

Talks of Sri Swami Omkarananda Inaugurated by Pujya Swamiji



Pujya Sri Swami Dayananda Saraswati inaugurated the series of talks by Sri Swami Omkarananda on the morning of the 23rd of July 2011.

Sri Swami Omkarananda had planned to teach Kaivalya Navaneetham, a Tamil Vedanta text in the mornings and Uddhava Gita in the evenings from the 24th of July 2011 to the 12th of September 2011.

Sri Radhakrishnan welcomed the gathering. Sri Madhesh garlanded Pujya Swamiji.

Sri Swami Omkarananda said that he was fortunate to be present during Satabhishekam celebrations of Pujya Swamiji and he would be observing the Chaturmasya vratham during this period. He prayed to the Lord that Pujya Swamiji should continue to have the energy and enthusiasm for many more years.

Inaugurating the series of talks, Pujya Swamiji said that in olden days, Sannyasis would not stay for more than three days at a place and they would keep on travelling. Only during the Chaturmasya period of two



months starting from Guru Pūrṇimā day, they would stay at one place and teach.

He said that Sri Thandavaraya Swamigal, the author of the text Kaivalya Navaneetham had studied all the Vedanta and Nyaya texts in Sanskrit and had taken the essence from them and given their message in simple and concise form for easy understanding of the aspirants.

Pujya Swamiji said that Bhagavan in His Vamana avatar, became small as he went for bhikṣā. He asked Mahabali to give Him only three measures of land— measured by His foot. Mahabali agreed. Bhagawan measured the earth with one foot and the sky with another foot. He asked Mahabali for the promised third measure of land. Mahabali had nothing except his body to

offer. He placed His foot on his head. The moral of the story was that if one had a bloated ego, Bhagawan would make him understand his smallness.

“We become small when we assume that we are the body or prāṇa or the mind. When we understand that we are the Ātmā, then there is no limitation. All that is here is Īśvarā. Even when we see two, we understand that actually there is only one. Fear cannot be avoided if there is a second thing. Vedanta teaches oneness. When we understand that, we can relax and there will be no problem”, he said.

Smt. Premselvi proposed a vote of thanks.

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