

## Sudesh Didi – 24<sup>th</sup> October 2022 Diwali Morning Class – GCH by phone

### ***The Fire of Self-Realisation Dispels Darkness***

Om Shanti. Om Shanti. Good morning and happy Diwali to the living lights, who are giving a vision of divinity, spirituality, purity and royalty of the golden-aged Diwali. In Madhuban, we have been celebrating Diwali for the last few days at different places. The decorations of each place are unique and wonderful.

Baba asks us to reflect, recollect and experience our beauty, the sparkling living lights within ourselves. In this Brahmin life, Diwali is a very significant festival. In Shivratri and Rakshabandhan, we renew our promise and relationship with Baba. Diwali is celebrated across many days with so much splendour, joy and intoxication.

87 years ago, our yagya was established, and Diwali is remembered as the foundation of the yagya and incarnation of the Living Light, *Jyoti Lingam*, the Supreme Being of Light, the Beloved of all, incarnated in the corporeal form, to enlighten His children, and ignite their inner light.

And these lights are so wonderful, as Baba said today, when one light is lit, it can light thousands of other lights. And the beauty of this light, which the immortal soul has, is that, the more you ignite the light of others, the more your own light shines. Baba sees us as the living lights. We are the lights of God's hope, the ones who are establishing the new world, Paradise, the world of happiness where there's no trace of sorrow. Each and everyone is healthy, wealthy, prosperous and happy in every aspect. This is why this world is called Paradise or Heaven, *Vaikunth*, which means there is no trace of sorrow; no name or mention of suffering; nothing is lacking there. It is the world of full satisfaction and happiness. The Confluence Age is the foundation of that time. At the beginning of the yagya, when all these lighthouses and might-houses, all the Dadis and Dadas, surrendered their lives on the Supreme Flame. They came running to this Eternal Light, just like moths, surrendering themselves to the Light, becoming part of the Light, and they themselves become eternal lights.

Our ancestors, our Dadis and Dadas, were instantly attracted by the Light. They surrendered instantly, letting go of their body consciousness, of being wealthy and of being prestigious in society. They made themselves belong to Baba. This was 87 years ago, and the tree has now grown older and older, stronger and stronger. And Baba said, till the end, all the living lights, the Brahmin souls, who will go into the world of happiness, will emerge. For Brahmins, not only does the soul become light, even the body becomes light. Angels are always shown with a body of light, transparent light; the soul, seated in the centre of the forehead, is light. Baba reminds us that what we were, now we are becoming that again. Baba says that we are the lineage, the lights of the Brahmin family, Godly family, who glorify the name, the honour, of this divine family, since we are now, the living lights of the Supreme Light, the children of the Supreme Light.

The wonder is that we had been saying, “Oh God, help me, God, help me.” And now, God says to us, “Oh sweet children, help Me, help Me.” This is so interesting, God is so humble, such a benevolent being. Baba says we are not the earthen lamps. On Diwali day, people ignite the clay lamps by putting oil in it, and putting a wick in it and igniting but these earthenware lamps can only last for a short time. Another aspect is when the earthen lamp is lit, though it can show the light to others, underneath itself remains in the dark. Sometimes, in body consciousness, though we are able to give light to others, within our own inner beings, we are not able to see what weaknesses and defects are still in us. Baba teaches us to check the inner light, to look at our inner selves. In order to create the new world, we need to unite the lights of love. It is with the fire of love that the living light is lit. With a strike of the matchstick, the fire ignites that candlelight. It is the fire of self-realisation. Who do I belong to? How great is my fortune! I am the fortune maker of myself, and, the fortune maker of others. With this vision, you dispel darkness. You are not the earthen lamp anymore. You are removing this gravity of the physical body. Baba says we are the lights of His eyes.

In order to bring the light of Godly life, the Godly light in ourselves, we need to connect it with the Supreme Light, the beloved Light and Baba’s Light. This is also a memorial, the light of the children, Baba says that after making efforts, some lamps are lit. When we do candle lighting, the candle or the light bulb gives light in all directions. We are becoming the lighthouses and the might-houses, who give light to the entire world.

Baba’s vision of us as the light of love, the light of purity, the light of peace, the light of truth; that beauty makes us beautiful. When the light is lit, your third eye opens; when the inner light is lit, you are enlightened. You become *trikaldarshi* (one who sees the three aspects of time). You are able to see the inner light, with the light of knowledge, you are able to see your original past, living in the beautiful world of perfection, and your original stage as the sparkling light, as the soul. We understand how we, then, became body conscious, how Ravan attacked us, how the attraction to this physical world created bondage and how we gradually lost our light. And now is the time again, to reach our perfect past. In the present Confluence Age, God gives us the presents of all His virtues. In fact, He's giving us the inheritance, so that we are able to create our perfect past into a perfect future. Our future is being created now. When your inner light is lit, you are able to see your past, present and future. Your light has become so powerful, that it attracts only goodness. Our vision is divine; the versions we speak are the jewels of knowledge. This is why we become the embodiment of all virtues, the embodiment of purity and beauty.

On Diwali, Sri Lakshmi is worshipped. Mahalakshmi is worshipped. The image of Lakshmi is not only the female Lakshmi; Mahalakshmi is the combined form of Lakshmi and Narayan. In Vishnu, it is the combined form, Narayan is in front and Lakshmi is behind. And in Mahalakshmi, in the front is Lakshmi and Narayan is behind. So, it is through balance in life that you are able to emerge your perfect form. When there is light, you are able to see and you become *Swadarshanchankradhari* (the spinner of the discus of self-realisation). You begin to have the fire of self-realisation, the fire, this light, creates heat. This fire of love burns the negativities and ignites the virtues. It is a cooling fire, a soothing fire, a pleasant fire.

This is called a festival because it is here when everything becomes first class. Lakshmi puja means the distribution of sweets. You are becoming sweet children, sweet children of God. Sweet children, divine children. And when Baba speaks about sweetness, your drishti is sweet, the version you speak is sweet, your life is elevated. This sweetness is purity; when purity is in the heart, our versions are very touching. When purity is in our vision, we always appreciate the specialities in others. When sweetness is in our words, we have a heart-to-heart conversation with God, not with any repentance, but with great joy.

The celebration of Brahmins, who are becoming deities, is with a totally different consciousness, a different awareness: we were that and we are just about to become a perfect being. This is the vision God has for us. He always sees us in our perfect form. He speaks about our beauty. So, are we able to follow Baba? Mama followed Brahma Baba, and became Sri Lakshmi. And when we follow Mama and Baba, we become Lakshmi and Narayan; this means we imbibe the qualities of royalty, authority, spirituality and purity. Lakshmi ji is always depicted as seated on a lotus flower. Lotus symbolises being detached, and more you become detached, the more you become loving. And so, the more you become loving, the more you become giving; the more you become giving, you become a benevolent being, the bestower. Lakshmi is always giving; her hands are shown just letting go.

The wonder of Sri Lakshmi ji is that she is not fighting with anything. At the Confluence Age, when we are conquering vices, we have the knowledge of the cycle of self-realisation; we have the power to conquer Maya, because, with self-realisation, we become the embodiment of power. Knowledge becomes light. Our dharna in practical life becomes an embodiment of virtues. Our thoughts, vision and interaction with everyone are completely different, since we become the bestowers of happiness, we receive happiness, and give happiness to others. Sri Lakshmi ji is known as the Goddess of wealth. So, this wealth, this light, remains for 2500 years.

Baba says that in the Golden Age, we do not celebrate Diwali. This is because, for 21 births, we are the living lights, and this is the reward for earning wealth at the present time. In the Golden Age, we enjoy ourselves. And then in the Copper Age, our light is so significant. The immortal light is of great significance in every religion. The lights in front of the deities is ignited. And even in the Iron Age, people are still igniting the light, even in the time of sorrow, the light is lit.

People remember their relatives and they ignite the light, a candle, in their memory. Therefore, light becomes immortal in the whole cycle. We are reclaiming this inheritance, the sanskars of benevolence, the being who dispels the darkness without any fight. Sri Lakshmi ji's four arms do not carry any weapons. It is a balanced picture with four arms, two hands up, two hands down, receiving power at the Confluence Age from Baba. In the Golden Age, being an emperor and an empress, we sustain ourselves with the inheritance that we receive; we are serving the subjects. In the Copper Age, Baba serves the devotees through our non-living images. In the Confluence Age, your light is lit. You first serve yourselves. Baba says that we must first become the living lights ourselves. If our light is not lit, we cannot lead the light of others. So, continue to become the embodiment of all virtues and powers.

So, this is what that Diwali means. Congratulations. Congratulations. Live like a lotus flower. Become Baba's rose flower. Baba, the Gardener, becomes very happy seeing the blossoming garden of fragrant flowers. He makes us into rose flowers. We are living roses, who spread spiritual light and spiritual fragrance, who will go to the Sun Dynasty. By following shrimat constantly, we become the Sun Dynasty lights, who ignite the light of others. The sun never sets, throughout the whole day and night, the light of the sun remains constantly lit.

So, you are immortal and the eternal lights, the children of God. Therefore, we are always happy. Even at the time of sorrow in the world, we souls do not experience sorrow, because we understand that in drama, everything is benevolent; everything is perfect. Drama gives us gifts in the form of learning and experiences.

Once again, happy Diwali to you, the eternal and immortal lights, the lights of God's hope and the lights of the clan of the Sun Dynasty, the Moon Dynasty and throughout the cycle. And at this time, Godly family, the lights of the family, the lights of God's Light and the lights for the whole world, the benevolent lights, the beauty of God's House, the sparkling jewels, the garland around God's heart, the ones who are sitting on His throne. Congratulations. Congratulations. Happy Diwali. Happy Diwali. Happy Diwali. Om shanti. Om shanti.