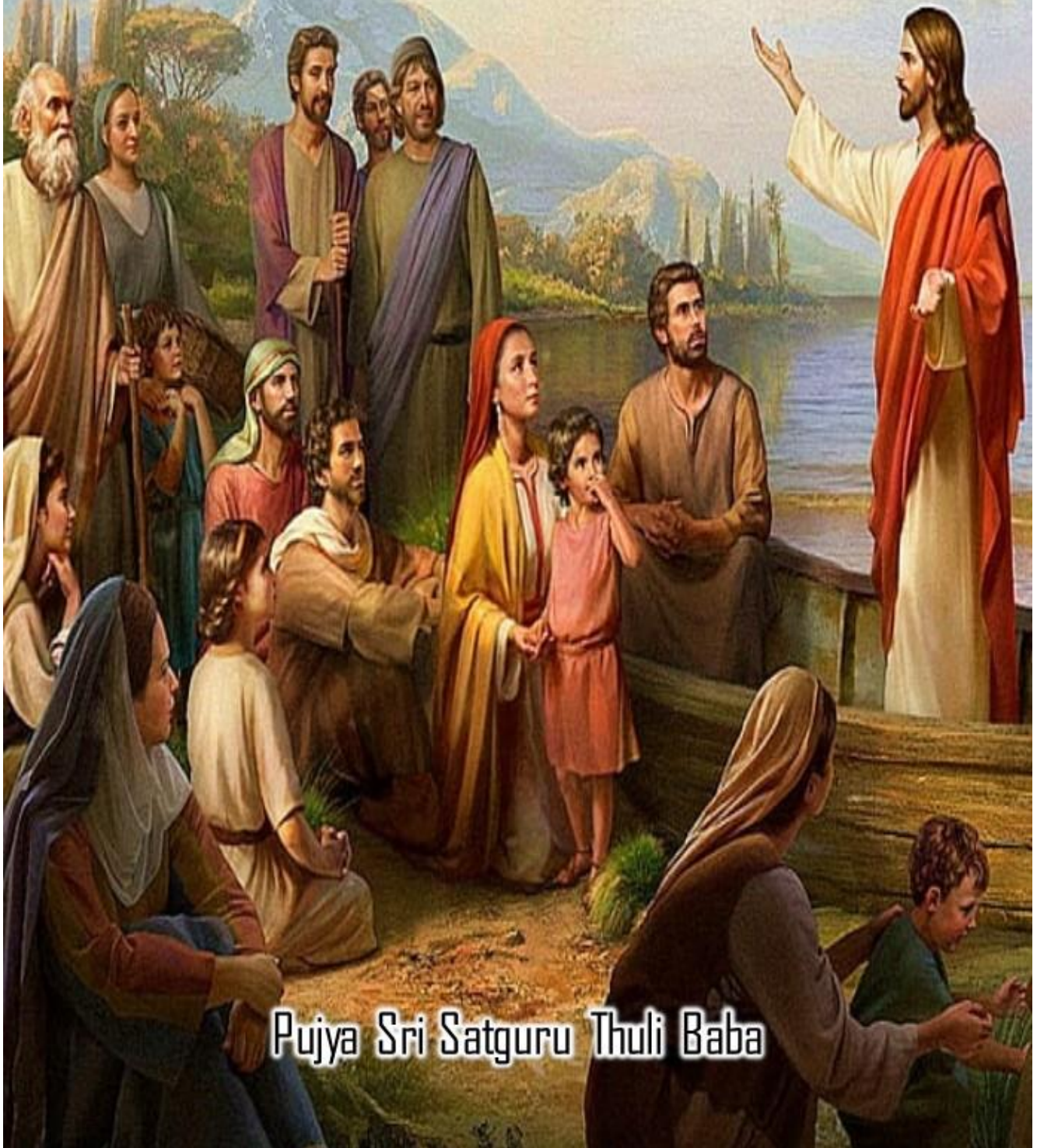


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Speak the truth. Share the words of divinity.



Control the tongue. Be compassionate.

Righteousness will be established if you speak the truth.

We take refuge at the Holy Feet of Sri Satguru!

Those who trust Him will not be forsaken.

The Lord helps us through a human form
(through other Jivas).

The Lord helps us as an invisible companion.

You are moulded by your faith and conviction.

Sri Ram Jayaram Jaya Jayaram Om!!

We are Brahman; the world is Brahman;
we are everything.

There is no existence of other worlds,
deities or individual souls.

(They are illusory).

metal which is nothing but earth. Now the price of gold alarms you. The delusion of gold crushes you. You have come to a stage where you think that you cannot live without it.

Moreover, you keep fighting with each other for earth: this patch of land is mine, that one is yours etc. You covet the land, but the land doesn't long for you. The earth devours you in the end. The moth is attracted by the flame as if it's a fruit and dies in it. Similarly, you lose your vitality thinking that the opposite sex has beauty, attraction, glamour. What can the Lord do for you if you seek your own destruction? Ultimately, when you die, you merge with the earth. Gold, opposite sex or property, the transient things, are all earth. Does Lord Jesus teach you to desire such things?

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1. Ask, Knock and Seek

O *Our* dear Children!

Carefully read the words of *Our* Supreme Father Jesus Christ:

1. Ask and it shall be given
2. Knock and it shall be opened
3. Seek and you shall find

1. Ask and it shall be given

What does He want you to ask for - gold, opposite sex or earth (transient things)? No. Gold and earth are the same. Who imputed the value onto gold which is only another form of earth? Is it earth which gave value to earth as gold, or you gave the value to earth? You have assigned the higher status to the yellow

Saint Pattinathar laments:

“We desire earth and the earth devours us in the end;

Desires for gold and opposite sex do not leave us till the end;

Alas! we can't give up our attachment to children, kith and kin!”

Does Jesus ask you to pray for those petty baubles of the world?

Our precious treasure of children!

Truth is not an object which can be given or received. It is not an object which can be seen or heard. But if you ask for the Reality (Truth), your heart will be purified.

If you ask for transient and false things, the Truth will remain hidden.

You may ask: Can the false, the unreal have such strength to hide the Truth, the Real? Clouds hide the sun from our view. Similarly, the Truth is veiled. The inner experience will purify the external tendency of the mind. If you enhance your self-absorption, the external relationships will leave you automatically. Your experience will be: We are THAT; THAT We are.

The person who desires, the object of desire and the giver of the object - this triad is a nexus. The inner meaning is 'solution is born out of a conflict in the triad'. Asking for the unreal by taking it as real leads inevitably to sorrow. This is your usual plight.

Now, the nameless, formless and attributeless Brahman which is unreal and

The desire for worldly pleasures such as title, ostentation, money, status and infatuation will veil the Lord. This is the nature of the illusory world.

The Jiva who is deluded by worldly things must seek in order to get rid of his delusion.

The object to be sought is Truth which is eternal. The desire for pleasures will disappear if you ask for the Truth. We are THAT here. Even then we have to strive for it. It is here and now but we have taken on the role of human beings. If one acts in the role of a dog, he should bark. So also, as a human being you have to do the seeking and there is no other way.

The benefactor is the Lord. We have given a name and form to Him. Our desires

non-existent to your sensory parameters, has come in the form of the Lord to help you get rid of your attachment to transient, unreal things and attain the Reality.

You have to ask for or seek the Truth and leave aside the false. You impart existence (the Lord) to THAT which has no existence. You have to use the power of discrimination by which purity will be obtained. This will culminate in the Great Bliss of divinity and then in the Ultimate Bliss.

To remove a thorn in the foot, another thorn is needed. After removing the embedded thorn, both thorns are discarded. In this way we have to seek the Truth which is hidden in us. To give up the worldly desires, you desire the Lord first and later give up both desires.

have created the world. Our enquiry has created the Lord, with whose help we should discard the desires and the world.

Just as a cloth falling into a thorny bush gets entangled in it, we are also trapped in the world. Only by the grace of a Guru, we will understand the scenario.

The game is: We pretend to ask for Him, we pretend to surrender everything to Him, and then abide carefree in absolute silence.

2. Knock and it shall be opened

He didn't mean that you should knock on the door of a house. He asks you to knock on the gate of the heart wherein He dwells. You may have seen the picture of Lord Jesus. His heart is tightly fastened with barbed wire and is bleeding.

The symbolism is : ‘O son! Your heart is enmeshed in cruel attributes, acts, and desires (poison) for alcohol, opposite sex and gambling which prevent the entry of Truth. When will you remove your evil attachments? When can We enter into your heart?’ What you see in the picture is not the heart of Jesus but your own heart.

He says : “Children! We want to take shelter in your heart but you have blocked Our way with your lust, anger, enmity, deception, intrigues, infatuation and ‘I and mine’ due to your religion, caste, etc”. You are assailed by doubts, you are fickle-minded (the fickle mind is a ghost). You cannot empty your heart and allow space for Him.

be destroyed. When these two are absent, the cycle of birth and death will be terminated.

3. Seek and you shall find

O children! Our Lord doesn’t ask you to seek wealth and pleasures or any perishable things such as titles, position and fame. Nor does He ask you to search for the Deities glorified in the scriptures or ask to be bestowed transient liberation.

By His grace we have to surrender to Him who is praised in the Vedas. We have to surrender His (Maya’s) creation to Him. We have to merge with the true form of the Lord and with THAT. The way to become oneself by oneself is indeed the worthy search! This search is enduring. THAT is not an object

O man! Where is your heart? What are your belongings? Everything is His. Your thoughts, words and actions are His.

Perform Sarvarppanam, weeping for His grace. What other way have you got than crying for His grace and surrendering your thoughts, words and actions? If you weep, you are knocking on His heart, that means your heart. Your ego, Karma, and Maya, the three impurities and evil attributes - lust, anger and delusion - will be destroyed. That means that the barbed wires will be cut by your knocking. Your heart will become His temple. By His grace, His heart will open. He will be present in your heart and you will be present in His heart. Knocking means crying. If you weep, your Karma will be destroyed and if you realize the Truth, your mind will

which can be obtained with the five organs of Knowledge and Karma. ‘Seek and you shall find’ is a figurative way of indicating the search for your own Self.

We are THAT; THAT We are. Yet, we see the gold as ornaments and get deluded. The craze makes you run hither and thither and innumerable thoughts assail you on this account. Frustration and grief oppress you if the object is not obtained. Fear arises to protect it if it is obtained. You feel great disappointment and longing if it reaches another person. Then, perplexity, confusion and conflict disturb you. You get completely infatuated. Ownership creates bondage, bondage creates attachment which gives rise to merits and demerits and the consequent cycle of birth and death.

In order to escape from the cycle, you have to search for that One (the Supreme Being) and give up this one (the world). The search is difficult, letting go is also difficult. Great Beings say: “If you let go of what is to be left behind, you will attain Transcendence. If you touch the Pillar that is to be touched, even death will fear to approach you.”

In Kali era, letting go of the unreal is not easy. This is the age of falsehood. Sarvarppanam with the attitude, ‘Ellaam Nee!’ is the only way. Then Maya will take care of the delusive appearance created by itself. The Lord who is the imaginary subtle form will take care of it. Though the world and its objects appear at gross level, the attributes are subtle. The Lord whom we

worship is also subtle. Subtle thing will be destroyed through a subtle thing. Karma is created through the attributes of the mind, though it is experienced through the innocent body. The body is an inert instrument. Maya activates the mind to acquire mental attributes. These attributes create Karma and Karma manifests through the body.

A song of a devotee goes like this: ‘God rules the kingdom from within a zero. One who understands this subtle fact through true Knowledge, is the hero.’ True knowledge is hidden within us. The distorted, imaginative mind veils the Knowledge. One has to search through the maze of the distorted intellect, let go of the worldly way of seeing things and attain one’s natural state.

2. Jesus saves a prostitute

Our Children!

Mistakes are made knowingly or unknowingly. He who deliberately indulges in wrong-doing must reform his character. One should repent the mistakes made due to the lack of attention.

One who commits an offence knowingly is fully aware of the consequences. He is aware of his wrong act. So he should take full responsibility to correct himself. He cannot get help from others in this. His efforts alone can help him. Offences committed deliberately harm others. If one dedicates one’s acts to the Lord, his acts will not turn out to be wrong and others will not be affected by them. He will also be saved from doing anything wrong.

In the other case, one errs due to the lack of attention. Generally such acts do not affect others though sometimes they can affect them. These are committed unintentionally when the person is not fully aware of the impact of his act. If he or she accepts the support of a person of discrimination, such lapses of conduct can be avoided. If one does it with the remembrance of the Lord and with surrender, the person of discrimination will be the Lord.

Mistake done with awareness is due to jealousy. These acts are also done due to jealousy, being unable to bear the elevation of others. Jealousy includes fury, lust, deception, stinginess, egoism due to caste, position, money and showing off and fury due to fanaticism, etc.

Mistakes done without awareness are due to doubt. Doubt means seeing one thing as another. When one has doubts, whatever he or she sees, hears, gives or receives, whatever events occur, the person gets agitated and perplexed. Confusion leads to grief and fear. One does not feel peace, contentment and bliss because of duality and seeing differences.

Let U_s narrate an incident that occurred when W_e were Jesus. Understand it with your Knowledge.

O_{ux} Supreme Father was sitting in absolute silence on a rock at the foot of a mountain. Some Jews were chasing a woman who was a prostitute in order to kill her. They thought that they had gone astray because of the woman. Her existence disturbed them.

the intelligence to understand that her way of life harmed her as well as others. She was forced into this lifestyle without knowing the consequences. There was no way out for her. On the other hand, the persecutors' wives were available to them at home.

The helpless woman, being afraid of her imminent death, ran towards the mountain searching for help. There she found O_{ux} Father. She rushed to Him and quickly caught hold of His Holy Feet. Like a creeper that tightly clings to a pole or a tree, she grasped His feet. O_{ux} Supreme Father's Holy Feet were washed by the tears of a destitute woman. His feet were wiped with her hair, cleansing her of all impurities.

The chasers spoke angrily to O_{ux} Father: 'O our messenger Jesus! She is a terrible

Her death, they considered, would end their shame and guilt. They chased her, flinging stones at her to kill her. Each man was carrying a stone. Attention! The men had committed the offence as they had indulged in the wrong act deliberately. The woman had committed a mistake which was due to her lack of awareness.

The men knew that their immoral action would be detrimental to their physical and mental health. Yet they did not restrain themselves. It was like scratching the itching eczema which would eventually result in the amputation of the leg. They could not rein in their evil desires. Strangely, they tried to kill her.

Her condition: She did not know any other way of earning her livelihood. She didn't have

sinner. We, youths, are going astray because of her. If she lives, we will go to our doom. Please hand her over to us. We want to pelt her with stones and kill her. Don't give her shelter.'

O_{ux} supreme Father looked at them and the woman alternately and smiled. He gently caressed her head with his hand to assuage her fear. Turning to the angry men, He said, 'Our beloved children! You carry stones in order to punish her because she is immoral. One who has done a mistake unknowingly must feel remorse and one who has indulged in wrong-doing knowingly must change his evil attitude. The punishment given must be consistent with the state of mind. This is Dharma. She feels remorseful has surrendered herself and begs with a melting heart to be

forgiven for her sins. You think that the justice is on your side and want to kill her. Let us punish her.'

Saying this, Jesus picked up a stone and added: "Whoever amongst you is sinless and has never had a relationship with her, let him throw the first stone. We will follow suit and punish her.'

There was a stunned silence. There was no one among them who had not sinned. They looked at each other. As a sign of owning up to their sin, all dropped their stones and left the place. Our Father looked down at the woman who was holding on to His Holy Feet compassionately. She felt deep remorse, washed His Holy Feet with her tears of gratitude, and wiped them with her long tresses which purified her.

Jivas from the plain below looked at Him. Some heard His voice imbued with Love, 'He is calling us. Let us go, giving up all our troubles and take shelter in His presence.' Each one had a huge load on his head consisting of his Prarabhda of merits and demerits.

They started climbing. There were tall fences on both sides of the path representing self-discipline and the rules of conduct. In order to reach Him, one can neither jump over the fences nor leave the path. This was the only path - the way of virtue - to reach Him. The path was broad at the beginning, becoming narrower towards the end. Only one person at a time could pass through it and one's head load could not be carried through.

Her oath: 'Our Supreme Father! We will not repeat the wrong act even if the body has to collapse in the process.' A man was waiting at the foot of the hill to give refuge to the helpless woman. It is His unconditional Love!

3. Sermon on the Mount

Our Children!

Our Supreme Father, standing on the top of a hill with both His hands outstretched, beckoned those who were struggling under the burden of their mental tendencies like a loving mother calling her children, 'Come to Us, all those of you who are weary and burdened, and We will give you shelter,'. He did not hold weapons in His hands like the Hindu deities. His hands were empty, He was free from fault-finding and He possessed a compassionate heart and all-embracing Love.

They were puzzled. How to leave the bundle of merits and demerits for which they have toiled their whole life? They looked at the Father who stood on the top empty-handed. 'Suppose we leave the bundle here, is it possible to receive anything in return from Him? He seems to have nothing with Him! Suppose we leave the bundle here. When we return (empty handed), it may have been snatched away by someone else. We will be losers both ways.' They were consumed by doubt, confusion and fear. A proverb says: "A stranger took possession of the wife of the one who was watching her".

O worthless human being!

What did you bring with you when you were born? What did you lose here? You came into the world with closed fists, yet you

brought with you countless desires to see, search, taste and enjoy! At the time of your death, you wail piteously with open, empty hands, ‘there is nothing, there is nothing and there is nothing!’

Saint Pattinathar said: “You bring nothing when you are born nor do you carry back anything when you die. O Siva! They enjoy a bubble-like small measure of transient wealth that You give them in-between birth and death. Yet, what to say of them? They cannot spend any of that wealth in charity during their lifetime!”

Those who strive for devotion and Self-Knowledge also desire some benefit or joy. O man, you are the embodiment of bliss. Why do you search for bliss from external objects?

repeatedly and ceaselessly, you surrender to Him all your Karmas. The Lord will appear separate from us until our Karma is exhausted. When your Karma is over, He will exist as us. However, this is the temporary phase of Sadhana. When you and the Lord merge in THAT, your Love is also dissolved in THAT.

Going back to our story, none could throw away the head load nor give up the idea of ‘my baggage’. They returned home with their luggage. The business of carrying the luggage continues till today! You continue to visit many towns, to wear different shirts (births) and to do business. You are not tired of the business (the worldly life of fulfilling the desires) nor do you lose interest in wearing different shirts!

If you let go, you will experience bliss. If you cling, you will experience grief and fear. There is nothing to give up and nothing to pursue. It’s your imagination that agitates you so much. Why do you create your own suffering?

All you have to do is cultivate Love!

You dissolve all the delusions in Love. Due to hallucination, you believe in the unreal and grow your imagination. Always thinking about bodily concerns and assailed by doubt, grief and fear, you develop a fear of death.

Love is when you attach yourself to a Lord with a name and form. A form of the Lord is necessary to destroy the Karmas. Your Ishta (favourite Lord) is the foundation of your Sadhana. Dwelling on the Lord

4. A Statement of Lord Jesus

We are the Truth, the Way and the Jiva.

Dwell on this truth with an inner experience.

1. Truth: No need for a detailed explanation here. Satyam means Truth in Sanskrit. *Sat* means Truth and *yam* means existing. Hence the Truth exists as Truth. It is devoid of flaws, mental attributes and bias. It is full and perfect.

A devotee sings: “Even if countless people of innumerable universes partake of the Truth (experience the Truth), there will be no decrease in the quantity of Truth. It remains as full and perfect as ever. From the wholeness emerges wholeness and if you take away the wholeness from the wholeness, the wholeness still exists”.

2. The Way: There are many ways to reach the city of Chennai - by walking or by car, two-wheeler, auto rickshaw, bus, train, flight or ship.

There is a ring road (by-pass) surrounding the city. To enter the city, you travel on the ring road first. If you imagine that there is nothing after reaching the ring road, you will not enter the city and you may continue on other routes. Other routes will take you to some other villages or cities but not to Chennai. There is only one way to Chennai. Similarly, the way of Advaita alone leads you to Jivanmukti.

3. Jiva: One cannot guide the ignorant people by remaining in the state of the Supreme Being or the Lord. It is possible to guide the Jivas only by assuming a human

instrument to uplift his disciples to the Divine State.

He is the epitome of noble conduct, free from attachment to the body, world, relatives and objects. He has an association with the Lord. He himself can be the Lord or the Guru. He can understand the Satguru through his devotion. However, he cannot become the Satguru. He is deluded in the state of Divinity. He knows that he is THAT but he makes no attempt to realize THAT. His delusion about the Lord is also combined with fear of the Lord. He rejoices in Divine Bliss and is free from the joy of worldly desires.

Delusion: He is attracted to subtle desires for the names, forms and the immense

form. The Guide has to take the form of a Jiva and act like a Jiva to guide the ignorant Jivas.

The Guru born as a human being, yet living differently, bestows his experience on the ordinary human beings. He guides them to walk on the path towards the empire of the Lord (heaven) or the Space Consciousness (Jivanmukti).

Lord Jesus is a spiritual Guru who had descended from heaven for our benefit. He acted in the role of a human being to guide us on the right path.

5. Guru and Satguru

Guru: He teaches Dharma and truth and points out the Divine State. He remains an

power and glories of the Lord. The fear is based on duality such as in the relationship of a boss and a servant, mother and child and Lord and the devotee. There is no third person here. He attains to the state of the Lord but does not become the Lord Himself. He can merge with the Lord and also in the absolute state, 'We are THAT' but he draws back from attaining the ultimate state because he doesn't want to give up the Divine Bliss which can be enjoyed only in duality. The Ultimate Bliss can be experienced by oneself in oneself as oneself. He thinks that there is no joy in THAT. If one becomes non-existent, a state of nothing in the Absolute, how can one enjoy the taste? So he continues to abide in duality where the enjoyer-enjoyed relationship is maintained.

The devotee (Guru) does not want to become the Lord. The Guru attains contentment in the seeing, hearing and subtle touching in this state. Here the seer becomes the seen and the seen becomes the seer. Your mind becomes pure when you surrender to Him. As long as his merits from the present birth last, he remains merged in Him in Kailash or Vaikunth. A new life starts in the next birth. The final state of mind in the previous birth is the starting point of the new birth. He will get a noble birth in a rich or spiritual family. Then earning merits and demerits depends on his ability. This is the story of the Guru.

Now, let us see the way of the Satguru.

Satguru: He possesses all the qualities and aspects of a Guru. The Satguru does not

abides in peace. He does not touch Maya nor Maya touches him. He is not assailed by lust, anger or the states of the Jivas. No Karma or mental tendencies afflict him. He does not remain in the state of Divinity, he remains in a state beyond that. He does not display supernatural powers or glories. He hides everything in laughter and hides himself behind his laughter. Therefore it is very difficult to recognize him. He is neither a devotee nor a Siddha, Mukta, Mahatma, ascetic, Brahmarishi, Rajarishi, Yogi, the five Doers or with any powers. But everything is contained in him and he remains hidden in them. He exists as the Eternal Being.

We are THAT!
 THAT We are,
 That Sadhu We are,
 That Madcap We are.

suffer from delusion and fear of the Lord. According to what is needed, he will descend to the Divine State and remain in the state of witness. He is untouched by Maya of the Lord. He transfers the responsibility for the Jivas to the Lord. He remains a witness, showing no curiosity as to how things are carried out by the Lord.

Feeling: The Jiva and the Lord play like innocent children devoid of partiality. He abides in peace, watching the play.

Understanding: He can distinguish between merits and demerits. In the state of Truth, he realizes that each one exhausts his or her Karmas in accordance with his or her accounts of credit and debit. If the Satguru doesn't wish to be in this state, he remains united with the divine name and

The Guru and the Satguru are great Beings. They have relinquished everything. Their gross bodies, like that of others, are made of earth and water.

If earth and water are mixed together, there will be the smell of earth. Hence, these great beings always wear Padukas while walking to avoid contact with the earth. If their feet touch water, they should be wiped. He himself wipes them or offers them to be wiped by his disciples as Seva.

When the great beings wash their Holy Feet with water, the disciple or devotee would wipe them with his cloth. It is a beautiful tradition. It is not for the sake of the great beings. It is for enabling the devotees to render Seva. This tradition was

earnestly followed in the past. Now it has been forgotten because of the false sense of shame and shyness. The Mahatmas have also distanced themselves from this tradition due to their detachment.

Such great Mahatmas are not to be seen nowadays. Supreme disciples are also not available. Pada-seva has disappeared. Kali has changed the whole humanity. Kalideva catches hold of those who have even a trace of attachment to the body, the world and their belongings. Kalideva does not leave anyone who says: "I am doing it, I can do it", thus claiming rights which do not exist. Unfortunate people who claim possessiveness due to the delusion of 'mine', and those who undermine and disrespect the great beings due to their faulty judgment are not spared

Jesus mentioned in the Bible. The only difference is in the dress. Our mind spontaneously sees Jesus in you. Then our eyes start brimming with tears.

Madcap: (*interrupting*) You go on talking continuously! *This* is an inert thing, utterly useless. A madcap! Knowing what *This* is, now you can continue your talk.

Villager: Sir! You are standing here in front of us due to the merits of our ancestors. We are sorry to have stopped you on the way. We seek an explanation from you.

Madcap: O, only your ancestors had merits and not you!

Villager: It can't be said that we have no merits. Unless we had some merits, we

by Kali. Whoever acts with a biased vision comes under the sway of the Kali effect.

6. A conversation between a Madcap and a villager

Villager: Sir! What is your native village?

Madcap: Do you really want to know?

Villager: Not necessarily. We have been noticing you for many years. Whatever question is put to you, you answer briefly and leave the place quickly. We have also prostrated to you many times. You utter "Narayana" and leave the place, without waiting for any further initiative from us. Your humility and self-restraint remind us of our Lord Jesus. Your behaviour, walk and attitude are similar to the description of

would not have been born in the lineage of our ancestors who were meritorious. How can a sinner be born in the family of virtuous people?

Madcap: According to you, a virtuous person cannot be born to a sinner and a sinner cannot be born to a virtuous person. Were you born in the Christian faith or were you converted to Christianity?

Villager: How do you know that we were a Hindu by birth and became a convert to Christianity?

Madcap: The face is the indicator for the state of mind. Words also reveal the inner stuff. The secret of the human birth can be understood only by a person who was born in the Hindu faith and had studied the

scriptures. People of other religions do not know these intricate things.

Villager: Merits and demerits give rise to repeated births and deaths. Is it possible to avoid merits and demerits?

Madcap: Actions causing merits and demerits cannot be avoided but their power can be rendered less effective.

Villager: How?

Madcap: If one surrenders to a Lord with a name and form, the merits and demerits will be nullified.

Villager: To which Lord should one surrender?

Madcap: (*laughing*) The Lord is always One and not two. You can surrender your merits and demerits to your Lord Jesus. One can

like Joseph, Jehovah, Moses, Mary, etc.? One person worships the Cross and another rejects it as a sign of sin. Let us not get entangled in religious controversies. Such criticisms will pollute both the individual and the nation. One will accumulate more sins by indulging in such thinking. Let us give it up. Did you change your religion for material benefit or for mental contentment?

Villager: We changed our religion to gain material benefit for our family. There is no peace of mind even after the change of religion. There was no peace of mind in the Hindu religion either. We are still searching for peace.

Madcap: Peace and contentment exist within you whereas you search for them

surrender to Allah, Buddha, or any Hindu deity. If one surrenders everything to a Lord, he or she is freed from accruing new merits and demerits. Then the cycle of birth and death will be terminated. Why did you convert to Christianity?

Villager: By the grace of Lord Jesus, every month we received money for education, business and some other needs. We have also read and listened to Hindu scriptures, epics and other spiritual texts. There are thousands of Deities in the Hindu religion. We do not know which Lord one should worship. Moreover, the birth and marriages of the Lords are not to our taste.

Madcap: Do the Christians have only one Lord? Are they not worshipping many Lords

outside - in the body, family and the world. How can you obtain peace from these sources? If you split the word "Christian" (In Tamil, "Christuvan"), you will understand its meaning.

Villager: How? I don't understand it. Do you want to split the word "Christian" or the word "Christ"?

Madcap: Christ is whole. No one can split Him. A Christian is a religious person. A Mohammedan is a religious person. A Hindu does not refer to any religion. A Hindu means "single-pointedness".

Villager: Who has told you that "Hindu" means "single-pointedness"? Or is it your imagination?

Madcap: India was created first. Other countries and continents appeared later. There were three people by the name Bharathan - Jadabharathan, Lord Rama's younger brother and Shakuntala's son. These three great Bharathans governed this land in different periods and therefore this land came to be known as Bharatha Kanda. Later it was called Bharath. Great beings of the first three epochs gave the name "Hindu" to this land. In Kali, it was changed into India. Hindu means "single-pointedness".

Villager: Sir! We hear this for the first time. Did you get it from any book? An unknown explanation, a strange explanation!

Madcap: This is the personal experience of great beings from whom we learnt about it.

attain maturity in devotion and it will take you to the path of Self-Knowledge.

You said that you are a Christian ("Christuvan" in Tamil). If you split the word, it is Christ+Avan. It means Christ+he. Hence, Lord Jesus is Christ and you have not yet become Christ. You are making no efforts to become Christ.

Your age now may be sixty. You have spent the first ten years as a child, twenty-five years in sleep, another twenty-five years for education, marriage and raising of children, building assets, business, etc. You have lived for so many years and acquired only transient things. You have not searched for your Self. You have buried your Self in the mire of worldly life.

It cannot be seen in any text. No time to speak further. Our children may be searching for Us.

Halting Us, he hugged Us.

Villager: Sir! Sir! Be patient. We got the rare chance to speak to you today. Is it fair to quit in the middle? It is like forsaking us in the middle of a river when we don't know how to swim. You want to leave without explaining the words "Christian" and "Mohammedan". This fellow is also your child, is he not? Is it Dharma to forsake us? We see you as our Lord Jesus as well as an Avadhut.

Madcap (interrupting): Be patient, be patient. What you see in Us arises out of your divine Love. If you develop it, you will

You are still alive and healthy. If you search and rescue yourself, you will surely become Christ. Of what avail is simply shouting "I am a Christian" without becoming Christ? You have frittered your time away on issues of caste, religion and enmity among human beings. How will you gain peace and bliss? First, you become Christ, the Lord. Only then you can attain peace. It is possible for you.

If your life is lived with self-restraint, you can become immortal. You will be crushed if you try to control others through your money, position, caste and religion. When we utter these words, we speak from the plane of THAT.

Villager: (doing full prostration) Enough, Lord, enough. We realize that one should not

have an intense attachment to one's caste and religion. There is one Lord and one can call upon Him with Love. What about the explanation for the Mohammedans? They think that theirs is a religion and do not consider everyone as Allah.

Madcap (*with a laughter*): You split the word "Mohammedan" (Mugamathiyam in Tamil): Mugam+Mathi+Avan. It means: face+moon+he. One whose face reflects the cool quality of the full moon is a Mohammedan. Mohammed had a noble character. He was THAT at all times and was abiding in peace. The evil effect of Kali has caused the degradation of human life. One

Your spiritual vibrations are superior to your words of advice. Sattvic tendencies alone can liberate others. If you tender advice to the ignorant even one thousand times, they will not follow it. There is no benefit in advising such people. Moreover, the spiritual progress of the person who instructs without practice will halt.

Krishna and Christ are one. Their birth and life have some similarities.

Krishna was born in a prison. Christ was born in a cowshed.

Christ's family profession was carpentry but they tended sheep. He declared, "We are the Good Shepherd."

Krishna stole butter when He was a child. He tended cows and is called Govinda.

who knows this fact will observe self-restraint chanting His Name.

Villager: Your explanation is novel indeed! It bestows full contentment. We have not read or heard about these intricate matters before. But your explanation matches with the fact. If everyone understands it, how can there be fights for religion, caste, etc. How can one contemplate violence? Only peace will prevail. Everyone can live as a Hindu (with single-pointedness).

Madcap: This explanation and advice is only for you, not for the world. You cannot straighten the dog's tail. If you behave with understanding, others may be inspired by your example and change their old habits.

Surrender to Govinda who tends the cows. Adi Sankara said: "Of all Mantras, Gayatri Mantra is simple and charming. Ganga is the holiest river. Govinda is the divine Name which bestows bliss; it is a simple and joyful Mantra".

Govinda also means "one who destroys individuality and the bondage and affection arising from individuality". Then He unites the soul with His Holy Feet.

Gopala also means the boy who tends the cows. We (Jivas) are the cows. He is the cowboy who tends the Jivas perfectly.

Jesus waited patiently until the sick and old sheep returned to the barn. Jesus waited with both hands outstretched for the Jivas to reach Him. He was ready to bestow grace

on all. He said: 'O weary children! Come to Us! We are waiting for you.' He waited with a face radiating Love and kindness.

Krishna did some miracles.

Jesus also did some miracles.

The Demon King Kamsa was waiting to kill Krishna.

King Herod was waiting to kill Jesus.

Both their deaths were unnatural. Both died because of iron. Krishna was shot by the arrow (with a sharp iron piece) of a hunter. Jesus was crucified.

7. Advice of a Satguru

Children! Consistent with the mental maturity of the disciple, Sri Satgurudev instructs the four great aphorisms.

accordance with the maturity of your Sadhana, contemplate on Brahmam-consciousness, on Transcendental consciousness.'

'Avoid worldly thoughts and negative thinking. Avoid thoughts associated with the body and the world.'

4. Until your Sadhana ripens into a direct experience, your mind should contemplate the virtuous Bhavana of, 'We are THAT; THAT we are. We are THAT; the world is THAT. We are everything.' Thus, Satgurudev fixes the disciple's mind on such contemplation.

By uninterrupted Sadhana, the disciple gives up everything. By God's grace, he renounces the pleasures of the body and the

1. Tat Tvam Asi. 'THAT you are. You are the Eternal Being', says Satgurudev. The disciple replies with doubt and fear, 'I am an ordinary Jiva.'
2. In order to bestow the direct experience, Satgurudev instructs the second great aphorism, 'Aham Brahmami'. We are Brahmam, the ultimate Reality. Satgurudev assures, 'If you destroy 'I and mine', you will become THAT". Then the disciple asks, 'How should I conduct myself to emerge as THAT?'
3. Satgurudev instructs the third great aphorism, 'Prajnanam Brahmam'. He says, 'Be in God-consciousness always. Do not dwell on the body and the world. Give up body-consciousness. In

world. He attains contentment through the grace of the Guru. He forgets the concerns of his body and mind and gains the bliss of the Self. He gains the direct experience of the Self.

He declares to his Satgurudev, 'O Satgurudeva! We have attained the direct experience, "Our Self is Brahmam". We have become qualified to enter the Assembly of Self-Knowledge. We shine as THAT".'

Lo! The Satgurudev who imparted Advaita has disappeared; the disciple who listened to the teachings has also disappeared; the world where the disciple lived while listening to the teachings has also disappeared!

The disciple says, 'O Parama Guru! The world which existed just a moment ago has

disappeared. Has anyone stolen the world? We cannot even conceive of such a thing. For the sake of the future seekers of truth and the world, we give expression to our experience here which is otherwise inexpressible. In that sense it is a blissful prattle but not true.'

O *Ours* children of Self-experience! We playfully create innumerable universes. We ourselves become the Trinity of gods. We ourselves manifest as all Jivas. We become the objects enjoyed by the Jivas. We ourselves create the mind. With this mind, through imagination, We give existence to the false world. Then We play in the world. We rejoice in *Ours* sport of Great Bliss. We contain this sport within *Us*. We alone exist. We exist as the nature of the bliss of Brahman.

To whom can one say, 'we exist as THAT'? If we want to inform *Ourselves*, it is not possible as there is no existence for *Us*.

How did we appear, how did we exist and how and where did we disappear?!

The fact is, 'we exist'.

Ours beloved children! You cannot see and understand THAT with your mind. It is possible only with single-pointed Knowledge. Even the Knowledge must disappear and become silent.

Practices and efforts are useless.

We controlled our senses and developed love for His form. He contained *Ours* mind within Him that made *Us* speechless (to abide in silence). We loved everyone as the Lord and He merged *Ours* mind in Him. There was no practice or effort.

There is neither perverted intellect nor any strange play.

We cannot say that we exist as one. If only One exists, there is no second entity even to report this fact! Who is declaring this? And who is listening to this? Not even 'one' exists!

The worldly game has disappeared in a moment like a flash of lightning. There is no evidence of the appearance and existence of the world. There is no evidence of the play (Creation, Sustenance and Destruction) of the Trinity of gods. There is no trace of existence of the Jivas.

There is no word, thought or mind to explain - how we were born, how we exist and how we play in the world.

But it is mentioned in the book, 'we controlled the senses'.

It means self-restraint. You may say, 'Even self-restraint is Sadhana.'

Here it is subsiding within and not an active restraint. This is letting go of everything without control and self-effort.

Letting go is not a practice or an effort. Getting attached to something is practice and effort.

If you give it up, it may come back. You must give it over, i.e. surrender it to the proper Person. Leave the responsibility to the Lord; then He will look after everything.

Suppose you have a pet like a cat or a dog. Even if you leave it at a distant place, it

will follow the scent and return to your home. If you hand the pet over to your friend or relative, he will tie it in his house. After some time, the animal will become used to the new place and will forget about you. Then, you can abide in peace without worry or fear.

Mental attributes will be present where they have existence. If you dwell on the mental attributes of any person, those attributes will come to you. Be without any thoughts. The world and its belongings are His property. He has given them to you to play with for some time. You have claimed rights and ownership over them and created your Karma.

If you let go of mental attributes, you will exist as He.

immortals. Forgive those who offend you and harm you. Even better, punish them for their wickedness by doing good to them.'

If you are not mature enough to return good for evil, at least forget their faults and be amicable. If you cannot forget their offences, move away from them for the time being until the situation is resolved. After some time, forget their faults. Attributes associated with names and forms will surely disappear when you forgive and forget others' mistakes. When the mental tendencies become inactive (mental tendencies will arise in you), the names and forms will also become inactive and useless. It means that the impressions created by the names and forms will disappear. You will not think about them at all.

If you become He, you are THAT.

Why do you unnecessarily suffer?

Do you need eye glasses to see an elephant?

Children! Cleansing means renouncing the mind which is contaminated with impressions.

Cleansing means reducing haste. The haste of the mind cannot be reduced so easily. You need discrimination to reduce the haste.

8. A Statement of Saint Thiruvalluvar

O *Owe* dear Children!

Saint Thiuvalluvar declares: 'Self-restraint will give you the company of

Suppose you witness a murder, violence or theft or hear violent talks. These become significant only if you enliven them with words, if you keep them alive with your words. If you keep silence externally and calm down the thoughts internally, the events will become inactive.

How to attain external silence and pacify the mind? All events are predetermined. The Lord is the witness and we are the puppets. If one has firm faith in this, our words and actions come to an end and the mind remains without turbulence.


 (T Kuli Baba)

You are everything!



*Adobe of Love
You are Everything!*