

Sudesh Didi – 26th November Sunday Morning Class - GCH, London

The Real Diwali

Om Shanti. Although Diwali has passed, we still witness the living Diwali with the glowing lights of Baba, radiating light and love. I would like to extend greetings of the real Diwali, where Baba continuously pours the light of love, purity, peace, truth, and happiness, giving His experience through various relationships, allowing the inner joy, love, and faith to manifest.

When the lamp contains clean and clear oil, the light shines brightly. When the oil is mixed or impure, the light becomes concealed, creating a soot-like black powder. Baba removes this darkness of ignorance by imparting pure love and the giving experience of love. An experience is based on relationships, whether they are with humans, material objects, or the divine and worldly families. Experience means an exchange, a mutual interaction that occurs when the relationship grows stronger and deeper. It is through this process that we truly come to experience the reality of each other's personalities.

And so, we are experiencing many different ways Baba Himself comes to give His experience. It is important not to compare our lokik experience with alokik because the experiences of lokik human beings are based on their sanskars of many births and the various accounts we have created with each other. This is why it involves experiences of love or hate, happiness and sorrow, rejection and acceptance. Consequently, this relationship fluctuates. Today, a relationship may exist, but tomorrow, that faith level becomes one of doubt and rejection.

Even in human relationships and family relationships, it starts with trust, love, and faith. However, as they continue to live together, the love and power decrease, and respect diminishes because of the introduction of selfishness.

And God's love is selfless. God's personality is benevolent, and this is the power of His love that brings not only happiness but also a natural return in the form of offering from the heart, whatever capacity each individual has. First, Baba gives, and then we express our gratitude with a simple "Thank you, Baba." This keeps us actively engaged in various forms of service, and blessings are received. Madhuban is the place where we witness it practically.

So, first of all, I would like to share the news from Madhuban. Gyan Sarovar and Shantivan are also referred to as Madhuban because this is where Baba's children gather, and Baba's Murli is spoken by Baba Himself. The extended family also gathers in Madhuban, which provides us with the actual experience. The Murli specifically brings about an experience of relationships. Even

if we may not be aware of how Baba is bestowing His blessings and love upon us, it is happening nonetheless.

Only when we open ourselves and our intellect and mind are not covered by the influence of past experiences given by human of regarding happiness and sorrow, we can truly experience Baba's love constantly. This make us surrender our minds, bodies, wealth, specialties, skills, as well as our elevated karma and connections with each other. As the family continues to grow, Baba says that the needs in Pandav Bhawan are also increasing. New houses have been purchased next to Sukdham, with more rooms being constructed at the back. Pandav Bhawan is the waves of welcoming, but the place is always limited. Everybody always wants to stay in Madhuban (Pandav Bhawan) when going there, but it is always limited. While one house purchase may increase capacity, the joy lies in the fact that Baba is creating something more for us. Baba is pleased to see that children are creating their fortunes in various ways. Additionally, there is now construction and renovation taking place in Shantivan, specifically in the Diamond Hall. Although the essence remains the same, the ambience feels refreshingly new. As the number of children increases, so do the spaces available.

In Gyan Sarovar, although there is no space left to build, the available places are being utilised to their fullest extent. On one side, it involves constructing physical spaces, but on the other side, it also contributes to strengthening our Godly Knowledge, our dharna, and our practical life. As a result, everyone is occupied. Moreover, there is an atmosphere of continuous celebrations, one after another, during this time. This is the essence of Madhuban, as well as the centres in Bharat. It is a joyful expression of what we have received from Baba.

When you enter the atmosphere, even if some are tired, as soon as you step into someone else's home, this atmosphere of joy touches the soul, making it an extraordinary experience. Because when you are inside the house, it feels warm. If it is cold outside, we start saying, "Oh, it's cold outside," and it comes out of our mouths. In the same way, it is an experience of belonging, achievement, and our own desire to meet the family. Therefore, everyone truly shares the happiness and love they have received from Baba.

In essence, everything is expressed in a creative way during this time. But the Diwali celebration was kept very simple because Nirmala Didi had departed just a few days before. The lighting in Gyan Sarovar was done with consideration for Baba's room and a few other small places. Nevertheless, Diwali is Diwali, and Baba's children, the living lights, continue to spread their love and gratitude, not only for Nirmala Didi but also for Diwali itself. This celebration helps us understand and remind ourselves of the establishment of the yagya. Diwali is like the birthday celebration of Brahmins in the yagya. We always keep this celebration, even when someone leaves their physical body, but we do so with the understanding that our yagya is great and has

given us a new birth and new vision and knowledge given by Baba. The yagya started from Diwali, those who were in Karachi.

Of course, everyone's birthday is unique, and for many of us, it is also our Diwali birthday. For me personally, it is my own spiritual birth. This birth happened through Brahma Baba's drishti, Baba is the angel of light. But the enthusiasm for service and the willingness to surrender my physical time, energy, and myself came from Diwali. This is why, Diwali holds significant spiritual awareness for me, reminding me of what I need to do.

At that time, I was new, and Gulzar Dadi used to come to offer bhog. Before that, Gulzar Dadi used to live where Brijmohan's parents were residing, and there was a centre in Rajouri Garden where she would come to offer bhog. It was during this time that my connection with Baba became stronger. I had recently moved from a small village to Delhi, and my aunt, who was already in knowledge, suggested that she would take me to the place where Baba came and bhog is offered. This was before I had actually met Baba or fully surrendered myself. So, I went there, still being very new to gyan at that time.

But then, my aunt's guests had arrived, and she apologised, saying she couldn't take me. Instead, she gave me the address and told me to go by myself. This was the first time I was going to that area, and it was also my first time taking a bus alone to that place. My aunt had told me to get off at Karol Bagh station, and that once I got off the bus, I should go straight, and there would be a milk depot next to the Brahma Kumaris centre where the bhog was going to be offered.

I got off the bus but was unsure which direction to go, left or right. But as I crossed the road, I felt a comforting presence guiding me across the busy street. It was as if someone was holding my hand, leading me to the right place. I looked ahead and could see the milk depot. I followed the street and soon spotted the Brahma Kumaris signboard. It was lunchtime, and the bhog was already being offered. Gulzar Dadi had gone into trance, and I felt a tinge of regret that I had arrived late and missed the opportunity to send my love and remembrance. But Gulzar Dadi returned and conveyed that Baba had not accepted the bhog. On that day, Baba wanted to receive the children's responses from their hearts, asking when they would offer themselves for Godly service.

She distributed slips to everyone, including myself, with the question of when we would be ready to surrender ourselves for service to Baba. At that time, I was doing my BA degree, so I decided that I would complete my studies, then I would do one year of teacher training, in one and a half years. After that, I would be ready to surrender myself. I wrote my answer on the slip indicating my readiness to surrender in one and a half years' time.

Gulzar Dadi returned and shared that Baba had mentioned how there were many garlands of lights. She saw a large garland where the lights at the lower part were bright and shining, while the lights at the top were dimmer. Baba rearranged the garland, placing those who arrived late at the lower part with the brighter lights.

Baba said those who were new but filled with enthusiasm, he places them in the garland to sparkle brightly. I took this as a personal message, interpreting it as a signal that last can go fast. It reaffirmed my decision to surrender myself to Baba. This message from the bhog, delivered by Gulzar Dadi, ignited a true sense of enthusiasm of Diwali, bringing forth a newfound awareness and new consciousness of belonging to Baba. So, for me, this was the start of my enthusiasm towards service and giving everything I could offer to Baba, in other words, surrendering myself to Him.

Diwali was celebrated in various places, unlike the everyday celebrations that occur in different locations. Bhog offerings were made everywhere. Another celebration was Munni bhen's and Nirwair bhai's birthdays. As Baba explains, when we celebrate occasions like Shivratri, His birthday, it is not just only birthday. It is a day to celebrate marriage day, a day to commemorate our successes, and a day to celebrate our personal transformations.

There were numerous lights and a lot of decorations everywhere. This was symbolic of how we are we are becoming the lighthouses and might houses. It was a joyful feeling that lasted for many days, celebrating our real relationship with Baba. While external decorations may be unlimited, Baba is decorating us unlimited joy and happiness.

I also travelled to Hyderabad during Diwali. There were various celebrations taking place on the actual Diwali days, 11th, 12th, and 13th of the month. I participated in the Diwali celebrations there, which also included the inauguration of Baba's room and the opening of centres in different locations, including a retreat centre. There was a big programme of devotion, bhakti, where I was invited to participate and contribute some of my time.

This time, what I want to convey is the significance of the celebrations. Baba understands what each one of us needs to do to support His work or create our own fortune. It is a time to create fortunes, make our fortune elevated, and make ourselves ready, and prepare for what Baba wants from us.

So, today Baba is reminding us about the importance of experience, and to maintain happiness and to remain unshakable.

But what does it mean to experience? It includes experiencing joy, happiness, and most importantly, experiencing God. Although experiencing ourselves is crucial, it cannot be achieved

without experiencing our relationship with God. Therefore, the main focus should be on experiencing our own unique specialities that Baba has given, the blessings that Baba has given, the fortune that Baba has created. When we are able to hold onto these experiences and foster a deep connection with Baba, the meeting of both Baba and the soul, and in different relationships, we can truly understand and belong to Him through the love that is pouring upon us.

How many of you have not experienced God's love? Everyone has experienced it but expressing it may seem difficult. Why is that? Perhaps you hesitate or feel unable to raise your head. The practical experience is that God speaks to us and helps us understand who we are and what we are. He gives us the mirror every day, connects our experiences to our identity because He is our Fortune Maker, the One who shapes our destiny, So He knows our birth chart. Like a gardener, Baba knows what is in the seed of the soul. He can see the future and guides us according to His vision. As we begin to experience a relationship with Baba, this connection is created through knowledge, and the experience is deepened through yoga. The joy we experience is a result of this exchange with Baba, utilising our time energy according to our capacity. As our yoga deepens, our intellect becomes clean and we can further experience the virtues and powers within ourselves. Each one can have this personal experience, while also finding joy in hearing about the experiences of others. But the real experience cannot be fully conveyed to others. It is like a subtle energy that can be felt but not explicitly shown. It is just like experience is a subtle energy but it's real.

For example, if you are experiencing pain and I ask you to show me where the pain is, you may indicate the area where you feel the pain, such as pointing to your hand or leg. Similarly, if you say you feel cold and I ask you to show me where you feel the cold, you may shiver but be unable to physically show me the sensation. The same applies to experiencing Godly love, power, blessings, and relationships. These experiences occur when there is an inner transformation taking place, which serves as proof of this transformation. Baba is my Teacher and His knowledge becomes meaningful only when I apply it in my life. Baba is the Almighty and He purifies the soul. Then, the more I have yoga, the more I have experience of purity. The more faith I have in myself and in Baba, the virtues are automatically expressed in my life. Others can witness these virtues through my expressions, but the true experience comes from the personal relationship with Baba, who the Mother and the Father.

So, if I am not happy in my relationship with Brahma Baba, it means that I am not truly connected to the Father either. This is because the mother reveals who the father is, and without the children mouth-born creation of Brahma, we cannot claim our own birth. So, we are born to the mother but powered by the Father. As we begin to experience the qualities of love, peace, and benevolence, Baba blesses us and we are able to indicate these experiences to others. However, the true experience can only be felt personally in our relationship with Baba.

Nevertheless, we can inspire each other by hearing the experiences of others. Baba as the Mother, Father, Friend, Teacher, Beloved Guide, and Doctor. These different types of experiences all contribute to a sense of belonging in our relationship with Baba, where the longing for meeting finishes and enthusiasm increases. Longing of meeting does not remain longing, because belonging means from both sides belong to each other, then Baba is showering, empowering or watering the seed. Then, the qualities within us begin to sprout, and others are able to experience them. As we give what we have received from Baba, we become instruments to share the experience with others. However, it is only through a direct relationship with Baba that we can truly experience all the divine qualities. Om shanti.

Sister Maureen: Welcome and congratulations. I know you're very detached, Didi. Didi has been telling us that you are Baba's puppet, and wherever Baba places you, or with whatever responsibility Baba gives you, you will dance to that. We also know that Didi has been appointed as the joint administrative head of the Brahma Kumaris. (Applause) This is a a wonderful accolade for the UK. Just think, Jayanti bhen and now Sudesh Didi, so we are truly fortunate in the UK. We understand that both of them will continue to come and go. So, Didi, please share with us your experiences of being Baba's puppet over the years. Om shanti.

Sudesh Didi: Thank you. I am truly grateful for this experience and the responsibility that comes with it. I understand that Baba knows what is within the seed and He is the Fortune Teller. He not only shows us what our fortune is but also guides us through the path towards it.

When I came from Hyderabad, I was completely detached and never expected anything. I thought that there is already so much service and sustenance needed abroad. I had settled there without even a single thought of being questioned about that.

One day, as I was reading the Murli and the Murli, I noticed that Santosh Didi was coming up on stage. Immediately, I wanted to vacate my seat. However, one of the brothers who was in charge of the stage told me to stay seated.

Sister Sharda began making an announcement, but unfortunately, due to my hearing difficulty in my left ear, I couldn't hear clearly. I thought she was announcing Munni bhen's celebrations, as there had been several birthday celebrations recently. I didn't understand why she was mentioning my name. It was only later that I realised that I was unaware because I couldn't hear properly.

At that moment, Santosh Didi presented me with a shawl while I remained seated. Puzzled by this, I asked why she was giving me the shawl. She then embraced me and said, "Now, you are the Joint Chief of Brahma Kumaris". In my mind was this powerful mantra of "I am a puppet in

God's Hand". God holds the strings and makes us dance to His tune, wherever the stage may be created by mother drama. Drama mother create the stage and Baba holds the strings of this puppet. So, if it is my part, then so be it.

So if in drama this play I have to play with the vision and good wishes of the seniors, the Management Committee, and the Brahmins. I think blessings will make me fulfil that responsibility, with the blessings of Baba, Didi Ji, Mama, Dadi Ji, and other seniors who have nurtured me spiritually. I am aware that I am not officially trained in administration or organizational skills, but I only know one thing, that I am Baba's child and have taken spiritual sustenance from Him. And it is just a child learns the methods of serving, and there was no official training of organisation at that time.

My main focus is spiritual sustenance. I am aware that with the blessings, cooperation, and good wishes of everyone, I will be able to fulfil what Baba wants me to do. Baba is like a Gardener who knows which fruit this seed has. And I, as a seed, am growing with the water of love and good wishes from all of you, and the power of the Sunshine of Baba, the Benevolent Being. I know that it is His power, His love, and the collective vision of the unlimited family that will enable me to do this task of fulfilling this responsibility.

So, for me, I am still the same as what I am, as I have always been. It's just an extra crown has been given. It is Baba who will honour this crown, with the support, strength, inspiration, and trust of all of you (applause). As each of you are the support, a source of strength, an inspiration, and the foundation of trust for everyone. Om shanti.