

Sudesh Didi – 1st October 2023 Sunday Morning Class – GCH, London

The Subtle Powers

Om shanti. Om shanti. Good morning. Each morning and each day is a special day. How fortunate we are to celebrate our meeting with the Beloved, the Supreme, who comes in different costumes, professions, and works every day? Yesterday, He introduced Himself as the Gardener and the Boatman. Today, He comes in another dress. What is it? He says, "I am the Diamond Merchant," because He adopts the body of a diamond merchant. However, the praise of Him is the Incorporeal.

He does not have ears, but He hears the call of the heart from everyone. He does not have legs, but He walks very fast. He does not have hands, but He manages to accomplish a hundred tasks at once. In Hindi, it is *bina pairon ke chalata hai*, without legs, He walks. *Bina kaan ke sunata hai*, He does not have ears, but He hears everything. Without physical actions, He performs wonderful tasks. The day before yesterday, Baba asked if He had hands or not. Yes, He does not have a physical body, but He adopts or rents a "building" or "hands" to use them, to see through the "eyes," and to write letters with those "hands."

As I mentioned yesterday, when a place is rented, although it belongs to the landlord, the tenant still feels it is their home. They take care of it, not thinking it is the landlord's responsibility to clean or decorate it according to their preference. You have the right to fully live in and decorate your home as you choose. When you invite someone, you don't ask them to come and see your landlord's house; you say, "Please come to my house," and provide your address. Similarly, when we used to write letters to Baba, Baba would say, "Care of post office, that is, care of Brahma." So, through Brahma, He introduces Himself, and it is evident how easily we adopt the qualities and traits of others or of material things. Brahma Baba was a diamond merchant, and today, Baba has come to give us an understanding of His vision, to see everyone as sparkling diamonds - flawless, radiant, and shining.

So not only does He want to see a diamond in this case, but He also wants to see the light reflecting through our costumes and our sense organs. It is clear that we can understand how this body functions. The soul's existence in this body originates from life, original energy, and the eternal being - light. Take the example of physical lights, like the light bulb in your own home. The light is contained within the bulb, but when you observe it, you see an aura surrounding it. It radiates its energy, extending beyond just the bulb itself.

In the same way, when the living light, the pure energy, is present, it is conscient energy, incognito, subtle, yet extremely powerful energy. This living energy vibrates, and as a result, not

only the soul but also the body reflects it. The face is the index of the mind, and the eyes are the windows to the soul. But when the soul is the embodiment of that light, it is the entire subtle body that radiates the metaphysical energy, which is not physical. This energy vibrates, and it is not just limited to a dot (the soul), as Baba says. Your features, everyday actions, and the vibrations emitted as you move will be seen by others as light, similar to the way they see the light and the angel of light. It is a reflection, but the difference is that we cannot grasp it.

This shadow is black, but it is the shadow of a shadow. The light itself is light. Here lies the contrast between light and darkness. But when the soul is enlightened in the light, it dispels the darkness and exists purely as light. So, in this angelic stage, Baba wants to see us sparkling in every aspect. Sparkling and radiating the energy of all virtues and powers that we possess, as the Murli teaches us today. Just like a sparkling diamond, representing the Diamond Jubilee, a celebration of 50 years. Baba says that He sees everyone as a diamond. To celebrate means to become. Celebrating the Diamond Jubilee means not just celebrating through functions, but becoming the function of the "light" and radiating its value as a "diamond."

So, this is what Baba is saying, He is observing us. He is not observing just the physical body, but rather, He sees the subtle body and the living energy, the diamond within us. He wants us to also become like Him, to make our vision to focus on the diamond. When we are conscious of the physical body, it is important to realise that Baba is not referring to a visible physical diamond, but rather an invisible one. This diamond represents the energy that instantly connects with someone, creating a bond and understanding. It is expressed through our face, making it sparkle and our eyes shine brightly. Our happiness is also evident, as this energy expresses through our body.

So, it is subtle, invisible, and yet it becomes visible. This is what it means when the light of the sun falls on a diamond, causing it to radiate rays of different colours. But that is about the physical stone. In our case, we are the living energy, and our vibrations encompass all these different Godly powers, as well as Brahmin powers. At the same time, we possess divine powers akin to that of the Golden deities.

We are aware that these powers belong to us, but unless we are conscious and actively using them, they do not manifest. We can liken it to a matchstick that contains fire within it, but the fire itself is not visible until the match is struck. Similarly, certain things release their fragrance when they are cooked, such as the aroma of Brussels sprouts. The fragrance becomes evident when Brussels sprouts are being cooked. The same principle applies to anything being cooked, where the fragrance becomes visible and noticeable.

In the same way, when the fire of love resides within us, and we have thoughts of positive, pure love, and appreciate the experience of the soul embodying these qualities, it becomes effortless

to feel this energy within ourselves and recognise it in others. Baba says that people will be able to see the Brahmin qualities in us; they are the power to adjust, the power to cooperate, the ability to withdraw and become a detached observer, along with the power to tolerate. All the eight powers are present within us, comparable to the light of the soul. We must maintain our focus and vision on the light of the soul and the light of the Supreme Soul.

And in that state of consciousness, we are able to perceive others. It is not simply limited to knowledge; it requires experiencing and implementing what Baba speaks about. For instance, when Baba said yesterday, "I will take your boat across," He refers not just to the soul but also to the body. But the physical body does not transition into the Golden Age. While many souls will enter the Golden Age, they will do so at different levels and capacities. So, not all will progress with their physical bodies. Instead, it is the strength of our sanskars that will enable us to leave this world behind. We must become detached observers of ourselves, cutting the bonds and freeing ourselves from burdens. Then, our relationship with ourselves and others becomes divine.

And this time, the practice is to die alive and truly let go of the old. Nature is truly wonderful. The law of energy and matter helps us a lot in this process. When someone dies, the old accounts, the old relationships, the old experiences, though we are carrying, with us, though all remain with us. But the wonder is that we do not remember them.

If I were to remember that this one who has now come and is living with me or my children, and observe how they behave; some are cooperative, some are not, and some are handicapped; it would be clear that it is some form of karmic account. In this situation, I have to give my time, my energy, my everything without getting angry. I am paying extra attention. But if I am aware that this soul had been deceived by me, or had deceived me, or had not behaved properly in the past, and I was unaware of it, and they have now come to give or receive, then it means that virtues are being paid against the previous wrong actions. This account is invisible, but it becomes visible through practical relationships.

In the same way, our divine account is also visible in the Golden Age. It shows how we bring along our elevated actions, our divine activities, our service as spiritual social workers in the present time. Yesterday, Baba said that we are serving the yagya, servers of the Creator of the yagya, through which we are purifying the atmosphere and the world. Service manifests in different ways.

We carry our good karmic account with each other; old accounts are finished. So, everyone does not have to pay anyone anything. How is He taking us? Automatically, this karmic account is finished. We are sitting in this boat of love, Godly love, seated on His heart throne. This is not

just in words, but by truly practising it. Baba is speaking to me and saying, "You are the light, but My eyes." Do I believe it? Really?

He says, "You are seated on My Heart throne." It is very big. Brahma's love is so immense that he can take not only four million or eight million, but the whole world in his arms. But these are not physical arms; they symbolise His love, openness, and light. This light is an open heart, and when you have an open heart, you are seated on His Heart throne. Shiv Baba does not have physical arms; it is His love. That is why, in a worldly way, love is often symbolised by a heart. But the true value of love has been lost in today's world. God's values and love are real and eternal. Our expressions of love have become very materialistic. We say that we love a cup of coffee, we love tea, we love our car, we love this and that. Yet, God's love is subtle and everlasting. When I truly believe in this, I will feel it. If I do not believe that God's power lives within me and that I can communicate with Him, then I will not be able to experience it. It is a matter of love begetting love. He is offering, but I am not believing. How would you experience it?

We need to have a connection and understand that it is not gross, but subtle. This means that our understanding, thoughts, and vision should have the same faith and trust as Baba has in us. For Baba, we are always in the present, and He always sees us with divine consciousness. He does not focus on our weaknesses, which allows Him to see our original selves. But, in a state of body consciousness and in our physical relationships, we create a wall that prevents our energy from reaching others directly. Even if we have good wishes for each other and love each other, our love does not fully reach them.

So, what is important? It is our *bhavna*. We need to trust what God is saying, and if we truly believe in it, then automatically this magnetic energy will make us sit on His Heart throne. He said, "I have a Gardener." Do I believe this? Okay, let me surrender myself to this fertile land of God's love and then automatically, it will water me with its love, allowing me to grow and sprout, and express my inner power. Just like a seed needs water to sprout and even become a tree, we need God's love to grow and become the best versions of ourselves.

Then, He is the Sun of knowledge, and with the power of yoga, He enables me to grow even more and become fruitful. The tree of my life then bears many fruits of divine virtues. It is not a physical tree, but a subtle one. So, when we analyse the way God analyses, when we see things with the same vision as Him, that experience becomes real. It becomes an inner supersensuous joy, a subtle love. So, our love for ourselves and our love for others will also reach its fullest potential when we have this trust in our own qualities. Godly qualities include knowledge, purity, peace, love, benevolence, and happiness. These are the qualities that we radiate outwards.

The Brahmin powers, including the power to cooperate, the power to withdraw, the power to face challenges, the power to adjust, the power to tolerate, the power to merge, the power to discriminate, and the power to pack up, are only during the Confluence Age. We cannot take these powers with us to the Golden Age. In order to cut our bondages, we need both types of powers: Godly powers as our birthright and Brahmin powers to conquer tests. Everyone needs to conquer these tests, but we are specially studying this subject. So, we will face different tests and opportunities to perform elevated actions.

Everything depends on our love and faith; faith not just in Baba but also in ourselves. It is not just love for gross things, but of course, this task is very powerful; we need to remain in this physical body without burden and without bondage.

Today is a special day called Shradh, which lasts for 15 days and is dedicated to making auspicious offerings to departed ancestors. Many have requested to offer a bhog in the consciousness of offering it to our ancestors. The question is, how will it reach them? It is not the physical food that will reach them. Rather, when we cook the food with love and respect, and offer it in this way, we are offering and feeding not only our ancestors but also many others. We also nourish ourselves through this offering in their name. So, offering the bhog in their name gives us some satisfaction. Different types of bhog are cooked on different days, such as halwa, kheer, gulab jamun, or laddoo. It varies each day. It is not about the simplicity or richness of the bhog, but the love and conscious offering behind it. Ordinary things become extraordinary through this conscious offering; fruits become bhog, and food becomes bhog.

In the same way, when we offer bhog to our beloved ancestors, the bhog does not actually reach them. The bhog reaches Baba, and through Him, our love and bhavna reach the souls of our ancestors in different ways and forms. Sometimes, they may feel great joy, or they may receive some kind of help indirectly. It is like the fragrance of flowers, which does not fly in the form of the flowers themselves. The air carries the fragrance, but not the flower. Similarly, the food we offer does not reach our ancestors, but we eat it in their name, offering different items on different days. But, our love and bhavna definitely reach them through a subtle communication. We may not know their address, we may not know which dress they are in, but we offer it to Baba like through the "General Post Office". He then delivers our love, respect, or even a feeling of guilt and responsibility on our behalf.

If anything in the past with them has not worked properly with our ancestors, we need to practise forgiveness towards ourselves and others. We can also ask for good wishes and blessings, wherever they may be, and trust that Baba will take care of them. Our connection is with Baba, and through offering bhog in their name, we have the opportunity to make good karma. Every day for 15 days, we offer bhog to Brahmins. Each day, a different type of bhog is offered. However, on Thursdays and Sundays, when many Brahmins are being fed, the feeling of special

love and respect behind the bhog reaches our ancestors. This feeling of speciality and respect towards our ancestors is important.

It is important to create a positive connection with Baba during this time. By doing so, their blessings come to us and our blessings go to them as well. In a way, we are also severing our attachment to them by offering with gratitude instead of attachment. Although their physical addresses, costumes, and roles have changed, and they have a new “company” now, we should allow them to have a wonderful time wherever they are.

So, when offering bhog, it is important to have deep feelings of love and respect, without crying or feeling guilt. We should thank our ancestors for whatever happened in the drama of life, understanding that it is in the past. By going beyond these emotions, we become free from the bondage of attachment and karmic accounts. We still create a wonderful account, but through Baba.

Whoever offers bhog with a consciousness of love and respect will definitely feel a sense of gratitude and freedom. It is good to forget the past and move forward. While I may not forget, Baba gives me the power to see you in a completely different light, with a different mindset, and blesses you to continue playing a positive role. It's like having a new job in a new company. I believe that you have a good job and will be provided for. I remember you, but without attachment. I respect you, but without any inner dependence. Let the good wishes from everyone reach our ancestors. Om shanti.