashram.

Left: Sriom Adi Sankara during His Jayanthi in Avalur Ashram.

Vaithya Prathama's Leaf

Natural Health Tips

For Reducing weight

Take the following:

Methi(fenugreek) seeds-50gms

Ajwain -25gms

Turmeric -10gms

Dry ginger powder-25gms

Black Salt-add to suit your taste.

Powder it

Take one spoon each in the morning and evening-12hrs gap

Take for 42 days

If problem persists, go to the Doctor.

Please ensure you are not allergic to any of the above. This is recommended for temporary relief only. If the symptoms persist, please consult your Doctor.

Vaithya Prathama is the avtar of Sriom Devi and the disciple of Sage Dhanvanthri, the original teacher of Ayurveda.



Sage Dhanvanthri

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Prayer for Recovery

Here, any reader or reader's relative/friend, who has any serious ailments or to undergo any major surgery, can send his/her name, address, brief details of illness. We would pray for their recovery in our monthly prayers. The readers can join us in our prayers or can pray from wherever they are, either by reciting the Japa that they usually chant or by chanting the following Sri Om Prathama Gayathri:

Dhanvanthri Priya sishyaya vithmahe

Vaithya Prathamaya cha Dhi mahi:

Thanno Sriom Devi Prajothayaath

The devotees are welcome to send details of the person for whom we have to pray, by either emailing to sriominc@gmail.com or mailing to our physical address, Sri Om Inc, 250 Hull Road, Waiuku, New Zealand or to any address given on the last page of our Magazine. We are continuing our prayers for following persons to pray for recovery from their sickness. They are:

Name	Place	Nature of sickness
Subramanyan	Singapore	Heart Problem
M V Krishna Moorthy	Mumbai, India	Heart Problem
Ajith	South Africa	Stroke
Piyush Patel	Toronto, Canada	Esophagegus Cancer
Ryan De Leon	Sydney, Australia	Lymphoma
Pushpa Wati Sharma	Wellington, NZ	Parkinsons
William Dent	QLD, Australia	Severe motor neurone disease
Premakumari	India	Oral cancer
Vidya Nelaturi	Melbourne,Australia	Spine Surgery

Families of the Sri Om Autism Support Group

Chant the Mahamanthra

Mahalakshmi Mahakali Mahadurga Gayathri Lalitha

Panchasakthi Paapanaasini Sahasranama Thatulyam

Sri Om Jyothiroopini Adisakthi:

(Chant the Sri Om Adisakthi Gayathri for attaining wisdom, siddhi in meditation, mental peace, general peace and welfare of the world,ending the cycle of births and deaths and reaching the lotus feet of Sri Om Adisakthi)

ASHRAM'S GOLDEN RULES

1. Love all living beings
2. Always think of God
3. Give respect to elders. Elders should also be considerate
4. Always lead a simple life. Teach the same to your children
5. Do Pray and meditate both morning and evening
6. Neither your words nor your deeds should harm others
7. Destroy anger before it destroys you. Anger is self-destructive.
8. Your food is vegetables, not animals. Stop eating meat immediately. God is

- there in animals too, hence it is a sin to kill animals
9. Spend your time knowing about Gods and Saints. Do not spend time unnecessarily
10. Do not over-eat or over-sleep
11. Practice silence for at least one hour daily. This is good for both mind and body
12. Fast at least a day in a month and be cheerful and normal as usual
13. Shed tears for seeing God only.
14. Feed the poor daily. Donate clothes to the needy
15. Move with those who believe in God and respect Gurus

16. Be a good host and feed your guests.
17. Do not gossip about others. Think and talk about God only.
18. Detach yourself from worldly things and attach yourself to God alone.

FOLLOW THE ABOVE RULES IN ACHIEVING HUMANITY WHICH WOULD LEAD TO DIVINITY.

God calls us always. He is happy to receive us but we are not ready to go. We always would say outwardly that we are ready to go when He calls but would say that we have unfinished tasks or wishes to be fulfilled, when the real call comes. The person, who is ready from the heart, will not worry about his desire. He would wait for the call. Once the call comes, he would leave everything and go. He would never wait for his work to complete or his desire to be fulfilled since he knows that there would be some work which would be incomplete or some desire which is yet to fulfil. The work will continue like a chain. Here God calling is important. The person, who is called, goes without any fear or attachment.

Let us look at a story.

There was a Sat Guru who had disciples visiting Guru regularly. One of the disciples came to the Guru and said, "Swamiji, I want to become a sanyasi." Guru asked him, "Why, so early?"

Then the devotee said, "It is horrible in the house. All are going in different direction- my wife, my children and me..."

The Guru said, "It is all your karma. You finish it and then you can get Sanyasam."

"No, Swamiji. I cannot wait. I do not want this kind of life. It is very horrible. So, please do something for me. I want relief."

Guru said, "It is not so easy to get relief. Time has to come for everything."

He said, "Swamiji, no chance for second thought. What I have decided is decided. You have to say now."

Swamiji said, "Ok, I will think it over and tell you."

A few years passed. The devotee was still giving the same pressure to Guru. Guru also gave the same answer.

The devotee came to Guru one day and asked, "Swamiji, now it is time you give me Sanyasam or I will go to forest and

sit."

Guru said, "Ok, you go to forest. It is your wish."

The devotee said, "No, you give Sanyasam and then I go to forest."

Guru said, "You have to wait for it."

One fine day, the devotee made up his mind strong and started to move towards Guru's place. On the way he saw another man passing by. The man asked the devotee, "Where are you going?"

The devotee said, "I am going to see my guru. Where are you from and where are you going?"

The man said, "I am a big rogue. I am not a nice person. I did not treat my wife properly. She is a very good person. I did not teach my children. They are very good in nature and in fact they work for me. I did not do well to my brothers and sisters. All were kind and good. I spoiled all my relationship. I enjoyed my life according to my wish. I drank, smoked sometimes and went with girls. I am not of a good character. Ok, where you are going now? I just felt I want to go this side to find if I get anything new."

Then the man asked the devotee, "Where are you going?"

The devotee said his family story, his urge for Sanyasam and all about his Guru. Both of them were talking and going.

They saw a snake on their way across the road. The man said, "We have to take a big stone and hit it."

The devotee said, "No, do not do that. Let us wait here."

"What is the use of waiting? Let us hit it." The man said.

Suddenly, the cobra snake showed its face towards them and asked, "Hi, where are you going?"

The man said, "Hi, you talk!"

The snake said, "I had a curse. I can talk but cannot leave this body."

The man said, "Ok, how your curse can go?"

The snake said, "If someone says wholeheartedly that he would take Sanyasam and touch me and hug me, my curse will go."

The man said, "Here is my friend. He wants to take Sanyasam and so he will take out your curse. You, please leave me. I am not a good person."

The devotee said, "Sorry, I really wanted Sanyasam but you know I can't take it now because I have to do some settlement at home. After doing it, I would be free. I can come. You wait here for time being."

The snake said, "See this is unfair. One of you has to accept it. Otherwise, I will bite both of you."

The man said, "Hi, do not do that. Let me think and say. You wait for a while."

He asked the devotee, "What did you tell me? You wanted to take Sanyasam just now but why you are backing out?"

"No, No. I am not backing out. See I have some duties to do I will finish and come happily."

The man asked "If we do not listen to this snake, it will bite. You will die and then, who is going to take care of your family?"

The devotee said, "You wait here and watch the snake. It should not bite anyone. I will finish my work and come soon please."

The man said, "You are really a fool. See no one is going to save us nor we are going to save anyone. You said that you were asking your Guru for so many years but you are going back on what you said."

The devotee said, "I am really worried. What will happen to my wife and my children? I am worried about relationship."

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Absolute Determination Triumphs

Sriom Vaidehi Puran -32

(As narrated by Sriom Jagadhadri Devi through Sriom Adisakthiyendra Swamiji to Sriom Adisakthi Ashram disciples.)

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Next day morning he took bath and came in as usual.

"Today you can do your Pooja leisurely and then go to the shop. I have arranged Govindan to go and open the shop in the morning. He will come back and have lunch with you. Then he will accompany me in the afternoon and return in the evening. Since he is still an adolescent boy and not matured, we will take responsibility of finances. He will also be helpful in my household chores. Moreover he said that his mother is not well now and once she recovers he will sleep here", she spoke fast and continuously.

It looked as if Madhavan did not hear anything. His mind was with Kanna. He asked only one question in between.

"Who is Govindan?"

Vaidehi realised that he was not in his own self and so, decided to talk to him later.

Madhavan often behaved like this without knowing what he was doing. His concentration was with Kanna only. Vaidehi understood his state and reacted accordingly.

One day, she went to collect the cradle that was ordered for Kanna. She saw idols of Kanna and Radha in the same shop. Vaidehi thought that they had only Kanna idol and so decided to buy the idol of Radha. When she asked the shopkeeper, he said that he would not sell Radha separately and if she wanted she must buy both Kanna and Radha.

She hesitated and was in a fix as to what to do.

The shopkeeper said, "A Lakshmi idol has come. It is very beautiful. Do you want to buy that?"

She looked at it. It was small and very nice looking. She thought that it would suit their Kanna idol. It immediately attracted her mind and also looked like the Lady Lakshmi who came to their house. She paid the money and bought the Lakshmi idol along with Kanna's cradle. At the same time she thought what if Madhavan did not like her buying Lakshmi idol. She told the shopkeeper that she would return the Idol the next day if her husband did not like it.

After coming home she first showed the cradle to Madhavan.

"It is very nice. It suits our Kanna pretty well."

"Wait," she said and went inside. She brought a few small things. There were a small pillow, a small silk bed, small cushions to keep on both sides of Kanna so that He doesn't move and also a small velvet carpet to spread on the cradle.

Madhavan did not quite understand what he saw.

"Where do you buy such small things?"

"I did not buy them. I made them myself in my spare time."

Then she spread the silk beds on the cradle and showed how it looked. She took out the Lakshmi idol slowly and showed it to him.

"I have done something without asking you. It was nice and so I bought this Lakshmi idol. If you don't like it, I will return it tomorrow."

"Vaidehi, our devotion should be focused on one thing and we should not be wavering. You should see Lakshmi as well in our Kanna. If you start adding more, the devotion will be divided. Anyway the idol has come. Today, our story is also about Kanna and Rukmani's marriage. So let it be here."

He kept Kanna at the top step and put Lakshmi below that.

"Our Pooja is for Kanna only. Lakshmi will do the Pooja with us"

"Ok. I will shower and decorate Lakshmi in the morning. Then, you do for Kanna."

"You should not deviate your mind from Kanna."

"I will do as you wish". She was happy that he agreed to keep Lakshmi.

Thus their life went on smoothly. They lived like a divine couple.

Volume 2 Chapter 10

One night after finishing Pooja and putting Kanna in the cradle to sleep, Madhavan got into his meditation. He did not know how long he had been meditating. After a long time, he heard a deep voice coming from a distance. It was a song on Radha describing Kanna.

Forgetting himself, Madhavan went towards the direction the voice was coming. He went to Vaidehi's room. Vaidehi was also unable to sleep. She was writing songs depicting Kanna's story. She was writing the part where Radha was describing Kanna and singing the song as well. When Madhavan came in, she continued to sing, so that she would not disturb his meditation. Madhavan, who came there unconsciously, held her hands. Vaidehi also did not realise what was happening and continued her singing. They united together without their knowledge. Their union was not a result of lust. They both were deep in their devotion. It was due to the destiny and their relationship in previous births. So it was more of bonding of nature than lust.

It does not happen to everyone. If there is some connection, then it turns into a divine relationship. In olden days, this is what was said that the Rishis were attracted. They were not actually under any sort of attraction. The connection happens due to the Karmas. When both personalities are special with great devotion, it is like two poles coming together, merging and becoming one. It is a mistake to find fault with this concept.

Vaidehi got up immediately. Madhavan was not in his self. Vaidehi understood what had happened and started crying.

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Devima's

Pearls of Wisdom



Pearl no. 28

By Devima

"Do not deceive others and do not get deceived by others."

"The main reason for deceiving others is the desire to possess other's materials, feeling jealous about others' achievements and the desire to somehow come up in life. If we drop such thoughts, we will not deceive any body. In the same way, we should take care to see that we are not deceived by others. If someone deceives us, it shows that we are not alert enough. So, take care."

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Absolute Determination Triumphs -32

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'Oh, Lord. I desired this once upon a time. Why is it happening now? I forgot everything and devoted myself to Your service. Why did you give me this happiness now? I have made him impure. Will he stay with me? Where will he go? I cannot live without him even for a moment. Our devotion was pure and peaceful. Why did you change this? Is it a punishment for what I desired long time ago? What will happen when he comes to his senses?'

Vaidehi repented herself and kept on crying.

Madhavan slowly got up. He realised where he was and what had happened. He cried within himself.

'Kanna, I have been thinking of you always. What has happened to me? Why did you get me into this? What am I going to achieve in my life hereafter? I cannot have Your darshan also. Without Your Darshan I am an unlucky person. All the penance I did until now has gone waste. Do I need to live? No I am not going to. I have also spoiled the great devotee, Vaidehi. How will I even see her face? No. There is no need to live any further.' He got up with some determination. He wanted to go out as it was better than staying there anymore. He could not move because Vaidehi was holding his legs.

"I have committed sin. Please don't go away from me. I can't live without you. Please listen to what I say. This has happened without our true self. I did not have any ill thoughts in my mind. I sang thinking about Kanna only. Now also I am thinking of that Kanna only. Long time ago, I had that desire. But certainly not now. I hate myself. It is because of me, you have all the trouble. It is better if I die, instead of living", she kept on moaning.

"Get up, Vaidehi. It is not your fault. It is my mistake only. I am the one to be punished and not you. Because of me, your thoughts on Kanna also got disturbed. I don't deserve to live. Kanna also may not give Darshan to me"

"Don't tell like that anymore. Kanna will definitely give darshan to you. You have not done anything wrong."

"No, Vaidehi. For a moment I forgot everything. Am I a true devotee?"

"You, who know everything, should not talk like this. It has happened when you are not in your senses. That means it has happened without your knowledge. There is some force above and beyond both of us, which has made it like this. Your true devotion will never get collapsed. You don't have any lust in your mind. How will it come when it has not been there until now? Without our knowledge Kanna has done this play. He will tell us the reason for it also. Why should we take any hasty decision? I am not knowledgeable to advise you. I am

like a dust at your feet. This will not happen again. Please understand. I will not allow this to happen. From today, Kanna is my first child and you are my second. It is a promise on the Kanna I pray", Vaidehi said with an outburst.

Madhavan did not know what to do. He thought that whatever happened was Kanna's deeds and surrendered to Him. Next day, dawn slowly set in. Madhavan said that he was to going to the river to take bath and went towards the river. He sat there and started thinking.

"Kanna, have I sinned? Having been determined for so long, how come I forgot myself in just a second? However, I think, it doesn't seem to be my action. Have you done it with an intent to get us together? Or did you fulfil what Vaidehi desired long time ago? If you shower your blessings on Vaidehi like this, can you not give your darshan to me? Please do not get me into this sort of illusion hereafter. We both want to attain you with pure devotion. I sincerely beg you. Please do not let this happen again. Let this be the first and last." He had a good bath and returned home. He looked at Kanna's room. Kanna was there with His same enthusiastic and bright appearance. There was no change in Him. Madhavan stared at Kanna. He could see Kanna laughing.

"My Kanna hasn't left me. Vaidehi, our Kanna will not leave us", Madhavan shouted with much delight. Vaidehi felt happy seeing Madhavan laughing.
(To be continued) Sriom.

Gyanaamrith from Sriom Devi Charithras— 23

No one is good! No one is bad!

Reference: Extracted and adapted from *Puran of Sriom Reva - Volume 2 Chapter 12*

Sriom Reva is an incarnation of Sriom Devi. He hardly speaks. He gazes at the sky always and stands akimbo. That is his usual posture. A person with ability to read his mind and say what Sriom Reva thinks becomes his friend. He was born on third day after the new moon. People in that area had a belief that person so born would have special abilities. Sriom Reva possessed the ability to see far away distance and say what would be there. He also had the ability to see underground and locate water.

His mind reading friend had a sister who wanted to get married to Sriom Reva. He talks about the proposal but Reva was not convinced because he felt he was different from others and he was not sure whether he would live up to her expectations. The conversation is an extract from the scene.

Sriom Reva says, “If I get married, I must protect her. If I don’t do it, I am not doing my duty. Her expectations are quite high. I am not sure whether I would be able to live up to her expectations. In this relationship, a husband must

fulfil his wife’s wishes and a wife must fulfil her husband’s wishes. Here it is not the case. I would go according to what I feel.”

His friend says, “In case she acts according to your wishes?”

Reva says, “If she does, it would be good. If she expects something, I would not be able to match her expectations.”

His friend says, “Reva, you are a good man. When you are such a good man, why do you think so much?”

Reva says, “Um.. I did not say anything about good or bad persons. According to me, no one is good and at the same time, no one is bad. That’s all. Everyone dances according to his desires and the time in his life.”

His friend says, “What do you mean by dancing?”

Reva says, “I mean they do according to their desires. Look! No one thinks. If it is beneficial to them, they would do it. This is the world. I do not like this world. I do not like the people. The main reason is that all are selfish. They want name, fame and status. They are running after it and nothing else. What work I have in this world?”

His friend says, “Do you think everyone would be like that?”

Reva says, “That is what you have understood in life! Everyone has desires. They want to achieve it. They are running after it. That is the world, I see. If you want to lead life with pure mind and without any desires, people will not let you lead such life. This is the world.”

The conversation continues. He says he found his mother, who brought him up, was the only selfless person he had met in his life.

Gyanaamrith:

Sriom Reva says that no one is bad and no one is good. In the pursuit of fulfilling his wishes or desires, a person keeps doing something or the other. It may look bad to us but good to him. Some other time, he may do a good thing but it would look bad for us because it might hurt our personal goals or wishes. When people are selfish and running after accomplishing his desires, they would do some good things and some bad things. He found his mother as the best person as she was selfless. If we are selfless and we do things in the interest of everyone, we can remain good till selfish interest sets in us. Can we try to become selfless?

Sriom

If God calls, are we ready to go?

by Smt Narayanan

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I am worried about the society.”

The man laughed, “Ha ha! If I would have been like you, I will not be able to enjoy like this. I am not worried of any one. I am on my own.”

The devotee said, “Him, please stay here. I will be back soon. I will tell the snake that I will come soon and make it understand.” The man said, “Ok, we go and try.”

Both went near the snake. The devotee started saying, “I will go and come in few months’ time. He will be here doing service for you. Ok?”

The snake said, “Sorry I forgot to tell you. I must bite a person every month or else I will be growing wilder and my poison will spread to the whole village.

What to do? I did not get any one this month so far. I got today. This month would be over tomorrow. What can I do now?”

The man said, “Ok, do not worry. I will take Sanyasam.” He promised wholeheartedly. The devotee said, “You are not pure. Would you be accepted?”

The snake said, “He is pure. He did not see his family now. He sees the danger that the whole village will face. So he is sacrificing his life for that. Which is more important?”

The man said. “I enjoyed life till now. Let me enjoy the other face of life. You asked your Guru so many times but you are not yet ready for sacrificing anything. It is a shame on you. When you get a

chance, get out immediately. There is no society or no relatives.”

“Ha ha ha!” He goes near the snake and hugs it. The snake disappears. The man laughed and said, “Which way to go to your guru? Tell me. I go. You do not come until you fulfil all your needs. Then you come to your Guru. I am a happy man now. I do not want anything in this world. I enjoyed all. I was happy then and happy now. Bye.”

The moral of the story is that most of us are not ready to go if God or Guru calls us. We may say ‘yes’ externally but ‘no’ from the heart. Now read the first paragraph again.

Sriom

Chitra Poornima Celebration in the Ashram

By B C Ramaswamy, Hyderabad, India

The Chitra Poornima festival at Avalur Ashram commenced with the Kumbabhishekam day celebration on the 14th April 2019. The flag hoisting function was on the 15th April. Chitra Poornima celebrations commenced on the 16th April. Being Sriom Saraswathi year, it was completely devoted to Gnana in every aspect. The highlight was morning classes by Sriom Devi. We had the blessings of hearing directly from Sriom Veda Vyasa, the reply he gave to Sriom Devi when she visited his ashram. It was a superlative experience of the highest order of Gnana which in many places was our understanding. And we had the blessings of Sriom Swarna Kamala Nathan and Sriom Jagadhadri Devi who gave detailed explanation to Sriom Veda Vyasa's class during their classes which was a

delightful journey to the great path of Gnana.

In the afternoon classes, Sishyas were offered opportunity to explain what they have learnt from our Guru so far. For want of time, many Sishyas not get chance this time. Sriom Gnana Sakthiyendra Swamiji explained about Gnana in a very simple and beautiful.

The Jothi darshan was on the 22nd April night and unfurling of flag was on the 23rd April with Theerthawari in the Ashram tank concluded the memorable function of Chitra Poornima. **Sriom**

Chitra Poornima Celebration—A few photographs



Contemplation— 5

It is a big sin to forget those who helped you.

.....Devima

Is God needed or not?

(Continued from page 1)

into two groups. One group is full of egoism and believes that they plan, everything themselves and there is nothing beyond them.

The other set of people are the Gyanis. They have realised themselves and they believe that God cannot be put into any particular form. They believe that his actions cannot be defined. They believe that God does not live far away. They believe God lives in every living soul or in the nature. They see God's manifestation everywhere.

The Atma Gyani tries to understand the world he lives in, the motion of the earth, reason for the creation of the world, the reason for his own creation and to find who he is. He tries to find why he came to the world and also how he has to end his life. When a person tries to find about himself or his world where he lives, he realises his soul which is within him. When he realises his soul, he sees the entire outside world within himself; he realises it is the same energy which makes the earth to revolve and rotate, makes him do things staying within himself. He attains the supreme Gyan (wisdom). For him, God is not needed.

To conclude, God is needed till one realises that there is an energy which is beyond us, which not only acts on its own but also makes us act. The person feels that there is nothing beyond him (I refer to the soul and not the ego). He has realised that the ultimate energy is not far away as perceived. He has realised the presence of the energy giver within himself. At this stage, God is not necessary. He himself becomes a God but lives like a normal human being.

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Satsangh

We published the answers to the last Satsangh question sent by a few readers. We thank the readers for participation. Now we publish Devima's answer and the next Sat Sangh question.

SS23: What we, human beings, should do to God?

We must respect God or the Nature for whatever He or it has provided us.

We must learn to live with the nature.

We must believe that whatever happens now is the result of our own karmas or actions.

We must take things as they come without questioning God.

We must show love to all living beings.

We must not blame God for anything. It is a sin to blame Him. In fact, we have no rights to blame Him as He is the one who has given everything to us.

All the above qualities would make us realise that God is present in us and everywhere.

Next Satsangh question:

SS24: How do we judge whether our thoughts are correct or not?

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Pradosh	12,28	11,26
Poornima	15	14

Adi Pooram – Sriom Andal Lamp pooja – Sriom Devi in Jhoola	Sat	3 Aug 19
Varalakshmi Vrat & Sriom Vaidehi Jayanthi	Fri	9 Aug 19
Gayathri Japam	Fri	16 Aug 19
Sriom Ravinarayanan Jayanthi	Tues	20 Aug 19
Sriom Durga Sagar Jayanthi	Fri	30 Aug 19
Vinayagar Chaturthi	Mon	2 Sep 19
Pithru paksh begins	Sat	14 Sep 19
Pithru Pooja at Godavari river done by the ashram	Wed	18 Sep 19
Pithru Paksh ends	Fri	27 Sep 19
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