

Address to Youth (Sri Swami Dayanandaji's lectures)

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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. Is it 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 question is who created the hell? There is no answer. Father has to say to the child, 'Shut up! Go and do your home-work'. 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 and still there is a problem. They grow without getting answer to these questions.

That 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.

Even though the pot maker is intelligent enough to make pots, but he cannot make pots unless he has some material.

He must have clay, or silver, or plastic. Some material must be these to make a pot, understand now! God also to create the world must have what? Some "X" Material.

Where did he borrow the material? He cannot borrow from anybody. Because "anybody" has not come. Even space is a part of creation. Time is a part of creation.

This is where our Vedas have come to tell us that akasa (Space), Vayu (Air) time (kala) all these are creations. The material cannot be separate from the maker. If the material is separate, then there has to be space to separate. But space itself is yet to be created.

So both the material cause and the maker should be together.

Like even for a spider, the material and maker are together.

When you go to sleep, do you experience this world? In real sleep. In dream you experience, in sleep there is no time, there is no space. There is no space. There is nothing. No solar system, everything gone. But you are there without experiencing anything.

When you make up half, then there is a dream. You create a dream world. You create Sun, mountains trees, Valley, River, Animal, Men, Women, Mosquitoes. Everything in the dream who created? You only created. Where did you get all the material? There is a dream house where did you buy the cement? Steel? Wood? Nowhere sir. It is all in me alone-by own memory. The maker is me and the material also is me. I Thought of mountains, mountains was. Thought of valley. The valley was. Thought of a river. The river was. So, for the creation the material necessary for it was found in myself. So I am both the maker and the material for the dream world. That forms the model.

If the maker and the material are identical, then you can understand god now very easily. He has got to be identical. Any other thing would be illogical. An illogical - you can neither believe nor understand. What is illogical is not to be accepted, or is to be understood as illogical. You cannot believe it. So the God must be both. Then I have nothing for me to say against the model. Model is not wanting. Any own dream gives a model.

That is why we say, our god is married. He is not a father in Heaven. Then what about mother? Father without mother? Is he a widower?

From the stand point of maker we say, it is 'He'. From the stand point of material it is 'She'.

Idea is their both maker and material are identical- that opens up a new fact. That is - the creation can be never separate from the material from which it is made. The pot, the creation, is not separate from the material of which it is made. Can you separate the material, the clay, from the pot?

Suppose I take the fabric away and ask you to wear the shirt. You wear the shirt. Let me take the fabric. Where is shirt without fabric? Where is yarn without cotton or Silk? Whatever may be the effect, it CANNOT be separate from its cause.

If god is both the maker and the material, where is He? The question does not arise. Where is He not?

We are searching 'where is He?' That means we have already decided, He is not here. Understand now. The creation is not separate from god. Therefore, the creation-space is God. Air is God. We have a model here. Five elemental model. We will discuss that later. Anything you see,-Sun, Space, Time, Stars, known and unknown, the whole thing is God. You must have heard about. "God is all pervasive. This is what it means. The creation (given) is non separate from creator/giver. Hence the whole creation is sacred. We do not look upon one part alone is sacred. Your body is sacred. Your mind is sacred. The sanctity of your body, the sanctity of your mind, is very important. Sacred means is what? It is not separate from God. I look upon everything that is here as sacred.

"One great God is everywhere and can be worshipped in any form".

Last week we talked about what do we understood by the word god. We saw anything that is intelligently but together require an intelligent being. Like their hall or fan or mike. All these are intelligently but together. So there is a purpose involved here. When there is a purpose, there is certain knowledge and skill involved. So all these are possible only when there is an intelligent being. So I cited the case of ant which is intelligent enough to create the anthill, honey-bee intelligent enough to create honey comb, a bird is intelligent enough to put together a nest.

Then you say in certainty, anything that is intelligently put together to serve a purpose, should have an intelligent cause. So when I look at my own physical body, and the whole set up in which it is born, I see it is intelligently put together. Every scientist knows this. There is certain design in the world set up. When you appreciate such a design implying a lot of knowledge, then you have to visualize/appreciate an intelligent being - the creator, the one who brings different things together. So this world, is looked upon as creation. If it is creation it presupposes knowledge and knowledge always rests in a conscious being. And the conscious being having knowledge is called god, a word we use to refer that entity. We are talking of the creation of the entire thing, we are talking of all world. I can give you a small drill now.

“Gatakarta”, “Karta” means maker “ghata” means pot. The maker of a pot must be knower of pot, otherwise how can he make. So “Gatakarta” means one who knows ghata.

All knower, all skill also all mighty - that conscious being - whom we also call Isvara in Sanskrit. Because He is unlike one of us. Where is this God? One person asked me - I give two minutes. He challenges. Let Him come. God did not come. So he says god is not there.

The question is ‘where is He? He is all knowing - Ok. It is logical clean. But where is He? One says he is in one of the heavens, Vaikuntha etc. Seven-up. He is in the 7th world. Who created heaven? If god created heaven, where was he before the creation of heaven? There is no answer. When we do not have answer, what happens? You know. In the mind of a person, he has given up. Because there is no answer. One aspect they are very sure. That this must be an all knowing conscious being. What is he? Where is he? These are all problems. So we have faith. And when we have no faith, half the question is answered and the other half is not answered.

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Quotes from Pujya Swamiji's Diary – 1968

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- * Life is for the living. Death is for the dead. Living I die if I miss the here and now.
- * Dead I will live if I have my being in the past and future, and there and yonder. Is it living ?
- * ‘That’ is ‘this’ when there is a ‘that’ beyond ‘that’. ‘This’ is ‘that’ when there is a ‘this’ closer to ‘this’. Is there a ‘this’ which never becomes ‘that’ ? With the ‘this’ that is ever ‘this’ can I ever conceive a ‘that’?
- * If one is ‘this’, is there any meaning in one’s struggle to become ‘that’.
- * I am this-here-now. That-there-was is beyond my scope.