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# I LOVE YOU

## the path to the Ultimate Truth

“I love you”.... It's a Mantra known to everybody. This Mantra was addressed to mother... father... brother... sister... girlfriend... boyfriend... husband... wife.... son... daughter...

But have we ever address it to God? No.

Annamayya (Annamacharya) addressed it to God, Whom he called Venkateswara.

Did Annamayya say it to an idol which cannot shrug off a lizard also when it scrawls on it?

No....

Our spiritual scientists have heard the truths of the universe as they did penance in solitude. They are the Truths of Upanishads. The Truth is “Eeshaavaasyam Idam Sarvam”. The Consciousness is all pervasive. We call the Consciousness as God.

This Truth is discovered by modern scientists also. The physicists call the Consciousness as

Energy. Energy is all pervasive. It is there in Space too which we mistake for emptiness.

Hiranya Kashyapa asked the boy, Prahlada, “Where is your Sreehari?” Prahlada answered, “Shed the doubt that He is here and is not there. He is everywhere. Wherever you search, there He is!”. To prove this Truth, The Supreme Consciousness took the Form of Narasimha and emerged from a pillar as a result of Prahlada's profound and firm experience of Truth. I run short of vocabulary while writing the subject of Eternal Truth.

Annamacharya realized This Truth.

As we have a small icon for the vast revealing

Google on the desk top, so also Annamayya showed Venkateswara (Balaji) as an Icon for the Consciousness that is Infinite.

Annamayya sings....

“Adivo choodaro andaroo mokkaro.....”

The shining brightness in the Sun

The brightness in the moon that's there in the cosmos

The brightness that is conspicuous in the fire on earth

The Cosmic brightness that has revealed in different forms.

There it is, behold! All of you salute!

The Consciousness is concentratedly settled near the holy water tank (“Koneru”). - Annamacharya

The Potential, Kinetic....all forms of Energy is Him! That is what it means when Annamayya refers to “Venkateswara”.

It was a revelation to me when He sang,

“Podigi paayani aaptudavu neve

Naaku adana todagu dehamavu neeve”

“You are the Closest One to me,



Who never deserts me, having bonded with me.

You are my body also, which is additional companion to me”!!!

The body is mass. Mass is also Energy, even as the modern physics says. This part of the song made me alert to Einstein’s  $e = mc^2$ . So friends! Let’s not think body is a useless “dabba” (box). Body is Energy in solid form. Even after death, the body merges into earth which is a substantial Energy form.

Annamayya says, “Brahmamokkate”.... Consciousness is one.

During initial days of my singing, I thought that He is preaching unity of humanity on the basis that soul is one for everyone,

as He sings, “Andariki Sreehare Antaraatama”....”God is the Conscience for all”.

Later a deeper understanding dawned upon me.

Lord Krishna says in Bhagavadgeeta that entire universe is made up of Five Elements (“Pancha Bhootas”). All the Panchabhootas have come from One Consciousness (Brahmam).

Science says that any mass could be converted into Energy. Water which we know as liquid, transforms into solid in certain cold temperature and into gas when is heated.

Einstein says that all the seeming difference in the seen is

because of optic delusion. Same something changes the form according to its molecular structure and count. The water changing its status according to the temperatures is an example for this (I cited above).

I finally understood.... at what level The Guru, Annamacharya understood the Truth and said, “Consciousness is One” (“Brahmamokkate”).

Until and unless we understand this truth, at least on intellectual level, the song “Brahmamokkate” doesn’t make complete sense.

When we understand that everyone of us have emerged from The same Source of Brahman and that we are all parts of One Whole, saying “I love you” is incomplete. Unless we say this to everyone from the bottom of our heart, with real intent, one isn’t free.

Martin Luther said this “Brahmamokkate” in his own words, “Inescapable network of mutuality”. He said, “Whatever affects one directly, affects all directly or indirectly”. That’s the law that’s affecting the world now.

Guru, Annamacharya wants all of us to realize the Ultimate Truth and have a radical solution to the problems of life. “Venkateswara” ... The solution!

“Whoever feels You in which ever form and stature, You size Yourself accordingly, Venkateswara!”, He sang!

To that Guru, who demonstrated “I Love You” with thought, word and deed clean and showed us a unique path of song, let’s offer our grateful Pranams on the auspicious eve of Guru Purnima.

Wish you all an enlightening Guru Purnima friends!

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