

PODCAST 162: SUPER MAN

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Prasanthi Sandesh, Podcast episode 162 welcomes you.

If you just observe society today, we find many who are followers and many who are imitators. Many want to join the crowd. Many want to be one among the mob. In other words, creativity is lacking. An attempt to be original is missing. So creativity is more essential today than ever before.

The Creator Himself wants us to be creators. The Creator never follows anybody; so also should be His children. All of us should have that creativity within, to be creators in our own humble way. So let us have a few ideas on this subject of creators and creativity.

Broadly speaking, there's only one virtue worth calling a virtue. That is creativity. You may mention other virtues, but creativity is the first and foremost. That creativity may manifest in a very small measure, in a very humble simple way, but that enhances life. Creativity contributes to existence and thus creativity beautifies existence. It makes our life more joyous or joyful and the song of life will be a little juicier. Added to that, we begin to love a little more and feel glorious.

These things are very clearly noticed when we think of this creativity which is absolutely necessary today. You cannot be blissful without creativity. You will be in misery. Further creativity helps you to blossom into your fullness.

Actually speaking, what do I mean by creativity? It is to create something beyond yourself, something beyond yourself. What do I mean by that? It means you have to disappear as an ego. Then something greater than you becomes present within you. So yes, something greater comes, which you never imagined. So when all your false personality is dropped, your individuality arises. Personality is only outer, a mere social appearance. So it's not the personality that's important. It is the individuality that counts.

In other words, without being a creator, you are not really alive. You are just a mob. You are just a crowd. Without being a creator, you are not religious. Furthermore, you are not free. Your creativity in fact brings you freedom, strength and intelligence. These are all the signs of creativity, the products of creativity, where we grow in freedom, strength, intelligence, and even consciousness.

But at the same time, this creativity also brings dangers about which we'll come to know later. And it's also clear that creativity is the way to yourself and to the super man within you. It's unfortunate that we speak of super stars. Every man has a super man in him. So unless and until each one finds his super man, he has lived in vain. Find out the super man within yourself. That is creativity.

And yet being a creator, you are not ambitious nor do you lust for eminence. On close examination, you'll know those who lust for eminence are only third-rate fellows, as creation has no intention of being famous. It has no intention of being

respectable. Why? His whole energy is involved in only one thing - creation, nothing else - no fame, no respect, nothing. He enjoys his own creation as a creator.

It's very interesting indeed. Take for example the Taj Mahal. Who is the architect of the Taj Mahal? We do not know. Who is the one who designed the Khajuraho? Khajuraho, the most beautiful caves. Who knows? We do not know. Those creators have not even signed their names, no.

For that matter, let's come to the scriptures. Who created the *Upanishads*? We don't know. Why? Those *rishis* thought of themselves as simply vehicles, only as mediums of existence. They felt they were instrumental to the creativity of existence. So they were mere instruments.

So in general, we'll come to the conclusion that the masses have not created anything. Why? The mass psychology is so silly and stupid that in every public toilet we find the names of persons. So one would like to be an imitator or a follower. Why? Millions of people have a desire to be slaves. Why? Slavery has some compensations because in being a slave you are sure that somebody will look after you. Somebody else is your master. He takes responsibility for you. That is so sad, so sad. Being just one in a crowd or in a mob, you are not part of a creative soul; instead you're part of this mundane world. You are just mediocre.

The one who thinks and who is highly ambitious, feeling that his name should remain even after he is gone, has as his constant desire is to be known and remembered. But he is mediocre, not a creator. He's not a man of creativity at all. Therefore, without this creativity, you cannot be a man of freedom. By throwing responsibility on somebody else, thinking that he will save you, what happens ultimately? He will not save you. He cannot save you throughout your life. It is impossible because in fact he will push you back.

We have seen many people trying to lead many people. Ultimately people push them out. That's what happens. We see in politics how things have been happening. They make you followers, then exploit you and finally they push you out. You think the man whom you are following is the light. But he will take away the light any time he wants to because it is not your light. It's not your light of creativity.

My friends, unless something grows within you, freedom, the light, and love cannot grow. You cannot rely on others. Otherwise, what happens is you have to pay with your soul. You have to act against your conscience. You have to pay with your soul if you just blindly follow. Therefore don't be in bondage. Never be a slave because being a slave for a long time, when one is let free, one doesn't know what to do. So your worth may be your slavery.

I may give one example. In the times of the French Revolution, in a place named Bastille, there was the biggest prison where four thousand people were kept as captives and prisoners. What type of prisoners were they? They were sentenced to life. They were handcuffed and chained for years, years and years. They lived with those handcuffs and chains on them or died with them. And revolutionaries approached them and told them that they'll give them freedom. But these prisoners

because of a long period of stay, got accustomed to being beaten regularly, got used to eating inedible food with all dirtiness around.

But the revolutionaries came forward and said, "We'll cut off the chains and liberate you." But many of them returned by the evening. Why? They said, "We could not sleep without handcuffs and chains." And these prisoners that are set free were not employed by anybody because they had very bad records.

Therefore creativity is the only existential religion. The moments of creativity are the moments when you are one with the universe. You are one with the universe. You don't remain as an ego. There in that state you have found yourself for the first time as a creator, gifted with the faculty of creativity by God Himself.

So, true religion is not merely worship. Religion is not contained in any scriptures. True religion demands that you participate with the Creator. You participate with the Creator. That's what religion is all about. You know you are a superman within you. So if you don't find the super man or the creativity within you, all the life that you lived is in vain.

As I said earlier, a creator is not ambitious. He has no lust for eminence either. I also told you only mediocre, third-rate fellows expect that. Creators don't want anything, nothing! Why? I made it very clear in the beginning itself that their whole energy is spent on creation, so they are not ever interested in fame or respect.

Therefore my friends we can clearly understand that creativity is most important. We need to be creators. That way we'll be unique. That way we'll be justifying our life. That way we'll be a replica of the Creator Himself. The Creator will be joyful for His own children who have become creators themselves now. Therefore, let us try to recognize our own creativity, no matter how simple, decimal or minimal it is.

Creativity is creativity. What do I mean by creativity? It may be poetry. It may be dance. It may be music. It may be sculpture. It may be painting. One may even be a goldsmith or a painter. These are all some of the signs of creativity within us. Once we discover our talent and try to improve on it, we become creators ourselves.

May Bhagavan help us to be creators in the true sense of the term, and improve upon the creativity with which He has blessed us.

Thank you. See you again.