

QUOTES ON SHRI MANDODARI

FROM 3 TALKS AND 1 BOOK OF HER HOLINESS SHRI MATAJI NIRMALA DEVI

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“During the Treta Yuga, at the time of Shri Rama, Adi Shakti incarnated in three separate human personalities, expressing Her three aspects:

1. Sita [Janaki] (Mahalakshmi) as the daughter of Raja Janaka
This was the first absolute human form (*Loukik*)
2. Sati Anasuya (Mahasaraswati) as the wife of a great saint
3. **Mandodari (Mahakali) as the wife of the demon Ravana”**

The Book of Adi Shakti, Chapter 1 (Creation, the Eternal Play), Page 20



“At the time of Rama's Incarnation Adi Shakti existed in three persons: Mahalakshmi, as Sita, His wife; Mahasaraswati, as Sati Anusuya who gave birth to Dattatreya, the Primordial Master; **and Mahakali as Mandodari, the wife of the demon Ravana.**”

The Book of Adi Shakti, Chapter 2 (Divine Incarnations – Ambassadors of God), Page 34



“Though the devoted women are regarded even higher than Yatis, you know, Satis are higher than Yatis. Uh, Satis are called as, uh, in Sanskrit name is Ucchadas they are much higher than the Yatis so their achievements were much more in dimension because what they have used their bhakti also, because they were dedicated to their husbands. One of them you can give is Ravana's wife is taken for example, Ravana's wife. She was so powerful, such a powerful woman She was. Of course She was Mahakali Herself so that should give Her [UNCLEAR ...] Mahakali She was Herself, but She was a Sati [UNCLEAR as She came] So She had the Sahaja Asana. She had the Sahaja power, but there are many Satis who achieved Sati power. And this [UNCLEAR] lady, you see this Sati, Mandodari, She was Ravana's wife. Now when She married him She had to marry though She was Mahakali, there's also a big story. If I go through that story also is very interesting [UNCLEAR that She was meeting Rama also] so She was married to him and when Ravana, you see, was fighting Rama, She was the Sati and She was a devotee of Shri Vishnu and She always used to worship Shi Vishnu. So She threw Her [UNCLEAR Kankan] [Bracelet of thread used in Pujas], very interesting. [Aside] So all these [UNCLEAR Kankan], you know, She threw it in the air. She threw it in the

air. And Rama's arrows were coming and they would return back [UNCLEAR around] because Rama cannot cross beyond the power of a Sati also. He has to respect Her because She was the devotee of Rama first of all, and which you know that Kali is the sister of ... Uma is the sister of Vishnu, so you see how can He kill the husband of [Yogi interrupts: His sister]. You see all of these points are there. And this Kankana was in the air, is projected. Everything failed, you see, nothing would go, even Sudarchan Chakra would be going backside. So Lakshmana said: "What are you doing? What is it? You are getting back your, here arrows. Why don't you control your arrows?" He said "[UNCLEAR But you know, see Uma's there"... He saw this Mandodari moving there ... He said: "Oh, God, now you have it. Is this not going to work out then? Am I useless then?" Even Lakshmana was sitting very much in frustration. Then Yama, the God of death, He thought: "The time is coming and what is this Kankan doing here ... you see, so must try to solve this problem." So, He is the clever one. He went into the heart of ... or He went into the mind of Ravana and told him: "Oh, you are not one of those winning the war. It is your wife's anger." And his ego was challenged. "You see in the air, you the that Kali is there. That is the one that is protecting you." Very angry: "What does She mean by challenging my manliness?" And so he went down to his palace and he saw She was sitting there smiling. She said: "I knew you will come back." He said: "What do you mean? I cannot fight the war? It is all done by your powers? Will you quickly get back your Kankana ...? It's my order." So, as a Sati you have to obey the orders of your husband, you see. She said: "Alright, I will take back." You see. So, but you can find out loopholes, you see. That, that's the [UNCLEAR] so She said: "Now, I've taken back My Kankan." Then She sat before Vishnu. She said: "How dare you kill My husband? I will not eat food till he comes back here alive, I will not eat." Now Vishnu had a problem: now what to do? He cannot kill, Rama being Vishnu, you see, He cannot kill Ravana. Vishnu said: "What to do?" So He told Lakshmana: "This is a big problem!" So Lakshmana informed Yama: "Again see the problem has come: She won't eat food till Her husband goes back." So Yama said: "I know it's very dangerous but I have to try this trick otherwise I'm in for trouble. This man has to die, you see the time has come." So Yama said with a very big respect, you see to Sati: ["Why you go fighting also this ...?"] He said: "Alright, I will manage it." He took the form of Ravana himself, He became, He started looking like Ravana. And He went there and He stood up in the [UNCLEAR] He said: "Now, see, I've come now." She said: "Did you win the war". So He said: "Yes." He said: "Alright, now, will you eat your food?" And the food was hanging before Her. And She made a mistake there: She ate the food. Before your husband has taken the food you are not supposed to eat your food, that's why Indian women will never eat it. Because this gives them power, you see. To be a dedicated wife means power. So they do not mind, even if their husbands are bad, even if they are Rakshasas, they're anything: they will be dedicated to their husbands. They'll love their husband so that they keep their own powers and by that they save their husbands' also. So He stood up there [UNCLEAR]: "Eat your food." As soon as She ate the food, not even She ate the first morcel [a glass of juice was offered and She put it to Her lips as per recollections from a later 1986 Holi talk], [UNCLEAR Ravana felt cursed]. And the

head fell at the feet [UNCLEAR] and then, you know, He, Yama get His own form and She cursed Him that you will be a dog. And He became a dog [UNCLEAR Later on He has become]. So, they are so powerful. But this I'm telling you about someone who was sort of a Sahaja [UNCLEAR Samarthya] [Yogi interrupts about: Which dog was this, Mother? Which dog? ...This dog was in the car which ... in company of Yuddhishtira ...] Of course He was, yes. You see, actually it is uh, after Rama whatever curses and anything were carried on during the time of Krishna. So, you can say His dog, the one who followed Yuddhishtira, you see, Dharmaraja. So, this story tells you about Mandodari who was uh, Kali, Uma, She was Parvati Shakti, so it's different."

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[Question inaudible.] In Sahaja Yoga we do, we don't accept widowhood in Sahaja Yoga, nobody's a widow in Sahaja Yoga, neither men nor women. This is all just to suppress women, they started widowhood. **Shri Rama married the wife of Ravana [Shri Mandodari] to Vibhishana; She was a widow.** So this was not a custom, this was started later on just to suppressed women.

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"There were so many stories about Sadashiva giving a blessing to people. Even to Ravana, which is a very interesting story about Ravana, that Ravana did lots of penance. I don't know what he did, how much he must have starved with his ten heads and what, I mean, if one mouth is there you feel so hungry - with ten mouths! I don't know what he must have done to do that kind of a penance that Shiva just got fed up, you see. His compassion is so great He thought. Let this man have whatever he likes. So Ravana went to Shiva and Shiva said: "What do you want? Why are you doing all this to yourself?" So he said that: "I want to have a blessing". He said: "What blessing?" "First you promise that whatever I ask for, you will give me." He said: "Of course. If it is in my power, I'll give". It's a very interesting story. So he said: "I want to have your wife". Because he knew His wife is Adi Shakti, and if he gets the Adi Shakti as a partner with him, he can do wonders. So he asked that: "I should get your wife as my partner". Now, it was very difficult, you see, for Him to take such a decision to give in to this devil, but in compassion He did it. And all these events you see really show that how His compassion works out things. As a result it was decided that His wife Parvati had to go with this horrible fellow. But Parvati's sister [brother] was Shri Vishnu, that is Shri Krishna, and He said to Himself that: "I can't allow My sister to go with this devil. I must do something about it". The most mischievous one is Shri Krishna. So what He did was to make him feel like going for the bathroom. So he felt shy. He put the Lady on one side and he went to the bathroom. Now Shiva had warned him that: "You'd better be careful, because this Mother Earth is the mother of this

Lady, and never put Her on the Mother Earth. You must carry Him [Her] all the time on your back." So when he reached a certain point this Shri Krishna created a mischief, and he felt like going. So he put Her down. As soon as he put Her down, the Mother Earth sucked Her in and he didn't know what to do. Second time again he tried. And he again went to Shiva and he said: "See now, this is what you have promised, and this is what is doing". So He said, "I had warned you that Her brother is a very mischievous fellow and He'll somehow or other manage, so you'd better be careful. This time you don't listen to Him. Don't put Her on the ground, whatever it may be". So this time he did another try, we can say, and carried Her on his back. Suddenly he found a little boy. It was Shri Krishna Himself laughing at him. He said: "Why are you laughing at me?" "Oh my, why are you carrying this old woman on your back? She has no ornaments". He said: "She's the Goddess". He said: "No. She has no ornaments. She's wearing nothing. How can She be the Goddess?" So you see in India that's a ... proverb we use. Somebody, some lady who has, who lives without any ornaments or anything, that, she's like the Lanka Parvati. So he was carrying Her to Lanka. And when he looked at Her up, he saw a very old woman without any teeth you know, laughing at him. He got such a fright he threw Her away. That's Mahamaya! Then the third situation was, he went and told that: "You'd better tell your wife that She's not to listen to anybody, and you'd better see that you give me your wife Itself". He said: "Alright, She'll be born in Lanka and you can marry Her", and Her name was Mandodari. Now the great story goes on like that. But this Mandodari was the great worshipper of Vishnu, and at the time when Rama came you see, to kill him. All this was organized by Mandodari herself. Because She knows, knew that if Shri Rama kills Ravana he will get his liberation from these ideas about women; the way he was running after Sita and doing all these things. She actually wanted that something should happen that he should take another birth, and he should get rid of these notions of looking after beautiful women, and the way he brought Sitaji there. She was against it completely, but he would not listen. So the war took place, and in the war he was killed by Shri Rama. All this episode came because of the unlimited compassion of Shri Shiva. His compassion is to look at, looks very illogical sometimes, but there's a big logic behind it. The logic is that whatever He does brings forth a kind of a solution of the problem."

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