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Journey to God and Beyond... *Sambhavami Yuge Yuge*

"If God didn't exist, it would be necessary to invent Him..." Voltaire

Man's tryst with God is an accident destined in everyone's life. When one is born into this world, the second birth into the world of knowledge is obviously the first step in our journey towards God. Rightly christened as 'Dwijottama' or 'the best of the twice born', we realise His presence all around. The sun that shines, the moon that beckons, the stars that twinkle, the clouds which decorate the sky, the rain that showers, the lightning that thunders and the wind that blows us away unfold as His creations. It is only through the knowledge of these elements that we try to fathom His role in the creation of Brahmand and our significance or lack of it in the larger scheme of the Universe.

As our journey proceeds, there are number of obstacles and opportunities which the scientists may term as 'tests of the God hypotheses'. One such test could be the time when we are told to pray and offer the best dish to Lord Ganesha so as to seek his divine intervention in clearing the test (our exams) which is round the corner and lo the results come and if you excel, then the first accidental brush with God has certainly happened or else we wait for the next episode preceded by another offering to probably some other deity more benevolent than the Vighnaharta. Years roll by and more important milestones present more severe testing of the hypotheses till such time that the eagerly awaited game changer, viz. the life partner enters the scene. Believe me, then even God takes a different form and some more years roll by before the bond is put to test through the anxious moments of motherhood leading to the arrival of one more member in the family, per say another accidental test of the Lord Almighty. I propose to cut short further 'accidents' and

'tests' in the belief that the reader would be able to start his/her journey and take a call on whether the God, the Creator has been accessed or overtaken.

The question that arises to the ignorant now is 'what is really God and how do we unravel and enjoy this journey into His kingdom'. Here we find that even a partially literate mystic residing in a distant rural habitat understands this complex phenomenon as composed and immortalised by his lyrics, "valucha kan ragadita, tel hi gale" in Tukaramachi Gatha. As against this, the modern scientists had to dig all over the world for centuries to locate the drop of oil under the sand dunes, Likewise, have you ever wondered, how could Patanjali write in his Patanjali Yoga Sutras about the structure of the atom as different from a molecule years before the atomic theory was studied?

The answer obviously lies in the fact that the journey towards the kingdom of God is powered by Faith, Belief and Trust in one's actions as you seek His blessings by conserving the divine elements and upholding His institutions bonding our society - the family, the community, the society and the nation at large. Since these are all his manifestations i.e. the elements, we have to reach out to Him only through partaking their fruits enjoyed and shared in the same equitable manner as one shares the sunlight and the divine pearls of his elixir as it showers upon us. So long as we undertake this journey keeping these divine principles and firmly believing that at the end of all our endeavours He is there to guide us to the ultimate destination. Summing up in the words of Lord Krishna from the Bhagvad Gita,

**परित्राणाय साधूना विनाशाय च दुष्कृताम् ।
 धर्मसंस्थापनार्थाय संभवामि युगे युगे ॥**

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