

Brother Satyananda – Easter Service

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Brother shared two stories from Matthew, with commentary of our Guru from *The Second Coming of Christ*. Capernaum village is the setting for both biblical tales.

Healing of the Centurion Servant: (Matthew 8:5)

“And when Jesus was entered into Caper'na-um, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him, and, saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented. And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him. The centurion answered and said, Lord I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed. For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this and he doeth it. When Jesus heard it, he marveled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel. And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven: but the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour.”

The centurion calls Jesus “Lord” and asks him to heal his servant without seeing or touching him. How is this possible? He recognized Jesus’ power in his word.

Patanjali: men and women who have virtue gain the power of their word becoming reality. The word becomes manifest if the word has virtue. Word has the power to heal.

“Speak thy word and my servant will be healed.” It’s hard to believe this truth when you are suffering. Yet this is the time you need faith the most.

Human consciousness and the cosmic word of Aum – a power that can supercede mortal laws.

Omnipresence of a Master plus inspired faith is required to receive that truth. True dynamic faith means recognizing this truth. Faith is required to receive healing.

We must accept the truth – the greater truth that all things are possible. A complete renewal can take place. Apply it to yourself. This is true for me. Accept it for yourself. This is required for a miracle to take place.

Faith means total trust. Inspired faith is recognizing the truth. Say the word and you shall be healed.

Attune to omnipresent cosmic consciousness to take on the power of the Aum vibration, the great comforter. Our word becomes omnipresent truth.

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Second story from Matthew: Peter Takes Coin Out of the Fish's Mouth

Payment of the Tribute Money (Matthew 17:34)

"And when they were come to Caper'na-um, they that received tribute money came to Peter, and said, Doth not your master pay tribute?"

He saith, Yes. And when he was come into the house, Jesus prevented him, saying, What thinkest thou, Simon? of whom do the kings of the earth take custom or tribute? of their own children, or of strangers?"

Peter saith unto him, Of strangers. Jesus saith unto him, Then are the children free.

Notwithstanding, lest we should offend them, go thou to the sea, and cast a hook, and take up the fish that first cometh up; and when thou hast opened his mouth, thou shalt find a piece of money: that take, and give unto them for me and thee."

Recognize that you have a mortal nature with obligations, concerns and fears, yet you are also a child of God in meditation. Affirm in meditation that you are a child of God.

If we have divine consciousness we are free and God will take care of us.

Message to take home today: As children of the earth, we have obligations that bind us. Yet as children of God we can be free – free in meditation. Set aside mortality – set aside that you are a child of the earth. Affirm with inspired faith: I am a divine child of God.

We need to accept this personally in meditation. This will open up new doors into divinity. This happens symbolically on Easter but happens every time we sit to meditate and pray.