

## PODCAST 82: “KNOW WELL”

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Thank you for your time and may Bhagavan bless you for all the interest you have been showing on these episodes.

The topic of this day is “Know Well”.

Know well, we have to know very well. We have to be clear about these points going to be mentioned now. We have to know that the Master has to become our inside. We should not consider that Swami is outside, that Swami is in Prasanthi Nilayam, that Swami is in Brindavan (Bangalore), that Swami is in Mandir, so on and so forth. Swami is there outside physically, but spiritually He is inside you. The physical led to absence as we notice today. But He is our inside. He cannot escape. We cannot avoid Him. He is within us. And we must also know that He is ready to get involved with us and solve our life problems.

We know thousands of instances where He solved problems of the devotees. Whosoever prayed to Him, received His blessings. They were rescued, they were saved. Some even were brought back to life at the brink of death. This is what is called *Bhakta Rakshana*, protection or assurance given to devotees that He will take care of them.

And some people would ask, when Swami goes on giving like that, is He going to be put to any loss? Would He lose His capacities, His energies because He goes on giving and giving and distributing. What will happen? This is the question of some innocent people. But we have to answer this anyway.

We know the ocean: Because of the heat of the sun, the water gets transformed into vapor and settles there, up in the form of clouds, and then the clouds rain. As they rain, they flow in the form of lakes, in the form of rivers, whatever it may be. And these rivers ultimately merge back into the ocean. So, ocean remains like that. It's the ocean water that becomes the cloud, rains and the waters that go back to the ocean.

In a similar way, Bhagavan may continue to give us, shower blessings, [give] all the energies, whatever it may be, but they will go back to Him undoubtedly, so that He will remain Supreme. He is all full, that's what it is.

And we must also know well that His family is universal. Your family and my family are limited, whereas the family of God is universal. All belong to Him. It is a cosmic family, it is a global family. *Vishwa Kutumbi!* Yes! *Vishwa Kutumbi!* He runs the whole [cosmic] family or the whole universe.

And we must also know well that our problems become the problems of Bhagavan, which makes His heart melt and come forward with all the readiness and extend help to each and every one of us. So, there is no question of some being blessed, and

some being avoided or neglected because our problems turn into His problems. That makes Him come forward liberally and help every one of us.

However, we have to surrender to Him totally. We must remember that, so that our dear Master Bhagavan Baba can come and have a deep meeting with our problems. And we must also know, as Baba repeatedly says, that our heart is not a double sofa. It is a single sofa. It accommodates only one and not two. When once we surrender, there is a place for Bhagavan only, and no one else.

It's also clear from our experience that Swami will not stay away from us, and He goes on advising us whenever we approach Him with a problem. He never simply stops by giving an advice. No! He takes our problems as His own, rather He owns our problems because He is the head of our families. And in fact, He gives Himself to His devotees. We know how He saved the life of a heart patient there in Nainital. We also know how He has just left the body to save and come to the rescue of a devotee staying at a long distance. We know how Swami just became so weak on a visit to Goa; we all know what had happened. Therefore, Swami gives Himself to solve all problems.

This makes us very clear that He is not merely a spectator, but He is a participant in our lives, He is a participant. This makes Him see to it that our problems are solved, our responsibilities are discharged, because He takes our problems upon Himself.

As evidence of this, we know that He performed the marriages of so many children of Sai devotees. He has performed the marriages. Why? Why should He do it? Because He considers Himself as the head of the family. We also know that many of the students are receiving free education here. Why? Why should He do it? He can simply give a discourse or an advice and disperse everybody. No! He is a householder. He is the head of our family and so ready to educate our children. Why free hospitals? Super Speciality Hospitals, totally free of charge, are established. Why? He considers Himself that this is His duty to attend to our problems - the physical problems, ailments, diseases, sometimes even incurable diseases. He bears our burden. That is His Divine style of functioning. It's really amazing! He is a participant in every detail of our family matters and affairs. And He will lead every one of us, holding our hand; He will never leave away. He will take us and hold our hand to the destination safely and successfully.

That's why He said at one time:

***Sri Puttaparthi nilayudu  
Kapadunu ninnu nepudu karunakarudy  
Chepatti ninnu brochunu  
Epattuna viduvakunda elunu ninnun***

This is His own composition:

***Sri Puttaparthi nilayudu***  
*The resident of Puttaparthi, in this kshetra of Puttaparthi,  
Bhagavan resides, as you know.*

***Kapadunu ninnu nepudu karunakarudy***

*This compassionate Lord protects us, He safeguards us,  
He is after us and takes care of us every moment of our life,  
something like our eyelid, for that matter.*

***Chepatti ninnu brochunu***

*He holds your hand like the mother who holds the hand of the child  
and makes the child follow and walk easily.*

***Chepatti ninnu brochunu  
Epattuna viduvakunda elunu ninnun***

*He will never drop you; He will never leave you alone,  
He will never leave you all to yourself. No!  
He is ready to extend His helping hand.*

He will take care of you. There is no problem at all. This we should know very well. There are certain problems which are insolvable from our view point. We feel that we are left with nothing. We feel forlorn, all alone, helpless. It may be insolvable from our point of view, but there is Bhagavan to solve this insolvable.

That's why He said:

***Adavilo nunna***

*You may be in the forest*

***Akasamuna nunna***

*You may be in the space, up in the sky*

***Pattanamuna nunna***

*You may be in a city, busy city*

***Palle nunna***

*You may be in a village or a hamlet*

***Guttameeda nunna***

*You may be on the mountain top*

***Natteta nunnanu***

*You may be in the deep sea*

***Madini sai ninnu maruvadepudu***

*Bhagavan will never forget you, that's the assurance given by Bhagavan.*

See that Divine assurance, how safe we are in His hands. You may feel any way, my friends, I say this: with all our problems, we are happy. We are safe and secure. Had He not been in our lives, we would have been much worse than what we are. Let us

not grumble. Let us not have any grudge. Let us not have any kind of complaints. No! Because they would be much more severe had we not been with Him. We are safe. We are this much happy because of Him. That we have to understand.

And Swami is in a state of silence. But He solves our problems by His intuitive energy. Our problems are not solved by words. No! By His intuitive energy or Divine *Sankalpa*, the Divine Will.

And usually it is said that we should be in search of our Divine Master. As we read books, we know how the disciples went round to different places for a long period of time in search of their Guru. But we are the luckiest people on Earth. Why? He has come in search of us. He brought us to His Lotus Feet. He willed that we should be His devotees. We are chosen by Him. We have not chosen Him. In that way we are very, very lucky when compared to other classes of devotees elsewhere. Therefore, it is high time that we surrender to Him unconditionally.

And then we should also know well that when a Master gives an order, we must get it done. We must obey immediately, then and there itself. We should not think about it. We should not think why, where, when, how? No, no, no, not at all! We should execute His orders. We know in Prashanti Nilayam, how His orders are obeyed scrupulously.

All the devotees all over the world, when Swami says, they will immediately follow, come what may. There are many who resigned their jobs and came over here. There are many who left their business and settled here. There are many who sacrificed a lot to participate in the Divine Mission. Why? It is the divine will, it is the divine order, which you have to obey for our own good in the long run because our master Bhagavan is compassionate.

And we are very thankful and grateful to Him because He accepted us. What a wonderful thing it is! Left to our capacities and abilities and deservedness, we are nowhere . . . nowhere! It is only His kindness that made Him accept us. When once He accepted us, He takes it upon Himself, it is His responsibility to take care of each and every member of our family.

All of you must have experienced when once we come to Swami, we see a new world, a new way of life, a new pattern in our lifestyle. In so doing, what happens? We begin to sacrifice all the old. By 'old' I mean the old rotten ideas or habits, for that matter. For example, we stop internal talking, discussing within ourselves, because Swami's order, Swami's will is inscrutable and irreversible. Our job is simply to follow, that's it. There is no question of thinking. There is no question of coming to a logical conclusion. No! Strict obedience, that is what it is.

And we also know that we enjoy life. We find a meaning in our life by being in touch with the Divine Master, Bhagwan Sri Satya Sai Baba. You may say, "How?" You know [about] candles - a candle that is burning will be able to light another candle. Yes! A candle lights another candle. In a similar way Bhagavan is *Akhand Jyothi* - it is a divine flame and He allows that divine energy to come to us, so that our candles within us is also lit, equally brightly illuminating.

***Akhanda Jyoti Jalao, Swami Man Mandir Me, Akhanda Jyoti Jalao***  
*O Swami, You have lit my heart, You have lit the candles of my heart.*

Therefore, life is interesting, life is delightful, and the whole life is illuminated. I also know Bhagavan, before coming to You, I am just empty. My whole body is like a house without a master. I have not realized that there is soul. I have not recognized the fact that I have a centre. You are the cause. You are my life, Bhagavan.

We develop a sort of insight. We have been outward always, extroverts, completely worldly, mundane, running after ephemeral transient objects. But after coming to Swami, we develop a kind of insight, a look within. In so doing, we feel that we are in front of our dear God.

This is also our experience when Swami was available in His physical body: as He goes round giving *darshan*, when He just looks at us, we feel the Divine Touch. A look is enough. Yes! That is the Divine look of grace and mercy. We find when Swami comes close to us, even in our thoughts for that matter, we find that brilliance, we find that illumination, we find that radiance, we feel that aura.

Because we know Baronowski, a scientist from Arizona University, United States of America, who clicked the photo picture of Swami. And what did he say at a public meeting in response to Swami's command to address the gathering during one of the summer courses? Baronowski said when he took a [Kirilian] picture photograph of Swami, he saw the pink light coming out of Him and the light from all the devotees reaching Him again. Light comes out of Him and light goes back to Him. That kind he had not seen anywhere. In other words, Baronowski saw a big aura around Swami. All of us heard this and it is published in ashram magazine also.

So we feel the company of Swami and that makes our life interesting. Earlier it was a disaster. Earlier it was very sad. Now we find ourselves. We begin to feel the true self within us which is of immense value. That is why Swami says, "Come, examine and experience." It is not that you take it for granted.

Come on! It only means, yes! Meditate upon Him. Begin to feel Him. Listen to His *bhajans*. Go through His literature that is coming out. And then examine, see the experiences you will have. Examine the kind of improvement in your individual life. A kind of advancement in your thought, in your attitude, a progress in your life in general, and experience the joy, experience the thrill, experience ecstasy, experience that safety that makes you conclude that Bhagavan is the only refuge in our life.

Therefore, we should stop thinking and we should start feeling about Bhagavan - feeling is more intimate. It is a contact heart-to-heart, love to love. And we should awaken our intuition. Intuition is awakened so that we will understand and we begin to feel the Divine touch from moment to moment.

All these things we are supposed to know very well, very well, so that we can advance in our devotion, so that we can also progress in our spiritual practice or what you call *sadhana*.

May Bhagavan bless you.

Thank you very much.

We meet next time.