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Am I close to Baba?

The [meditation] song that we just heard was connected with today's murli. And today's murli is the one that Baba spoke on the 18<sup>th</sup> of January. Every 18<sup>th</sup> of January there is a special gathering in Madhuban and there would be the Ocean of love experienced and there would be an ocean of tears, because the ones who came would be from the early days of the Yagya either the Karachi days or the beginning of service. And so they would be experiencing those very powerful sweet memories of their time with Baba.

So, today's murli is very much about the experience of love. I think many of the Dadis must have been present there because the murli is from 1992 and we had already lost Didi from this dimension and now she is in another place but most of the other Dadis were still around. Baba has spoken about how the Magnet of love was so powerful – the attraction of love was so powerful that they were able to renounce everything instantly and they were surrendered to Baba.

Further later [in the murli] when Baba is talking to the Dadis, Baba is again remembering those early days. Baba is mentioning how they had been with Baba through the whole cycle! That is the guarantee for those souls that now in sangamyug, they came close to Baba and they were able to be with Baba physically through that whole period. But also they were close to Shiv Baba, not just Brahma Baba, they were being with Brahma Baba through the whole cycle, but their closeness to Shiv Baba at this time also meant that they would be close in Paramdham and they would be close to Brahma Baba in satyug and through the cycle and in sangamyug close to Shiv Baba again.

And so the question: how close do I experience myself to be to BapDada? Am I close? Being with Shiv Baba is actually not so difficult, it only requires one thing; it requires soul consciousness. In the stage of soul consciousness, yes I can feel Baba's presence, I feel the connection, and I can feel the support, the protection, the companionship and the help. And being close to Brahma Baba, today Baba is telling us that when you take on your angelic form then in your own angelic form, the more you are away from the bondage of this body then you are able to fly to the subtle region. Then in the angelic form you are able to be close to Brahma Baba.

And so today when people say that we don't have Baba we don't have the Dadis so what is the point of going to Madhuban. Madhuban provides that space where Baba meditated; Baba met the children very closely, where Baba hopped and moved and did everything in the kitchen, in the laundry and in the garden and so Madhuban is still very powerful and special. But Baba has made life easier for us now; in the sense that wherever it is we are, through soul consciousness I can feel Shiv Baba's love. And through the consciousness of the angel form I can feel BapDada's presence and support. And so the doors of Madhuban are wide open.

Earlier there were certain restrictions but we are still able to go to Madhuban whether it is from your side or the side of Madhuban, whichever it may be, but it takes a fair amount of effort to make the pilgrimage to Madhuban. There are many things to overcome but going to the subtle region that is simply my own consciousness and to what extent I make effort.

I remember in the sakar murlis Baba used to say (and we still hear the sakar murlis) Baba would say: "there will come a time when only those who are completely pure will be able to meet Baba". And of course at that time hearing the sakar murli, my own personal interpretation of that was that yes, I can understand being close to Baba needs that level of recognition and purity. But if there is going to come a time when they will say to people, the guests who go to Madhuban for conferences: "no, you are not going to meet Baba? There was a question in my mind.

But when Baba became avyakt I realised that one can only meet Baba here in that way if they have actually recognised who is Shiv Baba; who is Brahma Baba; and who is Dadi Gulzar? And when people would say: "why was she [Dadi Gulzar] looking at us like that? It is immediately a giveaway that they haven't recognised any of the three. And so it was clear at that time also that only those who are experienced in soul consciousness and the subtle consciousness would be able to catch from Baba's drishti, whatever it is that a soul needed.

I hadn't at all expected that the part would finish in the way that it did. Even whilst Dadi Gulzar was there in sakar form, everybody still had that expectation- I did- that Dadi would get better and she would come and even if she didn't speak for long but at least we would get Baba's drishti.

Last year when I was in Madhuban for the final ceremonies Brij Mohanbhai had said that 'it is an end of the era' and truly 'it was the end of that era of meeting avyakt BapDada'. But in bhakti or generally in life they say: "when one door closes and another door opens". When sakar Baba became avyakt, Baba said: "earlier Brahma Baba needed time for himself, but now that Baba is avyakt, you don't need to make appointments, you can just go to the subtle region and meet Baba".

And now that the avyakt part is over, again it feels as if a bigger door has opened and wherever you are, it is totally irrelevant, you can come to that stage of soul consciousness and feel Baba as your Companion and also the same for the avyakt Baba. Anyone who understands gyan and feels the power of Baba's love can have that experience of meeting avyakt BapDada. Even in today's murli Baba has referred to the fact that you want to go beyond sound but yet you still expect the One who is always beyond sound, to come into sound to meet you. It is the power of Baba's love that makes that happen.

But not only Shiv Baba in Paramdham has the thought that I have to go and help My children – and so the power of God's love brings God from Paramdham into the physical dimension so that He can meet the children.

The amount of sustenance that BapDada has given us through the years is proof of Baba's love. Baba has given us nearly 50 years of avyakt sustenance and 33 years of sakar sustenance and so for those who say: we are getting there, but the presence that Baba has shared, the sakar murli and the avyakt murli all of that is available. And the proof of Baba's love is the amount of time that Baba has given us by sharing all the treasures.

They say that there comes a time when the sparrows have swallowed the ocean and the ocean became dry. And we would see this. The murli were gradually getting shorter and shorter. And so it really was that Baba had said everything that He needed to say. And now to what extent the sparrows have taken from the ocean and filled themselves with that is individual effort.

And so at this moment we are reading the murli from way beyond 1992, Global House had just opened for a year and things were pretty stable in the world around at that time, but today there is a huge amount of uncertainty in every situation. Being in Germany last week was interesting because normally Germany is known for absolutely everything functioning on time accurately, but this time the Germans were telling me: "journeying isn't the same as it used to be, so don't expect the trains to run on time". And then all the flights were delayed when we were coming. And then coming back to London it was total chaos at the airport for the variety of reasons. So everything is very uncertain.

But today the need to be able to experience Baba's love is even more, not just to be able to feel that protection from all the negativity that is so strong around us everywhere, in terms of the world outside, but also as we reach the end of the Kalpa and it feels very much that it is very close to the end of Kalpa. I am not predicting dates anymore, but the feeling is whatever stuff there is inside that has to come out now and has to be cleansed.

I liked very much the thing that Baba said a few days ago. I think it was a slogan, where Baba spoke about how if you can keep your mind free from waste thoughts then you have the possibility of knowing what it is that the other soul needs and wants and you can be Baba's instrument to fulfil that need. So that is one aspect to be able to keep my mind free from waste thoughts for service to be able to serve others accurately.

But even more than that "how can I catch Baba's signals for me at a time when everything around me is moving so quickly that you don't know, on the level of logic, which direction to go in?" If I keep my mind free from waste thoughts, and that is not going to happen instantly, but it will happen if I have prepared myself now rather than at any other moment. Then that practice is going to support me and then yes, I will be able to connect with Baba and catch Baba's signal.

Somebody was telling me yesterday that their survival is because of being able to catch Baba's signals. He is in a difficult situation with business and many things are happening, but he said "Baba's signals seem to reach me and when I follow them then I know

things are going to be ok. So over the years I have learned to trust those signals. Because otherwise sometimes you get a signal and you wonder: "is it my mind; is it my imagination or is it really Baba touching me?" But yes, it is Baba touching us and the criteria for that is that I am following Baba's shrimat. So if I am convinced that my connection with Baba is clean and clear because I am following shrimat then when I get a signal, I will also trust that, 'yes, it is Baba connecting with me'. Not just I am connecting with God, but "Baba is connecting with me", why, because "I am the direct child of Baba".

Today Baba has spoken about how all the souls of the whole world are the children of God, but you children, who are in sangamyug are the ones who have a direct connection with God. So you are the foundation of the whole tree. You are the ancestors. So for us, we would say our ancestors are the Didis and Dadis and the Dadas and all those who came before us and made the path easy for us, but we are also all together Baba's children, who know God directly, we know how to have a direct connection with Him and we listen to God's version directly spoken and also are following in our life. That awareness of being the ancestors for the whole tree is very powerful both in terms of lifting my consciousness, but also in terms of being aware of my responsibility of what I need to do today.

And so yes Baba does have a direct connection with us and Baba feels a direct responsibility for us also and so Baba does intertwines in whatever it is we are doing and we need to do to fulfil the responsibility that Baba gives us.

Dadi used to say one statement that is very powerful always: "when Baba gives a task Baba also gives the power with which to be able to fulfil the task." And she would talk about herself; her body was always fragile from childhood and so then Baba gave her the duty of being a nurse – it was mama who communicated that to her, because Baba used to be in Baba Bhavan far away and she was in another Bhavan. And mama said to her Janak Baba would like you to take the role of the nurse of the Yagya and she was aware of how much it would take and even just carrying metal buckets of hot water from the ground floor up two flights of stairs. Just the metal bucket itself is heavy and when you fill it with hot water and carry it up the stairs was a tiny little part of being a nurse. In those days there was no running hot water in Karachi in most homes and so Dadi hesitated; she didn't say: no, but she hesitated. And mama picked that up and then mama's response was: "if Baba gives the task, Baba gives the power with which to fulfil that task."

So, I remember that often that whatever it is that any one of us are facing, if there is a challenge then the challenge has come to help me take a step further, to move further ahead. The teacher doesn't want me to fail and Baba, my Father and Mother doesn't want me to fail and so it is only a step to go up further. In the early days it was just love; they didn't have any gyan then gradually the gyan was explained and revealed to them. Baba knew about the soul, right from the beginning and Baba talked to them about the soul. So the Om Shanti, the chant of Om, I am and so that one lesson. They didn't know all the details of the soul and mind, intellect, sanskars, all that was to come later.

But they had just that awareness of the soul, that one aspect of gyan and the power of love and they surrendered. And then through the years we have had all the gyan. Is there a question that arises in our minds for which Baba hasn't given an answer! Really, Baba has explained everything.

So today we have the double power, the power of Baba's love and the power of gyan. And the combination of the two is the wings with which we can fly to Baba. And so today I don't think it is just the power of love- I know that for myself – it was beautiful to experience being with Brahma Baba, but without the recognition of Shiv Baba and the recognition of the soul, it wasn't possible for me to think yes, this could be my life.

And so we are lucky we have both things gyan and yoga; yoga, the experience of love and the gyan the ocean. Baba has mentioned how the power of love, in these early days, gave them the power to transform instantly. And so today when we feel that "I need to understand something", because when I have understood something then I can do it and so we have both: we have the clarity of gyan and we also have the experience of love. And both things together can speed up our process of transformation.

So today I ask myself the question: in how many ways have I been able to transform, not the external things but the internal things? And how much further, do I need to go? And I know that the clarity of gyan and the power of love are going to help me to reach my destination

When they say: there is faith in victory, not just “victory through faith”, but “faith in your own victory”...Baba plays with both of these two expressions; “when there is faith in the intellect then there is victory”; to have that “faith in my own victory”. And so to have that faith and I know that that faith is needed now, as we see things collapse around us.

None of us knows exactly where we are all going to be, none of us know what sorts of challenges we are going to be facing and it will be different things for each one of us, it won't be the same thing. And it will be the challenge that comes to my Achilles heel, “whatever is my weakest point”. Drama is the one that is testing us; God doesn't test us; drama tests us. Drama means my own karma. My own karma is testing me.

And so yes it is easy to say: “it is Maya”, but in fact it is my own sanskars and weakness that test me. And so my weakest point will be the place that I am tested in. And so to today with gyan and yoga if I can sort things out inside then yes Baba is there to help me and carry me through the situation but I need to connect with Baba.

The gyan and yoga makes sure that my weaknesses are removed, otherwise at that moment it is difficult to connect with God because my own weakness is coming in front of me and I am troubled by that. I am distressed and in that state of distress there isn't a connection with God. But gyan and love and I have sorted all out now so that then my end is clear and intellect is stable and the connection is strong and I can catch the signal I know that Baba want to help me because that is Baba's love for me – for each one of us – but I need to be able to catch that.

It is a very powerful murli.

Om Shanti