

Sudesh Didi – 9th May 2023 Evening Class - GCH, London

The Power of Closeness

Om shanti. Om shanti. Why are we here tonight? What for? For a meeting. It is a family meeting. What is the meaning of meeting? And what is difference between "meeting" and "seeing each other"?

Are we seeing each other or meeting each other tonight? And those who are attending online (webcast), are they simply observing or are they also able to interact with others? During a Zoom meeting, we can see each other from a distance. When we physically meet each other, it means being present.

Dadi Janki, would always call those who attend to come and sit in the front. She would call those who were at the back to come in front, so what was in her heart?

When there is closeness, meeting means being close to each other. Closeness can be in two ways: practical closeness where we physically meet and greet each other, "Okay? Hello. Om Shanti. How are you?" Can we consider this as having met each other? Or through meeting together online "Hello online, my brothers and sisters. How are you?" I understood this morning when it was announced in Hindi class that tonight there would be "a class", and in English class it was announced "sharing". So, now three aspects: meet the family, sharing and conducting a class. Baba conducts the class in the morning and all of us are attending the class. Baba is the Teacher and we are studying in the same class.

(Over 100 people are viewing the live webcast) So, while being so far apart, I remember those joining us online. In fact, in the morning, there are usually more online participants than those who are physically present. It is said that while sitting at home, God showers you with His blessings and love. Similarly, we are also experiencing this love and connectedness through sharing during our meeting, which makes us feel close to each other. What is this power of being close to each other called?

This power of closeness is known as the meeting of two different personalities with a true existence, who share the same qualities or properties that attract them to meet. This is known as magnetic energy. Iron boosts another iron; when iron is near another piece of iron, it boosts its magnetic properties. Similarly, when a magnet is near another piece of iron, it is attracted to it and the two come together, even from a distance. The magnets do not fight with each other, but rather are naturally drawn to each other and meet in harmony.

One aspect of meeting is meeting with Baba, but Baba is not a physical person. As He said yesterday that we cannot see Him with physical eyes. Yet all of us connect with Him, and are so happy to sing the song from the heart: *Humne dekha, humne paya, Shiv Bhola Bhagwan, Shiv Bhola Bhagwan*. (We saw, we found Shiva the Innocent God, Shiva the Innocent God.) My throat is saying; it is so happy. I have seen, I have met the Innocent Lord. But how have you seen Him? How have you met Him?

Those who are viewing the live webcast are also meeting, but they are not able to communicate directly with us, which is a limitation. With Zoom, there is the facility that you can communicate with each other. In fact, when we are physically present, we are able to create an atmosphere of sharing and meeting. What is meeting?

Meeting is about sharing, and it is Baba Himself who creates these qualities in us; Baba's qualities become our qualities. Then, there is harmony amongst us which allow us to share our heartfelt feelings, experiences, achievements, efforts, challenges, and problems with each other. This creates a sense of family and friendship. When we study together, we face the same kind of challenges, and some are able to understand better, others less. But with trust, respect, and a good feeling towards each other, we are able to give cooperation.

In yesterday's blessing (Sakar Murli 08/05/23), Baba shared a beautiful definition of cooperation. Even if the other person's personality is different from yours and you recognise that it needs to change, you do not create the atmosphere that "This one said this, that one did that," that person is like that, but you put the things which have gone wrong into what is right, and doing so with pure feelings and good wishes. And that is called the real cooperation.

Every day's blessing is deep, significant, and full of strength, power, and bringing us closer to one another. Meeting each other creates closeness, while family and friendship mean sharing our achievements and the situations we are going through. Baba teaches us that when we help each other, it is called service. And we are on Godly service. Godly services are unlimited and many places family is the same, service is the same. So, Baba sends us at different places to serve. So, this week, I went with Sister Sucharita to different places for service.

During these visits, we were able to meet the family, greeting the families, serve them, and deepen our understanding of how Baba's power allows us to truly understand and listen to one another. It was wonderful to create an atmosphere where everyone could enjoy being part of a Godly family, an experience that felt like a chance and a fortune. Some who are enjoying automatically bring joy to others, as Baba said, your happiness, your cheerful face should be such that you don't have to say, "Come and see what is happiness", they are so attracted, and see what you have achieved, wherever you got this power from, and they are pulled. In this way,

through you, they meet Baba, the Magnet, or you become an attraction in between Baba's knowledge and Baba's qualities, which is radiating with Baba's light and might to each Baba's child.

During our service trip, we first visited Munich, a place I had not been to in three years. Over the past few years, the lockdown has had a significant impact on many Brahmins who used to attend regularly. It might seem like this influence is not Maya, but rather the energy of matter. We do not refer to it as Maya, but as the natural nature. There have been numerous discussions surrounding politics and the desire of certain countries to control the world in the wake of the Coronavirus. These discussions have centred around the origin of the virus, its intentions, and whether or not to take the vaccine. This led to intense conversations among some individuals.

But the impact of the lockdown has been significant, affecting many people both directly and indirectly. It has affected the Brahmin family as well. It became such a habit that even though coming to Baba's home was possible, but now, we have the facility to connect with each other on Zoom, which we felt it is good, "It is easy, and we do not have to physically go anywhere. If the class is at seven o'clock, we can sleep until a quarter to seven and still attend the class. We can freshen up later and take a shower later." It is interesting how we can be subtly influenced by certain circumstances without even realising it. Although we miss meeting with each other, instead of putting effort in making ourselves strong and more powerful, we think it is okay, and still feel satisfied and happy.

Many people say that they listen to the class in London every day and do not miss it. I say "No", as meeting with each other is the real meeting. What I am trying to say is that after this period, regular attendance has decreased everywhere, but this kind of presence brings us together again.

I went to Munich first, where there was a class for Hindi speakers. They were present beforehand, and we also served Brahma Bhojan after class. By the time we finished the meeting with each other, it was already 1:30 pm, and the next class was at three o'clock. We decided to have Brahma Bhojan and let those who were coming attend the other class. More people joined us while we were eating, and we attended the second class together until five o'clock. There was also a German-speaking class and a separate class for regular Brahmins, contact souls, and old Brahmins.

Hans was not there, and the programme was made suddenly. Some sisters and brothers from Munich said they were not able to go to the retreat. So, I decided to go to Munich instead of going to Frankfurt first. There was the Hindi retreat. Hans said, "Didi, I will not be here." I said, "No problem. Just give someone the information, and if they want to come, they will come."

The class was for those who have been in Gyan for a long time, have met many times, and have taken sustenance. The whole class was full, and not a single seat was free. Personal meetings automatically reminded each other of the specialities of cooperation and love. It not only reminds us, but it also makes the experience fresh. During the daytime, those who attended the class shared their experiences, and I also shared mine. Some who attended daytime class asked if they could bring their family members to the next class in the evening, and I agreed. As the German class in the evening was full, they said, "It's okay we can wait outside." This literally happened and they had to wait outside, bringing with them their husbands, children, and friends. So, the Hindi speaking families were sitting outside in the entrance area on the floor because all the chairs were in the German class. The class finished at 9 o'clock, and we distributed tolis and everything. By the time we finished, it was already quarter past 9. At quarter to 10, I had my dinner. Overall, the day was filled with meeting, greeting, and enjoying each other's company, sharing our experiences, and providing extra attention to new souls. Some of them then went to the retreat in Moringen as well.

During the class in Munich, some expressed their interest in going to the retreat place in Moringen if there were still spaces available. The next day, we left for Frankfurt, which is a place where Baba's children are close to each other as they have been there for a long time. In the evening, we had a public programme, and I met with some BKs who were not able to attend the morning class. We had a good question and answer session, and I provided them with a deep personal meeting. The public programme was attended by contact souls, Brahmins, and also new ones. The next morning, we had the Hindi Murli class at quarter to five after Amrit Vela, which is the regular system there. I only take two days, Thursday, and Sunday, for the class at four o'clock our time, which is Murli class there.

It was a great joy for them that I was physically present in Germany to conduct the Murli class. The morning Murli class was in Hindi, followed by the German Murli class at 7 o'clock, and then the regular class. We also had some activities and meetings during the day.

On Thursday morning, after offering bhog, I went to Cologne. The class in Cologne was similar to Munich, with separate classes for Hindi and German speakers. The Hindi class was at 5 o'clock in the morning, followed by the Murli class at 6 o'clock. After that, I went to the Moringen retreat centre, which was completely full because all the available seats were taken.

During those few days, not a single minute was free to even read messages. It was an easy busy day, but it was also very beautiful. We had the opportunity to meet and greet each other, just like meeting with family. We shared the news of the day and many good points came to mind from the Murli and signals as well.

I remember one point which was very powerful: checking our account of service every day, including our mind, speech, and karma yoga. And in that one subtle point was that how our karmic account is created when we are serving together with each other. By doing karma yoga and staying in Baba's remembrance, we create a double account. One is with yoga we perform elevated action and then that action that we are doing in Baba's remembrance, this becomes the double account of service through the mind action and also inspiring others to do the same.

So, we are able to do three types of service only by being together in karma yoga. We are able to do service with each other, when we create that harmony, because tests are at that time, we also check yourself at that time, when you are in the same department or in the same type of service, whether you are able to accept and respect each other's ideas and values. We act immediately when necessary and have patience to listen and understand each other's perspectives at the same time.

Maturity is by having patience, accepting others' ideas, and respecting their values, listening to others, okay, if your ideas are not accepted, have patience. If that is really Baba's plan, if you say Baba has touched me, then it will touch others as well. And if you are possessive and stubborn to that idea, it means you have mixed the alloy in the gold. Even if your ideas are gold, are very valuable, but "my idea", "my planning", when that is mixed in it, this decreases the value of the idea, and you may continue to cling to it, thinking it is important. This is what Baba emphasises we should not do this. Otherwise, we create account for not having the value of patience and respect for others and acceptance for each other. Patience and trust are very important, both in the self and in Baba's drama plan. We must trust that it is part of Baba's plan and have patience for it to be accepted. This way, we can create a valuable account of service and respect for each other.

The second checking is also very important. For example, if I present an idea in a meeting and it is not accepted, I must keep patience and not take it personally. I may not be loud or respected by all, but I must remember that it was Baba's touching and not just my opinion. If someone else presents the same idea two years later and it is accepted and implemented quickly, I should not react with jealousy or think that they did not accept my idea. If I mixed "mine" with the idea and said "my idea," I must check my reaction and be happy that Baba used another instrument to implement it, "Baba is wonderful. You never give up. It did not happen at that time, and so, you use another instrument." It is good to have the consciousness of being an instrument. As an instrument, there are the feelings of *nimit*, *nirmal* and *nirmaan* and *nirmarn* (instrument, pure and clean, humble, create). There are these four words.

Consider yourself to be *nimit*, as an instrument, that Baba is using you to present His plan. But an instrument does not play by itself. It needs a player. Just like a flute, whether it is made of wood, silver, or gold, still needs a player. Similarly, Baba is the *Karakaravanhar*, (the one who

does and inspires others to do). The player does not use the same instrument all the time. Sometimes this instrument is left aside to be used at the right time. We must have patience and not lose hope in ourselves.

Another important thing to remember is that the flute can only be played when the bamboo is empty inside, clean and clear. If there is any sensitivity or possessiveness, such as "mine" and "yours," the flute will not play properly. So, Baba will only play the flute if our hearts are clean, *nirmal*, (pure and clean). When we keep our hearts clean and clear, creativity takes place. If anything is inside, creativity cannot take place. This is why it is important to have a pure heart.

When creativity is successful, we receive cooperation, appreciation, and success. But we must not think that it was our idea. We are instruments being used to carry out Baba's task. We must express our appreciation to Baba, "Thank you, Baba," in this way, *nirmaan* (humble). These four words are very valuable.

In the Murli and blessings, I received different points, but the main focus this time was the retreat. The retreat included *bhatti*, meditation, classes, and cultural programme, and time went by so quickly. I arrived on the 1st and returned on the 8th, and during those 8 days, I received personal insights. When we share with others and give to others, it is not just for them, but it is also for ourselves. Baba always reminds us to check how much is inside us, and this helps us to grow even more. I am more and more grateful to Baba, thank you to Baba, the Supreme Teacher, Father, Teacher, and Satguru, for all that I have received.

As usual, every Murli is special, and the service was also very powerful. I had the opportunity to conduct some classes on the Murli teachings as well.

Thank you for being present here, whether in person or through the webcast. Yes, 100 are joining us online. Although this is called a meeting, it is not just about seeing or watching, but about feeling a sense of closeness. Even those who are physically present here, why did Dadi Janki used to call us to come to the front? It was because her heart was like a magnet, pulling everyone closer. Baba also teaches us that some kinds of vibrations are generated more when there is closeness, double closeness.

This is what a meeting is all about - not just shaking hands, but cooperating with each other and having heart-to-heart conversations. The closer we are, the more we can share and connect with each other. In the same way, the meeting is with the self first.

As we meet and share ideas, the real meeting that matters is the one we have with the self. Is my mind, intellect, and *sanskars* meeting (aligned with) each other? Sometimes, I notice a gap between my thought, feeling, understanding and behaviour. The more we strengthen this inner

meeting and make it constant, the stronger its magnetic pull becomes. This enables us to connect with Baba and enjoy His company through the practice of *Manmanabhav* - keeping our mind connected with Baba and enjoying His Company.

When we are connected with Baba and the mind is enjoying it, there is no waste or unnecessary thoughts in our mind. We only think of what Baba is giving us through His teachings. Our intellect is faithful and touched by Baba's knowledge, and suddenly, jewels of knowledge begin to flow. Our relationship with Baba becomes stronger, and this helps us to strengthen our relationships with our family, friends, schoolmates, colleagues, and even strangers we meet on our journey.

By having a strong inner meeting with ourselves, we can connect with others in a meaningful way and move forward towards our destination.

Om shanti.