

RADHA KRISHNA SANGAMAM

What does "Radha Krishna Sangamam" imply? It denotes the Union of Jeevatma with Paramatma. This takes place for each and every living being, be it a plant or an animal or human being. The theory of evolution states that every Jeevatma elevates to the level of mankind after evolving into different forms like grass, animals etc. This human birth is the rarest gift by God, as human beings are endowed with the sixth sense, power of Discrimination and can strive for to attain the Ultimate Union with the Almighty. This Jeevatma-Paramatma Ikhyam takes place in all yugas.



Radha represents Jeevatma, Krishna represents Paramatma. Krishna is the ultimate reality. By His divine will, this single Paramatma manifests in two forms, "Purusha" (Divinity) and "Prakrithi" (Nature), which commences the evolution of this Universe. 'Om' appears first, followed by Five Bhoothas (Fire, Water, Earth, Wind & Sky followed by other forms of life. At the end of universe (Pralaya), 'Purusha' and 'Prakrithi' merges in 'Purushothama' (Ultimate Reality). This cycle of evolution takes place over and over again.

"What is the purpose of this life? Is it to end in death after each birth? How much have I eroded by successive births and deaths? "..... So laments an Alwar (Vaishnawaite saint).

The cycle-to be born, to eat, to live, to enjoy, to cry, to die and only to be born again is a never-ending one. Is it the only purpose of life? Is there a way out of this cycle? Why not? Saints and Seers have shown a path to overcome this misery. The only path of Liberation is through "Bhakthi" (Devotion to God). There is no better route. Each one must contemplate and choose the path leading to enlightenment. It is possible to attain this Liberation now and here with effect. Puranas, Bhagavath Gita and Upanishads are guiding lights in this path of Self-Realization. Spiritual awakening comes to every human being. Those who give importance to the same, being the process of Self-analysis. By constantly contemplating on God, he seeks

His Guidance. None can be dearer to God than a true devotee. God comes to the rescue of such a devotee and guides him in the path of Self-Realization. My life also resembles this path. Swami had told that I represent 'Prakrithi'. In my book 'Liberation - Here itself Right Now', I have explained the words of Sri Bhagavan that I represent 'Prakrithi' and that Sri

Bhagavan and I are two sides of the same coin.

A brief introduction of myself to those who have not read my earlier books :

I was ***born in an ordinary family*** which had extraordinary qualities. My Parents and Grand Parents were staunch Vaishnavites (Followers of Lord Vishnu). They rejoiced by singing the devotional hymns of Alwars (Vaishnavite saints). 'Bhakthi' constitute the wealth of the family passed over from generation to generation. ***My parents sowed the seeds of Devotion by narrating the experiences of Alwars and other Devotees.*** Devotion grew in me as years passed by. I rejoiced in 'Krishna Prema' (Love of Lord Krishna). The deep desire to merge with Lord Krishna become my constant endeavor. This feeling was translated into devotional songs.

Intense devotion to and longing for Lord Krishna manifested as devotional hymns. ***The consistent urge in me was to attain Liberation in this human birth itself just like Andal and Meera. This feeling was firmly rooted in my heart.***

I lived in this thought throughout the day and in the night, unable to sleep and preferred loneliness only to rejoice in this thought. I remained detached, unaffected and lived in constant devotion to God. In response to my prayers, Lord Krishna in an incorporeal voice declared that He had manifested as Sri Sathya Sai Baba at Puttaparthi. Immediately I rushed to Puttaparthi and had the darshan of Sri Sathya Sai Baba. I believed wholeheartedly that He was none other than Lord Krishna. I started to pour out my feelings at His Lotus Feet.

Only after prolonged struggle, Bhagavan bestowed His grace on me and made me realize that I am the Re-incarnation of Radha. This fact has been confirmed by Sage Agasthya's Nadi (Sacred Palm leaves in which Prophecies by Sages are written,) wherein it is mentioned that Smt. Vasantha of Vadakkampatti is none other than beloved Radha of Lord Krishna. Many other Nadis have emphasized this fact. Due to the bondage continuing from the previous birth, I constantly dwell in the thought of Sri Sathya Sai Baba. I am craving to merge with Him.

To divert my attention, Bhagavan has instructed me to share my experiences in writing.

Those who have read my earlier book "Liberation Here itself Right Now" will be aware that **Swami had created a Silver Island for me**

. For those who have not read this, a synopsis of the same is outlined below :-

"I visit a beautiful island in a sea in a boat without oars. In that island there are different varieties of beautiful rose plants, creepers, and a swing hung from a decorative arch. The water of the sea tasted like tender coconut water. The ground was not made of sand but of silver. There were peacocks, parrots, golden deer & taling swans on the island. On one side of the island was the Sun and on the other the Moon. As I experienced both the rays of the Sun and the Moon, I was unable to fathom whether it was day or night. The air was filled with fragrance of divine flowers. The cool breeze exhilarated the surrounding. The roses had no thorns and on a carpet of such roses, Swami conversed with me."

I was meditating at 4 a.m. on 22nd January 2000 and I recount my experiences as below :

Swami and myself are travelling in a boat in the middle of the ocean. Swami says, "Look at the ocean! did you notice that it does not have any waves or turbulence! It is a calm sea. Sea of your Prema (Love). The sea has no boundaries just like your limitless Love."

I was immediately reminded of the hymn of Kulasekara Alwar (A Vaishnavait Devotee).

*"Where do I search for salvation?
Unless I reach your Lotus Feet.
My plight is similar to a bird which returns
to the mast of the ship after flying in vain to
find the shore in the deep sea".*

A bird was seated on the mast of the ship. The bird tries to locate the land by flying in all directions but in vain. Finally, it lands on the mast itself. Just like the bird, how will we, having immersed in Ocean of Samsara (Worldly life), attain Salvation? How do we Liberate unless we cling onto the feet of the Lord?

Swami : "How is our boat moving without oars? This Ocean is the Ocean of worldly existence.

If one attains a higher Spiritual level, it is easy to cross this ocean. How is it possible for the boat to move by itself? If one totally surrenders himself to the Lord, his life progresses without any human effort, just like the boat moving by itself without any oars. He will cross the Ocean of worldly life calmly and effortlessly".

Myself: "Swami, what do this Sun and the Moon signify?"

Swami : "They signify the State of such a devotee who has surrendered himself. They signify your state. The effulgence of the Sun denotes Knowledge. The soothing, cool rays of the Moon denotes the state of Mind. The mind of such a devotee will be calm and cool. Such a person will be an embodiment of Supreme Knowledge and Peace." In the 6th and 7th verses of the 12th chapter of Bhagavad Gita, Lord Krishna pronounces the same. "It is me alone who ensures that the devotee crosses his ocean of worldly life. What can this worldly life do to a person who has surrendered himself completely to the Lord. By holding on to the feet of the Lord, one can easily cross the ocean of worldly existence."

Myself : "Swami, what do the roses without thorns signify?"

Swami: "When the rose blossoms, its fragrance attracts many bees. Likewise, the fragrance of your love attracts lots of devotees from all over the world. One and all will enjoy your honey like love. Like a rose without thorns, you will not hurt anyone who approaches you."

Myself: "Swami, please explain why the floor of the island is covered with silver and not with sand?"

Swami: "Though you exist in the materialistic world, you live a heavenly life. To make you experience this fact, I have created this Silver Island."

Another thought surfaces my mind as I narrate the above vision and I want to share the same with you all.

On 30 December 1999, we were in Colombo, Sri Lanka, at the residence of Mr. Gopaldaswamy, aged 14 who belongs to a Muslim family. His date of birth falls on 31st of December. We were informed that every year Swami would bless Mr. Gopaldaswamy with a new dhoti and various gifts at midnight of 30th. At his residence, Vibuthi (Sacred Ash), Kumkum (Vermilion), Sandal powder manifests from the photos of Sri Bhagavan. At times rose flowers fall from nowhere. Honey flows from the idol of Lord Vinayaka and from another idol, herbal water, We sang bhajans till 12 o' clock at night on the 30th. Exactly at 12 o'clock, Swami dressed Mr. Gopaldaswamy with a new dhoti and a towel woven in golden thread. He also blessed him with a finger ring and 14 red roses. We rejoiced at that sight. He gave a rose to me as instructed by Swami. When we were asleep on that night, at around 1.30 a.m. a big red rose fell on me. It was very big in size and with a very pleasant fragrance, People around me woke up, saw rose and took photos of the same. In my prayers, I enquired about this unique rose to Swami.

Swami said: "This rose belongs to the Silver Island. Though I created an Island full of roses, you still crave for one."

I was overjoyed to realize that Bhagavan gave me the rose from the Island He created for me, for everyone to see and that was in Colombo

At this juncture I would like to narrate the following incident mentioned in Garga Bhagawatha :

Once Radha along with other Gopis visited the Ashram of Sage Garga. At the same time Lord Krishna with his queens came to the ashram. When they enquired to Krishna about Radha, Krishna permits them to see Radha. Queen Rukmini and others watch Radha lying on a bed of flowers on the banks of the river. As mentioned earlier, similar to this, a carpet of red roses is in Silver Island where Swami and myself sit and converse. Some devotees who read my dairy know know about this fact.

PREMA

What is Prema? It is unsullied Love. Bhagavan is the embodiment of Prema, Bhagavan is Love incarnate. Devotees all over the world are familiar with the following lines of Bhagavan. Love is my form, Truth is breath.

For all the Love Bhagavan showers on us, He asks us only Love (Prema) in return. By showering our love and Bhakthi we get in return the exalted state of Mukthi.

Let us try to earn the Grace of Bhagavan as suggested by the Saivaitic Poet, Sri Manickavachagar, who lived in the early years of 20th century. Sri Manickavachagar asks us to imagine a system of barter wherein we and Bhagavan are co-traders. We are full of shortcomings. Bhagavan in His extreme compassion, will accept us as the commodity and in return, He will offer Himself, In this exchange we are the beneficiaries. Why should we delay or hesitate when such a Bhagavan is amidst us? The compassionate Lord is willing to act as a fool and make us feel wiser so that we surrender to Him. God loves to be fooled if it is meant for the Good of Humanity.

We should act immediately. Do not waste time. All that we have to do is to follow the guidelines suggested by Vedas, Sastras & by Him. If we do so, Bhagavan will appear before us.

Again we don't have to get worried and worked up as to how to learn Sastras in this sort span of life. The compassionate Lord has shown us a simple way.