

Tips to Attain Perfection

How is perfection attained? There are three aspects in this: collection, correction, and connection. First of all we need a collection.

Collection of what? Points of knowledge. Baba says the more you accumulate these points in the treasure store of your intellect the more diamonds and pearls will be studded on your palace in the Golden Age. We have received such elevated, precious and powerful knowledge from Shiv Baba. This is the wealth of knowledge, and it has to be collected. People in the world are busy collecting other things. They even collect matchboxes and cigarette butts and their names get mentioned in the *Guinness Book of Records*! However, if you really have an interest in collecting things, then better to collect imperishable things, such as jewels of knowledge and blessings.

Blessings are collected by serving others. Today everyone's mind is unhappy and peaceless. There is quarrelling in every house. Bring happiness and peace into their lives by talking to them about this knowledge; make them Baba's children. To the extent that you serve and give happiness to others, you will receive their blessings. Collect these. This is also 'collection'.

Another thing that has to be 'collected' is the power of yoga. This is because the soul has become empty, like a car that stops when the petrol is finished the battery is fully discharged.

In fact, the only important thing in Godly life is remembrance. We always hear Baba saying, 'Stay in Shiv Baba's remembrance while walking and moving around. Never let the pilgrimage of remembrance stop; only then can you reach the destination...' Nevertheless, you will often hear people say that they are not able to have that constant remembrance of Baba. So Baba explains that the basis of remembrance is awareness (*smriti*). And awareness is connected to what we are focused on. For example, there was this person named Lallu Lal, who owned a textile shop. Once, in his sleep he dreamt that he was showing different types of cloth to a customer. The customer liked one of the cloths and said give me four metres. The price was agreed upon. The sleeping Lallu Lal started tearing the sheet he was covering himself with, to give it to the customer. His mother, who was sleeping nearby, saw that and asked, 'Why are you tearing your sheet?' Still half asleep, he said, 'Mother, I'm giving cloth to the customer; don't disturb me in my work.'

Selling cloth, showing samples to customers, fixing the price and cutting cloth was his daily work. He was doing that even in his sleep. Not only while he was awake but even in his dreams he used to think, speak and do the same things. A person whose only concern is to sell more and more cloth and make more and more money will always be engrossed in that thought. As is his work, focus and aim, so is his awareness. Lallu loved his work. In this way, awareness is based on these four aspects. The mind goes where there is deep love. To get deeply absorbed in love is yoga. Baba says our aim is to get absorbed in Baba's love. So collect the power of yoga for the soul. This is also collection.

Then there is correction. After collecting all the above, use them to correct the defects and drawbacks in the self. Correction means: if you make a mistake, never allow it to happen again. If you spend your entire life correcting one mistake, how much time will remain? Then you will be unable to reach the destination. Make corrections, time is flying; there is no guarantee about when you will leave your body. Make your corrections, now.

The third thing is connection. Why do all these defects and weaknesses come? Because the connection with the Lighthouse and Might House, Shiv Baba, is either weak or cut. However, being well connected to Shiv Baba is not enough in order for all to be well. The connection with the divine family is also important. Power is received from the divine family and divine gatherings. When that connection is weak, we are as vulnerable to Maya as we are when the connection to Shiv Baba is loose. Therefore, it is very important to maintain a proper connection with the divine family. Not going to class, not taking part in programmes, not being in the gathering, staying more in the company of outsiders, spending time speaking wasteful things -- these are the things you will tend to remember repeatedly, and the defects and weaknesses will come.

It is equally important to have a proper connection with those with whom you have business transactions, work, a relationship etc. How should our words, actions, relationships and connections be? *Maryadayukt, niyamyukt* (within the code of conduct and principles of a Brahmin). They should be as per the discipline Baba has taught us.

We always say there should be good wishes and pure feelings for everyone we come across: so and so should be happy, he should be benefited. People write slogans: let all beings be happy. However, let these good wishes emerge from the depth of our heart. When we talk to someone, let us talk positively and speak positive words. If the other person is speaking negatively, we have to take it positively. While taking it positively, we have to think from the depth of our heart: Let this soul belong to Baba somehow... let him be benefited somehow... let him also follow the right path... let him also claim the birthright of being a king in the Golden Aged world. If we don't have such feelings, if we continue to have hatred for someone or the other, saying this person is not good, he is very bad, he cannot change, it is better to stay away from him etc., then he will become more distant from us. We have to think that we have to bring benefit even to such a one because that is our duty. The task of a doctor is to treat the patients. If he tries to run away from the patients, how can he fulfill his duty? Who will set people right if we let go or step away? We have to bring benefit to ourselves and others, make them belong to Baba. If we have such good wishes then our vision and attitude will be right.

The right vision and attitude are important because another aspect of our duty as Brahmins is to create a good atmosphere. A good atmosphere is the result of a good attitude and right vision. What sort of feelings should you have when you look at someone? Do you think he should be benefited or do you think that your selfish motive should be fulfilled? Do you think that this one is God's child and has come in front of me, the child of the Bestower, and so therefore let me be sure to give him an imperishable donation; let him take something from me, let him not go empty-handed from here. Do you speak such words and give such *drishti*? A family member comes home from work or school, you meet someone in the bus or train or in the traffic... do you try to give them something, help them attain something? Such good wishes, vision and attitude towards all with whom we are in contact are also essential aspects of having a good connection.

Additionally, we need to have a good connection with our selves. Many times the connection with our self becomes poor. How? One of our forms is the original form and another is the eternal form. We need to have a good connection with these two forms. If we have a connection with the Copper Aged or Iron Aged form then there will be problems.

Through proper collection, correction and connection, there will then be perfection. What is the ultimate aim of our Brahmin life? It is this: to attain perfection and completion, to become a part of the

sun dynasty. Complete means complete purity. Complete purity means sun dynasty; 16 celestial degrees complete. No one wants to become a part of the moon dynasty, to become only 14 degrees complete. The moon dynasty means a warrior – someone who left the body at the end of the cycle while still battling vices in the self. To become a part of the moon dynasty means to leave the body without becoming complete and perfect. A Brahmin means one who becomes completely pure and becomes an angel by following all the disciplines and codes of conduct in life. From a Brahmin to an angel, and from an angel to a deity -- these are the stages of completion.

Our very aim is perfection, and Baba has given us the *yukti* (technique). It is said, liberation is attained by *yukti*. By using these *yuktis* – collection, correction and connection – we will definitely be liberated from all vices, defects, weakness and negativity.