



DIVYA SANDESH

NEW YEAR



Happy New Year 2009

A poetic offering by Didi Braj Banchari Ji to our Gurudev

नये वर्ष की तुमको प्रभुवर ! कोटि बधाई देते हैं ।
किये अनुग्रह पल पल हम पर, आप नहीं क्या देते हैं ॥

O Gurudev! We extend our heartfelt greetings to you on this New Year You have been ever so kind and have bestowed Your Grace upon us every moment, fulfilling all our needs.

हमको जीवन मार्ग दिखाया, यथा मार्ग चलना भी सिखाया,
निज सुख त्याग अथक श्रम कर के भक्ति ज्ञान अति देते हैं ॥

You showed us the way to live life and provided guidance for treading the right path. Disregarding your personal comforts, you work so hard to impart us the knowledge of devotion.



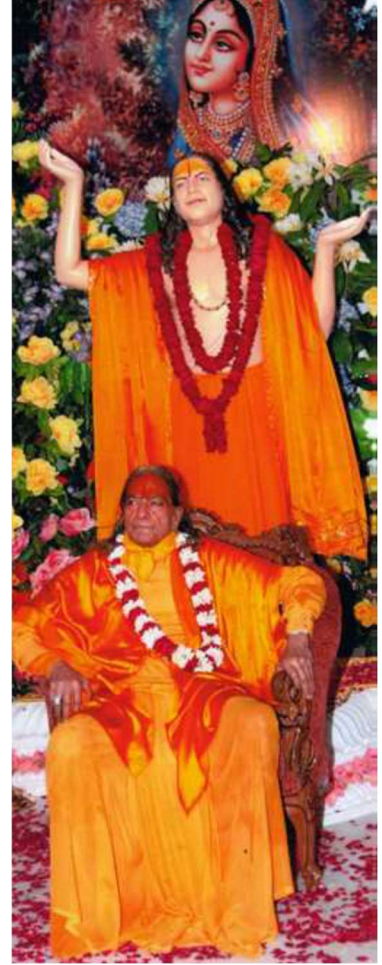
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जगत कीच से हमें उबारा, दौड़ै आये जब भी पुकारा,
हम अधमों को हृदय लगाकर, सहज प्रेम रस देते हैं ॥
You delivered us from this material world and came to our rescue,
whenever, we called out to you. You embrace fallen souls like us and
bless us with your spontaneous love.

तदपि प्रेम श्रद्धा नहिं मम मन, नहीं समर्पित है तन मन धन,
फिर भी करुणावश अपना कर, अपनापन भर देते हैं ॥
Even then, our mind is devoid of faith and we have not yet
surrendered our body, mind and wealth to you. In spite of our
thanklessness, out of your infinite mercy, you accept us and fill our
hearts with affinity.

ऐसी आशा नये वर्ष पर, देंगे प्रेम - भेंट श्री गुस्वर,
चरण धो सकूँ तव नित अँसुवन, इस आशा पर जीते हैं ॥
On the occasion of this New Year, we hope that, Your-our causelessly
merciful master, will give us the gift of divine love. And we will be
blessed with the opportunity to wash your lotus feet with tears of that
love. This hope is the only basis for our lives.



जगद्गुरु संदेश

जिस दिन किसी जीव को यह विश्वास हो जायेगा कि भगवान् और भगवान् का नाम एक ही हैं, दोनों में एक सी शक्तियाँ हैं, एक से गुण हैं, उसी क्षण उसको भगवत्प्राप्ति हो जायेगी। स्वर्ण अक्षरों में लिखलो भगवान् की इतनी बड़ी कृपा है कि वे कहते हैं कि मैं सर्व व्यापक हूँ, तू इसको मानता नहीं है, मैं गोलोक में रहता हूँ, वहाँ तुम आ नहीं सकते। मैं तुम्हारे अन्तःकरण में तुम्हारे साथ बैठा हूँ, इसका तुम्हें ज्ञान नहीं है। इसलिये लो मैं अपने नाम में अपने आप को बैठा देता हूँ। नाम में मैं मूर्तिमान् बैठा हुआ हूँ। जिस दिन यह बात तुम्हारे मन में बैठ जायेगी उस दिन फिर एकनाम भी जब लगे, जब एक बार राधे कहोगे, तो कहा नहीं जायेगा। वाणी रुक जायेगी, कंठ गद्गद् हो जायेगा, फिर भगवत्प्राप्ति में क्या देरी होगी? गुरु कृपा में क्या देरी होगी? केवल इसी बात पर विश्वास कर लो।

A Unique Message on New Year from Jagadguru Shri Kripalu Ji Maharaj

When an individual being would establish a firm faith that God and His name are the same, both have the same powers and the same qualities, he will realize God the very same moment. Write it down in gold.

God is so merciful that He says I am Omnipresent, but you do not believe that. I live in Golok but you can not reach here. I reside in your heart with you but you do not know that. So let me situate myself in my name itself. I am practically sitting in my name.

The moment you are convinced of this fact, your voice with choke when you try to pronounce my name or Radha Rani's name. You will be speechless due to extreme joy. Then there shall be no delay in realizing God and attaining the grace of Guru. You just have to have full faith in these words.

A Unique Family Feud

A concise translation of one of the lecture of Shri Kripalu Ji Maharaj

Two parties have been arguing about an issue since eternity, but the solution is nowhere in sight. Since the argument has gone on since eternity, it is obvious that the two parties must be eternal. So, who are the two involved parties?

One of the parties is God.

God!! But God is invincible. Who can argue or fight with God?

"Maya?" Nope. Maya is a servant of God and how can a servant fight with the master!



"Individual Soul or Jeev?" Nope. Soul is the son of God and It is said to be "Akarta" – A Non Performer of Action.

Then who is the other party?"

The son of God, Jeev has a servant called the Mind. The Mind is fighting with God since eternity. Surprising! The son of a maid dares fight with his mother's master!!! And Almighty God is unable to win the battle even after uncountable years? Yes.

So, what is the argument all about? Well that is unique too!!

Mind: I want Your grace to bring peace to my master Jeev.

God: First surrender to Me 100%, then I will grace you with peace, contentment, infinite life, infinite knowledge and infinite happiness and everything that you desire for your master.

Mind: No. First grace me with infinite life, infinite knowledge and infinite happiness, peace, contentment and then I will surrender.

God: You will have to trust Me.

Mind: Why? Everyone says the same thing.

God: You are asking Me to award My property to you. If you want My property, you must first surrender to Me.

Mind: I don't know how to surrender.

God: Of course you do!!! You do that all the time in the material world.

Mind: No I don't! I have never ever surrendered to anyone!! Please give me an example where I have surrendered to someone?

God: (Laughing) You a slave of anger, passion, greed and lust is saying this! You are bound to surrender yourself in the material world. Each time you develop any desire in this material world, you surrender to someone or something, to get that desire fulfilled. As a baby you surrendered to your mother when you were hungry. And, as an adult you bow down to your spouse, son, and friends etc. whenever you desire anything from them. Similarly, bow down to Me now and I will grant all your wishes.

Mind: You are right. I do surrender to the people and objects of my desire. But to be honest with You, everyone has failed me each time giving false promises. My desire for happiness is yet un-fulfilled. What if I surrender and You too don't grant my wish like the others?

God: You will have to trust Me.

Mind: Why? Everyone says the same thing.

God: Because all worldly beings are devoid of happiness much like yourself. One cannot grant something that they do not possess. I am happiness personified. You just have to turn towards me and you will get unlimited happiness forever.

Mind: This is what I have been hearing from every one since eternity. I don't believe in false promises and do not trust anyone anymore including You. Bestow Your grace first then I will have a reason to trust.

God: You don't trust anyone!! How about when you want to deposit \$1000 in the bank, you take it to the teller and hand your money to the cashier, who then issues you a deposit receipt in that amount? You trust the cashier completely. Don't you? Or do you demand that he give you the receipt before you give him the money?

Mind: No. I have to trust him.

God: Just the same way, have unconditional trust in Me.

Thus the argument continues. Meanwhile:

Jeev: Father! You know my servant, the son of Maya, is ignorant, uncivilized and stubborn. It will never accept its defeat. I, Your very own son, has been suffering since eternity due to its obstinate nature. None can defeat You, the Almighty Father of all. I beg You, to please accept defeat and end up this feud and make me an heir to Your divine property.

God: Do you accept the relationship that you claimed we share i.e. I am your father and you are My son? You say you are My son, but you keep fighting with your physical sibling for inheriting the material property, house and jewelry of your physical father. Accept Me as your only father and all that is Mine is rightfully yours i.e. unconditional love, unbounded ever-increasing peace, divine happiness, contentment etc.

Jeev: Father! I admit I am at fault. I never considered You my own. But, the fact remains that I am Your child and You are silently watching me suffer since eternity and are not rescuing me. Even in the material world, when someone finds a lost child they try to locate the child's parent. If they cannot find the parents, they hand over the child to the police for safe custody. They don't leave the child and walk away. How can You, my own father, be a silent spectator to my sufferings? Being true to Your infinitely graceful nature, please rescue me.

God: I understand that you are making excuses because surrendering to Me is difficult for you. However, due to My compassionate and merciful nature, I will give you a concession. Just have 100% faith in the fact that I am causelessly-merciful and I will bestow My causeless mercy on you. I have blessed uncountable individual beings, who believed in Me and I will do the same for you.

Jeev: Oh, that is difficult too! Accepting that you are causelessly - merciful means that I am admitting my infirmities! My ego does not let me do that.

God: My law is eternal and unbiased. There are no amendments to My laws. I have made it so simple for you. Forget about your obstinate servant – mind. Use your decisive and superior intellect to accept the fact that I am causelessly merciful. And that will be sufficient reason for Me to grant you your wish. Just as a girl, who marries a boy, accepts that everything that is his is hers also, you must accept the fact that I am your father and all My property will be yours.

Jeev: Oh! It is so true and tempting. Yet my mind is not ready to completely surrender. I will seriously ponder on it.

Purport: Mind is your servant. Don't listen to your mind, rather take wise decision of your intellect. We are suffering only because we have become slave of our slave mind. With the proper use of intellect, even a child does not grab a sweet from the shop without making payment. And in lack of money he controls his mind and goes straight to the school. Our mind says do not get up so early in the morning, sleep more. But the intellect says, no. Get up and reach office on time, or lose the job. We listen to the intellect and get up to go. Precisely for many other matters of the pleasure of our mind, instead of listening to the mind, we must ponder deeply with the help of our intellect in order to deliver ourselves from the miseries of the world.

Sharanagat vatsal Bhagawan ki Jai (Praise be to God who loves the surrendered souls)

Prescriptions by Dr. Kripalu (Shri Maharaj Ji) - Kripalu-Spiritual-Aushadhi

Patient: Individual soul (Eternal)

Disease: Maya

Medicine: Devotion to God and Guru

Precaution: Detachment from the material desires and desire of liberation

Health: Attainment of divine love



Disease Prescription

Anxiety Sing Radhey Radhey loudly.

Anger Whenever anger overcomes your mind, look at your face in the mirror immediately. You will laugh.

Tension Apply Kripalu Yoga. "When you inhale say 'Ra' in your mind. When you exhale say 'dhey' in your mind. And feel the presence of Shri Radha or Shri Krishna or Guru or all of them or two of them."

Sadness, Insecurity Feel the grace of God in all the positive or adverse situations and wait for the miraculous result of divine grace.

Boredom Go to Shri Maharaj Ji. You will forget about the word "boredom".

A Gopi's Diagnosis

वैदवा अनारी नारी धर भरमावे री ।

Veidava anaari naari dhara bharamave re.

A gopi is feeling pains of separation from her beloved Shyam Sunder. Her parents mistakenly assess her state to be a physical ailment and call

for a doctor to attend to her.

जाय कहो वैदवा से कछु दिन पढ़ि आवे, रोग पहिचाने बिनु औषधि बतावे रे ।

Jaaya kaho veidava se, kachhu dina parhi aave, Roga pahichaane binu, aushadhi bataave re.

The gopi, confides in her intimate friend, "O Sakhi! This doctor is naive. Tell him to go and study some further. Without diagnosing the ailment he is prescribing some medications to me. "

झूठी मूठी बूटी दै के, घूँटी सी पिवावे मोहिं, अनुदिन छिन छिन दरद बढ़ावे रे ।

Jhoothee moothee bootee de ke ghoontee son pivaave mohin, Anudina china china darada barhaave re.

He is compelling me to drink the drops of improper portions of herbs. His phony medication has no effect on me. On the contrary my pain is increasing leaps and bounds

एरी सखि ! कैसी करूँ ? कहाँ चली जाऊँ हाय, जियूँ कैसे मरूँ कैसे विरह सतावे रे ।

Eree sakhi ! keisee karoon ? kahaan chalee jaaoon haai, Jioon keise ? maroon keise ? viraha sataave re.

O Sakhi! What should I do without my beloved Shyam Sundar? Where should I go? Alas! The pangs of separation are bothering me. Neither can I live without Him nor can I die without seeing Him?

जान्यो री "कृपालु" तेरो रोग है वियोग को री, वैदवा है गोकुला में, कान्ह जो कहावे रे ।

Jaanyo ir "Kripalu" tero roga hei viyoga ko ri, Veidava hei gokula men, kaanha jo kaha ve re.

Shri Kripalu Ji says, "O Sakhi! I understand. You are suffering from the disease of separation. The only doctor, who can help you, lives in Gokul and His name is Shri Krishna.

Questions by devotees, Answers by Didi Braj Banchary Ji

Didi Ji! What is pure devotion?

Devotion is unconditional love with the sole purpose of pleasing God. Pure devotion is absolutely free from any kind of desire for self- happiness

What about the desire of liberation?

That is most dangerous desire. A real devotee completely refuses to achieve liberation. Shri Ram allured *Kagbhushundi* to ask for liberation. He refused. Shri Ram also allured Hanuman Ji, He also refused to get it and said:

भवबंधच्छिदे तस्मै स्पृहयामि न मुक्तये । भवान्प्रभुरहं दास इति यत्र विलुप्यते ।

"I do not seek liberation at all, which will deprive me from the bliss of just thinking that I am a servant of Shri Ram."

To enjoy something, duality is compulsory e.g. there needs to be two entities; fragrance and the one who enjoys that fragrance. In liberation, the Jeev's personality is merged into the Supreme Being, and there is no more duality. Hence, one who is dwelling in the ocean of bliss permanently, loses the chance of enjoying the divine love bliss forever. That is why it is the most dangerous desire.

What will inspire a devotee to increase his devotion to Lord Krishna then?

The concept of "achieving divine love-bliss" will constantly inspire them.

Is it not a desire?

No, it is not. Because a true aspirant of divine love bliss, desires the love of Shri Radha Krishna in order to attain divine service.

And the secret behind the desire of attaining divine service is exclusively to please Shri Radha Krishna alone with no trace of self - happiness.

Does it mean a devotee never enjoys bliss for self?

He enjoys the unlimited divine love bliss all the time. Shri Krishna receives pleasure from the selfless service rendered by His devotee. According to His law, He reciprocates the feelings of His devotee in the form of infinite Divine Happiness. In other words a selfless devotee gets the unlimited divine bliss perpetually seeing Shri Krishna's happiness.

What is the difference between a selfless Shri Krishna bhakta and an atheist if both of them are not making any desire of seeing and touching Shri Krishna?

An atheist (Nastik) does not believe that Shri Krishna exists. Thus an atheist neither yearns for Him, nor does he care at all for His darshan and association etc. Unlike an atheist, a selfless devotee is always eager to see, touch, and serve Shri Krishna to please Him. A selfless devotee does not claim fulfillment of his own desires. Hence, when his desire is not fulfilled, he never gets disappointed, thus his devotion never decreases. Rather the humble thought that I am positively unworthy of His service or darshan, increases the purity of mind and love. And thus the devotee becomes closer to God. As Shri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu said, humility is the foundation stone of devotion.

तृष्णादपि सुनीचेन तरोरपि सहिष्णुना ।

अमानिना मानदेन कीर्तनीयः सदा हरिः ॥

(More questions about pure devotion will be answered in the next edition. You can also email your questions to brajbanchary@aol.com)

Pranky Little Krishna

One day Baby Krishna was playing with Baby Radha. As usual Shri Krishna was defeated. Yet He was not ready to pay the wager of the game. Instead He tried to flee. Shri Radha caught Him by the arm and commented, "Where are You running away. Pay the wager". He tried hard to set Himself free of Her grip. When He could not free Himself, He started crying like an obstinate child.



Seeing that Radha Rani let Him go and told Him to not come and play with them ever again. Krishna went home and feeling bad about having lost to Radha Rani, he wanted to gain Maiya's sympathy. So, He lied to Maiya saying, "a girl beat me up". Next day, Krishna requested Baby Radha and her friends to let Him join their game. Shri Radha being ever so kind and gracious allowed him to play with her and her sakhis, on the condition that He promise to pay the wager on His defeat. He promised and asked what would be the condition? Radha: "You always refrain from paying the wager. Hence, you decide what the wager should be and stick to that". So skillfully Shri

Krishna played a trick. He said, "Who so ever loses will have to pay the wager immediately. If I lose, I will have to marry You and if You lose, You will have to marry Me". Innocent Radha Rani could not understand the trick of pranky Krishna. She clapped since Shri Krishna always lost to Her and he would have to pay the wager. She rationalized it as "this time when He loses, He has to marry Me, I don't have to marry Him". Thinking thus Shri Radha agreed to play for this wager. Kripalu Ji Maharaj says,

Shyamsundar, in His mind, is extremely pleased with His frolic.

From Prem Ras Madira (Shri Krishna Baal Leela)

Witty laughter

Once, In the court of Dhritrashtra at the time when Dusshasan was pulling Draupadi's sari, Draupadi called out Shri Krishna saying (हे नाथ ! द्वारिकावासिन् !). At this time, she was not fully surrendered. She was trying to save herself by holding her sari between her teeth. Seeing that she still had some faith on her own strength to defend herself, Lord Shri Krishna did not come to her rescue, as He is bound by His law that "I grant and preserve the interests of only my completely surrendered devotees". When she could not hold her sari any more, she called out to Shri Krishna whole heartedly, abandoning all her strength and any hope of help from rest of the world, depending only on Shri Krishna. Shri Krishna appeared immediately, in the form of an unending sari (Ambaravataar) to save His totally surrendered devotee. Draupadi was upset with Krishna about the delay in coming to her rescue. Upon being asked for the reason, Shri Krishna smilingly said, "I was about to appear immediately, since I always dwell in your heart. But you called out to me saying O dweller of Dwarika! Hence I had to go to Dwarika first, before coming here, that is why I got delayed.

Once upon a time, there was a prince named Sudhanva. He was very religious and was a devotee of Shri Krishna. As per the tradition of his dynasty and kingdom all men were bound to have one wife only. Once, during Krishnaavtaar, when Shri Krishna and Arjun were travelling together for the accomplishment of Ashvamedh Yagya (Victory on the entire world campaign), Sudhanva decided to engage Arjun in a fight since he was desperate to see Krishna and also wanted to be killed at the hands of Shri Krishna. At the time of bidding him farewell for the battle, Sudhanva's wife joked with her husband, "Today you are going to break your vow of having one wife." Sudhanva asked with surprise, "why?" She said, "Since you will embrace Mukti Devi (liberation) on being killed in the fight with Shri Krishna today." He got the joke and said jokingly, "you are also going to give up your vow of loyalty to your husband." "No. How would I?" The wife asked him. He said, "You will embrace MOKSHA (liberation) after my death being SATI (sacrifice of life sitting in the fire with the dead body of husband).

Kripalu Leelamritam - An unforgettable lesson from a trapped cat

Long time ago, Shri Maharaj Ji (Rev. Shri Kripalu Ji Maharaj) was staying with one of his devotees named Shri Mahabani Ji in Pratapgarh city.

It was summer time. All the devotees were sleeping in the big courtyard after performing Satsang.

Suddenly they were woken up with some noise. Actually there was a cat, whose head was stuck in big pot of milk. She was trying hard to free her head. The devotees felt sorry and tried to help her. But whenever any devotee was helping her, she was wildly scratching them with her paws.



Hearing the noise, Shri Maharaj Ji also came out of His room and inquired what was happening. Seeing the cat in that state, Shri Maharaj Ji's heart was filled with mercy. Maharaj Ji acted very quickly. And speculating the right direction, he suddenly pulled away the pot of milk and freed the cat.

Having been rescued, the cat quickly ran away. The devotees, being impressed with Shri Maharaj Ji, admired Him for His expert handling of the situation and rescuing the helpless creature. They said, "Maharaj Ji! You did it so easily. When we tried to free her, she injured our hands badly". Saying so, they showed their injured hands to Shri Maharaj Ji.

Shri Maharaj Ji replied, "The poor Cat was an ignorant creature and its actions were not at all surprising". When saints come to deliver you humans, who are intellectually superior to all other forms of life, you act in much the same manner. Instead of achieving benefit of their association and teachings, you think that the saint is also a material being and has probably come to get something from us or worse still he has come to deceive us, and thinking so, never listen to the Saints, let alone follow their teachings. And just like the selfish thankless cat that ran away after being freed, you are also not the least bit grateful to the saints for their untiring efforts to deliver you.

KIDZ CORNER - Story: Three Witnesses of Every Sin

In a hermitage (*Ashram*) there once lived a saint. Several of his disciples used to stay in the *Ashram* with him to study the holy scriptures. Once the saint decided to test who is really paying attention to his teachings, grasping the concepts of the scriptures and applying them in their day-to-day living. With that in mind he decided to test his students.

He called all his disciples and said, “My daughter is ready for marriage. I am a hermit and have no means to get her married. I need some gold for my daughter’s marriage. Being my disciples, it is your duty to help me. However, make sure than no one gets to know how to got it”.

All but one student left the *Ashram*. Being unable to earn gold they started to device means for stealing and robbing. Guru said to the student who had stayed back “Why don’t you go and obey my orders”. The student bowed his head down and answered, “Guru ji, with all due respect, I have stayed back to fulfill your command”. With great anticipation Guru asked, “What do you mean son?”



The disciple explained, “Per your instruction when I steal, none should know about it. But there are at least three witnesses who already know about it - I, You and the omnipresent and omniscient God. Since your order is to steal such that none knows about it, stealing (knowing fully well that there are three witnesses to it) will be a defiance to your orders. That is why I am not going”. Guru was extremely pleased with him and hugged him with teary eyes. He called for all the students and narrated the story of how only this boy had really understood that God is omnipresent and that no-one is ever alone. Hence, when one constantly remembers that God is witnessing one’s thoughts, one can never sin.

Moral: According to the scriptures, a true Guru always guides his disciple to go towards God. If a Guru directs a soul away from God, he cannot be a true guru. If your so-called guru, misguides you and leads you to a path where you’d forget God, even for a second, do not listen to him. Just as Bali refused to follow his guru’s instructions of giving three steps of land to Shri Krishna, who appeared in the form of Vaman Bhagwan

Kids quiz

- 1) Which flower is adored by most of the Gods and Goddesses?
- 2) Water of which river of which country is ever pure?
- 3) Which country has the city of Beijing?
Japan India China Vietnam Korea
- 4) On which alphabet can you sail?
- 5) Which city is most useful but very dangerous in the entire world?

See the answers in the next edition

(Answers to the Quiz of previous edition: 1. Shri Radha wears blue because Shri Krishna's complexion is blue and Shri Krishna wears yellow since Shri Radha's complexion is fair with the hue of gold. 2. Peacock is the symbol of love. It is very colorful, beautiful and dances like a lover. 3. His favorite cow is Nandini.)

Jokes

Why did Adam think the day was so long? Because there was no Eve!

Why is 'six' afraid of 'seven'? Because 'seven' ate 'nine'!

A man trying to understand the God's nature asked him: "God, how long is a million years to you?" God answered: "A million years is like a minute."

Then the man asked: "God, how much is a million dollars to you?" And God replied: "A million dollars is like a penny."

Finally the man asked: "God, could you give me a penny?"

And God said, "In a minute."

Once a devotee said to Shri Maharaj Ji. "Please put your holy hand on my head." Maharaj Ji asked: "Why?" The devotee insisted, "Please do it. I will be blessed forever." Maharaj Ji laughed "My innocent son! Nothing will happen except that my hands will become greasy with the oil on your head."

What's Happening at Shri Kripalu Kunj Ashram

After a visit to Canada in early October, Didi Braj Banchary Ji returned to Houston to celebrate Deepawali, the festival of lights with the local Satsangis. It was a gala celebration with Keertans, Leelas, cultural programs and fireworks.

On the invitation of several devotees, Didi Ji visited Dallas in the first two weeks of November where daily Satsangs and weekend lectures were organized. Didi Ji was invited for interviews at Radio Salam Namaste and Funasia which covered one of her Satsangs live on radio. Interview archives can be heard at www.shrikripalukunjashram.org

Didi Ji organized a day retreat at Sanjeev Bhai's place in Celina TX, which was so blissful that the devotees requested the Didi ji to repeat the program in the last week of November. Didi Ji gracefully agreed.

Solution to the Riddle in Sharat Poornima Edition . . .

Riddle

There are two friends, who are giving their introduction to each other.

One of them says:

- God sends me.
- I live with all the living beings.
- All the individual beings are under my control.
- I can not be controlled by rishi, muni, yogi, bhogi or God-realized Gyanis.
- Even the Supreme God can not take any action against me.
- I control the entire universe.
- Some like me very much. Yet some people get afraid looking at me. And some are neutral to me.
- I came in this world when the world was created or since God, Soul and Maya came in existence.
- I am the well wisher of all the living beings. Yet the ignorant beings do not understand me.
- I want to tell you one more thing. Nobody can live even for a second without me.
- My friend! I guess now you know who am I?

What is your introduction?

The other friend: My friend! Now listen to my introduction -

- I am not sent by God.
- God does not even know me.
- I control everyone. The sages, seers, yogis and material beings are in my control.
- I am also eternal like you.
- No one can survive without me.
- And, you (the other friend) are my daughter.
- I can do everything but my daughter! You are not that mighty.

I think, now you know about me.

Solution:

The names of the friends are destiny (तकदीर, भाग्य) and fruit-yielding actions performed in this life (तदबीर, पुरुषार्थ). In the past countless lives, everyone has performed innumerable actions. These past actions are the basis of our destiny in this life, thus fruit-yielding actions is mother of destiny and destiny (तकदीर) is the daughter of fruit-yielding actions (तदबीर).

Individual souls are eternal. And both fruit-yielding actions and destiny are thus eternal. The souls is sentient and has a mind which is the doer. Yet the actions are inert. They cannot become fruits on their own. God selects only few good and bad actions for which one has to bear fruit in the present life. Hence God is the establisher and sender of destiny.

Fruit-yielding-actions are the reason for some people go to heaven, some go to hell and others come back on earth. And if one performs actions to please God then One can even cut asunder the bondage of Maya and go to divine abodes. So, fruit-yielding-actions are much more powerful than destiny.

All beings, regardless of whether they are in heaven, hell or earth have to undergo the fruits of those actions in the present life, which is called destiny (तकदीर). Some people like their destiny some people don't. But everyone, except a God realized devotee (*bhakt*), has to face their destiny. That is why Shri Maharaj Ji cleverly hides the word *Bhakt* (devotee) in this riddle. Only a God-realized bhakt (devotee) can skip to face the destiny, no-one not even a God-realized Gyani, can get avoid his destiny. God-realized saints chose to face their destiny but they don't experience any pleasure or pain from it. So they are neutral towards it.

God has given us a free-will. He does know our destiny for sure but He does not know what we will decide to do later in this life. So God does not know the future fruit-yielding actions.

कर्मणां संचितादीनां जीवोऽधीनस्तथापि हि । स्वतंत्रः क्रियमाणे वै कृ तो भगवता विदा ।

After God-realization one does not perform any actions so there is no question of God knowing those actions.

Both yielding actions (तदबीर, पुरुषार्थ) and destiny are relevant as long as one is alive. Upon death no one can perform fruit-yielding-actions. Therefore, the fruit-yielding-actions (तदबीर, पुरुषार्थ) claim that "no one can survive without me".