

**Sai Pearls of Wisdom
Part 33-D**

**"ANY FORM FOR THAT MATTER!!"
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**Om Sri Sai Ram
Prasanthi Sandesh**

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Welcome to Prasanthi Sandesh.

Here I would like to bring to your attention that Swami can assume any form. He can take upon Himself any form He wills, depending upon the situation and the need.

In this, I would like to give you three instances, and there are several instances for that matter. But these are enough to know that all forms are His and all names are His!

For example, let us take the first, let us take the first one relates to Dr. B. Ramakrishna Rao - a very, very famous man in this country. He served as the Governor in several states. He also served as Chief Minister in Hyderabad State. He served in various capacities; very close to Swami, Dr Burgula Ramakrishna Rao; and he is a very close, ardent devotee of Bhagavan. And Dr. Ramakrishna Rao is responsible for Bhagavan's trip to East Africa. Swami loves him very much because wherever he was, in whatever capacity he was, he always gave Him a royal treatment, a royal treatment! In fact, I should say Dr. Burgula Ramakrishna Rao is a very embodiment of humility, simplicity. I may add in this connection that he knows around 14 languages – the like of whom I have not come across till this day.

Let me relate his experience. The couple were travelling in a train, and being a Governor, they were allotted a complete separate compartment. They were sitting there and the train is running very fast at high speed. Suddenly the wife of Ramakrishna Rao noticed some fire towards the top. Fire coming out of the wires there! She is very much worried what to do. Its midnight - the train running fast and in the whole of the compartment, the couple were only there! At that moment, suddenly they found an electrician with his equipment getting into the compartment opening the door. It is a really a wonder how this electrician could get into the compartment, opening the door while the train is running fast.

Alright! The electrician got in, immediately he said, "I will help you!" With equipment he was carrying, he has put off the complete fire there. The fire is completely extinguished and the whole problem is resolved. After the work is over, the couple are peaceful now. Then this electrician sat near the door. Mind you, the train is running fast!

Suddenly the wife of Ramakrishna Rao felt, how is this man here? He is still sitting here. How could he get in? When is he going to quit? Probably he may be a thief, he may be a robber! Who will help us at this moment? That's what they were feeling.

After a couple of minutes, the electrician got up and said, "Amma, I am leaving. Please shut the door. Be careful!" So saying, he has left himself. How? The train is running fast. Nobody knew! The couple closed the door. Somehow they completed the journey, reached their destination.

After 2 or 3 months, the couple were travelling along with their bodyguards or ADC (aide-de-camp) in a flight to another State. He was in the capacity of a Governor. The flight was going on, but the engine picked up some problem somewhere and the pilot announced that the flight is in a problem. Aeroplane left side engine is giving trouble, so he gave a caution announcement to the couple there. They were very panicky. What to do? The pilot happens to be a devotee of Bhagavan. One of the bodyguards is a devotee of Bhagavan. That Ramakrishna couple themselves are ideal devotees.

They were all praying to Swami. The flight was going on. It is on its way but the engine got repaired on its own without anybody's help and the flight could land successfully, and Ramakrishna Rao couple got down. And then Dr. Ramakrishna Rao gave a phone call to Bhagavan Baba thanking Him. "Swami, You saved us. The flight is facing a grave situation. Well, we might have lost our lives. You saved us. Thank you, Swami!"

Then Bhagavan laughed and said, blessed him and said, "You are telling this. Why don't you mention about that train? I saved you also and your wife mistook me as a thief!" And Swami laughed! And these people could remind themselves of the previous incident of the train – the electricity giving a problem, where they could find a flame coming out of those wires. This is an instance to let you know that Bhagavan has taken the form of an electrician.

And then let me also give you another example of a great man of West Godavari District in Andhra Pradesh. There's one village by name Illindalaparru, Illindalaparru and this man belongs to that village. His name is P. Viswanatha Sharma; P. Viswanatha Sharma. At one time, he was the District President. Viswanatha Sharma is a very ardent devotee of Bhagavan Baba. An elderly man. People say, as he describes the stories of Shirdi Bhagavan and all the *leelas* of Sathya Sai Bhagavan, you can spend day and night in his company.

He is known for his excellent narration, excellent skills of communication. And this P. Viswanatha Sharma happened to visit my home town. All these had happened about 45

years ago (in) my home town, Guntur in Andhra Pradesh. Viswanatha Sharma came and attended our *Samithi bhajan* and we all requested him to address us. Viswanatha Sharma spoke of this instance.

It seems he was there in Kovvur that year in the month of May, 6th which happens to be Eswaramma Day. We all know that we celebrate Eswaramma Day in a big way and the whole of the program is managed by children right from Nagara Sankirtan up to the presentation of Cultural Programs in the evening. OK, in Kovvur, this program was taking place and P. Viswanatha Sharma happened to be there in Kovvur that day. He was talking to the Samithi President of Kovvur, West Godavari, by name M. Surya Narayana Murthy. M. Surya Narayana Murthy, the President of Kovvur Sathya Sai Seva Samithi. Of course, besides that he is an officer in State Bank of India.

Well, whole program was going on. It was the time for Narayana Seva. Children were distributing food to all the poor people who are seated in regular rows as per our system. A railway porter came over there stretching his hands and requested children to give him food. Naturally our children gave him two packets of food and some sweets. The railway porter ate them and went to a tap which was so close and then he washed everything and left those leftovers over there and then he came close to these 2 people - P. Viswanatha Sharma and M. Surya Narayana Murthy who were in deep conversation with each other at that moment.

You know railway porters wear khaki knickers, blue shirt and red turban. What was the discussion between these two elderly people? They were talking, "Why many devotees were not attending our Samithi bhajans? Why many are not participating in our service activities? Why most of the people are absent for Nagara Sankirtan? Why?" They were discussing along these lines.

The railway porter who came close to them suddenly raised his voice and said, "Surya Narayana Murthy!" Well, they were taken by surprise. They were shocked, a railway porter calling him by name like that, raising his voice! They could not believe. And this porter started speaking, "You are talking why people are not attending. But are you attending regularly? Have you participated in Nagara Sankirtan? Have you attended any bhajan? Well you don't participate and you blame members! Being leaders of the Organization, you should set an example for others. You are at fault!"

When the porter was shouting like that, Surya Narayana Murthy, the President of the Sai Centre could understand he is no ordinary porter. He must have been Sai Baba Himself, because no one dared to call him by name, shout like that! Immediately he went home, opened the almyrah and picked up two silk dhotis.

His wife asked him, "Where are you taking them?"

"You keep quiet. Baba is there. I should rush to that place!" So he took these two silk dhotis and went there and he found the porter. Of course, Sathya Sai Baba in the form of porter! He gave these two dhotis to that railway porter; and the railway porter once

again shouted, "Why do you give me? Did I not tell you that no one should present me clothes like this, during my birthday?" he said it.

Then they could recall that year during the birthday celebrations, Swami said no one should present Him clothes whatsoever! That then they could understand He is certainly Sathya Sai Baba, who came there in the form of a porter. It was that then the porter picked up these two dhotis, "If I refuse, you will cry, I know! Now these two belong to me."

So talking the railway porter started leaving that spot, watching the poor people on either side, gave these two silk dhotis to the poorest of the poor, and then disappeared from there! This is an instance to let you know that Swami may come in any form He prefers, as He wills! In the case of Ramakrishna Rao, he came in the form of electrician; and in the case of Viswanatha Sharma, he came in the form of a railway porter.

Then I tell you very briefly the third instance. There is a lecturer from Brindavan campus. He was a student at that time, studying in the city, pursuing his studies – Postgraduate studies. And then it was the time of examination and this boy went to the University. As you know, it will take one hour from the hostel to the University. This boy went there for the examination to the University at Bangalore to appear for his final examination.

Well, it's most unfortunate that he forgot his hall ticket. He forgot the hall ticket. As you know, rules do not permit anyone to get into the examination hall without the hall ticket; He was so helpless and desperate because he could not go back and travel for one hour and come back. It will take one hour, by that time examination may be over! He was praying to Swami.

Suddenly peon came from somewhere. "Sir, this is your hall ticket, you take it and go!" So showing that hall ticket, he could go and write his examination.

He returned. In the evening during *Darshan* time, this boy said, "Swami! I have written well. I fared very well in the examination!"

Then Baba said, "You have forgotten your hall ticket. Don't you know that is a must? You have forgotten your ticket here in the hostel."

Then the boy said, "Swami, some peon gave me!"

"No, no! He is no peon. I, Myself came there and gave you the hall ticket!" Thus Swami has come in the form of a peon in the case of this lecturer who is still working in Brindavan, by name Ravi Kumar, Department of Chemistry.

Therefore to sum up, Swami has come up in the form of, has come in the form of an electrician in the life of Dr. Burgula Ramakrishna Rao; and he has come in the form of a

railway porter as we witnessed in Podiri Viswanatha Sharma case, and here we find Swami taking the form of a peon to hand over the hall ticket.

Thank you very much for your time.

Sai Ram!