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**Jai Guru!**

### **SOME POINTS BY BR. NISCHALANANDA ON 03112019**

(I missed some part in the beginning.)

We never had special satsanga or lectures with Sw. Chidanandaji. He would come and eat with us instead of eating in his separate room or walk in where we were and talk with us.

One of the days we had given him something special to eat and when it was given to him he passed it around to the rest of us insisting 'No, you also eat, you also have...' We felt this is how the Gopis must have enjoyed being with Krishna.

The last day he was in Ranchi, he gave a talk; I don't remember anything from the talk but I felt visibly uplifted. On that day there was continuous activity, it was raining. I had my morning meditation and I just seemed to go through the morning meditation. But later, after he had talked when I sat for meditation, I found it difficult to get up from my meditation. We experienced an inner transformation.

That is why after a meditation, don't discuss, 'Arre kya achcha meditation tha, kya talk tha, etc.' Just remain in silence.

One of the days I was with Sw. Chidanandaji, then I came out and when someone spoke to me, I was a little preoccupied and slightly irritated. Then I remembered Guruji is coming to us not just as Sw. Chidanandaji but as all the other devotees, all volunteers, all other people too. Let us keep this in mind when serving. All Guruji wants is a willing channel. Are we ready to remove the 'I' and allow Guruji to flow? It will be a challenge, but nothing good is easy. There may be friction, but if we ask Guruji where do I have to change Guruji helps.

Guruji said, "Love one another as you have loved me."

Daya Ma said, "Ask yourself these three questions: Am I loving? Am I kind? Am I peaceful? Do I radiate compassion and love?"

This is my mantra. Make it yours too.

It is not my concern if others express this quality. Sw. Premamoyi said that the minute I want others to be perfect that is my downfall.

In the 1970s the school from Hatia had to be shifted to Jagannathpur as Government gave YSS land over there. The local people were very upset about it. On one of the days when Sw.

Shantanandaji was giving Kriya diksha from 8 a.m. to 12 a.m. the local people with some local goons came and gheraoed Sw. Shantanandaji right upto 6 p.m. They did not allow Swamiji to even go to the washroom. But Swamiji just stayed there, not answering anything, not losing his temper.

. Mrinalini Ma said that on one occasion she had neglected some small duty like calling someone up. Guruji called her and asked her, if she had done that duty. Then he told her that you are being unwilling. I don't want you if you are being unwilling. I will find someone else. Guruji never put up with unwillingness. Don't do any duty cribbing, or forcibly. If you feel something is wrong, tell Guruji about it. Tell him I leave the judgement to you. Let us ask for Guruji's help to overcome our ego. Give willingness at that point of time. For you Guruji I am doing this unpleasant job too. Give willingness and obedience.

One last point – some of us monks in the administration approached Sw. Chidanandaji and asked him for guidance. He said only one thing:

“Be a friend to each other. Cover each other's back.”

If I am doing a duty and I know I have a friend who is covering my back, and not ready to pull me down and criticize me, how do I feel?

There is no need to touch Swamiji's feet. He is touching us internally. He is giving us a far greater blessing at a far deeper level.

Our teachings give us direct contact with Guruji. No need to go through the Secretary. Just gaze at the kutastha, close your eyes and you have a direct hotline with Guruji.

This is a very joyous occasion in all our lives but please don't click pictures. Don't say 'for memory.' Don't keep outer memories but inner memories. Don't do it on the surface. Be a little thoughtful of Sw. Chidanandaji. Because of devotees surrounding him and taking pictures with flashes all the time he could not enjoy a peaceful moment in the Smriti Mandir nor could he enjoy the lighting of the Mandir because of the lights of the flashes. Let's just absorb the moments. Don't bring worldly things in between.