

PODCAST 204: NO LOGIC, ONLY LOVE

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Welcome to Prasanthi Sandesh.

In today's world we always operate by reasoning and logic. We want to know why and how things happen. It seems that everything must be explained in terms of reason and logic.

But God cannot be approached through logic. God can be approached only through love. God is not a syllogism, a logical argument which comes to a conclusion.

That's why scientists can never reach God's truth. So people who are real thinkers have always denied God because in fact, if you are thinking, then you cannot believe in God. If you are thinking, God seems to be improbable, impossible, and absurd.

But logic can give you a false notion. Logic simply says that when you see that the world is staying together, you conclude that somebody is keeping it together.

Instead, just say, "the world is being kept so tremendously well together but I don't know why. I don't know who is keeping it, or whether anybody is keeping it."

The conclusion that somebody is keeping the world together, is not right. Remember that you do not know. That ignorance will be very helpful because that ignorance will be sincere, authentic and true. But logic infers that because the world is being kept so well together, that's why there must be a God.

However, there have been philosophers who said that because the world is being kept together, there cannot be a God. Because if God was there, then sometimes He would get bored with the same repetitive actions in the world. If God was there, then there would be some personality in the world; but instead, it is so mechanical. The stars go on moving, the sun goes on rising, the earth goes on moving, the people are born. The fruits, the seeds, the trees and the seasons appear again and again. It all seems so mechanical.

Many philosophers argue that because the world is going so absolutely correctly, therefore there cannot be a person behind it. Because sometimes a person changes and sometimes he may also get fed up with the same things. One day he may think, "No more sunrise today. Enough is enough!" Another day he may think, "Now out of mango seeds, apples should arise." Would he say that? If there was personality in the world just think, just think about what could happen. So, there are philosophers who say because the world is running so mechanically, there cannot be a personality behind it. Now what to do?

Well, you say the world is there so there must be a Creator.

There are philosophers who say that if the world needs a creator and then the creator will also need a further creator. Who will create the creator?

And if you say that the creator needs no creator, they may say, "Don't be foolish! Then what is the point? If the creator himself can be without a creator, then the world can be without a creator also!" In this case, you have basically accepted the principle that something can exist without being created. So the world can be without a creator.

So if you go by logic, you'll be in trouble. If you make God an exercise in logic, you'll go nuts. Nobody has ever come out sane after a logical enquiry for God. Nobody has ever come back sane because the dimension of God is totally different. It has nothing to do with logic. It has something to do with the heart. Something to do with love.

You may say, "I believe there is a God." Please don't believe because that belief will become a rock and it will not allow you to move deeper. Simply know that you do not know. Accept your ignorance. Don't hide behind a belief. There's a possibility to move away from ignorance but there's no possibility to move away from false, borrowed logical knowledge. Logical knowledge is barren, whereas love is fertile.

You may be thinking, "I believe there's a God. There must be something keeping the universe together. But deep inside myself, I don't feel that God is there." See that! Of course, how can you feel God? How can you feel a logical proposition in the heart? This is not the way to approach God.

Two plus two are four. Certainly true. But can you love this proposition? Can you fall in love with two plus two is four? And if somebody denies it, will you be ready to become a martyr for it because it is true? You'll say, "Forget all about it. If you want to make two plus two to equal five, make it. Why should I lose my life for it?"

So nobody dies, nobody stakes his life for a logical proposition! It is not worth it. If somebody denies it, let it be so. Two plus two is perfectly true but it is not the kind of truth which is of the same category as the truth of God. It is not even a truth of the category of Laila or Majnu, the lovers.

If your logic is proved wrong, then nothing is really proved wrong. You can change your logic. But if your love is proved wrong, you can never be the same person again. If your love is proved wrong, then you, yourself are proved wrong; but if your logic is proved wrong, nothing is proved wrong. You can change the logic. You remain unaffected by that.

If someone says, "Deep in myself, I don't feel God." That is because there's no way to go from belief to feeling. Belief and feeling are not connected, so forget about belief. Otherwise there is a dangerous possibility that you will end up pretending to feel God.

Many people pretend. They go to the church, to the temple, to the mosque and they pretend that they have feelings for God, but their feeling is not a feeling at all! In the temple you can see tears flowing down their eyes. Outside the temple you never come across that same man again. That man you had seen in the temple, you will never see him being the same way in the marketplace. That was a mask. He was trying hard to feel. He was even ready to cry and shed false tears, what you call

crocodile tears. You can see him praying but nothing is arising out of his heart. There's no fire inside. There's no passion. The prayer is just verbal. He goes on repeating something which he was told to repeat. It is just parrot-like. Feeling arises only when you live in tremendous austere sincerity.

Forget about belief in God. There's no need. Just know that you don't know. This should be the beginning, "I don't know -- maybe God is there, maybe God is not there. I have to enquire."

Where to find the truth, how to find it? If God is there, he must be the God of the trees and the birds and the animals also, not only of man. Trees don't know any logic. Birds don't know any logic. Animals don't know any logic. If there is God, He must be God of all. Logic is very local. It is just a part, a very small part of the world. Humanity has a small corner of the mind for mathematical and logical thinking.

God must be the God of all, so forget about logic. Start approaching the matter as the trees approach it. Start approaching it as the rivers do, by running towards the sea. Start approaching it as the birds do. Start approaching God through your being, through your totality.

Dance deeply! Forget about God, just dance deeply. Because when you are in a dancing mood, the mind disappears immediately and you become total. When you are really dancing and the movement is fast, your mind cannot function. Your mind stops and you become one who is with no mind. You are, you exist but you are not a mind and you don't think in terms of logic.

You become like a tree in a strong wind, a flower, a river, a rock or a star. But you lose a small territory which has been dominating you and that is the territory of logic. When this happens, suddenly you begin to make contact. You will feel that you have been contacted by someone and that you have also contacted someone. The dancer becomes religious, he has to become so.

Sing! I am not saying sing a religious song. If singing is true, it is always religious. It does not matter what the words are. Run, swim, do something, and be lost in doing it! Dancing and singing in this manner, this is what is called dynamic meditation. Do something because when you do, you are part of the greater world. You are part of the world of the trees, of the birds and of the animals. They are doers. They are not thinkers.

When you do something, suddenly you fall into the oceanic unity of existence. Then, there is a feeling that God is. But that God is not the God of Christians and Hindus and Mohammedans. That God is your God, your God. That has nothing to do with the Bible, the Gita and the Koran. That God is your God. That God has nothing to do with logic, syllogism, philosophy, dogma. That God is felt, lived and experienced and when this happens, then you will know. There is no other way to know.

People are learning from scriptures and through the scriptures you get ideas. But the greatest scripture that has been given to you by existence remains unopened.

First move into life and then decide about books. Then you'll be surprised that the Gita, the Koran and the Bible are not three books, but they are one book. Thus Buddha, Christ and Krishna are not three persons, but three voices of the same person.

But if you are first caught up in the logical structure of books, then you'll never be able to know life. Try to become more natural. Forget all about the God that's discussed in the universities and in the churches and in the temples. Forget about that God. Be with the God that is already surrounding you. That God is in your surroundings.

The moment the cuckoo bird starts doing her prayer, then all birds go on doing their prayer! Look at the trees and how prayerful they are! The whole existence is in prayer! So what are you doing sitting inside your skull thinking about whether God exists or not? He must exist because the world is moving so beautifully, so beautifully together.

The world exists beautifully together. Become part of this togetherness. Dissolve into togetherness. When the river is flowing by, why not jump into it? What are you doing sitting on the bank with closed eyes, thinking the river must be there because..... Drop all this because, because, because!

The inner trust arises only when you have live contact with God. Do whatever you can do, but please do not become just heads, just thinkers.

Nothing is wrong with the head if it works together with your totality. But when the head separates itself from the totality and dominates the whole, then it becomes wrong.

Come back down from your head to your heart and gut. Come back to your senses. Become more earthly.

We'll meet again. Thank you for your time.