

Guruji 's Mahasamadhi Function at Jaipur 5th to 8th March 2010
8th March 2 p.m.
Closing Satsanga

Thank you for coming for this programme. I hope it was helpful and that you will be able to live as per Guruji's teachings. Don't expect to be perfect; being perfect takes time. Try to improve yourself. Try to better perform your meditation and techniques. Attend at least one group meditation per week and attend spiritual functions like these as often as you can. Practice meditation both morning and evening to the best of your ability. Remember Guruji's blessings, guidance and protection, his unconditional love, unquestionable acceptance is and will always be with you.

You know Daya Ma's mother is Shyama Mata. A few lines of a poem were found on her table after her passing. When I received sannyas in SRF I was supposed to say a few lines and I quoted those lines of Shyama Mata. Uma Mata was there with me on the dias and she told Daya Ma about the lines I had quoted. When I was leaving Daya Ma asked me to "Do you remember the poem?" I said, "Yes," Ma said, "Repeat the lines." When I did Ma said, "these are the lines she lived by." Those lines are:

He cannot fail

For he is God

He cannot fail

He pledged his word

He cannot fail

He will see me through

He cannot fail

For it is God with whom I have to do.

I think she was referring to Guruji. He cannot fail for He is God. When you have a serious problem God can solve it. We can solve little problems. God doesn't have any limits. God is all powerful. Remember the story of the disciple whom Babaji asked to jump down from the cliff. Similarly Guruji has protected many of his disciples. On one occasion Dr. Lewis was in a boat and a storm broke out. When Dr. Lewis realized they were in trouble he looked at the spiritual eye and prayed. He saw a great flash of light, and felt an assurance. The storm abated and they

could reach home. In the evening Guruji called him up and said: "Aha, Doctor! You came near getting wet, didn't you?"

Guruji has the power over all the elements. The sun and moon can interchange their positions but Guruji's words will not be falsified. Sw. Sri Yukteshwar promised Guruji that the sun and moon may change their positions but it was unlikely that he would fail. Guruji would occasionally check the position of the sun and moon.

When it was very hot in Puri and Guruji and a group of students had to walk in a procession, with Sw. Sri Yukteshwar's blessings rain clouds suddenly appeared, and there was a drizzle. Ranchi weather suddenly becomes pleasant enough during Sharad Sangam. Even if it is chilly in January, it warms up just before Janmotsava and after Janmotsava it becomes cold again. Guruji also has great understanding, great knowledge.

Once Guruji met a lady, who had been his teacher in a previous life. Out of gratitude Guruji asked her to make 3 wishes. One of her wishes was that her straight hair should become curly. Another of her wishes was that she should become a millionaire. Guruji asked her again, "do you want to be a millionaire or have just enough." The lady answered "just enough." In those days in 1920, for a woman to be a millionaire would be a dangerous situation. He thought it is okay to have curly hair, but it is dangerous to want to be a millionaire. Sometimes we ask for a wish that is not good for us. Sometimes Guruji will ask us to review our wish but sometimes he will give us what he knows is good for us.

Guruji is omnipresent. He is always at the kutastha centre. One devotee in the ashram said that he wanted to fight for his country. Guruji said, "That is not necessary, serving God is enough." Still the devotee went and joined the ashram. Once when he was on the watch tower, he realized he had made a mistake. He was feeling very sad. Suddenly he felt that there was a movement close by on the ground. He went down. He saw on a table some sweetmeats which he used to have in the ashram. Guruji was telling him, "I am with you, even here." There isn't any place where he is not there. God who is the Guru loves us. He is personally interested in each individual.

Many feel Guruji loves me more than he loves others. True. Guruji's attention can be focused on a particular devotee (not that it is not simultaneously focused on another individual also) The devotee then feels so protected, so cared for, so overwhelmingly loved that the devotee cannot believe that Guruji can offer same degree of love to another devotee.

The Guru cannot fail, the Guru has pledged his word. Find the pledge that Guruji has given us. I found something he has given me. I don't hear Guruji speaking the pledge but I assure you Guruji has made a pledge to me. I received that pledge through Daya Ma. And what is that pledge that he gives to his disciple?

"These words of Swami Shankara beautifully define such a guru: 'No known comparison exists in the three worlds for a true guru. If the philosopher's stone be assumed as truly such, it can only turn iron into gold, not into another philosopher's stone. The venerated teacher on the other hand, creates equality with himself in the disciple who takes refuge at his feet. The guru is therefore peerless, nay, transcendental.'" What the guru has, he can give to you. If the guru has God, he can give you God."

The Guru has promised to make me equal to himself. Can you imagine it? It is beyond our imagination. But this is the most beautiful dream. We will be free from physical karma, free from astral karma, free from causal karma and may be we will be able to help him in helping his work. Guruji's state is beyond anything that anyone can achieve. He is beyond all physical, astral and causal karma. His role is different. He is freed and comes back to help others. His words cannot fail.

Sometimes we have to wake up from beautiful dreams. When I am in a tough situation I cannot conceive freedom from physical, astral and causal karma, cannot conceive freedom from that tough situation. But I will pass through and come out with blessings which tough tests normally come with. It is him with whom I have to do.

God and Guru is the same. It is God who comes to me in the form of the Guru to bring me back to God himself. Sometimes there are situations where someone causes us hurt, disappointment or pain. Then when we sit for meditation what do we think of? - God, Guruji or the one who is making our life difficult? We are great devotees to the extent we can shift the focus from the problem to the one who will free us from that problem.

There was one Indian devotee in USA. She was living near the mother centre and she would often cook Indian food for SRF monks. She had a major operation. But just weeks after the major operation she cooked for 75 people. So be focused and dedicated with whatever you have to do.

Another lady asked me to pray for her. For her Guru is God. She asked for strength in dealing with her son, his wife and her daughter. The son's wife would steal things and not admit. So often she was told by the devotee – Don't steal. Please let me know if you need something. The daughter-in-law was stealing the daughter's clothes. When the devotee would sit for meditation, she would see not Guruji, but the daughter-in-law. Guruji had gone, but not the daughter-in-law. Then she told Guruji, what the daughter-in-law does, doesn't matter at all. What I want is my Guru.

Some time back the lady told me, Guruji has come back. She was so happy that she could focus on Guruji. Everyone now and then feels this person is very important in my life. If we focus on Guruji ultimately whatever happens is good.

I received a letter from someone recently saying – "I usually don't see, hear things in meditation. Nothing phenomenal happens." The devotee in Ranchi was trying to get his wife to follow the teachings and now she has started. He was very happy. Then he said, "I can't see the spiritual eye." I told him that is okay. He repeated thrice that other devotees can see, and some see very soon. A few devotees feel the current during Hong Sau. Experiences are not necessary. Existence or non existence of spiritual experiences does not prove spiritual growth. Don't expect Guruji will come and answer your questions in a blaze of light. You need not have mind blowing experiences.

One devotee told me that he had started meditating but he did not see anything. He however noticed that he was feeling something – an inner joy, a peace, a sense of well being. Till he became calm in meditation he could not perceive the calmness. Guruji responds to the devotee's efforts, to every devotee's call. That is very beautiful. Sometimes we cannot make extra ordinary efforts, we cannot summon extra ordinary strength. To every word you have uttered to God, he has written it in his heart. Fill his heart with lots of words; whether the words are with feeling or without feeling. Yet he is writing them down and one day he will respond.

Inner peace steals over our consciousness. Recognize that after meditation you are less restless. We have tuned in with the peace. Another devotee was complaining that his meditation was sooo difficult. See his face, his eyes, they are drunk with peace, an experience of a subtle aspect of God. He doesn't realize it, but I see it.

If you meditate, and the mind is active and the body is not rested, you feel I am sitting in meditation but not meditating. But if someone sees how your eyes were, he knows you are meditating. In spite of feeling a failure, he is achieving success. He will lead you to the right direction. You will feel, God has directed me to take that decision, though I didn't realize it came from Guruji, it did. Then you will know him as the ever increasing joy and love.

Look back after 5 – 10 or 40 years later. You will find within you a little bit more of ever new joy, and ever new love and that is God's love manifesting. Don't worry if you think you are not making spiritual progress. Guruji asked Ram Gopal for some divine experience. Ram Gopal used to meditate for 20-22 hours a day. He didn't need to sleep.

Overwhelmed by his spiritual magnetism, I ventured a request.

"Sir, why don't you grant me a samadhi?"

"Dear one, I would be glad to convey the divine contact, but it is not my place to do so." The saint looked at me with half-closed eyes. "Your master will bestow that experience shortly. Your body is not tuned just yet. As a small lamp cannot withstand excessive electrical voltage, so your nerves are unready for the cosmic current. If I gave you the infinite ecstasy right now, you would burn as if every cell were on fire.

"You are asking illumination from me," the yogi continued musingly, "while I am wondering—inconsiderable as I am, and with the little meditation I have done—if I have succeeded in pleasing God, and what worth I may find in His eyes at the final reckoning."

"Sir, have you not been singleheartedly seeking God for a long time?"

"I have not done much. Behari must have told you something of my life. For twenty years I occupied a secret grotto, meditating eighteen hours a day. Then I moved to a more inaccessible cave and remained there for twenty-five years, entering the yoga union for twenty hours daily. I did not need sleep, for I was ever with God. My body was more rested in the complete calmness of the superconsciousness than it could be by the partial peace of the ordinary subconscious state.

"The muscles relax during sleep, but the heart, lungs, and circulatory system are constantly at work; they get no rest. In superconsciousness, the internal organs remain in a state of suspended animation, electrified by the cosmic energy. By such means I have found it unnecessary to sleep for years. The time will come when you too will dispense with sleep."

"My goodness, you have meditated for so long and yet are unsure of the Lord's favor!" I gazed at him in astonishment. "Then what about us poor mortals?"

"Well, don't you see, my dear boy, that God is Eternity Itself? To assume that one can fully know Him by forty-five years of meditation is rather a preposterous expectation. Babaji assures us, however, that even a little meditation saves one from the dire fear of death and after-death states. Do not fix your spiritual ideal on a small mountain, but hitch it to the star of unqualified divine attainment. If you work hard, you will get there."

So many hours in the morning and so many hours in the evening is not very much. Attitude is more important. If I am egotistical then there is no progress. If I am humble then God can come. Have the interest and the determination to do well in your sadhana. Give no importance to your spiritual greatness. Keep talking to God. Keep asking him to help you. Tell him of your desire to help you in your meditation. Many words are not necessary.

Someone asked Ma, "How to develop a love for God/Guruji?" Ma said "Tell God I love you." If someone is wanting to love God it is the same as loving God. Tell him I want you, I am not feeling any devotion, and dedication, my mind is distracted. Keep on chanting "I want to love God. It would be very nice if somehow there was a little more desire to love you, God." Instead of arguing if this is correct or not correct, tell God if there is in our heart a little desire. Tell God, "I want you to be more important to me. I want me to be more important to you. I want to be yours." Keep sharing your sorrows, your failures, your joys with God and Guru. Surrender your success, your failure in not making enough effort. Surrender yourself to God. If we ask God any questions with love, it is not wrong.