

“They are mostly dogmatic instead of Godmatic”

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Rev Sir, dear brothers and sisters,

My hearty pranams to all of you. I felt that today's topic chosen for the seminar is very important and contemplation on the same is enabling us to understand the efficacy of the system better.

In His letter to Dr. K.C. Varadachari garu, Rev. Master makes a mention about the attitude of the South Indians. He said, “I also frankly express today that I have been transmitting South India every time for the last ten years. The results are good but not according to my labour. The case may be that they are mostly dogmatic instead of Godmatic. To be more plain I should say that they have in mind the value of the grosser type of worship and one link is attached to God and the other to the devil” Event Horizon page 475

What is a dogma? Dogma is a fixed (especially) religious belief or set of beliefs that people are expected to accept without any doubts. If someone is dogmatic they are certain that they are right and that everyone else is wrong. Dogmatism is stating one's opinion in a strong way and not accepting anyone else's opinion.

When Rev. Master had mentioned that they are mostly dogmatic instead of Godmatic we can understand that people are rigid to their pre conceived notions beliefs and faiths and not ready to accept anything higher than what they know. This is because they have in their minds the value of grosser type of worship as Master said.

In the chapter Religion, Revered Master mentions that "If we keep ourselves bound fast to a particular form or practice without a clear idea of its real significance and final approach, we are probably committing the greatest blunder. God is not to be found within the fold of a particular religion or sect. He

is not confined within certain forms or rituals nor is He to be traced out from within the scriptures. Him we have to seek in the inner most core of our heart.” (Pg.3 of Dawn of Reality). This is what Rev. Master is making us understand through His system called “Natural Path”.

Rev.Master in the same chapter Religion of the book Dawn of reality further explains that “mechanical form of worshipping material form of God leads us to internal grossness becoming more and more solid in the long run and it bars our approach to reality”.

Since the minds of people are mostly stuck to such kinds of worship and they have never allowed their minds to think something higher which is more subtle resulting in lesser progress in comparison to the efforts which has been mentioned by the Master as, “the results are good but not according to His labour”.

The aim of spiritual training in the system of PAM is to bring transformation in a human being from his

present level of gross existence to a higher level of subtle existence so as to bring the hidden Divinity inside his heart for expression.

In this context, we can refer to the emblem of the Institute which clearly depicts the arrow mark near the bottom of the emblem a sphere where most of the people exists believing in forms, rituals of several types etc. from where we are led through the “Satyapada marg” laid by our Revered Master who is the sun throwing light guiding everyone to move from this gross type of worship to higher type of worship where Truth is the guiding principle and path is Natural.

We have been inculcated these rigid notions, fixations due to close association with our parents, relatives, friends and society who influence our thoughts and ideas. Along with this we have also developed some superstitions from childhood, and also our habits have become idolatory, thus making us dogmatic.

Rev. Master in His letter to Revered Dr. K.C. Varadachari garu dated 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov 1969 mentions that, “If a man is a slave of his habits he is also an idolator. I go on so far to say that what we suppose even if it does not exist is also idolatory. If a man loves his family, children and so on he is also an idolator. Any attachment towards material things is idolatory”. For this Revered Master suggests that “We should avoid the worship of concrete things so that we may rise above and catch it for the things better.”

In the same letter Revered Master mentions that, “There are men whom, anyhow practical hint for realisation be given, they will not leave the idolatry of the rocky type. There are a few examples with me whom I showed practically the state of realisation momentarily; and they felt it and appreciated very much but they are not prepared to leave their idols because they have become habituated to it. And their wisdom has become quite blunt. Discriminative power, they have already lost and that is the cause of our downfall. When the power of discrimination goes

away then fear sets in. They will not leave it because their forefathers have been doing so all along. This is one thing. Another thing is, they think that if they leave it, some calamity will befall them. This is our tragical story.”

From the above letter of Revered Master we can understand that if we have lost the discriminative power we are unable to distinguish between real and unreal and this will bring our downfall setting in fears. Hence these fears have set dogmatism into the minds of people.

In the book Dawn of reality Revered Master mentions that “People are driven to such forms of worship either by the force of circumstances or through the faulty guidance of those who are themselves quite in dark in the matters of self realization”. (Dawn of Reality -Page 6&7)

In this connection we are proud to declare that, the system of PAM as propounded by Mahatma Sri. Ramchandraji Maharaj, Shahjahanpur U.P, India is a

breakthrough in the present day world which leads a man to the highest point of spiritual approach even while leading a grihastha life. In this system the prayer is offered to Master with a heart full of love and devotion. Our goal is to become an expression of Divine. For achieving this one moves from the grosser level of dogmatic approach to a subtle level of Godmatic approach with the assistance of Pranahuti.

However even while practicing the system of PAM still certain dogmatic ideas are likely to arise in the minds of the aspirants minds which have to be got rid off cautiously by yielding to Rev.Master. Some such ideas can be as follows:-

- Following the system ritualistically without understanding the spirit behind.
- Praying to the photograph of the Master.
- Fixation in minds to attend satsanghs at certain places only thinking that there is going to be more benefit at that particular place only.

- Fixation of taking sittings from a particular trainer only.

Having known these limitations present in ourselves we have to yield to Master submissively to bring us out from them.

For proceeding on the path of satyapadh we should come out of all our binds. Sincere sadhana coupled with the assistance of pranahuti alone can help us to come out from the dogmatic approach towards Godmatic approach. With the blessings of our beloved Master all of us are progressing spiritually. When we look back we will understand as to how much we have progressed from our dogmatic ideas which were binding us. This is the experience of one and all the practicans of PAM. Along with our sadhana it is our bounded duty to sincerely pray for all our brothers and sisters also to come out of these limitations. In that prayer alone lies our growth.

Thank you.