



**My dear and respected devotees Jai Seeta Ram Radhe Radhe, Guru Charan Kamalbhyo Namahah.**

**Today we are talking about Guru Purnima also known as Vyasa Purnima which normally occurs in July on the Full moon day of Ashadh in the Hindu Calendar**

**As we all know the full moon day is very auspicious (See previous lecture) and on this occasion there is even more auspiciousness.**

**On this day Saints starts their special austerities called Chaturmas which means saints choose a place away from their hermitage in the rainy season to perform their penance. This is a very difficult time to do penance.**

**Guru Poornima or Vyaasa Poornima celebration is the appearance of Vyaas Jee, the writer and divider of the Vedas, the Puranas and other religious texts.**

**When Lord Brahma realized that human knowledge was declining on earth due to difficulty knowledge contained in the Vedic scriptures he manifested himself in the form of Veda Vyaasa, as the son of Sage Parashar and a fisherman's daughter named Satyawati, grandson of Saint Shakti, great grandson of Vishaitha, the Guru of Bhagwan Rama and the great great grandson of Brahma Himself.**

**Vyasam Vashishtha naktaram Shakteh Potram Akalmasham  
Parasharaat majam Vande Shuktaatam Tapo Nidhim**

**Vyaasaye Vishnu Roopaye Vyaas roopaye Vishnave  
Namo Vai Brahma Nidhaye Vashishthaye namo Namahah**

**Shankaram Shankaraacharyam Keshavam Bodrayanam  
Sutra Bhashya Kritau Vande Bhagwantau Punah Punah**

**Vyaas Jee collected all the Hymns of The Vedas and gave them a standard form and accent and divided them into four parts, basing these on their use in the sacrificial rites as Rig Veda, Yajur Veda Saam Veda and Atharva Veda, which he taught to his four chief disciples Paila, Vaishampayam, Jaimini and Sumantu. This achievement made him to be called Veda Vyaas, the editor and divider of the Vedas.**

**Veda Vyaas was dark in complexion and was called Krishna. He also did severe penance in Badrinath and was called Vadracharya. His full name was Krishna Dvaipayana Vadracharya Veda Vyasa and the histories and Puranas were called the fifth Veda.**

**Hindus always relate worship of Bhagwan with various times and incidents of Nature and full moon has special significance as well, since it is a complete illumination. Guru Purnima then signifies a spiritual illumination and Veda Vyasa became to be worshipped on this day.**

**Adi Shankaracharya says in Geeta Mahatamya  
Namostu Te Vyasa Vishal Buddhhe Phullar a Vindayat Patra Netra  
Yen Tvaaya Bharat Tail Poorna Prajwalito Gyan mayah Pradeepah**

**Vyaas's most popular scripture in the Hindu world is the Mahabharata, which contains Shreemad Bhagwad Geeta and can be summarized as follows**

**Yato Dharmah Tato Jayah which means that wherever there is righteousness there will be victory as Bhagwad Geeta tells us in Chapter 18 verse 78.**

***Yatra yogeshwarah krishno yatra paartho dhanurdharah;  
Tatra shreevijayo bhootirdhruvaa neetirmatirmama.* Wherever there is Krishna, the Lord of Yoga, wherever there is Arjuna, the archer, there is always prosperity, happiness, victory and firm policy; such is my conviction.**

**Devotees the word Guru is derived from two syllables GU and Ru and these two words have different meanings For example**

- 1. Gu means Darkness and Ru means The illuminator**
- 2. Gu means Courage and Ru means agitator**
- 3. Gu means knowledge and Ru means illusion**
- 4. Gu means sickness and Ru means Healer**
- 5. Gu means ignorance and Ru means remover of ignorance**

**Therefore a Guru is someone who can remove all obstacles in the spiritual growth of an individual and has a special place in one's life. It is for this reason that all scholars, disciples and followers of all sects of Hinduism celebrate Guru Purnima as a way of remembering and thanking their Gurus.**

**My dear ones Hindus attach paramount importance to their spiritual Gurus, who are equated with Bhagwan and is seen as the link to GOD, and the link between the individual or mortal being with the immortal. Just as the moon shines by reflecting the light of the Sun and glorifies it , all disciples can gain knowledge from their Gurus as we resitevery often the following Slokha**

**Guru Brahma Guru Vishnu Guru Dewa Maheshwarha Guru Sakshat  
ParamBrahmah Tasmai Shree Guruve Namaha.**

**Nobody can achieve the knowledge or success without the Grace of a Guru even as great and powerful as Lord Brahma or Lord Shiva as stated in Uttarkhand Doha No 92**

**Guru Bin BhavNidhi Tarai Na Koyee**

**Jau Biranchi Shankhar Sam Hoyee**

**And in Doha Number 89 in Uttarkhand also says**

**Guru Bin Hoi Ki Gyaan Gyaan Ki Hoi Birag Binu**

**Gaavahin Ved Puraan Sukh Ki Lahiya hari Bhagati Binu**

**Some sings Guru Kripa Hi Kawalam. Some give gifts and show severe reverences to their Guru and as Sain Tulsidas said in BaalKaand**

**Vandau Guru pad Padum Paraga Suruchi Suvash Saras Anuraaga**

**Amiya Moorimaya Chooran Charoo Saman Sakal Bhava Ruja Parivaroo**

**Sukrit Shambhu Tan Vimal Vibhooti Mangul Mangal Mod Prasuti**

**Jan Man Maju Mukur malharin Kiye Halak Gun Gn Bas Karni**

**Sri Gur Pad hakh mani Gana Jati Sumirat Divya Drishti Hiya Hoti  
Dalan Moh Tam So Sapraakaashu Vade Bhag Ur Aavai Jaasoo  
Ugharahin Vimal Vilochan Hee Kee Mitahin Dosh Dukh Bhav Rajani Ke  
Soojhahin Ram Charit mani Manik Guput Pragat Jah Jo Jehi Khanik**

**Yatha Suanjan anji Driga Sadhak Siddha Sujaan  
Kautuk Dekhahin Shail Ban Bhootal Bhoori Nidhaan**

**Devotees May Lord Vishnu Lord Brahma and Lord Shiva bless us all  
with theirs Grace and by removing the darkness of ignorance from our  
minds and make blissful and bright in the form of a GURU.**

**Jai Seeta Ram Radhe Radhe and Thank you.**