



My dear and respected Devotees Seeta Ram and Jai Shree Krishna

Last week I spoke about Gyan which is called in English as knowledge. I also mentioned that Bhakti is the Goddess who gave birth to Gyan and Vairagya.

What this means is that to gain Divine Knowledge or detachment we have to generate love and devotion at the Lotus Feet of our Lord. Bhakti is the first step to achieve divine knowledge and move further towards God.

I also told you that Gyaan is like a sharp edge of a sword so it is very difficult to be safe and stay on it because there are many possibilities of mistakes and a little imbalance make you fall off very easily

WE hear often about Narad Muni, who was a great celestial Sage and a very knowledgeable person. Some say that Narad Jee was the person who opened the path to meet Bhagwan and if one was to see Narad Jee it means that person is also very close to GOD. Narad Jee was practicing Gyaan more than Bhakti

Once Narad Jee saw a sacred cave in the Himalayan Mountain and also saw a beautiful and heavenly stream which was the River Ganges as he was walking. Devarishi Narad Jee was very attracted to this sight of this most holy and charming place. He decided to do penance there. Kaam Dev (the God of Love and Beauty) with his associates, sent by Dev Raj Indra(the King of Gods) went to interrupt him during penance but was unable to do so. Narad Jee did not mind and forgave Kaam Dev. This victory produced ignorance and Pride in Narad's mind and he decided to share this with his father Brahma Jee, who listened and advised not to mention it to anyone else. But he went to Lord Shiva about his victory and he was also warned by Lord Shiva not to mention this to anyone.

Narad Muni went on to Vishnu Bhagwan ignoring both Lord Shiva and Lord Brahma. Hearing the story Lord Vishnu praised him that Narad Jee you are beyond all these obstacles example, ignorance lust, anger etc as Vishnu Bhagwan wanted to dispel his mental state of mind

After he left Vishnu Bhagwan, as he was travelling he noticed a beautiful city, more beautiful than anything he had seen. Upon entering the City he asked about the city and he was told that this Kingdom belonged to the great King Shetal Nidis. Narad Jee was welcome by the King and called his daughter Vishwa Mohini who came and greeted Dev Rishi Narad Muni. Seeing her beauty Narad Muni gazed at her and then became obsessed with her and her beauty. Narad Jee then decided to play some tricks to win the Princess and in so doing he gave up all his tapasya and sadhana jaap etc only thinking about the way he can get the Princess.

He called on Lord Vishnu and asked for his appearance. Lord Vishnu gave him his body but the face of a monkey. Narad Jee went to the Princess who refused her and she ended up marrying Vishnu Bhagwan.

After realizing That Vishnu Bhagwan tricked him Narad Muni put a curse that when Vishnu comes on earth as a man he would not have a wife.

Narad Muni was a great sage but because of his ignorance and pride he suffered. This is what happens when the knowledgeable person acts with ego and thinks he knows everything.

After getting knowledge we must surrender ourselves and everything we have to our Lord and as Lord Krishna says

Ananyaas chintayanto maam yejanaaha paryu paasate

Teshaam nityaa bhiyuk taanaam

yogakshemam vahaamyaham.

I personally take care of the welfare of those ever steadfast devotees, who always remember or Worship Me with single minded devotion. (Gita Chapter 9 Verse 22)