

## **Some amazing knowledgeable facts worth memorizing**

When we find ourselves surrounded by this creation, we are forced to think about who created this universe and why it has been created. It is known to be the creation of God and is meant to make us enjoy the results of our previous acts (karmas) so that we can think of God, understand his greatness, treat this world as an illusion and be non-attached to it. Also, by remembering God throughout our lives for his amazing creation, we may merge in him at last. But when we see different types of miseries and sorrows, our spontaneous reaction is to wonder why God created all this. It would have been much better for him to avoid all this and rest in peace and also allow the individual souls to rest in peace.

But being afraid of our remark, we think that God's power to assume an extensive form, his power of illusion and his play is endless. This power of God can not be understood by Veda (the ancient sacred literature of Hindus), sage, seer and gods. His knowledge is like a sea and that of us is like kulhva (a small vessel made of sand). How can the entire sea be placed in kulhva? How can the powers of such God, who is beyond senses, mind and speech, be understood by our knowledge?

But based on experiences and the teachings of some sacred texts we conclude that in many Individual souls, and particularly in humans, there are different types of people. Some of them can be handicapped, poor, miserable, blind, speechless, mentally retarded, not good looking etc while some others can be physically fit, rich, happy, with sharp memory, good looking etc. There seem to be a lot of differences among the human beings. Why do such differences exist among these human beings? If these are taken to be the results of previous acts of different human beings, like whatever good or bad they did in their respective previous births, then they are enjoying the results of those deeds as miseries or happiness. Individuals who performed charity and imparted happiness to others are enjoying happiness, and those who did the opposite are enjoying otherwise.

Now the question is that if our previous karmas (acts) would have been known to us, none of us would have indulged in doing any sort of misdeeds, rather individuals would be seen doing every good deed possible in order to avoid misery. Unless there is a judgment with proof, one can't be declared a criminal. Similarly, it would have been much better for God to first make us understand our good or bad deeds and then accordingly He could have made us enjoy good or bad results.

One Islamic cleric was asked 'who manifested this world'? He replied 'Khuda Tala'. He was again asked 'why He made some people happy and others miserable, if everybody is equal for Him? The answer was 'There are lines made by him. Happy people and miserable people keep walking in these lines and by seeing each other they become miserable and happy. That is all. I don't know

anything more'. Once a Xian cleric was also asked 'when you don't believe in rebirth then who manifested this world?' He replied 'God'.

But the question of making people miserable, happy, poor, rich, handicap, beautiful, good and bad is still there. Why God does it like this? If he does it without considering the previous acts of people, he can't be impartial. If it would have been God behind the different types of sufferings and happiness of people, why all the scriptures and saints would have asked people to always remain involved in doing well to others.

Had it been the God behind making people miserable and happy, those who work against it would have been punished by the God, as it happens in the case of a person who try to get the prisoners free and is seen as an accused in the eyes of law, but on the contrary they are blessed for heaven or hell. It proves that it is not God who makes people miserable or happy, but it is due to their own previous acts and due to the actions of their parents that they are born happy or miserable.

Parents have been addressed in Veda to take some precautions, like take advised food before the mother conceives and later resolve to have a devotee and strong child. The mother of Lord Ram used to perform Agnihom (sort of prayer with fire and other sacred materials) during her pregnancy and later used to pray. 'O Lord! You please emerge from my womb and provide happiness to India and all miserables. You please make India free from extremists. You please make all people behave politely to each other. In nut shell it was the prayers of Sh. Ram's mother that led to the incarnation of Lord Ram. Just like Lord Ram's mother, Devki-Vasudev also used to want the incarnation of God to take place out of Devki's womb and open the doors of liberation for the world. And it happened exactly like this. Lord Krishna's discourse in Geeta (discourse by Lord Krishna to Arjuna during Mahabharata) is same for all sections of society.

One sage, when his wife conceived, started to make her listen to speeches of gods, Veda-mantra (sacred syllable) and the stories of Shastrarth (sort of debate between two scholars on sacred scriptures). At this stage, the sage's son who was in his mother's womb started pointing out his father's mistakes in pronunciation. This made the sage angry. The sage attacked his son by hitting his wife. This resulted in the sage's son being born with eight curves on his body. He was named Ashtavakra (one who has eight curves on his body). He was a great soul, scholar and knowledgeable. One day he happened to be in the court of king Janaka (father in law of Lord Ram). His appearance, being abnormal, was very poor. This made the entire parliament including Janaka laugh. This response of the parliament made Ashtavakra to let out a thunder laugh. Being surprised at this behavior of Ashtavakra, the parliament including Janaka asked Ashtavakra the reason for laughing so loudly. Ashtavakra replied, 'I had heard that Janaka and his wise people judge the scholars. But here I see they are slaughterers and skin traders, who judge the bones and skins'. Upon hearing

these remarks from Ashtavakra, Janaka and his men were ashamed. All of them including Janaka requested Ashtavakra with their folded hands to accept a seat (asana). Now it has been proven that Ashtavakra was honoured due to the discourses, his father delivered to his mother and was insulted due to his father's attack on his mother for applying his leg. It was not because of God that Ashtavakra was so poor in appearance and was such a great scholar, but it was all because of his father's actions which lead him to be scholar and poor in appearance. This is exactly how the children have to enjoy the actions of their parents and parents have to enjoy the actions of their children.

It is written in Upanishads (sub sections of Veda-the ancient Hindu sacred literature) that human beings according to their resolve can give birth to a child having qualities as desired by them. If they resolve to have a good scholar child, then along with praying to God, the mother should take rice and kheer (sweet dish made of milk, rice and sugar) with butter as her food. It has been described in Eitareyopnishad (name of one Upanishad out of total 360) that whatever food and water is taken by the father, is transformed in semen. Being in the semen of father is the first birth of an individual soul. Being placed in the mother's womb in the form of semen when a mother conceives is known to be the second birth of an individual soul and to come out of mother's womb is known as the third birth. The build-up of a child resembles that of his father. It is told that when the semen of a man is seen with the help of a microscope, full shape (form) of the man is found there. The body of an individual soul is shaped with whatever food the woman takes during her pregnancy. Till many generations pass, one is known as being the son and grandson of a particular person. One resembles to one's parents after being born, but watching or meditating upon someone else can change the looks as well. An English lady who was pregnant had one photograph of a black man in her room which she used to see and meditate upon repeatedly. When she delivered a child, it was black. This made the English society amazed. They started believing the Hindu philosophy of changed looks of a newly born child if the mother watches and meditates upon the picture of some other person. As we all know Kansa (maternal uncle of Lord Krishna) was born when the wife of Ugrasen (father of Kansa) saw some demon during her pregnancy. That is why a great care should be taken of a pregnant woman. She should watch and meditate upon the photograph of her husband. She should watch her own face in a mirror. Idols of incarnations like Ram-Krishna etc, gods, seers and saints should be meditated upon by a pregnant woman. She should listen to the life stories of them. She should try to take rice, milk, fruits, kheer and brahmi, vanshlochan, jotishmati, giloy (all four being the herbals), butter of cow and honey. It is the duty of the husband of a pregnant lady that she should never be sad, depressed and irritated. She should not be allowed being with prostitutes. She should be kept in a good and peaceful environment. She must reside in an open and airy house. She should be visiting the gardens, orchids and forests. She should be accompanied to great saints and seers. All her desires and needs must be taken care of. It is not advisable to borrow money, but if it is needed, all the good desires of a pregnant lady must be fulfilled with the borrowed money. If

these precautions are taken care, no doubt that the born child would have knowledge, patience and would be very mighty and good looking.

When the mother of Abhimanyu (son of Arjun) was pregnant, Arjuna made her listen to the story of breaking the Chakravyuh (a typical formation during the ancient wars). At the age of sixteen Abhimanyu knew how to break the Chakravyuh and succeeded in breaking it. Similarly the pregnant mothers of Aalha-Oodal and Bonapaart used to supply water to the warriors during war time. These ladies used to see the war and listen to the stories of war every time. This made Aalha-Oodal and Bonapaart great warriors and they kept fighting for whole of their life.

Now with the above facts it is proven that it is due to parents that makes a child miserable or happy. God is not there to make us miserable or happy. He is above all this. He is the creator of this universe. He shows the way to get rid of all these miseries. Now regarding different types of social classes, these are also not classified by God; rather these are the results of our bad social arrangements. God is there to make us knowledgeable and make us liberated.

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