



Class-8

Chapter-7 (Ideal Biographies)

Notes

Date:22/10/2020

Lesson-4 and 5 (Sri Harichand Thakur):

Identity of Sri Harichand Thakur:

Harichand Thakur was born in the village Saflidanga in the month of Falgun in 1218 of Bangla calendar (1811 AD). It was troyodasi Tithi of the dark fortnight. The father of Harichand Thakur was Yasomanto Thakur and his mother's name was Annanpurna Devi. Harichand was the second son of Yasomanto Thakur.

Sri Harichand Thakur's way of worship:

Harichand spread Harinam preached by Lord Srichaitanya. He said, "We can find God by chanting the name Hari in devotion." His way of worship is called Matua. His followers are called 'Matua Sampradaya'.

Death of Sri Harichand Thakur:

Sri Harichand Thakur died on 23rd Falgun, 1284 (1877) at the age of 66.

Valuable quotes of Sri Harichand Thakur:

- i) Hari in mind, Hari in consciousness, the name of Hari being the ultimate;
Lost in love and such a one bears the name Matua.
- ii) Kindness to creatures, taste to the name of Hari, sincere to mankind;
All rites except these all are destined to be flawed.
- iii) Whoever gets the transcendental feeling even living with family;
Is a true saint, there is no doubt about it.
- iv) Maintain the religion of domestic life;
Work with hand, chant in mouth with deep devotion.
- v) Maintaining family is your ultimate religion;
Along with punishing the evil and protecting the virtuous.

Twelve commandments of Sri Harichand Thakur:

- 1) Always speak the truth.
- 2) Show respect to parents considering them as gods.
- 3) Look upon women as though they were your mothers.
- 4) Love the world
- 5) Be generous to all religions.
- 6) Don't differentiate between caste and creed.
- 7) Establish Harimandir.
- 8) Say prayer every day.
- 9) Offer yourself to God.
- 10) Don't pretend to be a saint.
- 11) Control your six enemies (6 sense organs)
- 12) Work with hands and chant the name of God in mouth.

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Short Questions from Lesson-4 and 5:

- 1) What is Saflidanga?
- 2) When and where was Harichand Thakur born?
- 3) Who were the parents of Harichand Thakur?
- 4) Who was Yasomanto? How many sons did he have? Write his sons' names.
- 5) How was Harichand?
- 6) Why did Harichand leave school and was associated with cowboys?
- 7) Why were people charmed hearing Harichand's song, Bhajans, Kirtans etc?
- 8) By which name did Harichand's cowboy friends call him?
- 9) Which trait of Harichand's became more prominent as he grew up?
- 10) What did Harichand spread?
- 11) What is the way of Harichand's worship?
- 12) Why is Harichand's worship called as Matua?
- 13) Who are called Matua Sampradaya?
- 14) What is the principle of Matuaism?
- 15) What are the three pillars of Matuaism?
- 16) What is the aim of worship?
- 17) What is the precondition of love?
- 18) Where does true love spring?
- 19) Who is full of love?
- 20) Why did Matuaism flourish into a massive movement and Matuas spread all over the undivided Bangla?
- 21) How many sons and daughters did Harichand have?
- 22) What were the names of Harichand's sons?
- 23) Who was adored as the chief of Matuaism after Harichand Thakur's death?
- 24) What did the Matuas say consider Harichand Thakur as the incarnation of God Vishnu?
- 25) Where is the origin of Matuaism?
- 26) Where is the main Harimandir of Matuaism?
- 27) Where has a Hrimandir been established in 2010?
- 28) Where and when is Mahabaruni bath held?
- 29) When did Harichand Thakur die?
- 30) What is Sri Sri Harililamrita?
- 31) Who was the writer of the book 'Sri Sri Harililamrita'?

Broad Questions from Lesson-4 and 5:

- 1) Write on Harichand's Thakur childhood.
- 2) Write six sentences about Matuaism.
- 3) Explain why are Harichand' Thakur's followers called as 'Matua'?
- 4) Write some valuable quotes of Sri Harichand Thakur.
- 5) Write on Sri Harichand Thakur's twelve commandments.

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