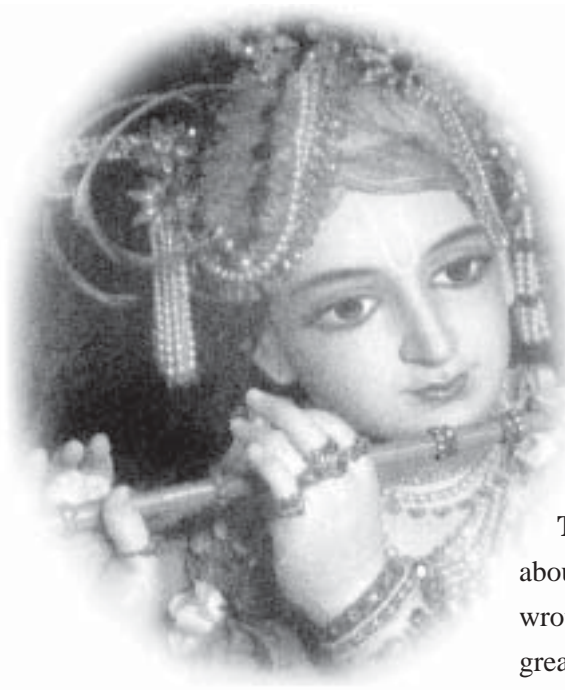


ON THE OCCASION OF JANAMASHTAMI

SHRI KRISHNA IS RELEVANT EVEN TODAY

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The first righteous person about whom saint Dayanand had talked about with reference to virtuous behaviour is lord Shri Krishna. He wrote – ‘Life of Shri Krishna is similar to any great soul. He is the greatest personality in Mahabharata. His qualities, work, nature and character is unmatched.’

Rama and Krishna are two such great personalities born in this world, who can be called unmatched. Rama was known as the person of highest qualities and character and Shri Krishna was known for his highest actions. Both were great persons. The mankind will continue to follow them and see them as role models for ages to come.

These two great personalities were also great foreseers. They fulfilled their dreams. Ordinary person cannot dream of doing great things. Lord Rama had united the nation from Mithila in the north to Lanka in the south and Krishna united the whole nation right from Dwarika in the west to Manipur in the east. They had strengthened the nation in such a way that it became undefeatable and even after four thousand years after the great war, Mahabharata no foreign ruler could disintegrate this land in spite of repeated fights.

The sages had sown the seed for the Rama's dream, whereas Shri Krishna was fast in all movements. Rama's life was managed by the policies of saints, their guidance and rules and therefore he was always obedient and disciplined. Lord Krishna was inspired by his inner voice at every moment of his life therefore his life was like a river flowing down a hill, which makes its way through difficult terrains and mountains and continues to flow ahead.

The philosophers call Rama as 12th incarnation and Krishna as 16th incarnation. Their purpose was not to give any rank. Rama be-

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longed to Surya family and according to sun zodiac the time moves within the 12 signs and hence he was addressed in the form of 12 arts. Krishna belonged to the moon family and the moon is supposed to have 16 arts starting from darker half and ending on brighter half. During Rama's age, the time and situations were not so difficult and challenging when compared to the Krishna's age. The time of Ramayana was also tied up to some limitations and in case of Krishna's age, the society did not fear to break the rules and regulations.

Shri Krishna represented Indian culture, integrity and dutifulness. The principles of Mahabharata can be included in the category of nationality, which had the impression of Krishna's rule. Saint Vyas has picturized only shri Krishna as a character, who never bends, yields, surrenders, cries, or repents and never bothers about loss or victory. But, he has such a confidence on his ability, qualities and efficiency that he advises Arjuna that in his plan, Bhishma, Dronacharya, Duryodhana, Karna and Dusshasana are already dead and you are just the medium to kill these people.

Vyas did not want to author just nay story, but he wanted to describe the truth present in man in every period (age) and the victory of truth on false. Most of his characters were filled with qualities of attachment and temptation. Therefore, there is no end to their pain and grief. In one way the whole society during Mahabharata time was suffering from fear and terror, but shri Krishna is above them, he is beyond this world.

All the people right from Yudhishtar to Dhritarashtra and Bhishma Pitamah break down but Krishna never loses. He manages the incidents without any attachment. Man should have this kind of non-attachment in order to overcome grief, and Krishna is the right personality. Therefore he is known as high individual, great personality and lord of people.

Shri Krishna says in Gita, 'योगः कर्मसु कौशलम्' He removed Yog from old traditional meanings and gave it a new meaning. He challenged the social evils prevalent during his age, which show his revolutionary character. No other person of that age was capable of showing these qualities. He gave a new meaning to Yog. on the occasion of Janamashtami we all should try and follow his ideals, values, principles for the welfare of our country. Krishna and his qualities are relevant even today.

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