

### 33. Divine personalities predominate in Bharath

If we examine history since its very beginnings, we can know in detail what great personages were born and in which sections of the *Bharathiyas* (Indians) they were born in.

Incarnations, divine personalities, enlightened persons (*jivan-mukthas*) like Rama, Krishna, Balarama, Janaka, and Parikshith, and *yogis* on the royal path (*raja-yogis*) like Viswamitra arose among the protectors (*kshatriyas*). Highest sages (*brahmarshis*), great pundits, scriptural scholars, and *Vedic* sages (*rishis*) originated in the *brahmin* caste. Labourers (*sudras*) predominate in the epical books, like *Bharatha* and *Bhagavatha*. Among the great devotees of the Lord, members of the lower castes form a large number. \

To attain holiness without being affected by the world, and to reach the Highest Lord (*Paramatma*), each one's spiritual discipline (*sadhana*) is important; other things like caste will not be a hindrance at all. But one should deserve the grace required for it; one should become regular and disciplined in practice.

Such holy *Bharathiyas* (Indians), however, now bring endless disgrace on the Eternal *Vedic* religion by neglecting the principles of life of the above-mentioned great personages, by not studying them and following their instructions, by modifying their way of life to suit the changing times, and (as the saying goes, the hour of ruin brings wicked thoughts) by becoming slaves to name and fame and the craving for power and position and the anxiety to promote the well-being of their wives and children through selfish means.

Still, there is no dearth of people who love all in equal measure, who are devoid of selfishness, who are engaged in the promotion of the welfare of all, who have dedicated themselves to the service of mankind, and who sacrifice everything. But they are suppressed; they are not appreciated or placed in positions of high authority for fear there will then be no place for the wicked, the crooked, and the unjust.

However broad and deep the ocean, when the earth quakes underneath, the waters part of themselves, and when the commotion subsides, they resume their original position. So too, these good people keep away without being caught up in it during the earthquake of injustice, unrighteousness, selfishness, and ostentation. And as soon as the hullabaloo subsides, they reenter the world. Evanescent authority and self-glorification cannot be permanent.

“To grow is only to decay,” it is said. The present peacelessness is decay, not growth. For example, consider some *Bharathiyas* (Indians) who from the beginning grew up in righteous ways with pure feelings, with self-control and reverence for the good name, who were fed on the breast milk of the *Vedas*, scriptures (*sastras*), and *Upanishads*, who welcomed and honoured races driven out of their own country and vouchsafed to them love in equal measure. Today, for the love of power and self, some of these *Bharathiyas* accuse their own brethren, impatiently envy the prosperity of others, deceive their own brothers maddened by selfish greed, keep at arm's length their real well wishers, pursue only their own selfish end, multiply bad qualities hitherto unheard of in the Hindu fold, follow wrong paths and ways of life, and become the target of conflict and restlessness. All this because of the absence of fear of sin, fear of God, discipline, reverence, and faith. The fall is indeed incredible.