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Date: 5-21-23 Time:7:15-11:55 AM

Palia: Aishee, Brajendra Bhai

5-20-23		Adhibasa
7:00 - 8:00		Stotra Bandana, Scripture Reading (Leelaa Prasanga Part 4, Kokilamukh mathare sanyasini Shailabala, Page 356), Bidaya Prarthana, Jayaguru Nama Kirtana & Closing of Asana
5-21-23		First Session(7:15 - 8:45)
07:15	Gyan Bhai, Rasmi C. Maa	Prateekshya
07:30	Sanujit Bhai	Aarati
07:45	Suprit Bhai	Bandana (Bandae Gurucharana), Stotra Bandana
08:10	Brajendra Bhai	Parichaya Patra Patha & Sameelani Prarthana
08:20	Biswa Bhai	Sangha Sevaka 49th Year, 4th Part (Bandana, Prarthana & Prarthanakarinka Prati)
08:40	Sonalisa Maa	Shree Shree Guru Geeta - Verse 32
08:42	Brajendra Bhai	Invitation for Baalya Bhoga and Second Session Puja
08:43		Jayaguru Nama Keertana, Pranama and Closing of Asana
5-21-23		Second Session (09:30 AM - 11:55 AM)
09:45	Nihar Bhai, Milu Maa	Abahana
10:00		Pranama Gaana and Opening of the Curtain
10:02	Brundaban Bhai	Bandana
10:07	Soumya Bhai	Nigama Upadesha (Page - 212-213 Sadhana of Surrender)
10:10	Gyan Bhai	Minutes of the Last Session
10:14	Ajit Bhai, Subhasis Bhai	Shree Shree Thakur Mahatmya & Summary (Page 105-109)
10:30	Anjali Maa	Praarthanaa Sangeeta
10:40	Kishor Bhai	SansaarPathe - Part 1 (Chapter. 31 Financial Problems of the Householders)
10:50	Brajendra Bhai	Q.A. Session
11:00	Sreeja	Y. A. Praarthanaa Sangeeta
11:05	Bhakti	Y. A. Session
11:35	Aishee, Brajendra Bhai	Bhaaba Binimaya Invitation for Madhyaahna Bhoga and Evening Puja
11:41	Anhik, Barada Bhai, Sonia Maa	Invitation for Next Sangha Puja (5-28-23)
11:42	Brajendra Bhai	Praying for forgiveness
11:43	Arpita Maa	Bidaaya Prarthana
11:45		Jayaguru Nama Keertana, Pranama and Closing of Asana
11:55	Biswajit Bhai	Attendance

Sansar Pathe

Chapter. 31

Financial Problems of the Householders

“Don't feel sad due to shortage of money. Because, if you had money then your attitude would have been different than how it is now. You would have been overwhelmed by the worldly attractions and forgotten God. There are a lot of wealthy people, however they don't spend their money in the righteous way. When one has wealth, their mind does not remain focussed on God; therefore, consider everything as God's auspicious will and spend your time joyfully. You still have to try to improve your financial situation. However, you must never wish to gain wealth through ancient practices. In the past people became wealthy through the worship of Goddess Lakshmi. These days Lakshmi Puja is not being performed anywhere. Devi Lakshmi is the power behind sustenance (Pālani-shakti). She represents the projection power (Vikshepa-shakti) of Mahāmāyā or Ādyāshakti, (the primordial power or the cosmic divine power behind the universe). Saraswati represents the power behind creation, and Lakshmi the power of sustenance. I would like to remind those who consider Saraswati is Brahma's wife and Lakshmi is Vishnu's wife in the same lines as their own family consisting of wife and children, that Saraswati, Lakshmi and Kali are not women, rather they are subtle powers. In them the attributes are present in the seed form, unmanifested. They gradually sprout. The creation, sustenance and destruction of the seven Lokas (worlds) are carried out by these three attributes and three powers. These three powers gradually materialize and manifest as the physical universe. Atoms, the subtle primary element coalesce with the "bindu" (ParaShakti or Primordial power), and thus the Universe is created. The power of Vishnu, the lord of sustenance for the universe, is called Lakshmi, the sustainer of the world.

It has been mentioned before that Maya has two fold powers - one is Ābarani-shakti (the power of concealment) and the other is Vikshepa-shakti (the power of projection). The concealment power is the one that clouds the understanding of “who am I?” and “what is Ātmā?” Again, the power of projection is the one behind the ability to create the universe. It is also the power of projection that brings forth in ignorants the illusion such as mistaking a rope as a snake. Hence, this power of projection is the cause of the existence of this transitory universe. Goddess Lakshmi is inherent in every thing that is a matter of enjoyment and splendor in this universe. The power of projection makes money, material things, house and worldly existence seem real, and casts a spell with false knowledge. That is why Lakshmi is the cause of the sustenance of this universe. Goddess Lakshmi keeps herself busy enjoying the company of Lord Vishnu while keeping the world tied up in iron shackles of wealth. She provides prosperity to the world; hence God is Lakshmi's beneficiary. For that reason, those who have wealth, resources and material comfort, or who are firmly bonded to the power of projection, are called Lakshmi's beneficiaries. Lord Vishnu governs the universe with the help of Goddess Lakshmi. Lakshmi, the goddess of sustenance, is the founding goddess of wealth and splendor.