



Sanskar Gurukul Weekly Update



Class Name: Bhriгу

Week# 13: December 14th, 2014

General Assembly

Sridhar Uncle started the GA with three Omkars followed by the Shanti Mantra and Prayer Before Studies. We talked a little bit about the session last week with Robert Arnett. Most students would have learned something new, that they did not know about India.

We continued with the chanting of the Gita Dhyanam. Today we learned the 4th shloka

Sarvopanishado gaavo dogdhaa gopaalanandanah;
Paartha vatsah sudheer bhoktaa dugdham geetaamritam mahat

This means....

All the Upanishads are the cows; the milker is Krishna; the cowherd boy, Partha (Arjuna), is the calf; men of purified intellect are the drinkers; the milk is the great nectar of the Gita. Krishna is taking all the essence of the scriptures and presenting it in a condensed form as the Bhagavad Gita.

We ended the session with a small meditation session followed by closing prayers.

Class

We started class with three Omkars followed by the Shanti Mantra and before studies prayers.

Then we went over second story from Chapter 18 in Bal-Bhagavatam 2 about Govardhana Mountain.

The People of Vraja were ready to perform a Yagna for the rainy season. Vraja was a place of greenery and the people lived there happily and prosperously. They had to thank God Indra every year for the rain and the greenery for their village. They had to thank God Indra every year for the rain and the greenery for their village.

It was a rainy season, people in Vraja had good rain and the village was full of greenery and with healthy vegetation. The people in the village planned to celebrate it and thank God Indra. So the people cleaned



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and decorated the whole village with lights and flowers. Lord Krishna was unaware of it, as he heard the noise outside, he peeped outside of his window and saw the decorations, then he enquired the reason for the celebration from his father. As he came to know, he was shocked and denied that the reason behind the rain is not Lord Indra. The people in the village were astonished to hear it, the noise stopped and every one were keenly listening to Lord Krishna.

Nanda (Lord Krishna's father) started to convince him that Lord Indra is the one who takes care of the rain and he helps us in providing sufficient rain for our vegetation and others. But Lord Krishna refused it and said it's not Lord Indra but Govardhan Mountain, that is our real friend and we should thank him. All the people listening to him were shocked

Lord Krishna explained, All living things take birth, enjoy or suffer according to their past actions. Indra cannot take away the effects of Karma. We must do our duty and worship that which helps us live happily. For us, Govardhan Mountain represents the Lord who nourishes our cattle and us. We worship Indra out of fear. Instead, we should worship the cows and the green mountains that give us our daily food and allow us to make a living.

The answer given by Lord Krishna satisfied the people and the people returned home. But Nanda was worried that this might impact the village if Lord Indra comes to know about this, then he might get angry and cause some natural calamities.

This became true as Lord Indra was hearing this conversation going on and then ordered clouds to get together and pour rain continuously and heavily. The clouds got together, the clouds were dark and looked like it was mid night. The clouds roared and started raining heavily continuously nonstop for seven days, the people and cattles started panicking as the whole village was covered by water they didn't have shelter. Lord Krishna asked the people not to panic and took them near Govardhan Mountain and lifted the



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mountain in his little finger and the whole village along with cattles took shelter under it.

Lord Indra felt ashamed at what he had done and took back the clouds and rain. The sun shone again and the land became dry. The people went back to their homes and Krishna put the mountain back down, Everyone showered him with flowers and talked about all his miracles. Then Lord Indra went to meet Lord Krishna and asked for his forgiveness for his mistake. Lord Krishna said "I did this to break your pride. I take away the powers of the people who I want to help. Go and do your duties carefully." If everyone does their duty or the work allotted to them remembering the Lord constantly, they will achieve true happiness.

After that we did chanting of Shishyanushasanam where kids revised first few verses which were thought to them by Aparna aunty.

We ended the session followed by closing prayers.

Homework

Complete the exercises on chapter 18, page 26. Coloring pictures on page 27/28 earns bonus points.

Announcements

1. Art work for the year book is due Jan 4th. (Bhrigu Class theme is : Marich the Golden Deer)
2. No class for the next two weeks on account of Christmas and New Year. Classes resume Jan 4th,