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The last words of Jesus of Nazareth were 'Father, have you forgotten thy son?' just before the moment of crucifixion Jesus was pleading to Father - the God Eternal and the Ultimate reality of all causations and effects. Sarmad, the Jewish saint in India when beheaded under the orders of Aurangzeb proceeded in the headless state towards Jama Masjid to pray to the Almighty for justice when his Guru in an astral body stopped him from doing so and advised him to bear the effects of the Law of Nature on his body. Even Saints at the highest stage of evolution seek justice from that Ultimate one from whom the entire universe emanates, and to whom the universe withdraws. Thus, there is a direct correlation between divinity and pain that even saints experience when in their mortal bodies. The birth of a body - animals or human beings - necessarily leads to a certain quantum of pain and pleasure pre-ordained.

Pain and pleasure as defined by the rationalists are un-welcome and welcome experiences. When a man goes by this theory, he creates a small universe for himself in which he always tries to avoid pain and gain pleasure. In such a state of mind he restricts himself within his isotopic atomic individualism. The universes created by God and the Laws of Nature running these universes have limited use for him or so he thinks. But this not being the reality, he faces a situation of double pain when confronted with pain - the first pain is the one physical or mental, given to him and the second pain is the disintegration of the universe which he has built up so strenuously throughout his life, during the evolution of his life. It takes a longer time for him to adjust with God's Universe as his own. However, those who view their little universes as parts of the God's Universe are in a much better state. No doubt, they will also suffer pain of body or mind which, otherwise may be defined as disintegration but they will not see breaking of their self-created little universe.

Numerous atoms and molecules are integrated to form the body and they are kept together by the life-force. An injury - a death leads to a partial or total disintegration of these body particles. One puts his life's earnings in an integrated form in a bank account (i.e. adding one rupee to another) and when it exhausts, the life is disintegrated. A person through a process of manipulation and exhibition has integrated many persons to believe that he is good and noble and basks in that glory for some time. However, a single wrong action on his part has the potentiality of

totally shattering this positive thought process of others. Human universes emanating out of their ego has the chance of disintegration.

Thus, disintegration of body and mind is a continuous process between the two terminal points called birth and death. With the death of his body his painfully arranged universe ends. However, the only non-disintegrating factor, i.e., the soul, after death goes back to the universe of God leaving the universe of man, and is eternal.

To get into the universe of God, one has to break the universe of man. A sealed water container in an ocean needs to be broken if its water were to have universal expanse in the sea. Most of the people I happen to meet are asking me for various components required to build their own little universe like a child, a house, a job, money or honour. They pray to Baba for the same although, their emotional attraction towards Him can't be denied. How unfortunate that the mighty divine power of attraction of Baba is converted to the attraction of money, job or land. The same spiritual force of Baba which can become the various form of nature i.e., deities like Ganesh, Maruti etc., now is desired and prayed by devotees to convert into the state of money and land. In the quintessence, those who pray Baba for money want to experience Him as money, those who pray for land will experience Him as land and those pray Him for women will experience Him as woman. No doubt they are experiencing Baba, but at a much lower state of consciousness. Those who want to experience Him in a higher state will have to go beyond this state of mind. If they have to experience his original state (*Swaroop*) they have to focus their concentration i.e., power of attraction to Baba only and not other objects. Then they will get Baba in His *Swaroop* i.e. the original eternal form, and not His changeable and convertible form like money, land etc.

What should be the correct path then? To help them to create their own universe or to help them to break their own universe and merge in the universe of Baba.

Their's is a highly individualistic and egoistic universe created by illusion (*Maya*). Sri Sai has the ultimate answer for His children. But here I am, standing miles away from a lamp-post, can't clearly see the midway figures (in their own universes) better than I see the lamp-post.