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Thursday

Maha Kumbh of Consciousness (The Great Aquarius /Pitcher of Divine Nectar Festival)

My Salutations to all Pious Souls.....

The 'Kumbh Mela' has been understood to have great importance since ancient times; this 'Kumbh' is organised during a special state of the Sun's energy.

Since ancient times, even after enjoying all the pleasures of one's life, man does not experience *that* 'happiness' in his life after obtaining which, all the search for happiness ends. Earlier, while searching for this same 'everlasting happiness', man used to take the support of other mediums in the form of 'Satgurus'. When the 'Satgurus' became estranged from society, then they would not be found in society, as they would be staying in the Himalayan caves; and the ordinary person could not go to the Himalayan caves at all. Hence, the ordinary person had found out a new path – on the occasion of the 'Kumbh Mela', the sages and ascetics staying in the Himalayan caves would definitely come to bathe (in the Ganges) on a particular special day. They would come and bathe only at the place in the direction from which the water used to flow; and when the ordinary person would bathe in the water in which they (saints and ascetics) had bathed then the ordinary person too could attain 'self-realisation' if he made such a wish.

However, only that person who bathed in the river with the pure feeling of attaining self-realisation could attain it; a person who would go there after becoming empty and free. He would go looking for that 'inner-happiness' after satisfying all the pleasures of life – that happiness which is the 'ultimate-happiness' of one's life; and after attaining which man goes beyond happiness and sorrow. But to find such a 'Satguru' in the 'Kumbh Mela' and to bathe in the aura of that Satguru with the desire of 'self-realisation' - all this was a matter of the right concurrence. It is possible that this wish could get fulfilled in one birth itself, and it is also possible that one may have to take several births for this 'bath'. Everything depends on the individual's 'spiritual state' - Satgurus who can bestow self-realisation are always present during the life-span of every person's birth; but man just does not have the physical body which can receive 'self-realisation'.

Man is able to obtain the 'divine physical body' which can receive 'self-realisation' after many births; the soul keeps searching for pure and favourable 'parents' for several births in order to obtain such a divine body. There are very few 'pure souls' who actually get such parents who can bestow such a divine physical body. That's why, whoever has obtained self-realisation in his own life-time, should first be thankful to his parents because of whom he has been able to get this divine physical body. To get a 'divine physical body' and the 'proximity of a Satguru' in one's life – both these are very rare. It is necessary for the 'union' of these two to occur in the same life-time, because Paramatma existed in the past, exists today, and will exist tomorrow too. 'Paramatma' is

always present in this world through the medium of a 'Satguru', although it is true that very few people are able to recognise the Satguru during his life-time. However, after his life-time people give that 'Satguru' the status of 'Paramatma' and start accepting that Satguru as God.

In reality, the 'Satguru' too is not God; the Satguru is just an 'ordinary person', but the Satguru does not have the sense of 'doership' within him. Actually, the Satguru cannot do anything at all for anybody; although, it is a different matter that everything can happen by his grace. He is just an empty pipe (medium), through whom Paramatma keeps flowing in the form of consciousness; actually, Paramatma is nothing but the 'Power of Universal Consciousness'. The Satguru is like an empty pipe, so Paramatma manifests before us through the medium of the Satguru; and then, there is such a great flow of consciousness, that the ordinary person cannot even see the 'Satguru's' physical body. Then, the ordinary person starts believing that the 'Satguru' himself is God. From the point of view of 'spiritual progress' this is necessary too as accepting anyone as God is the pinnacle of 'receiving'.

Secondly, it has been my personal experience, that **'the physical body (Satguru) through whose medium 'Paramatma' reached me in the form of consciousness for the first time in my life - I too could reach Paramatma through that very medium (Satguru) – and I had understood this 'ordinary' fact in just 'one moment'.**

And in just 'one moment', I accepted my Gurudev as 'Paramatma'; and my entire 'spiritual progress' went on taking place by placing my entire chitta on Gurudev's feet. I have not 'given up' anything in life for my spiritual progress; yes, it is a different matter that what was not required for (my) 'spiritual progress' was left behind. I was not able to make myself understand what was necessary and what was not necessary for 'spiritual progress.' **I only placed my chitta on the 'Guru's feet' and kept progressing ahead in life, and all the unnecessary matters kept moving away** – matters that I had been holding onto, 'believing' that they were necessary for spiritual progress.

Language, race, religion, country, colour, gender – all these walls which I had created out of ignorance collapsed, because I realised later on, that all these were related to the 'physical body'; and when **the physical body itself is perishable, so how can all these matters be permanent?** All these were unnecessary things which started moving away with the passage of time, and the '**soul**' started becoming purer and purer. But the family was not left behind, because the 'sapling' of spirituality has become such a big 'banyan tree' only due to my wife's nurturing. Today, the world can see the 'banyan tree', but that seed (which was) 'Shivbaba' is not visible; and the 'gardener' whose efforts and continuous hard work took care (of the sapling), and who for many years kept giving 'fertiliser' and 'water' to that sapling – that 'gardener' (Guruma) too is not visible. It is my personal experience, that the last thing which one gives up is the 'attachment' to the family – my son, my daughter, my grandson, my granddaughter – all these are the most difficult attachments (to give up).

The 'saints-ascetics' too know this, hence that is the first thing that they leave behind; but I did not catch hold of anything in life nor did I let go of anything. I got the life of a 'householder', and I 'accepted' that too. As the purity of the soul increases, even though one lives in everything, one is not present in anything – one's state becomes such.

Everything starts to happen with the passage of time, and attachment to the family

is always the 'last' (to leave); that 'final attachment' too got left behind six months back, after an incident which took place in the family. Now, I experience that I am free from all bondages. Although, I did not do anything to free myself from all these bondages, everything happened suddenly by 'Guru's grace' according to the needs of the time. That is the reason why, in the past 6 months the 'Guru-karya' has gathered a kind of momentum, and this same momentum will continue in the future too. Now, sadhaks will not have to walk, but will have to 'run' with me, because now there is less 'time' in life and a lot of 'work' has to happen.

This 'three-way confluence' of the Satguru's proximity in the 'Shree Guru Shakti Dham' and the golden opportunity of the 'Deep Meditation Practicum' during the 'Kumbh Mela' has occurred suddenly; and this **'Maha Kumbh of Consciousness'** will continue right up to Mahashivratri. Saints and ascetics from the Himalayas are definitely going to come to Dandi Ashram too, to bathe in this three-way confluence; and you will not only experience the effect of their consciousness, but see it too. If even the most ordinary individuals come to this three-way confluence, this **'Maha Kumbh of Consciousness'**, with the desire to attain 'self-realisation', then they can obtain it too.

This **'Deep Meditation Practicum'** is going to be 'incomparable' because of these three reasons. You should definitely come and bathe in this 'three-way confluence'; do not get stuck in worldly matters – the entire relationship of worldly matters is connected to the physical body, and here it is only the **'soul'** which bathes in the **'flow of consciousness'**.

Now, it is my prayer to God that you just come as **'a pure and holy soul and are able to bathe in the consciousness of this three-way confluence'**.

Lots of blessings to all of you...

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