

Address to Youth (Sri Swami Dayanandaji's lectures)

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Continuing to explain the sloka..

Udyamam sahasam dhairyam buddhi saktih parakramah
Shadete yatra varante tatra devo sahayakrit.,

Parakrama.

In anything there always exists some obstacles. You must be alert and creative and take care of preventing /managing it. It is just the capacity to face something inimical to you, something which is obstructive. Face properly by equipping yourself well. Readiness to face obstacles is parakrama. Everything should be smooth and without challenge - you can't say so. In driving you will have obstructions. You should know how to drive. Suppose you learn driving and take your car to the market street. There is one peculiar situation. It is kaleidoscopic in character. There is a car in the front. A truck behind. An auto trying to overtake from the wrong side. A mami (Woman) just than crossing urgently. It is a peculiar situation. Can you say at that time "This was not taught to me by my driving teacher. It is a new situation. So I want to go back." Can you?

Life is like that. Every time there is a new spectrum. New configuration. Something new coming up. So you should have enough courage and creativity to manage to find your way out. Without challenge there is no fun.

Story of the old man accusing his cousin of being miserly because he provided only one ball for 22 players. What can he reply? There should be only one ball. There should be 22 players. Everyone should be after that one ball. If there are 22 balls, there is no fun. There is no game. There should be whistle now and then; some foul games; some shouting and thing like that. Each one should do a job. Some move on the sides. Some in the middle. One does not move and stand in between the two goal posts. Goal-keeper should not be sympathetic. Seeing those who are running all the time, if he also begins to run, Kalimulla will walk in as it happened in the Asian games.

So life also should be full of challenges. They are full of challenges. There is an obstruction and I am ready to face up to it. If you face it with a lively mind, then you are ready.

Udyamam + Parakrama

These six are in whom abide, where found in whom, for that person the lord also helps him. Then the lord is a helper. You cannot say when I have got all the six I will anyhow succeed, why should I ask for the help of the god? No sir, when the exam comes you may fall ill. Every time you go out there can happen anything. So, many people they do not return. They go to emergency ward. Ask those people, "Did you plan to come here?" He will beat you with all the traction; he will get up and beat you and then go and lie down. So you cannot ask because nobody plans to go to emergency ward. You cannot call it emergency ward if you plan it. But they end up there. So one more thing is there - 'prayer'. Because there is always something which make the difference between success and failure. And you have to take that factor into account also.

You don't leave anything to chance. You should never leave anything to chance. There is a chance factor. You take that chance factor also into account. We do not feel helpless to the chance. We control that chance factor also with prayer. There also we make an effort. Understand why prayer is? The prayer will take care of that chance factor and thereby success accrues. With the prayer when you do a thing, then lord is with you.

Mere prayer would not do. Mere effort also would not do. It may do or may not. We have to make both effort and prayer. When both are there, then you succeed. Even if there is no success it does not matter. Because we know we have done well. It does not matter, we can do it again. These things are to be taken care of. Then whatever comes we can take it.

On the topic of success. Any success, whether it is in the field of study or career, any pursuit that you undertake, you achieve success for which you require the 6 qualities udyama etc and the 7th one we can get i.e., deivam.

About deivam we will discuss. All religions or almost all of them talk about a god.

The popular religion have a concept of god and the concept is that there is a god who is in heaven and he is responsible for the creation of this world. He is a punisher and also he is someone who grants rewards.

Exactly like any boss who gives some rewards and who with holds those rewards if the person does not do well. There is what we see in the world. The same thing is extended to the god. He is believed as one who is a merciless punisher and also he is very benevolent if you keep singing in praise of him. That means their god can be flattered. Why a person can be flattered? Why a person gets flattered why? Suppose I say 'you are a human being'. Do you get flattered? Unless you have a doubt, you do not get flattered. Then when do you get flattered? When you have doubt when someone says you are brilliant, you ask, 'really!' Because you know you are not that brilliant. So when you are told that you are brilliant, you respond 'is it really! Thank you'.

In the West, if you praise the clothes that someone wears, the person is very thankful to you. 'Thank you'. 'Oh! the one you are wearing is very beautiful'. 'Really! Thank you'.

What that has got to do with you. They think as though they praised you. But, of course they praised what you are wearing. The choice is theirs and it is their praise. If a person feels flattered, person is doubtful of what he was praised for. You can be polite and say thank you. If you feel flattered, in your image you have enough doubts and therefore you feel flattered when someone finds good about you.

'You are so beautiful'. 'Thank you'.

You have a doubt also about yourself. If God has got his own problem in his feel image to get flattered,... "O lord you are all knowing." "Thankyou".

He will not get flattered by your statement "you are all knowing". You do not really know 'what is all knowing'.

How much you know to know what is all knowing? With my limited knowledge as a human being, I can't even imagine what it is like to be omniscient. Therefore when you say all knowing, if there is one person whom you call god and that person will only smile because he knows you do not know what is all knowing and yet calling him omniscient. You do not know exactly what it is to be almighty. Also the powers we enjoy are very limited. With these limited powers we cannot imagine a person having all powers.

So if we praise lord as almighty and omniscient, he is not going to feel flattered. Therefore when we sing in praise of him, imagining that he is going to feel flattered and distribute some goodies to you, it is silly. So the concept of god is very funny, that he is sitting in vaikunta or kailasa. For worship and meditation etc. We have these concepts. Still to believe that literally it is all true is not really right. It does not have the backing of reasoning. So it is good to analyse them. You do in school and in home you see parents doing. Also doubts come which god I should worship, which one of them is god? So we have problems. We need to understand these topic very well. How to relate with god and how it is beneficial to you, all that we see later.

The human mind has a peculiar brain and that is, it always questions. Questioning is very natural in every human mind. Even in child the questioning capacity is manifest. First in the form of curiosity. You want to know what it is. Put it in to the mouth. That is the only way the child can find out, whether it is ok or not. 'What it is?' There is no real questioning here, but have a curiosity to know. At times their curiosity manifest in the form of home come. I know one boy who asks 'how come, when you say anything, how come meanings does come about?' 'How come it is hot ,cold?' and so on. He became a big thinker. He is choosing his phd. All the time he won asking 'how come?' He ended up doing research on some thesis. There is some thing common, that question' hove come'

When you are seeing anything that is meaningfully created you appreciate one fact about this, that there is an intelligent being to create that meaningful thing. Anything you see, intelligently put together, I look upon it as naturally a creation. What is creation? Any thing that is intelligently put together to serve a given purpose or more than one purpose can be called creation.

At every stage we have to move without a despire. So I am going continuously. So a car is a creation. Your thirst is a creation. This house is a creation. So anything intelligent but together is a creation. Now all our creation is like that. Our intelligence or knowledge being limited, there is a progression in these year after year. The human minds had different problems and come up with questions. From stone-age downwards, we see different forms of creation. We trace certain progress. The progress reveals certain appreciation, better understanding of the situations.

The ford motor company has got a commercial which has been around for the last 2 or 3 years now. It is "Have you driven a ford". After a small pause, "Lately". This was 2 years ago. The later model beats all the models that they have produced before. So have you driven a Ford, lately. 1988 was not Ford as 1989 model. This goes on. That means in their own estimation about themselves that they produced cars better every year, in various aspects, like fuel efficiency. The commercial reveals that there is certain progress in their knowledge.

Human mind seems to be slow in the progress. Till model T, all cars were custom made in a garage. Then Ford who thought of an assembly line and you have every car like every other car. He hit everyone out of the market. If you watch up to model T, how they progressed, it is amazing that how slow the human mind progress. However one thing, whether it is bullock cart or horse carriage or it is a pneumatic tyre cars, or it is a new BMW, all these have been brought about by putting things together intelligently.

At any given time you have limited knowledge and you produce something intelligently in keeping with your intelligence. Therefore there is always a possibility for improvement. Why this is so? Because human knowledge is limited at any given time. Being limited, we can produce things which can be improved upon, in the wake of better knowledge. We can produce better products. That we see anything put together, is not something that is put together by themselves. The tyre does not get itself produced. Not the cars. They themselves do not put themselves together to make a car. So an intelligence being, other than these inert things is required. Each part is inserted in nature and each one of them are made and made to play a role in the car body politic. So in the scheme of car creation each part has got a role to play. Therefore the parts themselves do not manufacture themselves. Parts are designed by an intelligent being and they are all put together.

So we have to look upon a car as a creation. This house is a creation. The fan, the mike, everything that we are using is a creation intelligently made including your shirt. Suppose your shirt buttons one side and the other side has no button holes, or both sides are open. These are not intelligent creations. So when I look at any piece of creation I see there is some intelligence, there is a purpose to serve, the purpose for which that object is created.

Even the animals have certain powers, certain knowledge, instinctive knowledge to create things. A weaver bird creating a nest. It knows where to keep the nest hanging in a safe place; it can be offered to fly. Even up there, there are a lot of dangers. In one end of the branch, where it is safe, they create the nest. It hangs it there. To hang it, there must be fastening. When they pick up things how they tie them together is an amazing thing. Suppose it makes without a door, it is silly. Outside it is all straw. But inside it is nice soft fibers like silk cotton or cotton. Anything soft my children should not get hurt. These straws are very hard. The mother bird seems to know how to build a nest. It knows what for it is doing. The whole purpose is very clear. Therefore that is also a creation. One who creates has an adequate knowledge to create and the skill to create.

Sometimes, you may know, but you do not have the adequate skill. Sometimes you have the skill, but you do not know. Like masons if they are told to do this way or that way, they will do but they do not know exactly how much steel must be there for this kind of a house, and how much must be the foundation and so on. All this requires knowledge, for which there is an architect. Everything is in paper. Ask the architect to go and make a wall. He will say I cannot. On paper he is wonderful. Actual job- someone else has to do. So skill is necessary, knowledge also is necessary. You may buy the skill or knowledge or both. But any creation requires both knowledge and skill. In this there is no dispute what-so-ever.

Swamiji! Where did you get this clock? If you ask and I say there is a place in Switzerland. Between the Alpin range, there is a valley. In the valley there are different types of clocks. You can see big and small and I picked up one from these. Will you believe in Swamiji's saying. You will not. And you should not accept it.

Just because a holy man say you cannot accept it ,if it something beyond your reason. What is unreasonable is not a matter of belief. It is something to be dismissed totally. That is the basic of thinking. Anything not reasonable cannot be believed. If it is something beyond my reasoning, I can believe. Because it is not illogical. Being beyond reasoning, it cannot be proved illogical.

Anything that is proved illogical is not a matter of belief. This is the basic approach to even god. This is very important to know whether you call god as father in heaven, or you call father or allah. You have to answer the question 'where was he before the creation of heaven? In hell? That is the only place left. God in hell created the heavens and got transferred to heaven and kept the hell for some of us. Anyway, the next question is 'who created the hell?' There is no answer. Father has to say, 'shut up!' Go and do your homework. There is the problem. This problem you can never solve. So when the question like these are asked, and they are not answered. Children have problems in relating to god. Not that they do not want to relate to god they know. Still there is a problem. They grow without getting answer to these questions.

That is the problem area, whenever they say 'you think of god'. Then they have to come up 'it is a matter to believe.' Do not question. He can be a great scientist. But in this area he is dumb. Because that area is anaesthetized. You do not question at all. It is a question to be understood, in fact. It is a valid question and answer can be found only when you understand the creation a little more.

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Quotes from Pujya Swamiji's Diary – 1968

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* **The New Year is born only as a fresh second as the old year went with a fresh second. To be alive to the fresh second, the now, is to celebrate in freshness the New Year made of fresh seconds.**

* **The Past was once present. The future shall again be a present. In 'time', is there any thing beyond present?**

* **To be with the past is to have company with the dead and to be with the future is to have company with the myth. To be in the now is indeed to be with the living.**

* **Time rolls on in a procession of fresh moments and the body ages. But the mind living with fresh moments is ever young.**

* **Time is a devourer only if you take yourself as the ageing body. It is no more so if you live in its content, the Eternal Now.**