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SATYANUSARAN (The Pursuit of Truth)

The degeneration of humanity began at that moment when the unseen God was made infinite and, ignoring the Seers, the worship of Their Sayings began.

Oh Mankind! If you desire to invoke your good, forget sectarian conflict. Be regardful to all the past Prophets. Be attached to your living master or God and take only those who love Him as your own. Because all the past Prophets are consummated in the divine Man of the present.

~ Sree Sree Thakur Anukulchandra



The Only 'Ism' of Life

*Where the nurture of existence
evolves into upheaving
enthusiastic ardent active urge
with complacent service,
interest flows there,
people gather,
community flourishes,
society comes into being
with the lustre of freedom
and rolls into the One- the Love -
the Anointed Advent,
whose doctrine is love, life,
growth and piety;
commune of people smile there
with the trickle of nectar
hence Dharma
that upholds existence
is the only 'ism' of life,
interest of the common;
sovereignty blossoms there
and the love winks in smile.*



Sree Sree Thakur





ASHIRWANI

(Blessings from Param Pujyapad Acharyadev Sree Sree Dada)



Sree Sree Thakur is our Ideal, the very centre of existence of all of us. Only by remaining totally adhered to Him with every mighty urge and worshipful-endeavor. Serving him piously with unquestioning allegiance, and doing everything for his sake with whole-hearted sincerity and vigor, we become true to ourselves and come to true piety for others. He is fulfiller the best. Only by serving and loving Him, we may attain perfection in all our actions, words and behavior. By remaining in tune with his existential ordinance, we join true happiness and may make others happy too.

May your resolve to be His and His only, resonate your own heart and also that of everyone else with ever undiminishing peace and happiness.

Love and R.S.

Dada

26.08.2010

Satsang, Deoghar



Sree Sree Thakur Anukulchandra

Sree Sree Thakur Anukulchandra is Fulfiller The Best who descended on earth on 14th September 1888. He brought with Him the principles of Being and Becoming. Satsang, also known as the man making factory, eventually developed around Sree Sree Thakur and innumerable people found their Guru, Father, Doctor, Scientist, Savior, Lord in Him.



Sree Sree Boroma

Sree Sree Boroma was the wife of Sree Sree Thakur. She was the epitome of perfect womanhood. Sree Sree Thakur mentioned 'Had your Thakur been born as a woman it would have been exactly what your Boroma is.' Her life re-wrote the definition of a wife, a mother, a daughter, a caregiver.



Sree Sree Borda

Sree Sree Borda was the eldest son of Sree Sree Thakur. Sree Sree Thakur had said, "Boro Khoka (eldest son) is not just my son by blood, but also son by culture." He was the principle Acharya Dev of satsang. He guided the satsang movement and was the living Satyanusaran (Holy book written by Sree Sree Thakur).



Sree Sree Dada

Pujyapad Sree Sree Dada is the present Acharya Dev of Satsang. He is the grandson of Sree Sree Thakur. Sree Sree Dada's vision has expanded Satsang activities around the world. He envisions lives of every human being walking the path of upliftment by accepting the Holy Name.



Pujaniya Babai Da

Pujaniya Babai da is the great grandson of Sree Sree Thakur. He has been spearheading the activities of Satsang under the guidance of Sree Sree Dada. He has been working tirelessly to materialize the wishes of Sree Sree Thakur of 'Peace and well-being' everywhere.



*All the prophets of the past
converge and awaken
in that of the present.*

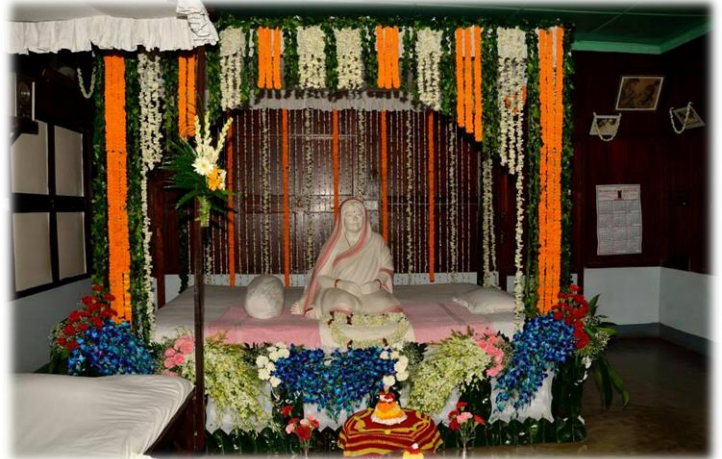
*Love to Him
is love to all -
in the worship of God.*

Sree Sree Thakur

Beauty of Deoghar



Sree Sree Thakur's Vighra (Idol)



Sree Sree Boroma's Vighra (Idol)



Sree Sree Borda's Vighra (Idol)



Morning Prayer in Deoghar



Pujaniya Babai Da offering Pranam to Acharyadev Sree Sree Dada.



Acharyadeva Sree Sree Dada at Natmandap with devotees

International Ritwik Conference

The men behind the mission!

*Quarterly Ritwik conference led by
Present Acharya Dev Sree Dada.*





Artwork by Baishali Chaudhuri, 11 years old

Message from the President's Desk



September 12, 2015

Welcome all Guru Brothers and Mothers.

Today we celebrate the 128th Birth Anniversary of our Supreme Love Lord, Sree Sree Thakur Anukulchandra. We are humbled to have the divine blessings from Param Pujoyapada Acharyadev Sree Sree Dada as well as guidance from Pujaniya Babai Da.

This year's event marks our 11th consecutive American Utsav celebration. Additionally, it is our 2nd under the banner of Satsang America, representing all devotees of Sree Sree Thakur throughout North America.

This note welcomes not only our brothers, mothers and young children of Satsang but the many visitors who are with us to enjoy our festivities. Visitors come for a variety of reasons. As Satsangees, we need to make them feel comfortable among us as well as helping them understand more about Satsang and the spiritual methods and philosophy of our beloved Thakur.

Our Utsav requires significant efforts from many volunteers. Although our Utsav is occurring here in Queens, NY with many local Guru Brothers and Mothers contributing their time and financial support, it is important to note, that significant support comes from many Satsangees located across North America.

I hesitate to name individuals for fear of leaving someone out. However, I will not deny the request of Preeti Marasini ma, the Editor of today's souvenir booklet. The following individuals have provided important support for the souvenir: Mitali Bhadra, Anwasha Baidya, Suman S Dey, Shaswati Ghosh, Gabriel Lichtgarn, Gisela Lichtgarn, Abhijit Panigrahi, Raj Marasini, Ram Kinkar Thakur. Additionally the ad team of: Arunjit Mazaumdar, Dinesh Kshatriya, Debarttasharan Dey, Ganesh Chowdhury, Khokon Das, Manoj Nanda, Rintu Das, Satish Sil, Subinoy Das.

Please enjoy this wonderful souvenir remembrance on today's occasion. Reading the personal articles along with the philosophy of Sree Sree Thakur will help your own personal development.

Lastly, everyone please be inspired and be in high spirits while enjoying our grand celebration of the Birth Anniversary of our Beloved Love Lord, Sree Sree Thakur Anakulchandra. Bande Purushottamam!

Jeffrey Renert (SPR)

President, Satsang America

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Rules

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A dictionary definition of "rules": set of explicit or understood regulations or principles governing conduct within a particular activity or sphere.

Why do rules exist? Rules provide an orderly existence in one's life or in society at large.

Who monitor's and enforces rules? This is the responsibility of parents, governments, police, employers, umpires, referees, coaches, doctors, educators, positions of authority and one's self.

Can you imagine life without rules? The political term would be called anarchy. Civilized Society's term might be lawlessness. So what should this mean to you, my dear reader of this treatise?

Psychology is not my area of expertise; however, it seems to me that very few of us might go through our daily lives thinking about all the rules we unconsciously abide by. However, there is no doubt that the overwhelming majority of humans follow rules both consciously and unconsciously.



**Sree Sree Thakur at a
young age**

So what is the point?

My idea is: if we could possibly find a way to raise the "level" of "rules" to manage our existence what would be the results? "Level" in this thought process would indicate a consciousness beyond every day mundane or normal routines. Therefore, the concept of higher level might mean "what rules should one do to be mentally healthier". Or, what activities will make you more relaxed...create a quieter mind...possibly making one more at ease with one's own life as it currently is...not trying to compare or compete with other personalities...how to relate to individuals who take you out if your comfort zone...and so forth.

My experience indicates that having a personal coach, mentor or life guide that you can fully believe in and whose philosophy and instructions (rules) you can commit to, will bring you the wisdom and understanding that will allow your life to blossom into the beautiful fulfillment of your existence.

For me, my idea was to find a Guru or spiritual teacher to help me with my personal development while becoming fulfilled in who "I am". This did occur. A fellow traveler introduced me to a little book call Satyanasuran. Inside was a picture of the author, Thakur Anukulchandra. My fellow traveler pointed to the small black and white photo and said "the people in this ashram call this man God". The content of the book was this man's (God?) philosophy. My interest was piqued. Soon my quest took me to Deoghar Satsang. Fortunately for me, my Guru was discovered.

It is important to know that in sports, academics, business or life itself, to achieve "success" as determined by you the seeker, one needs a "coach" who will not only inspire and motivate you but provide "rules" or guidelines to keep you on the "path" to achieve your goals. It is important to have full confidence in the "leader" and the rules that are in place for your "success".

The above concept is described in the spiritual world as having a Guru-disciple relationship that will provide the philosophy and structure (rules) to guide the seeker on the path toward one's spiritual goal; sometimes describes

as "the purpose or meaning of life". You, the one seeking, need to grasp the discipline of devotion and faith. These two required aspects of commitment are critical to one's ability to be adhered to your teacher and enable you to reach your goal.

The majority of the readers of this article have Sree Sree Thakur as their Guru or "life" coach. Most have had positive experiences to enhance their commitment of faith and devotion to help them adhere to Thakur's guiding principles and basic instructions (rules).

For those of you who are new to Satsang and the philosophy of Sree Sree Thakur please consider the following: Engage in talks with Satsangees to hear a first person understanding of our Guru Thakur Anukulchandra. And, or, you should consider reading about Thakur and Satsang America at our website www.SatsangUnitedStates.org. Either way, keep in mind, to achieve your goals and aspirations in life, rules are necessary. Additionally, it is immensely important to have the right teacher, coach, mentor or Guru to shape the rules that best fit who you are.



The Message

Be Adored

*Do you duty
with apt service
and perform it successfully,
do not embezzle your attention
and energetic volitional urge,
be not eager for result prematurely,
be not stupefied by it;
work will declare
your resultant reward
and Providence will provide
for your sincerity
and you will be adored
with the result;
thus have the boon of
heavenly flower.*

Sree Sree Thakur



The Mission of Human Life

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There is a very interesting dialogue between a saint and a young student, which meaningfully explains the mission of human life:

- Saint : What are you doing these days?
- Student : Studying.
- Saint : Why are you studying?
- Student : to appear for exam.
- Saint : Why to appear for exam?
- Student : To obtain a certificate.
- Saint : Why a certificate?
- Student : To secure a job.
- Saint : Why a job?
- Student : To earn money.
- Saint : Why to earn money?
- Student : To live my life.
- Saint : Why to live?
- Student : (Bit annoyed) Because I cannot die. I cannot commit suicide which is a crime.
- Saint : (Sweetly) No, not at all my boy. Life is not to commit suicide or to die.
- Student : So what is the purpose of human life? The student was keen to know.
- Saint : To live for others. Emphatically replied the saint and went on explaining. In the world of nature the plants, the birds, the animals live for themselves. Yet they serve mankind in various ways, being unaware of their service.

Whereas being the highest and best creation of nature, the human being mostly lives for himself. He is selfish, confined to himself and his nuclear family. Most of the problems of mankind are rooted in this very nature of human being.

All the religious scriptures of the world have taught us to live for others. Lord Jesus says **“Love thy neighbors as thy own self”**. Indian scriptures, saints and savants have echoed and re-echoed about the global family from time immemorial.

Man is a social being. From birth till death he depends upon both animate and inanimate objects to sustain his own self. Others are not apart from us. They are integral part and parcel of us. We cannot live without others. Outstanding scientist of the 20th century, *Albert Einstein* emphatically points out “How many times a day, I understand that how much my inner and outer life is built by the labor of others. And how earnestly I must exert myself to give in return for what I have received and still receiving from them. Man is here for the sake of other man. He further said 'a person who is religiously enlightened appears to me to be one, who has to the best of his ability liberated himself from the fetters of selfish desires and preoccupied with the thoughts, feelings and aspirations to which he clings because of their super personal value'. [ref: Out of My Later Years by Albert Einstein]

Paul Campbell in his book 'Modernizing Man' writes 'man evolves when he uses his brain for unselfish rather than selfish aims. It means caring enough to have a strategy to meet the needs of the neighbors across the street across the border and across the world'. Again to quote Albert Einstein who forthrightly writes in the essay under the caption 'Society and Personality' - “we notice that our whole nature resembles that of a social animal. We eat food, that others have produced, wear clothes that others have made, live in houses that others have built.”

Likewise, we are indebted to others for our very survival in so many ways but strangely enough we do not want to do anything for them. Modern civilization has taught us to be utterly selfish, individualistic and self centered. Such a way of life, breeds tension, frustration, depression, anxiety, sense of uncertainty, insecurity, helplessness, uselessness, loneliness, etc. Consequently, it makes us victims of many killer diseases like Hypertension, cancer, diabetes, etc. and thus cuts short of our precious human life.

In order to develop intimate feelings for fellow human beings, it is essential to follow in the foot step of Living Human Ideal, selfless supreme well wisher of all, a universal divine personality. Such rare personalities, down the ages are worshiped as Lord Jesus, Lord Mohammad, Lord Anukulchandra (1888-1969).

Lord Anukulchandra reverentially addressed as **Sree Sree Thakur**, who used to say **“In my childhood days, I had no money, manpower, education, knowledge, talent. Only thing that I knew was to unconditionally love others. Love, and love for others only being my sole capital. I lived a life of adventure and the Supreme Father sensing my utter helplessness had bestowed upon me his unlimited blessings, enriched me with heavenly treasure to serve mankind”**[ref: Alochana Prasange]. The irresistible pull of the power of his love has drawn people from all walks of life around the world. His tradition is being continued through his eldest son and grandson respectfully addressed **Sree Sree Dada** (83 years). Sree Sree Thakur defines Dharma as the science of life, spirit of which is to **“live for other is to live for one's ownself.”**





Sree Sree Thakur: A Contemporary Scientist and Beyond

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'Scientist' is referred to a person who observes nature keenly, does experiments, derives conclusions and formulates some laws which are accepted by one and all. For instance, the formulation of law of gravity by Sir Isaac Newton, theory of relativity by Sir Albert Einstein and others.

Sree Sree Thakur Anukulchandra had a very extra ordinary brain capable of going into finer and finer levels of observations of the surroundings. Sree Sree Thakur often talked about atoms, electrons, quanta etc. and many more scientific aspects with his disciples during his conversations upon various subjects. Later on, those divine messages were compiled and published in the form of various books. His utterances and messages are so amazing that one feels completely spell-bound after reading them. Here are few of Sree Sree Thakur's messages:

He describes 'Science' as:

"To know a thing with all it's components and their co-ordinating adjustments, peculiarities with their actions, differences and similarities, in all specific specifications is science-as I call."

He goes on to describe 'Galaxy' as, ***"Conglomeration of light-corpuscles which are adjusted and adhered in a thrill of effulging urge and shoot accordingly with penetrating thrashing everything with every violent flow, and cosmic shoots which create whirlpool of effulging masses and come out with a thrash in its wavering quake, turn into planets and create cosmos; this-the galaxy or the milky ways I think"***.

He defines 'Atom' in the following manner,

"Atom is composed of ethereal offshoots, as microscopic globules with their component particles-as I think".

About the 'Starting of Creation', the Lord utters,

"The booming commotion of Existence that rolls in the bosom of beyond, evolves into a thrilling rhyme and up heaves into a shooting Becoming of the Being with echoes that float with an embodiment of Energy-that is Logos, the Word,-the beginning".

The above messages of Sree Sree Thakur uttered originally in English were compiled by a scientist, Sree Krishna Prasanna Bhattacharya(Kestoda) who had earlier worked as an assistant to Nobel laureate Sir C.V. Raman. When Kestoda asked Thakur about how could He uttered such wonderful messages without actually reading any books on science or having any specialization in English language, the Lord answered, "I have seen all these facts through my naked eyes".

My grandfather, Dr. Ramchandra Sinha, who is also known as the father of Geochemistry in India, had visited the Ashram of Sree Sree Thakur in the year 1952 before going for his research at Imperial College, London. Geochemistry was not known in India till that time. Upon grandfather's meeting with Sree Sree Thakur, the Lord asked him, "what will be your field of research?" My Grandfather replied, "Geochemistry". The Lord instantly replied, "When you go for research, try to collect information regarding the movements of atoms and molecules from the soil into the plant body, from the plants into the atmosphere and then back to the soil through the

rains". My grandfather had never expected such an answer from someone who was presumed to talk only religious subjects. He took his words out of respect but with little attention. But after reaching London, when he opened a brand new book entitled, 'Geochemistry by V.M Goldsmith' the first line thus read: Geochemistry is the science that deals with the movement of molecules from one sphere to another sphere. Dr. Sinha was quite astonished after reading that line because it exactly coincided with the words spoken by Sree Sree Thakur during his meeting with Him. He wondered, how could an ordinary looking Brahmin, who hails from an ordinary village in Bengal, wears dhoti¹ and sits on a wooden cot, know exactly what Geochemistry is, as subject that was not so far known in India!

Sree Sree Thakur used to pluck out small grasses and plants during his childhood days and observe them carefully. After hundreds of such observations, he derived a conclusion that all the plants, even human beings have been derived from seeds. He said, in order to produce good human beings, there has to be a good compatibility between the seed and the soil. Here, seed is referred to as male and soil referred to as the females. He said, to improve the quality of the zygote, and to bring down good souls on this earth, proper marriage system has to be adapted. Sree Sree Thakur always discouraged miracle mongering. He said, 'miracle is a mirage of foolishness, miracle is a mirage of ignorance'. He said, what is miracle for you, is purely science for me. He had also given various logical explanations behind incidents which were earlier supposed to be miracles by his followers.

Sree Sree Thakur often talked about improvement of motor-sensory co-ordination by offering oblations to the Lord, a practice that we call as **Istabhriti**. By performing Istabhriti regularly, a person is able to overcome disasters due to empowered sense of perception and responsiveness. Sree Sree Thakur was highly evolved in all respects. He was not a supernatural being, but an 'abnormally normal' human being. Such maximally evolved personality is called as "Purushottam" or Fulfiller the Best. Sree Sree Thakur had never come to show any miracles rather, He said, whatever is done by me can be done by you as well, if you are able to increase the efficiency of your nervous system and brain, by the regular practice and repetition of HOLY NAME.

Finally I conclude that by taking refuge at the feet of such a fully evolved man who can be also called as 'Perfection Embodied', and by meditating upon the HOLY NAME given by Him through the holy initiation, one can also get evolved to one's fullest extent.



Sree Sree Thakur



Sree Sree Thakur

His Infinite Life, Unconditional Love, and Guaranteed Lift

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Sree Sree Thakur in a spring dawn in His early repatriated life in Deoghar, Bihar (now Jharkhand), India delivered the following message spontaneously:

“Loyal unicentric love-leaning
In thoughts and deeds
Acts like Opsonin
That leads one to fulfill
The principle of life
In accordance with the issues
Of beloved the Great.”

When a devotee asked the meaning of the word ‘Opsonin’ Dayal Thakur replied, “Opsonin is that relishing agent of blood that activates the phagocytes to destroy the bad bacteria in our system.” Himself a medical doctor, who graduated from National Medical School in Calcutta, India, He devoted His entire life to cure all the ailments from mankind whenever possible. I say possible due to the fact that He still needs an active impulse from the person who is seeking a rescue even today. This active impulse is the resultant phenomenon of a devout life that follows the principles of being and becoming.

Sree Sree Thakur is no longer physically in mortal frame, but He sure left a Living Ideal for us whom we can see, feel, and interact with for every problem. I plan to introduce our current Acharyadev ParamPujyapada Sree Sree Dada downstream in this article.

Dayal Thakur cultivated economics to address and repair the state of the then economy in India. He practiced medicine to diagnose and treat the patients. He advised us as a nutritionist to keep us healthy and informed us how our culinary habits actually work against our body, mind and spirit. He opened charitable hospital, girls’ high school, boys’ high school, Library, college for post-higher secondary education, drug and chemical research laboratory, mechanical workshop, universal kitchen (where people are offered food {Prasad} without having to pay a fee), Satsang Philanthropy for transparency in transactional accounting and to offer significant charitable contributions whenever there is a natural disaster around the country.

But His phenomenal giveaway are eternal things such as how to adjust our complexes (the internal resistors that keep me from growing to blossom as a human being) by actively practicing the principles of life as administered by Him. He offers us the Holy Name (also known as ‘New Name’), proper repetition of which gives us the ability to outmaneuver the obstacles by adjusting our psycho-physical world. Our sensory organs get to develop stronger, we can accomplish the daily chores much too easier, and more importantly, it internally sweetens our dealings with the external world, and we can inculcate the same onto our next generation. The advantage is incalculable. For instance, we often tend to forget how many times we get to accrue realistic benefits on a daily basis. Sometimes we do not even register the blessings that we are bagging. The more and more we can honorably embrace to His divine dictation, we can feel the process of internal divine alignment that takes place. My life gets sanctified, I get to love others naturally, be loved by others like never before. My being gets elevated and the range of my perceptive faculty grows which in turn develops my integrated materio-spiritual resources.

Once Sree Sree Borda was telling a story to Sree Sree Thakur about a friendly skirmish between two disciples Ray Haussermann and Bholanath Sarkar. Haussermann Da was saying that we must do what Thakur does. BholanathDa was saying that we must do what Thakur asks us to do. Sree Sree Thakur after hearing the story commented, "My life is my materialized maxim". He then kept on telling the story of Prophet Mohammed. Once a mother approached Rasul and asked His advice of how to rectify her son's unending love for sweets. This was precarious for her son's health which was leading to bad health. Rasul listened to the mother and replied, "Please come and see me after a month". The mother went away from the scene. And Rasul actually amended His own dietary habits by ridding all the sweets by practicing for the month. He later proclaimed that had He not amended His own practice of consuming all the sweets, His advice to the mother for her son would not work. This is how precise the character of the Prophets are. This is why He is the Shepherd of mankind. He does not like that any one of His children should be out of His flock (lost).

***"Be constant to your Lord with meditation,
Do serve Him as much as you can,
Go on and have bliss."- Sree Sree Thakur***

But life is such a humongous and uncertain place, even when we are sheltered it may bring us some sufferings every now and then. People may mistrust me, abhor me. Sree Sree Thakur gave this practical message what we should do to adjust ourselves at the unsettling time:

***"When sufferings and abhorrence in life
Fail to set up repugnance against Ideal, principle, cult, and culture
And to prompt perverse venture –
There lies manhood, education, and wisdom –
Frailty is off, eyes glow, mind is adjusted up."- Sree Sree Thakur***

Yesterday, I was talking to Ritwik Devata Indra Prasad Bhandari Da about recent earthquakes in Kathmandu, Nepal. Among many things and many lives that were destroyed, our Gurubhais (brothers and mothers in faith) did not suffer any injuries or fatalities. People in Nepal are talking about how Satsangees could avert near death situations---the powerful earthquakes could damage the mighty Dharahara Tower but could not shake the little huts of our brothers.

It reminded me of a similar incidence with the 1999 Super Cyclone in Orissa. I was visiting Deoghar Thakurbaree right after the incident. Pujyapada Sree Dada was narrating how there was no evidence of loss of life in people who had been practicing Istavrity in his or her life. Chapala Ma, a middle aged lady who lives in Orissa near Bhubaneswar, took responsibility on her own and jumped on to serve others whose lives got affected and impacted by the devastation. She rented a car, filled up with gasoline, gathered some brothers and mothers in faith, collected rescue items such as Rice, Lentils, Water, Potatoes, basic clothing, monies, etc. and ventured across the area of devastation. This is what happens when someone like her can dedicate her life to "cause death to death" being inspired by our Love Center Sree Sree Dada. She could have said, "Satsang is paying so much money for the rescue efforts – it's okay for me to stay home and pray for the best". Instead, she chose to endanger her life, did the true Jaajan (service for the community) just like our Love Center would like to motivate us. Later on, I had the rare opportunity to know the entire family including her loving husband Sree Hrusikesh Senapati.

Sree Sree Thakur had reminded us what William James wrote more than hundred years ago –

***"He will stand like a tower
When everything rocks around him***

***And when his softer fellow mortals
Are winnowed like a chaff in the blast.”-William James***

"কৌন্তেযপ্রতিজানীহিনমেভক্তপ্রনশ্যতি"(Lord Krishna in the Gita assures Arjuna that His devotee will never be destroyed). Faith can overrule utter disaster, and our instincts can steer us clear from the upcoming dangers that remain unknown but almost all of us inevitably experience. The protection from God delivers what no insurance agency in the world can provide.

"স্বল্পমস্যধর্মস্যত্রায়তেমহতভয়াত"(Whomever practices a little of the divine rules can overcome the greatest fears) is what Sree Sree Thakur mentioned very frequently to His devotees. He teaches that if we can remain attached to our Living Ideal, we can work on our internal adjustment and accomplish comprehensive growth. Sometimes we get attached to and remain attached to Him, and at other times, we can set Him aside. This vacillating attachment keeps us from being mindful to His cause. Sree Sree Thakur once said that many of the people that used to come to the Ashram did not even come to Him. They would offer pronam to him and then leave His company to enjoy theoretical and philosophical discussion with Ananta Maharaj (a devotee of Thakur); they knew if they would come to Him, He would have asked them to do something.

Sree Sree Thakur always proposed the very nuts and bolts of Dharma (that which upholds our existence and furthers our becoming – aka religion in common parlance).

He defined Spiritualism as follows:

“Spiritualism is the investigation and invention of the hows and whys by which matter extends and grows to the acceleration of our being and becoming.” – Sree Sree Thakur

On education, He offered:

“To bring out and materialize a congruity from among varieties and unify them meaningfully; discovering their relation to existence is the essence of education” - Sree Sree Thakur

He wanted us to become ‘selfish’ by maintaining constancy in adherence; thereby our active allegiance will be automatic accordingly.

His three-prong practices of **Jajan** (Practice of repeating Holy Name in a prescribed manner), **Jaajan**(Inquisitive service to the community or nearest environment while communicating the realization that emanates from **Jajan**), and **Istavrity** (Daily offering of a gift of love to the Superior Beloved which was earned by active service) are three of the major tenets of His teachings.

He looked to us for initiating social remediation. Divine redemption will be feasible when people will actively engage their lives in the above three practices. He once narrated a story of a deer that wanted to savor the green leaves from a tree; the greenest leaves were highest up. In pursuit of this, the animal would stretch its two front legs and try to almost climb the tree, and one day evolved into a giraffe. Similarly, the psycho-physical evolution of humans can transcend to a level that is unheard of. It is not impossible to generate Brahma-like human beings everywhere – He dreamt.

To get rid of paupers from our society, He prescribed to obfuscate *Idleness, Ungratefulness, Egotism, Lack of Self-Confidence, Envy, and Lack of Servitude*. Once this gets done, the world will once again become a place what He had been longing for all this time.

Once Jamini Roy Chowdhuri Da, an engineer from our Ashram in Satsang Deoghar, commented “If we look at the

world today, it is hard to believe that to what extent God is active.” Sree Sree Thakur replied, “Man (or Woman) wants Life, Victory, Wealth, and Glory. If people can watch us grow with those attributes, then they will value the resources within us. If they see that we are totally dedicated in Ista (Superior Beloved) and ignore materialistic interests, then they will also revere us. But if they see unsuccessful lives among us and we have remorse due to this non-achievement, they cannot be elevated or encouraged by us. Each one of you should work for each other. People will then have faith in that concentrated love that each one of you can demonstrate. Through this, the people will feel the active presence of Iswar (God) in the world.”

Param Pujyapada Sree Sree Dada is relentlessly pursuing Sree Sree Thakur’s wishes day in and day out. His every action gives us the zeal to move forward toward Thakur and establish a selfless society which is only possible if



Sree Sree Thakur

we have a common interest, a common Living Ideal, and a common platform. Sree Sree Dada always has an optimistic outlook and energetic will. It is thus He perceives resistance as an opportunity for growth in us. Param Pujyapada Sree Sree Dada is seeking, it is getting done by His pious followers almost magically but without any magic in it. Miracle is something we do not understand how to interpret it – Sree Sree Thakur stressed on it. Param Pujyapada Sree Sree Dada is pushing one agenda after another for our growth, so we get blessed to do things at the proper time without procrastination.

And now, Pujoniyo BabaiDa (Sreejukto ArkaDyuti Chakravarty) is implementing all His father’s wishes and delivering the same on time. What a musical rendition, what a rhythm that Pujoniyo BabaiDa executes. In doing so, He created a divine environment (Ishtanukul Parimandal) in the entire universe. The Prakriti (nature) is becoming conducive to our Love Center’s wishes. A 90+ year old Ritwik Devata completed more than 1000 initiations riding on the back of a moped in a term (about three months). A new father sacrificed not to see the face of the new born until the mission was accomplished. He did not come home because he had to finish what he was doing. Another Ritwik Devata ‘ignored’ a sick mother and accomplished with valor carrying out the commands of the Guru only to find out that his mother recovered miraculously. The above two gentlemen actually initiated fifteen thousand + people each in the same term. And our total constellation of Ritwik Devatas initiated 1.5 million + people in the Satsang Secretary Sreejukto Kartik SarkarDa aptly commented that someone had this vision of how to accomplish the task. And that someone was our loving commander Pujoniyo BabaiDa.

Yesterday I got a call from our Ritwik Devata Indra Da that early morning he was able to initiate a person with the holy name. Few hours later, I got a message from our Ritwik Devata NiharDa in London, UK that they just initiated seven people. Last week, our Ritwik Devata RajDa called me and told me that five people got initiations. I can go on and on and on. Except I do not quite understand how all these things are happening, it never happened before. I guess love has an element of magic that when left to burn, it can inflame many torches to enlighten all the humanity to abolish all the darkness.





Three Noble Things

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"I have no time at all to do the practices after taking initiation of your Thakur," replied the gentleman with much reluctance, when approached for Holy Initiation (Satdikshya).

Further he added, "I have heard about the dikshya. It's very difficult to maintain, so many things to do morning till evening. It's time consuming. Please forgive me this time. I am too busy, I have no time."

I intervened, "Who told you all these things? Sree Sree Thakur has just asked us to practice only three tenets after initiation, not so many things."

"Only three things?" the gentleman asked surprised.

"Yes", I answered. "The path shown by Sree Sree Thakur is easiest ever to lead a successful life. In the modern civilized world, everybody is worried about his/ her elevation in all spheres of life. Sree Sree Thakur has given the guarantee of elevation, if one gets attached to these three: Sadguru, Satnaam and Satsang", I added.

I noticed a change in his attitude. He started showing interest to listen more about SreeSree Thakur. He told me to describe the relevance of **Sadguru**, **Satnaam** and **Satsang** in one's life.

I simply quoted the famous sayings of Sree Sree Thakur in the holy book SATYANUSARAN, "***Take to the feet of a true Master (Sadguru), go on taking the Holy Name (Satnaam), and remain in the company of the devout (Satsang). Truly I say, you have no more to worry about your elevation.***"

Further I added, "Sree Sree Thakur has said, '***Try to be in tune with the master, and don't follow your mind; progress will never leave you.***'" What more do you need? Sree Sree Thakur Anukulchandra, the prophet of our age, is giving you written assurance that, just surrender yourself to the Master and leave everything to Him. Elevation, progress and prosperity, will spontaneously come your way."

"Is it really possible for a busy man like me who works 12 hours a day, to pursue Sadguru, Satnaam and Satsang?" The gentleman asked with much sincerity.

"Yes, why not? You are spending almost half of the day for your livelihood; can't you spend a few hours for all around elevation of your life? Surrender to Sadguru, repeat the Satnaam and take the shelter of Satsang- all these can be achieved only by Holy Initiation, which is a matter of half an hour," I advocated.

"I can accept Holy Initiation right now, but is it not difficult to maintain the principles of dikshya?" he asked. I saw quite a few wrinkles on his forehead.

To make him comfortable I said, "Here also Sree Sree Thakur has advised to perform only three things, which are Jajan, Jaajan and Istavrity. While Jajan is concentration of thought on the Ideal, Jaajan refers to propagation of concentrated thought in the environment and Istavrity is offering oblation in kind to the Ideal."

I continued, "Jajan is a psycho-physical exercise. It includes activities like meditation, prayer and reading of Holy scriptures etc. Jajan stimulates the functioning of the brain cells to make them sensitive and receptive.

“Second, Jaajan is to serve one’s environment through both word and deed, so that others’ lives can be exalted towards Ideal. To try for one’s own elevation neglecting that of the environment may bring failure in life. Through Jaajan one has to serve the environment in such a way that, every individual becomes inspired and exalted towards the living ideal.

”Third, the daily love offering is called Istavrity. One has to offer something for the nourishment of the Ideal every morning before thinking of self nourishment. Sree Sree Thakur says, “The first oblation to Him in daily life, offered with the united eagerness of body and mind being concentric in the Ideal, with desire for earning only in order to feed Him is called Istavriti.”

As Sree Sree Thakur has said, our sadhana revolves around three, Ista (Living Ideal), Aham (Self) and Pariparshwika (Environment). Through practicing Jajan, Jaajan and Istavrity one can exalt others towards the living ideal, pursue personal elevation and nurture the environment .

While depicting all these to the gentleman, an inspiring incident of childhood days of Acharyadev Sree Sree Dada’s life flashed in my mind, which was revealed by Acharyadev himself during an informal discourses session some years back in Puri . Sree Sree Dada was hardly 10 or 12 years old. One day he asked Sree Sree Thakur, his loving grandfather, “Dadu! If you could simplify the process of sadhana of a satsangee a little more, then more and more people could adore Satsang”. In response to his eldest grandson’s question, Sree Sree Thakur affectionately said, “Dadu, this is the easiest way available for the survival of mankind and it’s elevation. It can’t be cut shorter any more”.

The irony is that, mankind is now so obsessed with materialistic activities that it has left no room in mind to understand what actually is needed for his elevation. Even we are reluctant to listen to the words of that Man, whose one and only mission is to save mankind from suffering.

The following words of Sree Sree Thakur reveal his love for mankind.

“I love man; I want the well-being of man– I know, wherein lies the suffering of man and I go on doing that which might obliterate it. It is not something of luxury to me; it is the craving of my soul. What is a greater constructive activity than this, is not known to me. Men have become completely shattered and do not know what is meant by adjustment and self-control. That is why they are retreating step by step in the battle of life....and that is why I put forth the importance of Jajan, Jaajan and Istavrity.”

Finally, the gentleman agreed to take holy initiation, who had been showing reluctance a few minutes before. I realized, as it is said, Sree Sree Thakur is doing his job, but we have to be His instrument.





Our Promenade on Finding Guidance

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2014 was a start of an extraordinarily worthwhile journey. As on this path we got to know the reason for some of the mysteries we had encapsulated deep down ourselves. We, mom and I, would randomly had experienced few of those mysteries. Mom has expertise on this, I have to admit that I was unaware of the reasons for the mysteries existence. It is a fact when such mysteries had arose-- even scarcely-- I never thought consciously about them. It was neither part of our daily life nor of our common understanding. Rather, when it came to us, it arrived "out of the blue" so to speak. Though our actions that caused such experiences were limited within one or two events, those very scarce events were transformed into memorable actions. Later on, when remembering them it felt like we have being awakened, we had the feeling of being "alive" ...like the rest of our life were mostly mechanical.

There is no exaggeration when I say that while recalling those memories we would feel more powerful, confident, proud ... all these feelings that make us be more human in a positive way. Like when we had a family dilemma and every one were deeply disappointed by one of the member's decision of getting married. It is not that my family was against the happiness of the future couple to be. Not that the couple didn't want to understand the family perspective about this life-changing decision. It was merely the stress that brought sadness, fear, anger and disgust in both sides, whereas a marriage should be an event in which everybody would be joyous, isn't?. Yes, a little bit of fear is totally fine... after all, fear makes us take some extra effort for the sake of our loved ones.

So how is it that such dilemma yield to a memorable event in our life?

The fact of living away from the rest of our family makes us behave as an arbitrator. We would be able to dissect both perspectives, analyze them carefully and propose that both sides in the family. At the end of the line there isn't really two sides in a family. We all are longing for the same purpose: to be happy and complete the family journey pleasingly.

Although it is easy for everybody or at least it was easy for us, mom and I, to be aware of the unnecessary stress in a problem that we do not face personally. There was something missing when a negative event will be part of our individual experience. I had been closed in the same context of sadness, disgust, anger and fear as my family was in the marriage case. I would not be able to reflect and be aware that unnecessarily I am getting the stress on myself. I would be reacting blindly, not even realizing that in fact I am not facing more than a simple issue. Nothing that will affect my future growth. What an irony, when I most needed it to stay with me, my capability to respond properly would vanish.

In 2014 I was introduced --by my dear friend Ram Da-- to Satsang, to Sree Sree Thakur's teachings and to the opportunity to have Him as my guide. It is quite easy to continue with our personal growth with a guide in our side, with somebody who will help us to become an arbitrator of our own beings. It is more delightful to be able to grasp our negative emotions and --as Sree Sree Thakur says-- accommodate such complexities accordingly that will yield not only to our own benefit, but radiate beyond that. It will radiate to our near ones; could be our colleagues, our family, our friends anybody who gets in touch with us really. Regardless of how far away we are from each other, when we have joy it is gratifying to be contagious. Having a guide to count on and get rid of complex, negative emotions is like having a lantern in the middle of the darkness, such lantern will enable us to see the light --as I read on the "Ideal Centric"--we cannot fight darkness without the help of light. Being aware of those complexities is like a lantern on our reach.

I knew that there is nothing wrong with being sad, disgusted, angry and in fear. I was aware that any common human being experiences these emotions in one way or another. But what Thakur taught me is that we should be aware that WE are able to manage those emotions in a healthy way. That is the most powerful mystery I got to know so far.

In order to develop such skill and transform this capability into a habit in my day-to-day life, I would need to practice and practice and practice. I should always look for His teachings, I should be always involved, not only on learning but sharing what I learned. Sree Sree Thakur is for me the guide I was always longing for. Somebody who is teaching me that, we all are absolutely able to be the arbitrator within ourselves. We can all prevent the sickening experience of being manipulated by our complexities. I find Thakur's teaching like a **state-of-the-art** recipe in a book, opened in the right page telling what to do next to get good. Now, I am sure we are all capable to accomplish the right thing, to take the most productive actions whether we are facing right times or not.

There is no such a thing as negative event. What matter is how graciously we act while facing such events? Whatever is it, our potential to take healthy decisions and face challenging times more graciously will rely on our learning from the right guidance in life, which is Thakur's guidance. As my good friend Ram Da would say: "...from being devoted to the Ideal".

Being powerful, confident, proud and more human in a healthy way are extraordinarily beneficial for our continuous success in life. Who wouldn't want to follow such path?

My mom took initiation during her first visit to Houston, this March 2015. We couldn't be more blessed than that. Yes Ram Da! I do agree if we experience something favorable for us, we surely would want to share it with our loved ones. And I would quote my favorite today's message "He who gives a life of love gains a life of love". Sree Sree Thakur is a father, a teacher, a friend, a guru, our ideal for both of us, my mother and I. It is the one who is teaching us to experience events that makes us feel proud and confident and powerful in a healthy way every day. He is the guidance we were seeking for on our promenade in life.

And what fascinates my mom and I is that Sree Sree Thakur is there not only for me and you but for servicing the entire society.



Devotion to Parents

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In the revelation #19 of the 1st Day in Punypunthi, the Supreme Spirit expressed, -“সংকীর্ণতারগন্ডিভেঙ্গেমাকেধারা **“Sankirnatar Gandhi Venge makey Dhara”** - ‘Break the boundary of narrow thinking and take the shelter to your living mother.’

With the uttering of the word मा (Ma) , a tuning in the nerve system of the body rings in unity with the Supreme spirit. That is why the word ‘MA’ is so honey-sweet. When it is written with the same letters from opposite direction, the word becomes आम ‘AM’- meaning a mango, the Royal sweet fruit.

Few days back one of my gurubhai asked me to write something for the souvenir for ‘Satsang America’. In my school life, I read in Sanskrit book, -“Niraste Padapa deshe, Arandapi Drumayate”- meaning, - In a country where there is no tree, an aranda plant is designated a tree. I am not a writer or a litterateur, an aranda tree in a far distant country.

We started the discussion with the revelation # 19 of 1st day, of Punyaputhi , whereas revelations # 10 to 21, all deal centering mother. It is said that the success in human life depends on our devotion, dealings towards and blessings from of our parents. The blessings of mother are effective in every aspect of our life. Sree Sree Thakur teaches us, -“worship your mother.” Father protects the family and mother stays beside us in birth, nourishment and growth. This is and should be the living philosophy in every family.

Now let us discuss **Bhagabatam** (a Holy book). In Bhagabatam, 10th Skanda, Chapter 45, Sloaka, #9, #5, #6, #7; After the Killing of Kangsho, Sri Krishna released His parents from Jail and bowed to His parents- Debaki and Basudeva, saying, -

“तं क्लृप्तमर्हत्तत् मातर्नौ परतन्त्रयो ः ।
अकुर्वतोवर्षां शुश्रूषां क्रिष्टयोर्दुर्हदा ड्शम् ।”

“O my father and mother! We are unlucky as we were subjugated by other; we were unable to serve you as we were afraid of our foe, Kangso, so forgive us”.

“सर्वार्थसम्भवो देहो जनितः पोषितो यतः ।
न तयोर्वाति निर्वेशं पित्रोर्मर्त्याः शतायुषा ।।”

"Sarbartha-Sambhavo Deho Janitah Poshito Jatah,
Na Tayorjati Nirbeshang Pitroarmartyah Satayusa. "

All the characteristics like Dharma etc. evolves in the human body. Such a body is formed from the father, mother and nourished by them. The human who are prone to death, cannot repay the debts of parents, even by his longevity of one hundred years. Lord Krishna said again:

“यस्तयोरাত्मजः कल्प आत्माना च धनेन च ।
वृत्तिं न द्यात् तं प्रेता स्मांसं खादयन्ति हि ।।”

"Jastayaratmajah Kalpa Atmana cha Dhanena cha,
Britting Na Dyat Tang Preta Swamangsang Khadayanti Hi".

The son who being able, does not serve for the livelihood of parents with his body and wealth, the envoys of Jama(the killer deity) give him unpleasant experience after death.

After this, Sri Krishna also appeared before Nanda Raj and mother Jasoda, embraced him and praised them as they adopted and reared Him and his brother as their own sons, He said:

“पितर्युवाद्यां स्निग्धाद्यां पोषितौ ललितौ भ्रुशम्
पितरोरभ्याधिका प्रीतिरात्रजेन्मत्नोहपि हि ।।”

"Pitarjubabhyang Snigdabhyang Poshitow Lalitow Bhrisham ,
Pitrorbhyadhika Pritiratmaje Shatmanohpi Hi ."

O my father! You have reared us with more care than your own body and have been affectionate to us. Parents' love their children more than their own body. He also said, those adopting other's children are also real parents.

“स पिता सा च जननी यौपुष्पीतां स्वपुत्रवत्
शिमुन् बन्धुभिरत्सृष्टानकल्लैः पोषरक्षणे ।।”

" Sa Pita Shaa Cha Janani JowPushnitang SwaPutrabat,
Shimun Bandhubhiruthshristan Kalpaih Posharakhane ."

Those who nourish and rear the children, thrown away by their own relatives are the real parents. Sri Krishna also said that when God comes down on earth, He has to come through a divine mother. Sri Krishna said, "Though I am beyond birth and death, Lord of all beings, I take birth with my divine power with the help of the mother- nature". Here this **Atma-Maya** is also His creative motherly quality.

From the above discussion, it is clear that in the creation, the maternal power is mostly viable. Bible also advises to have respect and devotion to Parents. In **Ephesians,6-1,2,3**,it asks everyone to do the following:

- 1) Obey your parents as the Lord, for this is right.
- 2) Honor your father and mother.
- 3) That may be well with you and you may live long on earth.

Sree Sree Thakur says in the Holy Book Punyaputhi (1st day, 1st revelation) "I want a pure soul." For the purity of a soul it needs the blessing of its mother. Sree Sree Thakur further says in Punyaputhi:

My mother is the mother of hundreds of Gurudevas! O, yes; that is right, that is right! (#14)
Look, listen to this best news! Jogesh! Golden opportunity is ahead of you! You are the most elevated one, that is why you have got a mother, a mother for you. (#15)

A pure soul wants a mother. (#16)

Everybody takes the dust on head from the feet of mother.(#17)

Break open the barrier of your narrow thinking and submit yourself to the mother. (#19)

Mahaprabhu would not have been able to do anything if he did not get the energy bestowed upon Him by His mother. (#20)

ParamaBrahma is present as soul in everybody. This soul's conscious 'Will' when united with energy takes a worldly form or shape. Every mother possesses that energy which connects to the prime center of the supreme power thus giving birth. We would commit a great sin in case we disrespect other's mother and only consider the own mother as Devi. So I say , look at all mothers like your own mother. Mother has reared you with the blood of her heart. Your duty is to serve that mother with love and devotion. There is no Devi like mother. Anybody who wants to see God, in flesh and blood, let him look at his parents. When mother is happy and bless a person, he has no dearth of anything. He always lives in happiness and remains above any want. But he, who's mother weeps, his Golden family also turns to ashes within a short time. Even if he is a supreme spiritualist, a Sanyasi, will get no happiness.

If parents may rear children with lack of care then also they should not neglect parents at any cost; if they do, they incur sin. We already got such unkind parents by committing one sin, then why should we initiate a new suffering by committing a new sin again? You will be able to understand this once you remember the words , - "Pita Dharma, Pita Swarga"-meaning,-Father is Dharma, father is Heaven. Consider Parents, elder brother etc, including all the elders as direct Devatas in human form.

While advising the women, Sree Sree Thakur said-‘Husband is the supreme Devata, Consider the parents of the husband as your own parents. Parents, who have given birth to you, they have given you in marriage. Consider the parents of husband as the direct Deva-Devi. If they become happy and bless you, you will have no suffering at all. But if they are unsatisfied, you will not get any happiness even if you live in Baikuntha (a part of Heaven).

Now we shall try to know how Sree Sree Thakur respected his parents. In His school life He used to write many poems that depicted His talent showing respect to parents.

দেখিতে কি পাও জীব এ মহীমভলে,
ঈশ্বর কাহার নাম, লোকে যারে বলে ।।
তুমি যদি সে ঈশ্বরে দেখিতে নারিলে,
কেমনে ফেলিবে ফুল সে পদকমলে ?
মাতাপিতা দেব-দেবী, এই ধরা তলে ।
পূজাবে তাদের তুমি ভক্তি-ফুল দলে ।

পিতামাতা সর্বময় দেখ নিরখিয়া ।
পূজহ তাদের জীব খুলে দিয়ে হিয়া ।।
মাতা স্বর্গ মাতা ধর্ম মাতা ময় সব ।
মাতাভিন্ন এ জগতে সকলই শব ।।
ব্রহ্মাবিষ্ণু মহেশ্বর যত দেবগন ।
মা-রব তাদের কাছে, অমূল্য রতন ।।

O! The beings, in this world, can you so low?
Whose Name is Iswara (God),
whom the people call so?
If you cannot see that Iswara or do not meet.
How would you place the flowers on His feet?
Mother and father are the Deva-Devi, under this sky,
Pray to them with flowers and respect much high .
Yee! Look intently, father and mother exist everywhere,
Praying to them with your open heart, would be fair.
Mother is Heaven, mother is Dharma,
everything is linked to mother,
Whatever you see around is a corpse,
having no link with mother.
All the Devas like Brahmah, Bishnu, Maheswara,
Sound Ma, is a priceless Jem, to all of them, so far.

According to Thakur, - The mothers who are in our individual houses are the part of the Universal Mother Durga, who eliminates our sufferings. On the occasion of Bijoya Utsab on the 21st Aswin, in the Bengali year, 1355, He expressed His blessing as below:

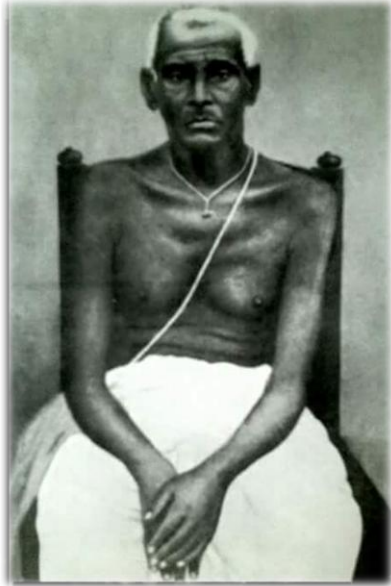
ভগবতীর পূজা করি, তার মানে-
নিজের মাকেই উপাসনা করি,
আর এই মা আমার
এমনতর ঐশ্বর্যশালিনী,
দশদিক্‌হরণী
যাতে অচ্যুত আনতিই আমার দুর্গ-
সেই আনতির মধ্য দিয়ে
যখন মার চরণে নিবেদিত হই
স্বতঃ-সম্মিতে
সক্রিয়তায়-
তখনই মা আমার দুর্গুতি নাশিনী,
দুর্গা

We pray to Bhagabati (Godess)
it means-
We do worship our own mother,
And this mother of mine ,
Is vested with such a wealth and
Protector from ten-directions,
That unfailing obeisance to her is my stronghold,
Through that obeisance,
When I bow to the feet of my mother
In self-consciousness ,
With active move,
Instantly my mother stands as the eliminator of
sufferings, The Durga.

Sree Sree Thakur, -expressed again a new blessing on the occasion of Bejoya-Dashami in 1358 (Bengali year), in another poetical verse that was published in the book called AshisBani and it is printed below:

“মনে ক’রো না
 মাকে বিজয়া দশমীতে বিসর্জন দিয়েছ,
 বরং ভাব, ঐ দশভূজা, দশপ্রহরণধারিণী,
 অসুরদলনী সেই মা তোমার
 তোমাতেই উৎসৃজিত হ’য়ে
 জীযন্ত দীপ্তিতে
 তোমার জীবনে জীবন্ত হ’য়ে উঠেছেন;
 তাই সেই স্ক্রু দশমী
 বিজয়া আমাদের সবারই অস্তিত্বের কাছে;
 তোমার প্রসূতি যিনি
 সেই মা-ই ঐ মা,
 তাঁর চরণ-ছায়াই তোমার কাছে স্বর্গ,
 ঐ চরণ-তলই তোমাদের দুর্গতিনাশিনী
 দুর্গতিনিরোধী দুর্গ,
 তাই ঐ মা-ই তোমাদের দুর্গা- দশভূজা;

Do not think,
 You have thrown away the mother in water,
 on Bijoya-Dashami,
 Instead, think, that ten-handed one,
 holder of ten weapons,
 Repressor of demons,
 that mother of yours,,
 Being grown in yourself,
 With enliven brightness,
 Has become lively in your life;
 So, that brightful Dasami,
 Bijoya is associated with the existence of us all.
 She who gave birth to you,
 That mother herself is that mother,
 The shade of her feet is Heaven for you.
 The sole under her feet is the eliminator of your sufferings,
 That is the stronghold of fort restraining your sufferings.
 So that mother herself is your Durga, - having ten hands.



Sree Sree Thakur's Father



Sree Sree Thakur's Mother

To express in short, Sree Sree Thakur, the energetic power of that Mother-Durga is established in our real mothers. She nourishes rears, protects us and fulfills us in all aspects of our physical and mental up-bringing. For our all round developments and fulfillment in life, in every step of our life, we have to obey and have respect to our mothers at home, because the energy flowing from the **cause-center of our life is the motherly energy**. In all walks of our life-in and out of home, in each of our action, in every thought, in every movement, and in each endeavor of our life, only the blessings of mother is the way and inspiration to make our life victorious. Individually or collectively, Satguru is our life- central, an essence of our existence.

Mission Ten Lakh – A Pursuit for Being and Becoming

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For any common man, the figure 10,00,000 = 1 million or 1000 thousands is not common, but seems to be rather huge and unapproachable. Exactly, when this huge figure is set as a target to accomplish in terms of diksha (initiation) and within specified time limits, then no satsangee (devotee) or gurubhai in particular can turn a deaf ear, instead the news is bound to create excitement, amazement and energize all, especially the fraction of 'karmi' (worker) who would actually have to work towards achieving the target and without the least doubt of not being a winner.

Yes, I am talking about the recently accomplished 10,00,000 plus mass initiation program, which I proudly address as "MISSION TEN LAKH (MTL)". I don't know if I am authorized to write an article on MTL, because personally, my contribution towards this mission is null, except for the least I did was praying for its success to Sree Sree Thakur and do 'Naam' (repetition of the Holy Name), each time my karmi husband ventured out for diksha program with enthusiasm and hope.

The emotions, sentiments and zeal about this mission has been so overwhelming, I could not help but pen down some of my perceptions about the perspective of this mission, to make an effort to highlight the greatness of **Pradhan Acharyadev Pujyapad Sree Sree Dada.**



Sree Sree Dada with Pujaniya Ma

The event blessed by Sree Sree Dada speaks about His foresightedness that has once again revolutionized the SATSANG world with His charm and grace. The MTL is one of its kind and perhaps the 1st highest figure mass initiation program, being conceptualized and directed to flag off soon after completion of the 5,00,000 plus diksha program. The blessing for the MTL showered on 1st January, 2015 and had to be completed before the 299th All India Ritwik Conference in April, 2015.

This event saw some slight modification in its mode of action where all levels of gurubhais participated and contributed, no matter in whichever way possible, either by doing jajan, sponsoring satsang program, encouraging workers and helping them in the diksha program to materialize and fulfill the blessings. Ultimately as a consequence of combined effort, the final figure crossed the mark and reached a whopping 15 lakh plus!

Here, I recall what Reverend Babaida (eldest son of Pujyapad Sree Sree Dada) had once said about how Sree Sree Thakur had organized the Satsang in a pattern that takes shape of a pyramid whereby the top belongs to the Pradhan Acharydev and the three levels of workers occupy the subsequent levels below followed by all the gurubhais in the base and hence each level have their own specific responsibility and duty to accomplish. Now, this is exactly what we saw during MTL, the very innovative endeavor of Sree Sree Dada, engaged all the levels together jointly for one mission and so the combined efforts have paid off. The event gave birth to a strong sense of team work, where everyone united together to work towards the Utsav of MTL.

The success of MTL enhanced the confidence level of all the gurubhais who have once again realized that following His commands, without least hesitation or doubt is the only way for our spiritual success, and also the way for our overall up-liftment. Our complete surrender to His will removes all the obstacles and hindrances. If we try whole heartedly to follow His commands, we can excel in everything, no matter how hard/tough the task seems to be as Sree Sree Thakur mentions – “Doing is the mother of getting” (Satyanusaran).

Some very interesting instances that occurred during the MTL about which Reverend Babaida had discussed, really mesmerized me. These instances are so motivating, tempting me to share few of them:

- One Ritwik whose mother is bed ridden, very ill and in a situation to bid farewell to this world at any given moment. This dada goes to a far off place along with his team and gets quite busy with the initiation program. He started getting frequent calls from his utterly upset sister, who argued as to how logical was it to leave one’s very ill mother behind and go out for diksha, that could have been handled later. Such remarks changed his focus and he made up his mind to leave diksha work halfway and get back home. On his way back, he recalled what Reverend Babaida had once told him, that if in a situation where he must choose between Almighty or his family, then whom he would choose. He at once realized that, will he be able to save his mother, if he gets back to her. He thought, even the greatest of doctors cannot go against the rule of nature and keep their mothers safe from death, if their time comes to go. So how can he be able to save her? He at once stopped and turned back for diksha work. Later, finishing his job, he reached home, his mother enquired about the number of initiations and encouraged her son to go ahead with the diksha. She lived to see her son excel and fulfill Sree Sree Dada’s desires.
- Another instance is of a worker, very old and bed ridden, unable to speak or move. Following strict instruction, not to leave any worker behind for the MTL, a group of co-workers visited and informed him – “our Acharyadev has desired for 10,00,000 diksha, so dada, won’t you wish to contribute, we are leaving 1000 diksha materials for you and hope for your participation”, saying so, the co-workers left. After about a month, the co-workers came across the same old man, who was bed ridden and to their astonishment, he said, “I have already completed 1500 diksha and if possible, please leave some more diksha materials for me to continue. The worker’s dedication and love for the Acharyadev and his will to fulfill ‘His’ desire worked wonders that even cured the old man of his sickness and made him so confident, that he forgot to worry for himself, rather his only mission or target was to work for the success of MTL.

Last but not the least; I would wind up by recalling Reverend Babaida’s message to all during MTL that reads– “Roll on like a flood”. This message was a big respite to boost and energize all the workers. The wave from this message encompassed everyone in its fold and ultimately the target was achieved.

Lastly, I offer my heartfelt Pranam to the lotus feet of Sree Sree Thakur by whose grace, we have Pradhan Acharyadev Sree Sree Dada and Rev. Sree Sree Babaida in whom Sree Sree Thakur is alive and by their blessings, we have been fortunate to witness such a historical event in this small life of ours. Come let’s pray together that by Sree Sree Thakur’s mercy, the whole globe, irrespective of any geographical boundaries, caste, creed, race, religion come under one and only divine shelter – ‘SATSANG’. Praying and looking forward for some more such marvelous missions ahead.

Dharma, Religion and Sree Sree Thakur

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There is a fundamental difference between Religion and Dharma. The English word "religion" is derived from the Middle English "religioun" which came from the Old French "religion." It may have been originally derived from the Latin word "religo" which means "good faith," "ritual," and other similar meanings. Or it may have come from the Latin "religãre" which means "to tie fast."

Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary says that religion is one of the systems of faith that are based on the belief in the existence of a particular God or Gods. The New Collins Dictionary gives the meaning of religion as any formal or

Institutionalized expression of the belief in a supernatural power(s) considered to be divine or to have control of human destiny.

The actual meaning of Sanskrit word 'Dharma', is different from the English word 'Religion'. Few thousand years back, in the world's known oldest literature Vedas, Dharma is defined as follows:

" Jibanam bardhanam cha api dhriyate sah dharmah "

If we translate this Vedic hymn into English from Sanskrit, it means whatever holds and expands life is called Dharma. So Dharma manifests life and growth of every living creature on the planet which is omnipresent since the beginning of the existence of life on earth.

Thakur Anukulchandra, the prophet of current age, has defined the meaning of Dharma in very simple words:

***"What makes us live and grow
with healthy maintenance—
is Dharma in short"*** - Message – Vol – II

We can find extreme similarities between the thousands of years old Vedic hymns and in the message of Thakur Anukulchandra. Since in most of the contexts in modern era, Religion and Dharma is considered synonymous, hence He also mentioned in His own hand written book 'Satyanusaran (The Pursuit of Truth)':

***"The stay of all existence is Dharma... Dharma never becomes many. It is always one.
There is no variety of it. View may be many – even as many as there are people. Still,
Dharma cannot be many. In my opinion, to speak of Hindu Dharma, Christian Dharma,
Mohammedan Dharma, Buddhist Dharma, etc. is wrong; rather, they are so many views. "***

From above mentioned definition of Religion, it appears Dharma promotes integration and inclusion in the society.

Sree Sree Thakur Anukulchandra has defined the meaning of religion as follows:

***"The act of binding oneself with the Ideal,
in love, worship and admiration and to live on accordingly
in an acceleration of one's being and becoming
is Religion to me."*** - Message – Vol – I

So according to Sree Sree Thakur, act of attaching oneself with the his/her own Ideal, in love, worship and admiration to achieve his/her being and becoming i.e. finding the correct means and ways to live and grow individually and collectively.

In an extension of the definition of Religion He also defined the meaning of being Religious or doing religiously in most comprehensive way as follows:

“To do something religiously means to attend it and act accordingly with all its adjustment in relation to other things or affairs, specially those pertaining to life and growth and their adjunct tendrils by which we know thoroughly all the affairs and objects ligared with their existence and uses.” - Message Vol -II

According to Him being religious means act of adjustments of our acts, behavior and characters with the things or affairs which are conducive the existence of ourselves and our environments.

Although apparently it appears that ‘Religion’ and ‘Dharma’ are completely different concepts but Sree Sree Thakur has defined a very fine connection between ‘Dharma’ and ‘Religion’ as follows:

“To uphold the life and growth of self as well as of others is Dharma, the seer of life and growth, the adjusted personality to bind oneself unrepellingly with Love-Lord— and to follow Him accordingly is Religion, and to be initiated is ‘to be born again’” - Message – Vol II

So it means Dharma is something which is absolutely imperative for the survival of every creature on earth. This is the eternal meaning of Dharma and it was defined thousands of years ago in Vedas. But Religion i.e. the act of attaching selves with one’s ideal and following Him to adjust personality is the practical way to achieve Dharma. So Dharma is fulfilled in Ideal and attachment with Ideal can be realized by **initiation** process only.

But unfortunately in today’s world following fundamental attributes that are associated with the term 'Religion' for many of us:

- That a religion is conclusive, that is to say it is the one and only true religion;
- That a religion is exclusionary, that is to say, those who don't follow it are excluded from salvation and
- That a religion is segregative, that is to say, in order to belong to it one must not belong to another.

These three notions of religion – conclusive, exclusionary and segregative, give religions a hard-edged identity. In these concepts of religions, there has been a strong emphasis on the separation of “believer” and “non-believer”. The believers have faith in it but there are discrepancies between many of the acts of these people and their beliefs. Non-believers want to avoid religion to enjoy a life without the apparent restrictions put by religion.

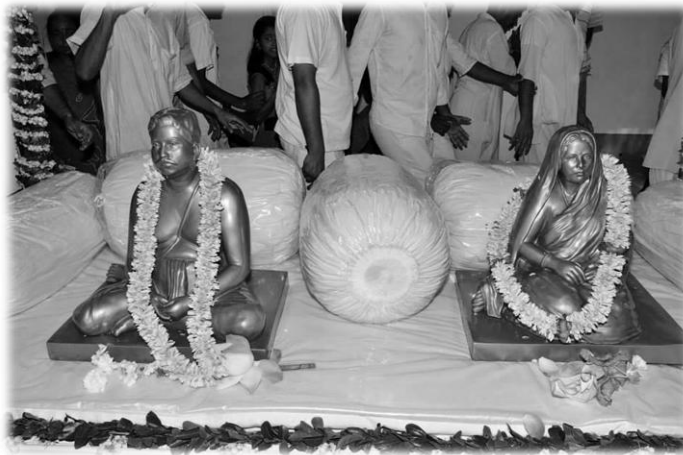
The world, today, is like a melting pot, where contemporary principles, considered as universal, timeless constructs, have failed to provide to the people of the world a cohesive identity. Much of the global crisis today has come about because we human beings have abandoned Dharma and sought to impose our beliefs and desires not only upon other human beings, but on all of life and nature, subordinating the entire planet to our selfish ends.

So today we need a new consciousness in the world, recognition of the universal Dharmas of being and becoming and bliss that unite all creatures. In current age Prophet, Sree Sree Thakur Anukulchandra has explained the real

meaning of Religion and Dharma in most pragmatic and scientific way. In last few paragraphs only few of His divine messages are quoted out of more than 86000 pages of messages provided by Him in His lifetime which are essentials for achieving all beings to have the rights to exist without interference, to develop them, and find their own happiness as per individual instincts. So certainly it is worth for every individual from all walks of life to explore life and teaching of Sree Sree Thakur Anukulchandra to get the ideas about survival and elevation further in life.



*Glimpses from Snan Utsav 2015,
Deoghar*



Sree Sree Thakur and Sree Boroma idol during Snan Utsav



Sree Sree Dada pulling the chariot

Women's Code (Nareer Neeti)

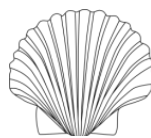
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Whenever I read "Nareer Neeti" also known as "Women's Code", I always get surprised how come a male could write or speak about exact needs, rules, disciplines, and characters of females. Next moment, I correct myself by reminding me that Thakur is above the earthly male and female. He is the present Fulfiller the Best and the fulfillment of all the present and past God and Goddess. There is nothing unknown to Him. For Him, Sree Sree Baroma (Sree Sree Thakur's wife) was the embodiment of a perfect woman. Once Sree Sree Thakur said, "Had your Thakur been born as a woman, it would have been exactly what your Baroma is". So we can see, Thakur showed his best respect and love to Baroma, which is ultimately to all of us. "Women's Code" is the manifestation and reflection of Thakur's love and respect to the females. One verse from Women's Code is as follows:

***"WORSHIP AND AFFECTION – IN SERVICE."
Sustain and worship the superior;
love and elevate the younger –
serve everyone according to the needs. # 85***

We can see how brief but meaningful the verse is! It seems almost everything came in to these few lines. I am sure if we can apply literally only these few lines in our everyday life, we not only will feel comfortable but also will become a model to others. Little ones in the family feel secure when we the adult talk in harmony and satisfy their needs with love. Similarly, We should take care of our elderly family members too. Their presence is very important for us. We should value and prioritize their feelings and needs with sincerity. And if we consistently practice this we will be benefited in the long run. Thus we will be able to develop our children's culture and moral faculties by assimilating our own moral to them. When we continue to do that they will be imitating us unconsciously and apply the same activities in their adulthood. However, I agree that sometimes there are some exceptions may happen since we came from different family and practices.

One common complaint is the fault finding between daughter -in-laws and mother-in-law. But we, the daughter-in-laws, should handle the situation patiently with a smiling face. As Thakur said, if we continue to think good and do good for others they eventually will cooperate with you. And here is where we are different from others who did not get a chance to accept Thakur as their Guide/Master/Teacher and who never get chance to read such a sweet instructions about how to become a nurse and nurture the people in home. If we can be solicitous to the superiors, show compassion to younger, and sanguine to what we are doing by the name of Thakur, I am sure there will be no room for remorse for our conscious misdeeds. As Thakur said, "the desire of the good for others is the mother of one's own good". This desire of the good should be applied in our day to day life by adopting the above verse # 85 of "Women's Code".



Satsang: A Foundation for Young Generation

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The world is continuously transforming. Some people may have different opinion and might say it changing or spontaneous evolving. The way we express our view depends on every individual's perception. However Nature or universe has its own law and that could never be changed. Therefore we have very limited options, either we follow the law of the nature or we create our own law. Apparently the 2nd option might look beneficial for short period of time but it is not sustainable in the long run. So it is always better to proceed as per law of the nature else nature will take its own path. Perhaps this would be the only way for sustainable growth all the time.

Interestingly, we are always striving on how to do better and better every day. We are not keeping any stone unturned for our development. We need to think for sustainable growth. To my understanding, Sustainable growth relates to a complete package of an individual's life. There could be ups and downs but the overall result should be decent, enjoyable and blissful. But most of the ritual for 'Being and Becoming' which is part and parcel of our life was lost in the course of the time. Sree Sree Thakur has given us a complete package of life. This is very important for the young generation especially. They can get the maximum benefit by achieving the opportunity to practice it from their early life.

Thakur has described everything that a person needs in his whole life. A lot of our customs, beliefs are get firmed from the childhood. So childhood is very important time in our life which institutes our whole life cycle. This is called the foundation of life. If foundation is not formed properly we may need to regret at a later age. Study is one small part of life but the more important thing in life is to learn the norms and build the grounds. Satsang is a man making industry and Thakur has given us everything that we need to shape our foundation.

A very common topic we argue is development of memory and generally our parents try every means for that from our childhood. Thakur has given the principle of repeating the Holy name at the age of Five years and initiation at the age of Twelve years. This is very proven that Holy Name and Meditation are very powerful tools for developing memory and mental health as well. If one can start from the right time he doesn't need other means for his mental development. Another important aspect is attachment through Satsang activities. This works as a motivator in the unconscious mind of the young generation. We need to encourage our children to get their attachment to Sree Sree Thakur. Attachment is like recharging of battery and we need to do it every day. Thus young group will feel urge for the Supreme Father and try to do something for Him.

If we only advise our future generation or if they read books only to develop their character, it might be very hard for them to materialize in their life. However if they experience through various Satsang activities, that will emboss in their mind for whole life. It is said that 'seeing is believing' and thus it will transform their intuitive mind. They will also develop the skill on how to respect parent/elder, time management, keeping their words, stress management, helping others and so on. Therefore it is very important for them to be attached with him to learn the tips for life.

For instance, I would like to share an experience from my surroundings. A child who is raised in a Satsang family when mingles socially, knows its limitations and boundaries. In a casual get together, many are crossing their limits but the Satsang generation is unable to do so. Even though they go for a while they will feel a pull or urge and they will come back to their normal life. This is the effect of good foundation which was built in early stage of life and Sree Sree Thakur has emphasized that every time. Thakur has said that three most important things in life are **Initiation, Education and Marriage**. Implementing those principles in life in a timely manner will shape individual's future and also ensure sustainable growth.

Now a day, a lot of people are doing research on motivation, mental development for youth etc around the globe. They are trying to develop theories what Sree Sree Thakur gave us more than hundred years ago. Those researches are like few drops from the ocean in compare to what Sree Sree Thakur has given us. Recently for one of my certification exam, I was asked to go through a book called 'Seven Habits of Highly Effective People' written by Stephen Covey. This is one of the bestselling books for couple of years. The writer emphasized on seven habits of highly successful people around the world. The First habit the writer mentioned that we should not keep things in our mind and must turn it in action since we can't keep our motivation long. In Satsang world this is first principle of Swastayani (next step after initiation). Sree Sree Thakur said whatever good things came to your mind, turn it to action immediately. Thakur told these more than hundred years ago. The writer also told about another habit which is 'Begin with end in mind'. This means you think that you will not be alive tomorrow and behave with others keeping that in mind. This will change your behavior to them. In 'The Pursuit of Truth' (Satyanusaran) which is written by Sree Sree Thakur, He says:

"As long as you feel pain in your body and mind, keep trying to remove the pain of even an ant".

Stephen Covey pointed out another habit as 'Sharpen the saw continuously'. Thakur has given us very powerful tool to sharpen which is Repetition of Holy Name and Meditation. Never the less I found all the seven habits of highly effective people are part of Satsang activities. Young generation hardly need anything beyond Satsang activities to become highly effective in life. That's why Sree Sree Thakur assured us saying:

"Take to the feet of a true Master, go on taking the Holy Name, and remain in the company of the devout. Truly I say, you have no more to worry for your elevation".



Members of Thakur family including children during prayer

Finally, as a guardian we need to involve young generation persistently. We need to be very conscious on how we behave to children, how we talk, how we respect others, how we serve the Lord and how Thakur's work get most priority in life etc. Children will experience it and will try to follow. Eventually their character will be different than others if they follow the Supreme Father from their heart. They will be loved by one and all. As a parent, we have the most responsibility to encourage them to sharpen their saw everyday through Satsang activities. We need to help them building a proper foundation for their life and this is only possible through attachment with The Supreme Father, Sree Sree Thakur Anukulchandra!!

Discourses of Sree Sree Dada with Sree Sree Thakur

As retold by Sr. Bhanu Bhushan Dey

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My father, Sree Bhanu Bhushan Dey has been in Deoghar satsang ashram since 1955. Since childhood, he, like some other children of satsang, grew up nourished by the love of Parama Dayal Sree Sree Thakur. He got the opportunity to witness His leela at Deoghar, some of which we study now a days in books. My father was instructed by Sree Sree Borda to remain with Him as much as possible and hence learnt priceless things from Sree Sree Borda. And now he is experiencing divine bliss of Sree Sree Dada.

Here, I am sharing a few incidents that were shared by Acharyadev Sree Sree Dada himself about his discourses with Paramdayal Sree Sree Thakur Anukul Chandra. My father being present at the time Acharyadev blessed us with these holy experiences with Sree Sree Thakur.

“No one be parted away”

Sree Sree Dada: "When I was too young, around 20, one day I had an argument which was no less than a quarrel, with a man who used to stay around Sree Sree Thakur. I was so angry that I left the place and our argument remained unresolved. I went away and decided, better to say promised myself not to talk to that man ever again. When grudging on him for few long minutes, I saw my mother rushing towards me. She was very angry and was as if will beat me. But as she finally arrived, she said "you are sitting here aimlessly!!! And there Sree Sree Thakur has been searching you for long!!! How dare you do that!!!

"I rushed to Sree Sree Thakur and as I was about to ask the reason, He said "aai..dakh to bathroom ta porishkar ache ki naa ? Ami jabo. [Translation: Hey! Go and check if the bathroom is clean or not, I will go]

As I went to the bathroom, I found the same man standing there. I at once got offended. But then thought that who am I to feel offended and how am I supposed to promise not to talk to him? Maalik cheyechen tar kaj ta ami kori, amay setai korte hobe. [Translation: Lord wants His work done. So I must do it!]

Thinking that, I went to him and asked about the bathroom as if nothing happened that day with him. I came back and informed Sree Sree Thakur. He heard and remained at His place and didn't go to the bathroom. Then I sat by His bed's side and He told me " Dadubhai, kau k dur e sorano jabena [translation: Dadu bhai, no one can be parted away] and smiled with such a beauty and I forgot everything. I still can hear those words reverberating in my ears. "

“Maata Manamohini Devi’s visit to Deoghar”

At naat mandap, barda bari, Sree Sree Dada was sitting with few people surrounding him. After a pause from various discussions, Sree Sree dada started to say " I remember an incident when Maata Manamohini devi was on a tour to deoghar from Pabna, taking Kishori da, Ananta Maharaj and Goshai da wih her(At that time, Sree Sree Thakur was still at pabna, Bangladesh and later came to deoghar).

She visited Baidnathdhaam to offer puja at the feet of Lord Shiva. After puja, she left the place but the rest three wished to remain there for some time. As they were passing by peda gali (a street on the way to baidnathdhaam where "peda" was sold), Kishori da was getting driven away by the delicious irresistible aroma of peda. He entered one of the stalls and asked "ektu peda khawao re bhai?" (Bring me some peda please?). Hearing this, and looking at his appearance (as kishori da was a man with dark complexion and then was in bare body and wearing dhoti), the seller asked if he had money. Since he did not have money, so the seller hooted him away from his

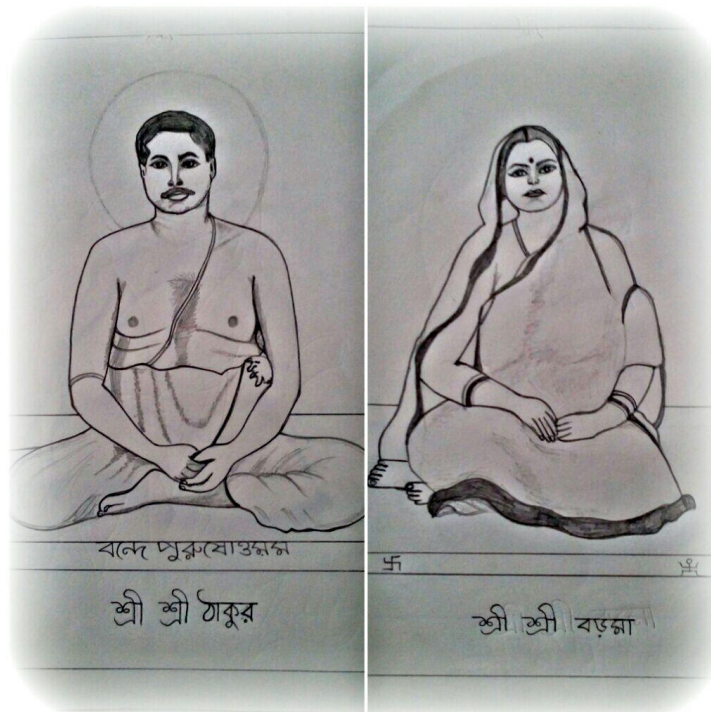
stall as if he was a beggar. After all this, the three decided to start “kirtan” there. Now since they were practised of doing kirtan with Sree Sree Thakur, their kirtan was not any simple one ! As the kirtan started and started reaching the apex of its intensity, the people around them got stunned. They got mesmerized by the kirtan. Kishori da, ananta maharaj and goshai da entered the mandir premises doing that tandav kirtan and then entered the mandir garbh where the shiv lingh resides. Kishori da was so lost in kirtan that he did not notice when he got over Vishveshwar and neither the public around noticed that as they were spell bound.

Slowly and slowly they brought the kirtan to an end and calmed down. When they were leaving the mandir premises, the peda sellers stood in line with big thaali in their hand filled with peda. They wanted to know from where these holy men, sages of the time had come and others were also there standing to offer new clothes, money and many more things. They did not bother those things and arrived at the place they stayed with Maata Manmohini Devi. In the meantime, Maata arrived and wanted to know what all that was. Maata was immediately very angry and wanted to know what they did that compelled the sellers to follow them to the residence with all those things. They said that they did kirtan and since then, they were following the three. Maata discarded their statement calling it a nonsense fooling excuse and got ready to beat them. Seeing mata angry, the three jumped and ran in three different directions.”

Sree Sree Dada and all others started to laugh at this incident and then he again started attending nivedans.

Conclusion:-

My father and other gurubhais later discussed the incident and concluded that since kishorida was getting driven away by the complex (britti) “kaam” (the kaamna or desire to eat that, was trying to dominate his chetana or consciousness), they started the kirtan to overcome the complex.



Picture of Sree Sree Thakur and Sree Sree Boroma made by Debanjan Chakraborty, 19 years old

My Thakur, My Jesus

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*...He, the word
became Supreme Being,
the Father to the manifested;
and The Individual
who comes forth
ever-enchanted
with sympathy and love
for the Supreme Being,-
at the crying call
of panic-stricken suffers,
becomes the beloved God in flesh-
the Divine,
the Ideal,-
The way to rescue!
-Sree Sree Thakur*

A living Ideal is the way to becoming and the embodiment of life and growth. And the only way to lead an adjusted, happy and prosperous life is to be concentric to the living Ideal, follow His dictates and commandments and fulfill His wishes with an in tottering adherence and active allegiance. That alone ensures all-round success for man and makes him worthy of receiving the blessings of God.

The Prophets come accordingly to the needs and necessities of the age. There is no difference among Them at all. To deny the One is to ignore All. The Present Prophet is the consummation of all the Past Prophets. All the Past Prophets converge in the present One and to adhere to the Present means to fulfill All. In trying to establish this, we ourselves get fulfilled. -Sree Sree Dada

Quite similar instance is seen in the life of Jesus Christ. Apostle Matthew states - "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. Then Jesus came from Galilee to be baptized by Him. And John tried to prevent Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You. Why are You coming to me? But Jesus answered and said to him, "Permit it to be now, for this it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed Him. (Matthew 3:11-15)

Here we can see that being the Anointed one, Jesus got baptism by John, this indicates that by accepting the Past Prophets and by fulfilling them only the divine man of the present advents.

As atoms and molecules move about in an aim to get stable, in the same way humans also seek to get a stable and balanced life. But very few are able to attain this stability in life because; we are bound to our complexes and passions. But once we try to shape our lives according to the wishes of a living embodiment of stability we can attain it. To shape one's own life, one needs to first love ideal that is the Anointed one. But how mere love can help one to shape one's own life?

Sree Sree Thakur explains, "I think love is like water, if you pour water in a cup, it takes the shape of a cup. If you pour it in a bowl, it takes that shape; and if you pour it in a bucket, it becomes like a bucket. Similarly if you love

your friend, you become like that, and, when you love Christ, then you become Christ-like.”

***Love for Christ
is the only messenger
and angel
that can rescue people
from the jaws of Satan.
-Sree Sree Thakur***

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. - John 3:16

Jesus replied: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. – Matthew 22:37-38

It is an inherent quality of Prophets that they always establish the previous ones and thus followers of previous prophets follow the present Prophet. The lifestyle, ideology and philosophy of all the prophets are very similar and wherever difference is found is only due to space and time period variations.

On his first visit to Sree Sree Thakur, Ray Hauserman asked Sree Sree Thakur, “Do you believe in Christ?”

Sree Sree Thakur replied, “If Christ were alive today, I would be the first to become His disciple! I feel Christ is the Emperor-the beggar of Love.”

Rev. Fred Hawkyard, director of the British Christian Mission at Pabna at that time once remarked, “I would go so far as to say Sree Sree Thakur is one of the few true Christians.”

Eugene Exman, A Vice-President of Harper and Row Publishers, New York City, USA remarked, "Sree Sree Thakur's life and work makes the Christian doctrine of Love a practical 'modus operandi' for hundreds of thousands of Indians. The political and economic implications of His work are as important as its spiritual basis-not only for Indians but for us in the West also. A visit to the small, informal centers of his devotees in various rural and urban areas of India is a refreshing and inspiring reminder of the early days of Christianity."

On his first day visit J.Mukherjee a communist leader asked Hauserman-“Well, how do you feel now that you have traded Christianity for Hinduism?”

Hauserman-“I’ve traded nothing, I was born Christian and I’m trying to become better one.”

To one American visitor Sree Sree Thakur said, “If you come to me to leave Christ, then I cannot help you and I doubt if anyone can. But if I can help you understand and follow Christ more effectively, I am prepared to try.”

Once E.J.Spencer was having discourses on Jesus Christ with Sree Sree Thakur, when the crucifixion topic arrived Sree Sree Thakur suddenly became speechless, while talking about the phase of fixing nails on the palm and feet of Jesus. His face twisted with pain and sufferings. Suddenly, he moved around facing west. He pulled His white sheet of cloth around his head like a veil and started crying loudly and endlessly. The sun was setting in the western sky dazzled with its radiant glaze. The radiant glaze was reflecting over Sree Sree Thakur’s body and on the faces of His disciples around. With an interrupted situation, the whole nature became serene. Everybody there were as if unmoved like statue.

A lady once asked Sree Sree Thakur, “why, if Christ is omnipotent, why didn’t He save Himself? Or at least why didn't His Father in Heaven?”

A shadow of pain seemed to pass over Sree Sree Thakur's face momentarily. "I believe God was revealed in flesh and blood, a child of Himself, who came to wash off the sorrows and sufferings with begotten blood. I know that His object is always to live and help live. When He has to work in this material world, He must do so through His human form and within the limits of time and space. Even more, I know that His will is infallible! He is bound to fulfill His mission and is never unsuccessful in His efforts. What seems to be a failure, is used by Him in a way that pushes His purpose of existential love forward. He moves on in this way, until His goal is achieved. Even more, there is always a perfect harmony between His desire, the need, and the Law!"

Throughout, Sree Sree Thakur demonstrated his unwavering commitment to Christ and his steadfast insistence upon those Christians to maintain and enhance their own faith in Jesus. Men and women, students, teachers, husbands, and wives from every denomination - Catholic, Protestant, Orthodox, Evangelical - all came to Sree Sree Thakur, queried, quarreled - and returned home inevitably renewed in their faith in Christ and with their commitment to their respective Churches restored. Most of all, they were inspired to awaken in their particular denominations, a new relevance and revival in Jesus.

***The present Anointed one
is the embodiment
of the Anointed Forerunners
of the past
with all the attributes
that bloomed in many ages;
the Present is
the summation of those things
with addition for the present;
love and worship Him
and worship
all those forerunners
and have blessed imbibement.
-Sree Sree Thakur***

⁴² Watch therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

⁴³ But know this, that if the householder had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have watched and would not have let his house be broken into.

⁴⁴ Therefore you also must be ready; for the Son of man is coming at an hour you do not expect. Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom his master has set over his household, to give them their food at the proper time?⁴⁶ Blessed is that servant whom his master when he comes will find so doing.

⁴⁷ Truly, I say to you, he will set him over all his possessions. (Matthew 24:42-47)

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Purushottama

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*In the Bhagavadgeeta,
Purushottama Sree Krishna –
Godhead- Personality Supreme
Does proclaim:
In delivering the pious,
And dissolving the wicked,
May I descend
In human form on earth
Time and Time again
For re-establishing Dharma.*

*Our Father! Beloved Master!
Savior of the Universe,
Thou art our Protector solace;
May we not see
With our mundane eyes,
Your material body Divine,
Yet your spirit eternal remains
In our souls ever,
As the ever energizing guidance
And devotional bliss.*

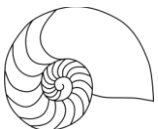
*In the midst of all adversity,
Tribulations and prosperity,
In the hours of grief,
Of aching hearts bleeding,
Of moments of agony,
We have none but Yourself:
We pray and chant
Your Holy name
Incessant joy.*



*Ever Merciful You Are
To all on the Earth.
Your blessings benevolent
May misspell Maya –
Never misleading one again,
You are ever uplifting
Our ways and faith.
We offer ourselves day and night,
To your Lotus Feet,
Time and time again;
And receive final salvation.*

*All Prophets - alive and inspiring
Remain in your Divine self.
We bow down to Thee
And pray in humility:
May Humanity
Realize ever your Reality
As the Supreme Savior
Of the universe.*

*O my Almighty "Dayal Thakur",
We surrender to Thee: ,
Your humble children –
Alive and yore,
Seeking in thyself
shelter and solace,
By being blessed ever,
Through the guidance benevolent
Of Pujyapad Acharyadev
Sree Sree Dada.*





The Power Inside You

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"Do you think the glass is half full or half empty"? This age old question has always been asked to signify the power and importance of positive thinking.

Since childhood itself we are taught that to gain something in life we must have a positive outlook in life. Now the million-dollar question is, what exactly is this positive thinking? And why is it considered so vital to have such a powerful impact on our lives?

Let's spend a minute to think about our world. Science and technology are at their peak. Every new day brings with it a new invention or a new technological advancement. Today we have all the luxuries at our disposal, which our ancestors could never even imagine. The world has become smaller and more compact. In spite of all these material advancements can we dare to say that we are happy? Do we really know what happiness is? What are we running after? Is it Money? Success? Fame? 'Happiness' is too big a word to be limited by the narrow chains of money or fame or success.

Every year many people commit suicide. Thousands suffer from depression. Hundreds of families prefer to go for psychiatric consultations than for family outings. Can we still call ourselves happy?

Sree Sree Thakur Anukulchandra has very clearly indicated the method of attaining happiness in simple words.

Sree Sree Thakur in His book Satyanusaran (The Pursuit of Truth) says, "**Contraction is dejection. Expansion is delight. There is a lack of happiness in that which brings weakness and fear in the heart and that is grief.**" Additionally He adds, "**Desire unfulfilled is misery. Don't expect anything. Be prepared for every situation. What can grief do to you?**"

If we ponder the above verses we shall see that most of the sorrows are caused by unfulfilled desires. Our wants increase every day in geometric progression. The unfulfilled desires create dark shadows of sorrow, which affect our psyche and body. The negative thoughts narrow our vision and weaken us. Let us see a simple example how much the negative thoughts affect us.

Suppose someone is walking through the woods and suddenly encounters a tiger. Naturally the first thought, which comes to the mind, is fear, which is negative. Now by instinct the person tries to run away and do whatever is needed to save life and limbs. At that particular moment the brain almost stops functioning. Its action is limited to the efforts of escaping the paws of the tiger!

But practical life is a bit different. Normally we do not have tigers roaming in our cities, right? But still negative thoughts can bring disaster in our life.

Suppose someone gets angry over his old friend due to some reason. In a momentary outburst he says some bad things to the friend. In an instant the whole friendship bonded for years plummets to nothing. In personal relations, families, workplaces everywhere the negative thoughts are sucking out the very 'life force' of our civilization. Stress, suicides, depression, divorces and what not! The list goes on and on. All these are the manifestations of negative thoughts.

Sree Sree Thakur says that every single human being is a living universe with millions of possibilities. We just

have to know our actual potential to solve these problems. Sree Sree Thakur observes that the major cause of our misery, our grief is nothing but our own passions. Lust, Anger, Greed, Infatuation, Selfish Ego, Jealousy etc.— all these are examples of Passion. Every born creature is under the cobweb of passions. The great Rishis (Seers) of the East performed intense avowed activities to get rid of passions but still they failed some times. The simplest and easiest way to get control over passion is to surrender oneself before a Superior Beloved, a living man who has adjusted and brought control over his passions. Such a man is known as the Ideal. Sree Sree Thakur says that ***“The only way to bring control over passions is by following the commands of such an Ideal.”*** Such a man kindles the spark of life within us and gives us a reason to live. By surrendering ourselves at His feet we surrender our selfish pride and our unadjusted complexes at His feet. When a man takes initiation of the Supreme Beloved, he becomes determined to fulfill His wishes. After initiation the devotee meditates and repeats the Holy Name given during the initiation time. In this way he combats the negative thoughts in their first steps. We know that whether it is positivity or negativity everything follows the pathway of thought, words and action. When a devotee meditates upon the Holy name his thoughts remain verily in control. He remains free from all sorts of stress and depression. The mind is filled with optimism and a positive outlook about life is grown. Research shows that those who meditate daily have a longer life expectancy and a healthier life. Sree Sree Thakur says that meditating upon the Holy Name increases the vital force within us. In His own words ***“Meditating means to actively think about the Superior Beloved and to be concentric. Repetition of the Holy Name creates a vibration in the brain cells. Thus our power increases. Moreover being concentric means there is less wastage of power. Hence gradually one moves towards the path of becoming.”*** [Alochana Prasange Vol 22/ 04.02.1953]

Likewise along with meditation if we continue repeating the Holy Name our speech shall be balanced and blissful. By following a living Ideal and obeying His commands our life is completely molded and adjusted according to His wish. It is then that we can truly utilize our passions for any constructive purpose.

The world around us is no doubt filled with an atmosphere of stress. There is hardly any field left which is free from stress, depression or competition. In this world of uncertainty the only certain ray of joy and happiness is achieved by following the path of the Living ideal.

When the darkness of negativity strikes, open the windows of your soul and look. You will find the living Ideal is blazing like the Sun and the rays of His grace are ushering in our lives and enlightening us thereby.



Pujaniya Babai da, channelizing everyone's inner strength

Victory Over Death

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Khalil Rahman was a great Muslim devotee of Yuga-Purusottama Sree Sree Thakur Anukul Chandra. He was living alone in Kolkata due to his government job. But his family was in his native place named Bagula. One day, he got a telegram from his wife that their son is seriously ill. Doctors have given up hope. Khalil da's wife asked him to come to the village without delay.

After getting this telegram he also replied by a telegram to his wife that he was going to village very soon and to keep patience with having strong faith in Sree Sree Thakur. After getting this telegram, next day early morning Khalil Da started his journey by a train to his native village Bagula. En route is the Iswaradi Railway station. This Iswaradi Railway station is very near to Himaitapur Satsang Ashram. Sree Sree Thakur was in Himaitapur at that time. So, Khalil da decided to get down on that station and to have darshan of Sree Sree Thakur. He would pray on lotus feet of Sree Sree Thakur about his son's illness and what instruction Sree Sree Thakur would give he would work accordingly. So he got down there and went for Sree Sree Thakur's darshan at Himaitapur Asram. When he reached the Ashram's gate, he saw that Sree Sree Thakur was sitting with many devotees and some discussion was going on. Emotionally charged with devotion, he ran to offer pranam to his Beloved Lord. But before he could reach the Lord, Sree Sree Thakur saw him from a distance, and exclaimed with joy: "Oh! Khalil da, welcome! I was looking for you since morning. I have an important work for you. You please freshen up quickly. You have to go to Medinapur for some satsang work and I think you are the best person to solve the issue, so you please set your mind to go immediately to Medinapur."

"Now Thakur.....?!!!" Khalil Da asked in a sad and broken tone.

Sree Sree Thakur said "Yes! Yes! Dada, you have to go now, because it is urgent. Get ready and proceed immediately. Your lunch has been prepared at Kesto Da's (Sri Krishna Prasanna Bhattacharya) house. After having your lunch you may start your journey for Medinapur".

Khalil da said, "But Thakur, my.....", Khalil Da was trying to say something about the illness of his son. But Thakur stopped him in the middle of his sentence and ordered Kesto Da to take Khalil da to his house for lunch and help him make preparations to go to Medinapur. After having lunch, when Khalil Da again came to Thakur to say at least something about his son's illness and to offer pronam before starting his journey for Medinapur, Thakur again saw him from far and spoke loudly: "Oh..Khalil da!! Jayguru! Jayguru! I accept your pronaam from there itself, no need come here. There is no time at all. You go now! I pray to Supreme Father you would surely get success in your mission and will be able to solve the issue at Medinapur." Thus, Sree Sree Thakur did not give him any scope at all to mention anything about his son's illness. Khalil Da had to follow the instructions of his Lord and could only pray in his heart, 'Oh! Thakur, Oh! Param Dayal, you know everything. You are called Antaryami, you know every body's mind and thoughts. I was going to see my son who is seriously ill. Now, you are engaging me in your holy work. Your will is the best. I am going for your work. I surrender my son at your holy feet. My son's life or death is on your hands. Let your wish be fulfilled."

Praying in his heart, Khalil Da started his journey to Medinapur. It took more than a week to solve that issue. Then, he returned to Satsang Ashram Himaitpur. When he reached the Ashram, Sree Sree Thakur did not ask anything about Medinapur!! Instead, Sree Sree Thakur said: "Oh! Khalil Da, that day, I think, you were going to your native village. Now, you go there immediately and after coming back from your village please come here again. Then, I will hear everything on the matter of Medinapur."



Again, obeying Thakur's order, Khalil da went to his village Bagula. He was worried of bad news that might be awaiting him there. Is his son alive or not? So many negative thoughts were coming in his mind. But he was astonished with what he saw when he reached at his village. His little boy was playing, outside his house, with other boys as if nothing ever happened to him. Tears in his eyes, he embraced his son and poured his love. Then, he rushed inside to ask his wife about the whole matter. His wife told that it was a miracle. The son was seriously in bed and even doctors had given up all hope. But, after receiving Khalil da's reply through telegram, from very next day, surprisingly, the boy started recovering himself and now he is perfectly all right! Now, Khalil da was able to understand everything. It is only Thakur's Grace which has cured his son. Tears rolled down from his eyes as a gratitude to Sree Sree Thakur. Then, along with his son and wife, he went to Thakur and said, "Param Dayal!! Now I am able to understand why you sent me to your holy work when I was heading to go to my village" He described everything to Thakur, and said that by His blessings alone his son got cured. Listening to everything Thakur smiled and said with joy, "You have engaged yourself in Supreme Father's holy work, so Supreme Father saved your son's life." Khalid da and his wife had tears in their eyes.

Later, another devotee Nani Gopal Chakravarty asked Sree Sree Thakur why, in spite of Khalil da's son's severe illness, He (Sree Sree Thakur) sent Khalil Da to Medinapur instead of letting him go to his village? Param Dayal Sree Sree Thakur replied, "When Khalil Da's son was ill, his last desire was to see his father. Had Khalil Da reached home that time, the boy would have seen his father, and his wish to see him would have fulfilled!! This would have left no hope for his life and it might have brought death to him. But at that time I engaged Khalil da in Supreme father's holy work. And, the child's mother was also always telling her son, "Oh, my child, you would get cured soon and you would be able to see your father too.' These words of mother created an internal energy of hope in the child, and that cured him. It is psychological science. "All the devotees were delighted by listening to Sree Sree Thakur's sweet scientific explanation. Truth is truth. Sree Sree Thakur is the only truth. He is the Lord of everything. He knows in what way our life will be saved. So, He has asked us to follow Him unconditionally. Nature (Prakriti) always follows Param Purusha (Lord). If we go against Sree Sree Thakur's instructions, then we suffer from our own mistakes. But if we will follow Him unconditionally, then we can achieve anything, even a victory over death. We can then challenge death, "Oh, death! be far and far away from me as I have got many works of my Lord to do....."

Sree Sree Thakur's says:

***Do never die, nor cause death,
But resist death to death***



How the Holy Name Brought Us Peace...

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In February of 2014 my son Gabriel got laid off from a medical supply company where he had worked for one and a half years. He was not alone. Three other people got laid off. While we were not too happy about this, especially since people, and the owner in particular, had liked him very much there, we tried to console ourselves and think: perhaps this is our chance to go to the ashram, spend some time in Deoghar with Sree Sree Dada, Babaida, Boroboudie, Borobourani and others.

When we contacted Sree Sree Dada, He did not seem to have any objection to that. When we asked how long we should stay he did not seem to specify, leaving it up to us!

Then my prayer went something like this: "Oh, Lord, please don't let my son get hired at this time, as we want to go to Deoghar and spend some time with Sree Sree Dada!"

My son got a temporary full time job with Bank of America for three weeks in May during the tax season. After that my prayer got answered!



Sree Sree Dada outside the small cottage

We left October 9th and returned February 9th in the middle of a blizzard!

While there, we experienced several events: Sree Sree Dada's birthday, Diwali (an Indian festival), Sree Sree Borda's birthday, Sree Sree Dada's and Boroboudie's 50th Wedding Anniversary and celebration, an annual Christmas party with Boroboudie cutting the cake, several feasts, the constructing of a small cottage in 11 days according to Dada's wishes, visiting the annual art show etc.

We tried to sit with Dada daily, both morning and night. Sometimes Dada would be there for some time and then leave, only to return perhaps an hour later. It was

enjoyable to see the Thakur family coming and going: Rev. Babaida, Sipaida, Binkida, Bouroboudie, Borobourani, Binkida's and Sipaida's wives as well as other Thakur family members, not to speak of the grandchildren and ashram children that came by each day and expressed their obvious love for Him! We were amazed how the time flew by!

I had been eager to gain some "mastery within", as it says in the Satyanusaran: "...If mastery within awakens not,—Master, Center—none you have, and deceiving, you shall be deceived." As I wasn't sure how that would come about, I was willing to leave it up to Dada. My main emphasis became to concentrate on Dada, repeating the Name. With time this became a very soothing practice, uneventful in some ways but very peaceful. At one point Dada asked me to do some writing which I did. After that my main activity consisted of the repetition of the Holy Name!

We also met people connected to us from the past. In 1970 we had known Jaiminida Roy Choudhury, a Ritwik who had asked us to proofread his writing. In 2014 his wife Snighda recognized us at a feast and invited us to her

home for lunch. We had gone to her home on a previous visit along with Prasna Santa Ray and his mother, who had been initiated by Jaiminida Roy Choudhury. This time Snighda wanted us to proofread a small English book, a translation of a Bengali book written and published by her. We spent almost the entire time of our stay proofreading her little book (titled “Those Moments”—her stay with Sree Sree Thakur from 1952 to the time of Thakur’s demise in 1969). All of this was facilitated with the help of another Ritwik Pradyot Kr. Deb Roy. The day before we left the ashram we were able to turn the proofread copy into a CD! Snighda was delighted.

Each time we have visited the ashram, which has been every four years (2006, 2010 and now 2014), though not planned that way, we have always paid a visit to Arun Ganguly, whom we have known since our early stay with Sree Sree Borda in 1970/71. Arun was known for his excellent command of the English language as well as his unparalleled sense of humor! When my late husband was recovering from typhoid in '71, Arun would come by periodically to cheer him up and regale him with beautiful and inspiring stories about Sree Sree Thakur! Sree Sree Borda made sure to send him to our house, which had been reconstructed by Borda especially for the siabs, as we were referred to! His wife or one of his daughters was always happy to prepare delicious meals to our specifications: especially not too spicy!

Some of our spare time was spent trying to learn Bengali, an assignment Sree Sree Dada had given me several years ago. My ashram friend of 12 years, Chumki Das of was a great help in this regard!

During Utsav time and Dada’s and Borda’s birthdays we were happy to get visitors whom we knew from the US and UK and other parts of India.

At one point a delightful little excursion had been planned to see some birds in the countryside. An old van with small wheels was used to carry six of us for half an hour into the Indian countryside which abounded with beautiful duck-like birds, Indian water buffaloes and other various sights which we all enjoyed thoroughly.

In this way the time flew by. Before we knew it, four months had passed! I kept thinking, perhaps I should have used my time more wisely. However I was glad to have met with Boroboudie more frequently who had encouraged me to learn Bengali. I also was able to meet with Borobourani a lot more often than previously, along with her attendant Momoon, both of whom we got to appreciate and respect, as well as enjoy, as time went on.

Of course we always appreciated the devoted company of Sanjib Mandal! We had remembered him from Sree Sree Borda’s days and it was wonderful to have known him all that time! On our previous visit in 2010 we had still enjoyed the company of his very devoted mother! Now she had gone on to be with her Lord. Yet her delightful company lingered in our memory!

On this as well as other visits we will always be grateful for the extremely helpful company of Bhuban Gorai! My son has had considerable health problems and Bhuban has always been there to help him out, aside from the help he has been receiving from Sree Sree Dada who is his Ritwik. When my late husband was in the ashram in 2004 again Bhuban was there to help out! Each time we go to the ashram Rev. Babaida assigns him to help us and we cannot express enough gratitude for someone like him! He has gone through intense adversity himself. He was at one point at a work place that did not seem safe to him and he pointed it out to his supervisor. That irresponsible man did nothing to make it safer. After some time Bhuban had a severe accident due to that unsafe workplace and was left for dead! But it was Sree Sree Dada who pointed out that he was NOT dead!

Eventually he was hospitalized and revived, though he had lost the use of one eye, and after what seemed several surgeries he was able to recover. He is now a physical therapist, who with compassion and know-how as well as a very cheerful disposition is able to encourage his patients and bring about healing!

One day around January 20 we received a phone call from our next door neighbor in the US that our house had been flooded due to bursting of water pipes! We had gotten into such a peaceful state of mind that we didn’t

know how to react or know what to do! Fortunately our neighbors had gotten hold of our old friend Jeffrey Renert who suggested at once to call the insurance company! From then on everything started to move. Our neighbor and satsangee Jaimini Bhatt signed the papers on our behalf and also salvaged some valuables, as the insurance required to remove our belongings to avoid any problems with mildew! When we finally returned, the house had gotten dried out and was warm. It was an exceptionally COLD winter. So we had to count our blessings. But most of our belongings such as socks, sheets, pillow cases and other articles of clothing had been removed and put in storage in another town! The bathroom floor had all the tiles removed due to water damage. A middle bedroom had the entire wooden floor removed for the same reason and the downstairs prayer room had collapsed walls and ceiling! All the furniture from the middle bedroom had been place helter-skelter into the living room!

Believe it or not, not much has changed since then and this is about two and a half months later—though the dry walls in the prayer room have since been installed. Yes, new tiles have been replaced in the bathroom while we had to stay in a hotel for 2 days. But everything else has been left the same! To say that the repair team is on the slow side would perhaps be an understatement! However, by His grace we are able to handle this slow pace! This borders on the miraculous as it is potentially extremely frustrating to have NO idea where the workers left our belongings, which boxes contain what and WHEN we will get more sheets and other things like hand bag, shoes, etc.

It is only due to Sree Sree Thakur's Holy Name that we have been able to tolerate this unbelievable slow repair pace. This is an example how even just staying in the Holy company of Sree Sree Thakur/Dada many changes occur in the mind of someone sitting with him! The brain/mind calms down. We are able to tolerate adversity and frustrations. We are able to remain calm when ordinarily we would want to shout and scream, "Enough"!!

Thakur emphasizes to keep holy company, as it states in the prayer songs we do each morning and evening! The more we are able to do so, the more blessed we become. Thank You, Lord, for blessing us with Your Holy Name and the meditation so we need not escape hardships, misfortune or affliction. You have given us the tools how to become stronger in the midst of these!



Sree Sree Boroda with Sree Sree Thakur and Sree Sree Boroma



Few Lines of Appeal

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Active un-repelling and un-tottering adherence towards the Lord is the key to an all-round progress and success in human life. When one is attached to the Lord, whole heartedly and that attachment is so deep rooted and strong, that will regulate our every thoughts and actions, and that attachment towards Lord will guide, in every odds of our life. Gradually inner strength will develop and one can realize HIS blessings.

***As our attachment deepens, the brain and
Nerves are so tuned as to provide stimulus to
Bodily organs to carry out those impulses that
Would fulfil the Love Lord appropriately***

And with great enthusiasm- Sree Sree Thakur, The purpose of Man's life

If a person is attached to Ideal, he normally keeps thinking about Him. When his mind engages on such thoughts he is diverted from his complexities. Because of this, his mind develops the power to distinguish right from wrong. He discovers how to fulfill the wish of the Love Lord. Repeating the Holy Name continuously makes our mind sharp and our nerve system becomes more sensitive and more active, the urge becomes stronger than before. Attachment to HIM is called devotion, this devotion towards the Ideal makes us progressive. It's like a plant which grows with after putting soil, giving water and enough sunlight.

There are three types of attachment towards our Ideal,

- 1) Passion pervading
- 2) Passion compromising
- 3) Passionate

Passion pervading attachment: The passion which does not fulfill the ideal is of no use to me. I reject the very thought of it. And anything which fulfills my Ideal in some way is unquestionably good. And whatever may come I must do it for the sake of the Ideal.

Passion compromising: This kind of passion means I will follow the Ideal only to the extent to which it matches with my complexes. (That means we only accept those things which satisfy our passions and reject the others).

Passionate: Here we utilize the Ideal for the fulfillment of our passions. 'Thakur! I love you so much, I pray to you incessantly, cry for you day and night. If you fix my marriage with that girl then shall I know that you are truly the Thakur in actual meaning? Then only shall I offer you the 'Bhoga' (Sacred food offering for the deity). This is the passionate type. Ref. [Alochana Prasange Vol. 1, 10/19/1939]

Question arises what are the benefits of attaching to Ideal and how do we become attached to HIM? Benefits are countless and attachment towards Ideal does not come overnight. It is a continuous and gradual process. Attachment grows with service and sacrifice for the Lord. Attachment is just like love of a mother for her child. She goes through so much pain to give birth but still she is happy when she holds her baby. She spends all her time for caring and nurturing for her baby but still she never complains to anyone. The bonding between a mother and child grows stronger and stronger. She is doing everything for her child without any expectations. Same way, we need to do for Thakur by the way of JAJAN, JAAJAN and ISHTAVRITI. Doing Istavriti properly and in a timely manner is life insurance for us. If we give priority to HIS work in our life, we will understand HIS presence in every situations of our life. The bubbles of water are formed from water itself. The more they move away from

water, their origin, they're damaged by the strikes of air. Our condition is similar to these water bubbles. If we move away from our source of origin we shall be damaged by our complexes.

Sree Sree Thakur says, "Doing is mother of getting" If we follow HIS principles, we do not need to worry about our growth. Ideal always encourage us to Live, grow, enjoy and acquire. We know so many mathematical formulas but HIS formula towards life is hole square of live plus growth.

Supreme Father is always with us. We need to hold Him and follow him faithfully. Have you seen a baby monkey holding his mother? He holds his mother tightly so that when mother jumps from tree to tree he does not fall down. Likewise, during the ups and down, we should hold HIM strongly, giving priority to HIS wishes so that we don't fall down.

Just like during festivals we used to buy new clothes for our family members. We should buy new clothes for Thakur too because HE is also part of our family. During some occasion ,if something special we're going to make at home, first of all we should offer him, because HE is the head of our family like our father. If we are going outside the home, we should do pranam and tell HIM that we are going outside. These are very small things, that do not need much effort but it will increase our attachment with devotion. When we are Ideal centric, attachment will be surely develop.



Pages from Past...

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In 1960, when my marriage was failing because I knew nothing about how to love, I met a ritwik of Sree Sree Thakur in New York City, and he welcomed me with an openheartedness and generosity I had never experienced. When I learned from him that there was a man called Thakur who never turned anyone away, and who never kicked anyone out, I was moved to take initiation and to begin a lifelong journey of learning from the being and becoming of Thakur the way of love. A few years later, when my wife and I began our marriage once again, she too took initiation, and now we continue to learn from what Thakur taught:

"Center yourself in every urge for love."



The Seer

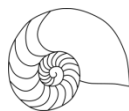
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At present man has most emphasized on the material development and has almost neglected the environment. How to save the world from this natural catastrophe was the main point of discussion in the agenda of the summit meet of the G-20 (Developing) countries of the world in 2014. A schedule has been drawn to make a "Green Climate Fund". Ecology has been almost destroyed among human beings, other animals and plant kingdoms. The sharp competition of production of devastating weapons has resulted in destroying our life savior-Ozone sphere. As a result of this the dangerous particles coming from the sun-ray is making man heartless, intolerant, and prone to commit murder and suicide, unkind and the sort day by day.

About eighty years ago, Sree Sree Thakur Anukulchandra was asked a question as to how man can achieve all round development. In reply, Sree Sree Thakur had said that, for true development the first and foremost need is a progressive mood. This has to be linked with the marriage reform and industry. While going for industrial development, one has to give importance to service mentality and the management of industry should be profitable to all. This industry should not be machine-based but labor based so that there shall be no chance for unemployment. Along with this, education and health is also most essential for the society. For health is necessary for normal diet, gymnastic and elevated engagement. From all these appropriate education, comes elevated intellectualism and industrial training. Again, Sree Sree Thakur said that man is divided in three dimensions-psychological physical and dynamic. So also it is equally necessary for development of education, health, industry and the like, in all these dimensions. Explaining further, He said, progressive mood is intensive love and admiration for the higher ideal for example, Emperor Ahsoka towards Lord Buddha. Here Sree Sree Thakur has given importance on two things. First, each individual must be ideal centric for pursuit of his instinctive urge and the other the administrators of the state must follow the mission of the ideal for unifying progress of all. Sree Sree Thakur was also hopeful of propagating the draft of progress amongst all people of all nations through educational institutions, meetings and discussions in the totality of the environment.

Much is read and heard about Marx and Lenin but least is known of Nietzsche particularly in Asia. Few students of philosophy might know his name. Thakur also never read him but he was able to speak of Nietzsche because Thakur was omniscient. A German, Frederick Nietzsche became a professor after acquiring deep knowledge in Greek and Latin. Relinquishing job he joined armed forces and was mortally injured. He came back to the public life and became a philosopher. He expressed all his ideas, in his book 'Thus Spake Zarathustra'. Most important line he wrote in his book was 'Dead are all Gods, now do we desire the super man to live. Let this be our final will at the great moon tide.' Nietzsche lived in Germany from 1844 to 1889 and he might have written the above sentence towards 1870 to 1887.

Perhaps his payer has been granted by the Supreme Father and the Superman has come in the form of Sree Sree Thakur Anukul Chandra on 14th of September 1888. But Sree Sree Thakur is accepted by the world as the Supreme Father, The Purushottam (fulfiller-the-best), the maximum manifestation of human perfection, Supreme Redeemer. His mission is practically based on the principle of 'Live and help others live.' The center of His mission is man with his environment. By utilizing oneself for the cause of others; one's own self really gets fulfilled. The only clue for this is the Ideal-centric life for each and all. Let His mission be fulfilled through us.



The Holy Name and Meditation

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The complexes like lust, anger, greed, infatuation etc. often cloud our mind. These are like viruses, which corrupt our mind and in their clutches the mind loses its balance. It loses its ability to distinguish between good and bad, rational and irrational. Our corrupted mind forces us to take actions, which only bring more misery to ourselves. Instead of falling slaves to the complexes of the mind we must know how to control and regulate them. The key to good living is to control and regulate the mind.

To have control over the mind and the complexes we need the mantra (Holy Name). The Holy Name or Satmantra is the primordial vibration, the energy and the creative urge of life, which unites our soul with the Supreme Soul. God, Himself, descends on the earth in the form of a Living Ideal or True Master. One gets attached to the True Master or Living Ideal through the process of diksha (initiation) and that is time 'Holy Name' is given. Sree Sree Thakur says in Satyanusaran:

“Take to the feet of a true Master, go on taking the Holy Name, and remain in the company of the devout. Truly I say, you have no more to worry for your elevation.”

Sree Sree Thakur Anukulchandra has taught us how to lead a blissful life by following a Ideal-centric life. He says in the book Satyanusaran:

“Repetition of the Name makes man keen, and Meditation or ‘Dhyan’ makes him calm and receptive. To remain engaged in any single thought and to feel that which distracts but cannot break our continuity is ‘Dhyan’ or Meditation.”

To understand this better, let's look at an example. The Sun is so mighty and powerful. Its rays shine on the earth every morning. The sunrays generate heat; but does it burn anything? No, they don't. But, when one focuses the sunrays through a lens on a piece of wood, after a few minutes the piece of wood starts burning. How does this magic happen? Well, it happens when the scattered rays are concentrated on a single point through focus and intensity. Similarly, if the scattered mind is concentrated on the Living Ideal through focus, intensity and devotion in the form of meditation, transformational changes can happen in a human being.

Sree Sree Thakur Anukulchandra advises us in Magnadicta:

***Do repeat the Holy Name
mentally and meaningfully
in all the movements of daily life,
Do materialize the directions
of the guru in due time---
That is Tapas---
The way to achievement.***

Through meditation our brain cells become more sensitive and receptive. Our ability to perceive things increases. We achieve better co-ordination between our motor and sensory nerves. The continuous repetition of the Holy Name acts upon our central nervous system and thereby it increases the sensitivity of nerve cells. Thus the response, which was beyond our comprehension, gradually becomes comprehensible. Further, those sensitized cells begin to adjust and so they not only respond better but also retain and become more receptive. It is clear that the power of the Holy Name and meditation is immense and cannot be described in words. One can only experience this through regular practice with true devotion.



Habits, Traits and Instincts

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Most of us have heard from our family physician, “oh, one of your parents have this disease, you are probably going to have it.” Often time hearing that we become sad. Why do we have to suffer from something that our parents got it either by inheriting or by having inflicted by it? Why it gets passed onto us even if they have not inherited it? Have we ever asked that question? We accept it as fate. Obviously, that is called heredity-genetically transmitted to the offspring.

What if I acquire something bad by my own action? Why do my offspring have to suffer from what I have acquired by my mistake or misdeeds? Why will they have to bear the curse that I am guilty of acquiring? These are all questions; we do not seek for answer anymore. We take their answers as granted and obvious. Those who are in medical science they will say, ‘every one of us has two copies of most genes- one copy from our mother and one copy from our father. Sometimes, it only takes one altered copy of gene to cause a disease. There are many different ways to inherit different traits etc.’

We will leave the topic of breaking open from these curses for another day. Why can’t we acquire good traits and pass them onto the offspring genetically? Why can’t we hear more often, “oh, one of your parents must have this good trait?-whether that good trait is related to health, mannerism, ethical or anything that can be inborn or can be inherited.”

People often say that we are creatures of habit. That’s right- we often do like to do things that are formed as habit. The good deeds are the ones that nurture our existence and growth. These good deeds help our ‘being and becoming’, hence the good deeds are virtue. The words, behavior and deeds that support our existence and growth are the ones to be formed habit of doing. If good habits are formed, over a long period, we can acquire good traits and that will be reflected in our existential deeds. To form habits is the goal of all training. Sree Sree Thakur shed light on how it works:

***“Habit intrudes upon
muscular consciousness
through conscientious contact.”***
- The Message, Vol. VIII

Repeated doing of something forms the habit. Habits can be formed at any age of human life span, though it becomes increasingly difficult as we get older. At early age, learning new things and getting trained to form habits are easier. Existential words, behaviors and deeds, if practiced at early age could become part of the habit and in turn those could lead us to life and growth as we are creatures of habit.

Sree Sree Thakur mentioned that habits are the Royal Road to Acquisition:

***“Habit instigates one
to have observation
to discern;
this is the royal road
to acquisition.”***
- The Message, Vol VIII

If habits are formed at early age, especially before marriage and before having children and there is an increasing

chance of passing that habit to the offspring, initially may not be genetically but may be by training to form habit. If followed few generations these traits could become instinct. If existential words, behavior and deeds in other words Dharma becomes instinct, then the being and becoming could find its way in easily. Instincts are the habitual traits that transfer genetically. Sree Sree Thakur defines INSTINCT as:

**“Acquisition that is
biologically materialized
and sprouts accordingly
is instinct.”**

- The Message, Vol IX

Sree Sree Thakur emphasized on early childhood education by parents, by being example and giving them hands on training to form habits of existential words, behaviors and deeds. Thakur’s emphasis on “Initiation to the Holy name” at the age of 12 and continue to train and form habits under the guidance of a Living Ideal or Acharya. In few generations of habit formation, these existential urges could become traits of different existential instinct.



Whenever I Look at You

Whenever I go to the temple,
The first thing I attend to is praying.
When I’m done doing the routines in the holy place,
I’ll always come out of the adobe smiling.
Whenever I look up at the sky,
I always think of the world You have created and visited in.
The world is filled with lush green land and the bluest of skies.
There is no other world that is akin.
Whenever I look at idols or pictures of You,
Good and enjoyable feelings come flooding back.
I also think of divinity, beauty, and peace.
So I place You gently on my rack.
Whenever I look at anything related to You,
I feel your presence.
I feel balanced, calm, safe, and comfortable near you.
Nobody and nothing can give me this essence.

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By Baishali Chaudhuri, 11 years

Jajaan Never Goes in Vain

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In the year 1980 I lived in New Delhi's with my elder brother Sree Shyamal Ganguly (SPR) and my elder sister Dolly Ganguly. At that point we met Sree P.K. Bose who lived close to our home with his wife and daughter. We were very close to them and they addressed my mother as Mashi (Aunty). Sree P.K. Bose was a renowned palmist. My father (Late Sr. Ajit K Ganguly) and brother used to visit them and my brother did proactive jajaan to the family through his actions. Due to some reason the family moved to another city from Delhi and we were no longer in contact.

Many years went by, in 2008 I attended the Holy Utsav of Sree Sree Thakur at Deoghar. I suddenly spotted Sree P.K. Bose in the crowd. My heart and mind was filled with memories. I walked towards him. The place was Gobinda Da's Tea stall situated just outside residence of Sree Sree Borda where Pujaniya Babai Da gives darshan(sits) in the morning. As soon as I reached him, he hugged with eyes full of tears.

Sree P.K. Bose said "We were unable to save your sister (his wife). We were late to accept Sree Sree Thakur as our master and redeemer." That touched my heart. Later, we met his daughter who arrived there with her husband and child. Pujaniya Babaida introduced me to her husband. They are all now pure vegetarian and under the divine shelter of Thakur Sree Sree Anukulchandra. This proved the fact that Jaajan never go in vain.

In a separate incident, once I was schedule to go to Orissa from Lucknow for the quarterly Ritwik conference. Before I left, for Orissa, I had a strong desire to buy kachori (a savory Indian snack) for Acharya Dev Sree Sree Dada. There is a special shop in Lucknow that is famous for kachori. I did not pay attention to my inner voice and went to Orissa.

One reaching Orissa, I did pranam (bow down) to Sree Sree Dada and He said in a sweet voice, "Where is my kachori". That moment I was silent. Later my father made me realize that I did not follow my swastiyani principle properly. After utsav I returned to Lucknow, bought the kachori and took the next available train to Deoghar. Sree Sree Dada had already arrived in Deoghar. When I reached there with the box of Kachori, Sree Sree Dada was inside His room. I waited outside and later had a chance to offer kachori myself to Him and other Thakur family members. Sree Sree Dada took a kachori with His own hands and ate it. What a blessing! Next year we were blessed with our first child after 10 years of marriage. I strongly feel it was just Acharyadev Sree Sree Dada to gift me our first child.

- As translated by Anwasha Baidya



Blessed on the Path of Spirituality

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"We are not human beings having a spiritual experience; we are spiritual beings having a human experience." This is the famous quote by French philosopher Pierre Teilhard de Chardin. We may agree or disagree with this statement. No matter what we think, we all certainly agree that we experience a lot of things in our life, whether it is material or spiritual. Sree Sree Thakur has said that materialism and spirituality both have to be prevalent in a human being if he wants to be happy and successful. It would be very nice to have sweet experiences of both the realms of life, wouldn't it?

I have chosen Sree Sree Thakur Anukulchandra as my Guru to lead me on the path of both materialism and spiritualism. I feel I am blessed to have him as my Guru, as He has answers to all my questions. We get help and suggestions from our family and friends to do our daily activities, but the road of spirituality has to be traversed by ourselves. My Guru has opened up the gate to the wide world for me. It is my responsibility to embrace and walk on the path. Although I am still in the beginning of the road he has shown me that the world is wide and everything in the world is mine.

When I was around 7 or 8 years old, I used to discuss with my mother about the superiority among the Gods. She would say, all Gods are the same and there is no big or small. Then one day, I had a dream, which is still vivid in my memory. I was being attacked by a huge demon and she was throwing rocks at me. I was scared and did not know what to do. Then somehow I started repeating the Name (the Holy Mantra given during initiation). And to my pleasant surprise, all the Hindu God were revolving around me creating an oval shaped shield. The rocks thrown at me could not reach me and fell down on contact with the shield. I was saved by the joint effort of all the Gods because I was repeating the Holy Name. After listening to my dream, my mother said that if I repeat the Holy Name and have faith in Thakur, all the Gods will come to my help. The Name is the true name of all the Gods.

The dream was a clear pathway light to my spiritual exploration among existing hundreds of Deities, philosophies and doctrines. I can say I got my answer when I was a little kid. I feel so blessed that my source of devotion is broad enough to embrace all the paths to the Supreme Power. The path to Nirvana (Moksha) becomes beautiful when it is accompanied by love and embrace. Sree Sree Thakur has said that even if we are powerful enough to move the sun and moon from their paths but have no love within, we have won nothing.

There are different paths to spirituality that I am aware of. They are Bhakti Yoga (attaching to the Source through Meditation), Dhyana Yoga (attachment through devotion), Gyan Yoga (attachment through knowledge) and Karma Yoga (attachment through actual work). When I sit for prayer in the morning and evening, I get to walk on all of these paths together in 10 to 12 minutes. The prayer that we sing is full of devotion and when I sing wholeheartedly, I feel so ecstatic that I want to raise my hands and move my body. After prayer and kirtan (singing the glory of God with music/clapping), we do meditation briefly. This makes my prayer a part of Dhyana Yoga too. Then I read a paragraph or two from books containing messages from Sree Sree Thakur. Reading those verses and thinking about it is part of Gyan Yoga. Sree Sree Thakur says in that after reading books, we need to implement the good ideas in our actions. Otherwise, it will do no good. Hence, Karma Yoga follows Gyan Yoga. He has emphasized on jajan (elevating oneself), jaajan (sharing with others the bliss we feel) and Ishtavriti (daily offering to the God). Choosing Sree Sree Thakur as my Guru, I get to practice all the yogas that are necessary for the health of my body, mind and soul.

I want to share a story that I recently read in Ista Prasange (Part I). Sree Sree Borda (First Acharya of Satsang) was once with many other disciples of Thakur. A man came to Sree Sree Borda and told that a Gurubhai named Prakash da was telling people not to worship any idol, not to worship the idol of Goddess Kali etc. On hearing that Sree Sree Borda called for Prakash Da. When Prakash Da came, He scolded him to not to say such baseless things to people and that different people worship God in their own way. He told him and everyone present that Thakur never said, not to worship an idol. He further said, even Thakur himself used to give offerings to the idol of Goddess Saraswati during Saraswati Puja. There used to be Shiva Puja too. Even to this day, Lord Shiva's Prasad is offered in the Ashram. He asked – "So if somebody does not love Thakur, does he go to hell? Some people worship Mohammed; others worship Krishna, Christ or Shiva. People also have attained enlightenment by worshiping Narayanshila (a stone considered to be Lord Narayan). Never try to portray others' God or faith inferior in order to make your own superior. In this wide Universe, who knows where and in which form Thakur is present in various places".

When I read about this incident, my respect for Sree Sree Borda increased even more. How beautifully had he shed light on my conscience! Being a Satsangee, I do not need to forsake my previous faith. On the contrary, Thakur's sayings help us to be strong in our individual faith and belief. I now am capable of accepting all religions as my own. There is no difference in faiths at all; it is just a matter of perception. There is no mine and others. All the deities that people worship, I worship too. I bow in front of all the Gods and see my Guru's smiling face in them.



The Message
Inclination Determines Personality

*Test thyself
with every earnest keen observation
whether thy inclination is inclined
towards good or evil
and try to adjust it
with every keen flash
and thus make
thy personality
according to your liking;
good inclination makes
one's attitude loving
and evolving
towards everyone,
bad makes worse.*

Sree Sree Thakur



As a Boatman to Help a Fisherman Devotee

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During one of my visits to Balasore, my hometown in Odisha, India in 2014, I attended a satsang with my father in a small village near Chandipur-on-sea which is right on the sea coast. Most people in this village are dependent on the sea for their livelihood. It was pretty heartening to note that despite this there were quite a few families who have adopted Swastayani and are growing steadily.

I met a villager named BhoLa aged about 70 and I narrate his personal experience which was very touching. Though BhoLa is illiterate and cannot read or write his narration was impressive and lucid and I am making a humble attempt to reproduce the experience with the awareness that it would be poorer in quality than his version.

On days when there is little work on field (cultivation) in village, many of these villagers go to one or the other smaller uninhabited islands to collect coconuts, shells, nuts, shrimps, small fishes, starfish etc. For such work often they take a ferry (more like a shared ride on a boat), get down on the island and get picked up during the evening hours by the same boat or some other boat to which message is passed by the first boat. Since there are many islands and these people do not have cell phones (or tower connection), the boatmen rely on remembering the islands where people are dropped so that all can be collected before sunset.

One day BhoLa's friends could not make it but as it was the day of new moon, the catch was expected to be good. So he ventured alone and on assurance of the boatman that he would come in the evening, he set to work alone in the island. After a long day's work and a good collection, he tied everything in different bundles, he washed, did his evening prayer and started waiting for the boat with joy. However minutes ticked by and the tide started growing. As darkness set in and clouds started appearing on the sky, a sense of fear gripped him. What if the boatman forgot about him and nobody came?

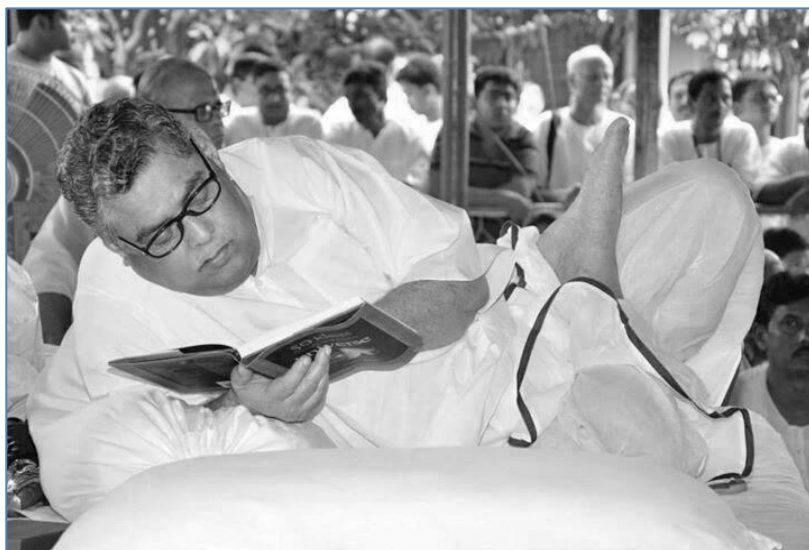
This island being a low island and would get completely submerged in a few more hours time. The waves were becoming bigger, the night darker and the sea noisier. BhoLa had lived all his life near the sea and knew that roaming in such islands during the day in one thing and staying there in the night was extremely perilous. Many kinds of sea snakes, poisonous insects etc were likely during night hours. As he waited with anxiety he also started looking for the highest points in the island. He considered climbing a coconut tree as well though it is not possible to sleep there through night. The sun had set long ago and it was not only pitch dark there were thunder and lightning too. And it started drizzling. He started doing satnaam vigorously and actually praying to Sree Sree Thakur aloud, "Oh Lord, would this be my end tonight! Would I be submerged in a watery grave tonight!!". Clearly the boatman had forgotten about him. The rocky areas next to the island makes swimming very difficult and he did not have the strength to swim for 10 Kms even if he decided to leave the entire day's collection behind. The waves were becoming already bigger and he realized that he was already in knee deep water.

As BhoLa prayed frantically, he heard suddenly a young tender voice, "Baba, do you want me to ferry you to Sonapur (name of his village)". BhoLa looked at a boy about 11-12 years old with a bright face and a smile on his face. The boy was perhaps new as this man knew most boatmen. His instant reaction was, "yes" and habitually on seeing a new man, "how much will you charge?" The boy just smiled and did not answer. BhoLa saw a small circular boat not very common in that area and said, "I will give you only Rs 5 for the ride". The amount varies between Rs 5 to Rs 12 and he offered at the lower end as it was just a boy. The boy nodded his head remarking "As you please". The boy helped him load his collection to the boat with ease. The boy started rowing the boat

with so much ease it appeared that he was doing it effortlessly, the sea seemed suddenly calmed. And then the boy started singing. It was a divine tune, quite melodious. BhoLa impressed by the boy, remarked “you seem new to the place”. The boy flashed a smile and continued rowing and singing.

BhoLa now relieved that he was on his way home, now started worrying about usual things, the good collect, family at home, money etc. He had only a note of Rs 10 with him and worried what if the boy did not have change. He had other alternate generous thoughts as well, “This young boy came just in time all alone to ferry me so even if he takes Rs 10 it is okay”. BhoLa did not perceive himself but when enquired admitted that the boy’s face was so bright that it did not appear to be new moon night with dark clouds overhead. His thoughts kept toying between Rs 5 and Rs 10 and they reached the bank. The boy announced, “Here is your destination”. He put down the load and got into his boat again. It was usual for boatmen to tie the boats further down to a tree and then come for collection of the fare. BhoLa checked that all his items were there and immensely relieved. He took out his note of Rs 10 and thought he would give the boy Rs 7 or 8 a little more than the amount bargained for. But he could not see the boy anywhere. He started shouting and yelling “E chua, chua” which is local call for a “O young boy”. But there was no one there.

He thought perhaps the boy would collect the amount the next day and he hurried home. The next day he gathered the news that the sea was very stormy the previous night and newspapers reported quite some damage in many areas. As he tried to recollect the boy’s face, that smile, that brightness it suddenly dawned on him that it was none other than his Lord who had come to save him in that form. And he cursed himself of trying to bargain and decide between paying Rs 5 to Rs 10 to Him. The incident created a deep impression on BhoLa and he has been doing active jaajan since the incident that happened 10-12 years ago, telling people about his experience and Sree Sree Thakur’s ideals of being and becoming. More than 50% people in his village are now initiated.



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Many of us belong to the corporate world. All of us are familiar with team leads and every project has one. But why? Why is he needed? Can't the team members figure out how to run the project, design the architecture? Are they not competent enough? Rather, it is because, to move forward, a team needs to choose a single direction, follow certain guidelines, resolve conflicts and move on. Too many different opinions only confuse team members and do not result in any fruitful output and delivery is impacted. So what does a team lead bring to the table? Is it only decision, direction, guidelines? No, it is much more than that. Sometimes, the lead also bears pressure on behalf of the team, shelters the team, takes hard decisions, helps mold the career path of team members. He picks up a mentor role too. Now one might say, not all leads are good. How do you know who is the best? A good lead is the one who demonstrates by example all the good qualities needed for good delivery and the happiness of the team. He laughs with the team, mourns with it, burns the midnight oil with them.

So, why am I writing all this and restating the obvious? It is because I believe the same analogy applies to Sadguru - the true Master. Your guru is your lead for the project called life. All of the above qualities apply perfectly for a Guru, with the additional caveat that stakes in life are probably thousand times higher than that in a project delivery. I believe a Sadguru guides you for life, is your friend for life. You realize a lot of things change, people change, circumstances change, but your Guru is the sole constant.

Well, how do you find a Sadguru? Sree Sree Thakur says in Satyanusaran:

***"Follow only Him who tries by strength, skill or tact for the welfare of all created beings."
"Follow Him alone who doesn't cause grief to anyone in any way, yet doesn't indulge evil"***

Sree Sree Thakur has shown us by example how we can live a good, successful and balanced life. Sree Sree Thakur's ideology talks about self-elevation through very simple practices and guidelines. There is no magic or blind faith. It is beautiful because it is so real and practical. Enabling and unleashing the power that lies hidden and unexplored within us is what Sree Sree Thakur's ideology is all about. You will be amazed at how strong you feel when you realize this.

I have experienced various facets of Sree Sree Thakur's love - sometimes He appears to be like my father, sometimes a friend, sometimes a strict teacher, sometimes even a loving mother.

One can only describe in words the sweetness of honey to a certain extent. The real experience is derived only by having tasted it. Come; experience the abundance of Sree Sree Thakur's love. I assure you, nothing in this world beats this experience.

That's why if we wish for overall positive growth in personal, conjugal, family, societal and national life then attaching self to Sree Sree Thakur and following HIS instructions, with simple belief in heart, is the only way.





Echo of Life

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Once a father and his son were walking together on the mountains, suddenly son fell down and got hurt and screams 'Aaahhh'. To his surprise he hears another voice repeating 'Aaahhh' from another corner of the mountain. Son became curious and he yells "Who are you?" He receives the same answer "Who are you?" And then he screams "what's your name?" again he hears the answer as "what's your name?" now son became angry and shouted towards mountain saying "You are a bad guy" He receives the answers "you are a bad guy"

Then he asks his father, "What's going on here? ", the father smiles and says "My son, pay attention." Again the man screams, "You are a hero!" The voice answers, "You are a hero!" The boy is surprised, but does not understand.

Then the father explained: "This is ECHO, but really this is LIFE. I recall a very profound message in Satyanusaran ***"Surely you will gain life in the manner in which you give it. He who gives his life for love gains a life of love"*** – [Sree Sree Thakur]. So Life is exactly like an ECHO. It gives you back everything you say or do. Our life is simply a reflection of our own actions.

Lord Buddha said, "What we are today comes from our thoughts of yesterday and our present thoughts build our life tomorrow. Our life is the creation of our mind." It's a very simply yet profound statement that emphasizes that we are the creators of our own life. As we think, so we are.

Naphar Ghosh was one of the assistant who served Sree Sree Thakur on His day to day activities like carrying Hooka, towels and other necessary items. He would listen to discourses of Sree Sree Thakur. He left his mortal frame when Sree Sree Thakur was in Pabna, Bangladesh. This below incidents happened thereafter:

One day morning Sree Sree Thakur was seating surrounded by devotees and suddenly said "Today Naphar has taken re-birth in Berhampur Chhotu's Gopal (milkman's) home". Everyone was surprised as Sree Sree Thakur knew when and where Naphar had taken re-birth. Few devotees surrounded him praised the Lord's glory and few raised questions asking Sree Sree Thakur, "Naphar Ghosh stayed in your association and served you quite a long time. His re-birth should have evolved to another clan instead his birth took place in the same clan as his previous birth, why?" Thakur smiled and said "During of his stay in Ashram he has lots of complaints regarding his financial difficulties and misery. However he could not stay without milk, cheese and ghee (clarified butter). Till his last breadth he has strong desires to have these items. Without these items he can't proceed. To fulfill his strong desires for milk products like cheese, ghee his birth has taken place at milkman's home.

Three years after this incident one day morning Thakur seated on chair at Boral bungalow at Deoghar, Jharkhand surrounded by devotees. At this time a gurubhai and mother came with a baby boy and paid their obeisance. Looking at the child, Sree Sree Thakur gave a big smile and said "Hey Look at him, Naphar Ghosh has come." Immediately husband replied "We came from Berhampur, this mother is my elder brother Chhotu Gopal's (milkman) wife." Again Sree Thakur asked that mother, "When you do the Naam (repeating of Holy Name) what does this child do?" That mother replied "he stays besides us and dances with clapping hand." Thakur said to the Mother "Take good care of him and don't give him fish or meat to eat. Do not let him eat at other's house and do not feed him any leftover food, a great person has taken birth at your home." This time mother became very excited listening to Sree Sree Thakur's word and she said "He reached this age but still has not eaten a morsel of rice. He has very intense inclination to eat milk products like cheese, butter, yogurt and ghee. We do not eat fish and meat at home."

One of the devotees asked Sree Sree Thakur “How will we understand that this child is Naphar Ghosh?” Sree Sree Thakur Said “He who recognizes, he understands”.

The above incident reflects on the fact that when serving the Lord, He fulfills our desire even in the next life. Like in case of Naphar Ghosh. Also when Naphar Ghosh was with Sree Sree Thakur, he did immense kirtan and thus later on his instinct from previous life was active. The habit of the previous birth transforms into instinct in the next birth. This proves that every action, words and behavior reflects back thus Life is an ECHO.

*Glimpses of Satsang Activities
around the world.*



Utsav in Singapore



Utsav in London, UK



Utsav in UAE



Utsav in Canada



Satsang in Australia



Satsang in Germany

In Search of Happiness...

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In the present scenario of our day to day life, man has become like a money earning machine. Hunger for money and power, bigger dreams of a more and more luxurious life have snatched away the peaceful sleep from his eyes. One of the reasons of his unhappiness is prevalence of more luxurious life in the neighborhood. Even today's man is not mentally prepared to find out the reason of happiness of others but invites more and more unhappiness by comparing each achievement of the neighborhood with his own.

The human mind travels faster than any other thing on this beautiful earth. More than 50000 thoughts are generated in our mind in a day. One should know the art of keeping the mind under control and maintaining the level of happiness for a longer time. Apart from materialistic ways like listening to songs, viewing movies, playing games etc., meditation is the best way to control the mind and feel peace.

A team of scientists of the University of Missouri, conducted a study on spirituality and mental and physical health and concluded that there has been a great relationship between our mental and physical health. Most of the physical illnesses of a person have their roots from the state of mind of that person. A spiritual person's response to the treatment of serious disease like cancer is quicker than a normal person. The same thing had been rightly spoken by all of the spiritual gurus in our country in the past and present.

Our 'Satsang' developed around of Sree Sree Thakur and I believe is the only unique institution in the world, where the people of different religious backgrounds come on a common platform for their spiritual upliftment and all round development. Our beloved Lord, Sree Sree Thakur Anukulchandra had said, "**Happiness and unhappiness are emotions. One can control the level of happiness and unhappiness and can maintain his state of mind at the same level at both the situations**". He had also rightly said that 'Satsang' is a man-making factory.

During my short association with SATSANG, I have gathered three magical words and I believe these three divine words are universal and applicable to all, no matter which religion they follow...

1. Surrender
2. Love
3. Follow

In short, 'throwaway your ego and surrender yourself at the Master's feet, love Him unconditionally and follow Him and His sayings'... It is sure that happiness will greet you.



God-Incarnate

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The great saints of India, as well as the scientists of the world, through ages, have estimated that man as a being has been on this earth for millions of year. The earth of that time and the man of that age are not there today. He has undergone great changes. The process of evolution is its only cause –as has been accepted by both the religious and scientific views. ‘Man is a consequence of fall from heaven’, if is accepted the true dictum, still then since that time he has undergone an evolutionary change. If one accepts the truth that man has come through the wild apes, still then timely change has taken place to his physique, habit , behavior, thought, consciousness and etc. From the urge to self-preservation, self-protection and self-procreation, he has evolved in the field of health, knowledge, wisdom, culture, language, civility, literature, society, customs, worship and what not ,and now he has arrived at his present state of affairs. Certainly it reflects on the saying-“Rome was not built in a day “. By keeping the original requirement intact, any change there on, may be explained as evolution. To live and to grow being the basic tendency in man, any change there to have come in the process of evolution required for the purpose. The man in whom this tendency to keep all beings alive and enable them to perpetually grow, is intensely found, must be accepted as the highest manifestation of personality. As this trait is not found in ordinary common man, such –personalities are uncommon and rarely seen among the men and they are named as incarnated personality. He is none other than the son of God or Nabi (prophet) or the highest God-Incarnate. The Indian faith goes far ahead to describe God to have been come in the form of first fish, then tortoise, then swine, then half-lion and half-man, Dwarf-man, Lord Ram, Lord Sree Krishna and others and all the stages are the evolution of one over other. In the previous ages, He has come, as all believe and describe, as Lord Buddha, Jesus Christ, Mohammed, Chaitanya Dev and Sree Ram Krishna. They have spoken things based upon the original truth spoken by the past prophet. Hence prophets are also the evolution of one over the previous one thus they are the same.

The present world must accept Sree Sree Thakur Anukul Chandra as the highest evolved personality if he truly follows Him. He has come by acquiring all the past prophets in him. He says **“All the past prophets are consummated in the present one”** The prophets being one and the same, to differentiate among them is quite not good. Only thing is that They know everything but people accept them accordingly to their receiving power. For that reason only, it is not uncommon to have many sectarianism found, on this earth. Taking the totality of human existence on this earth, the Indian saints have divided such existence of man into four eras –

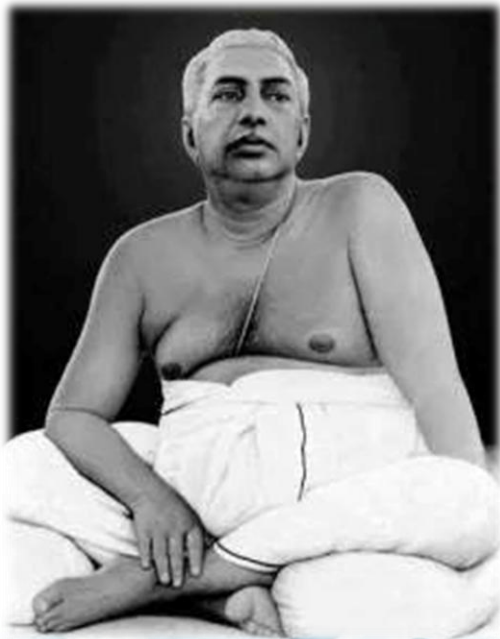
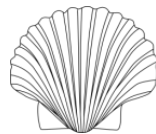
- 1.The Era of Satya,
- 2.The Era of Tretaya,
- 3.The Era of Dwapa ,
- 4.The Era of Kali (Present time)

According to saint Manu, man had a life span of four hundred years in Satya, three hundred years in Tretaya, two hundred years in Dwapar and one hundred years in Kali. The peculiarity of each era has been marked by the prevalence of a Holy Name (sound vibration). In Satya Yuga the holy name (sound vibration) was Hari, in Tretaya the holy name was Rama. In Dwapar the holy name was evolved to Krishna and in Kali era, Sree Sree Thakur has given almighty Holy Name which is given at the time of initiation. These Holy Names are the essence of meditation through which one can know himself and the supreme cause. With the growth of complexities in man, the holy names have been propounded by the Seers in accordance with the need of the time. To enchant the holy name of God has also found importance in the Bible and the Quran.

Sree Sree Thakur Anukul Chandra is the Supreme manifestation of the Holy Name. The Holy Name given by Sree

Sree Thakur is nothing but the clue to creation. This is the 'sound vibration' from which the whole of universe has been sprouted. Sree Sree Thakur has explained on this Holy Name (sound vibration) at the time of his discourses. Few of His words pronounced at the time of Trance may be quoted here to follow the importance of the Holy Name. He has pronounced, ***"I was the sound. Sound is my creation; therefore you are created by me. Only sound is your spirit, no doubt"***-Punya Punthi (Holy Book) Revelation on 3rd day). Here the word 'sound' refers to the Holy Name given by Sree Sree Thakur. He further says ***"Name is the vibrating image of the supreme cause. You, I and everything of the universe, are the evolutionary image of this name"***- Alochana Prasanga (The discourses) 17.12.1941. He has also admittedly told-***"I have unexpectedly come. None has seen any other like me before and, none will also see anybody like me after"***- Alochana Prasange-11.04.1953.

Hence, it is evident that Sree Sree Thakur Anukul Chandra is the embodied God Head (God Incarnate) and his presence on this earth is to save mankind irrespective of creed, culture, religion, sect etc. The whole mission of Sree Sree Thakur veers round the principle of elevation of "Being" and "Becoming" of each and all, through the dictum of "live and let live others". If He is accepted as the Guide and Beloved the Lord by all, surely all maladies of the word shall vanish within no time. For this He has prescribed a process of meditation and says ***"Children, You must fix your attention at the root of the nose to have YOU and draw the spirit onwards. This was my policy when I was Jesus."*** This can be searched in 'Holy Book'-Punya Punthi.-Revelation 7th day. So let us all be His and His alone.



Faith is beyond the range of intellect. Intellect is according to faith. There is 'yes' or 'no' in intellect - there is doubt. In faith, there is no 'yes' or 'no' - there is no doubt.

The less the faith, the more undeveloped and blunt the intellect.

-Sree Sree Thakur

Upbrining – The Real Cause of Good

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We are living in 21st century and claim that we are highly educated and developed. But in what sense we claim it? Because if we are really educated then why people commits crimes, why people cannot live happily. It is said that education opens our eyes. It makes us enable to differentiate good and bad. It gives us sense of doing well for others and resists self from evil. But if we see carefully the graph of educational growth and crime rate, it is really shocking. As the rate of education increased, the rate of committing crime also increased. Then the theory of upbringing through education is failing. Now and then we hear about violence in our society, in our country and in neighbor's country. We always criticize against violence. People take strong action against violence and try to reduce it. But after making so many efforts, still the situation remains same and to some extent it becomes worst. Have we ever thought about the root cause behind the violence? Sree Sree Thakur Anukul Chandra claims that lack of love creates all bad things. According to Him - ***“Love alone can control everything, because it is the elixir of existence.”*** (The Message).

I believe that a child never born with good or bad character from a mother's womb. It is the surrounding and we people that moulds children. Then how to make our environment conducive and crime free? To get the answer, first we have to study our current living style in society.

We live in a society where we all are running for prosperity, excellent living standard, to become famous and to earn huge amount of money. We scarify our day and night, our relationships, our values, our culture to get the luxuries life. Is it all about living a healthy and happy life? Are we really fulfilling the purpose of getting the most valuable life as a human being? I think the answer is “No”. Then what one should do to rectify and resolve the problem. Let us see and try to understand the theory of upbringing in the light of Sree Sree Thakur Anukul Chandra's teachings.

First of all let us know who is Sree Sree Thakur Anukul Chandra?

The fortune of humans had smiled once again on this earth when SREE SREE THAKUR ANUKUL CHANDRA was born in a remote village named Himaitpur in the district of Pabna, now in Bangladesh in the late 19th century. Men took no time to realize His unique divine overpowering personality with love, sympathy, compassion for the poor-trodden, the suffering and the sick. His divine revelations and utterances in various languages spread far and wide around the world like a wildfire. People from all walks of life irrespective of cast and creed, scientists, philosophers, academicians, judges, barristers, artists, engineers, religious men, communal leaders-all started coming to His lotus feet and went back overwhelmed, inspired, charged and exalted with the unique realistic solutions of their problems. Thus, SREE SREE THAKUR is being worshipped as the prophet Purushottam, the "Ista", the "Sadguru" and the living Ideal of modern age by the millions of disciples in India and abroad. His primary mission "Being and Becoming", that is the life and the growth made His 'SATSANG' a man making industry. According to Him –

“Behavior is the beverage of life” (The Message - VII, p. 1)

But one should know to make behavior as a beverage. Behavior is the way in which one acts or conducts in a

society. But a good behavior comes from a good character. A good character comes from good child. A good child comes from good progeny. Good progeny comes from good genetics and good genetics comes from good marriage. Sree Sree Thakur said that –

***“Marriage is not a matter of contract,
But it is a solemnly needed to draw one
in the bosom of one’s heart-
with all service and caressing attitude”.*** (The Message - VII, p. 93)

It is also very important to take utmost care regarding upbringing of a child. In a good marriage there is love, care and respect for each other. A child who witness harmony and respect at home among parents clings to values and principles taught. It is said that “God cannot be everywhere. So, He created mother, who can protect her child from all evils, just like a God, who always protects us from evil or Satan”. So, a mother is directly responsible for the growth of humanity. A mother’s love is unconditional. Her child learns tradition, values, manners, ability to differentiate good and bad. But for this, a mother should have an ultimate ideal loving point in her life. Through that ideal loving point, a lady of the house can bring idealistic personality in everyone’s life of her house.

Sometimes we think that if we are following our God, the almighty, then why we need a “Guru” in our life. The answer is very simple. God is like air, it can be felt but never seen with bare eyes. But when the air is filled in a balloon then we can see the air in the shape of the balloon. Here a Guru act as a balloon, which makes us see God through Him, who makes us realize the presence of God. Only a Prophet, Purushottam, "Ista", “Sadguru” only can teach us the path for being and becoming. It is the time to accept Sree Sree Thakur as our “ISTA”, our “GURU” to eliminate evil from our heart. If we all surrender ourselves to that Prophet Purushottam then only being a mother or being a father, we can divert our next generation towards ideal centric being and becoming in life. Our next generation can be rectified from its root and new generation can come in this world with lovely feeling of togetherness, values and love for each other.

***“When love of variety concentrates into
one ideal with every active adjustment and service,
it sprouts into universal love in harmony
with every specific universe of every individual being”***
- Sree Sree Thakur (The Message – III)



Sree Sree Thakur with his mother Pujaniya Manmohini Ma

Marriage, A Scared Knot

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With the growth of age, we reach to a stage where we feel the need of a life partner. This sacred association is called 'Marriage'.

To lead a happy and successful married life many factors play their roles. However, one of the most important factors is to fulfill each other. Wife will always look into things by which her husband will grow in all aspects physically, mentally and spiritually. If at any point, her husband has any bad habits than by giving him love and service, she will make continuous efforts to bring him back to the path of life and growth. In the same way, the husband will always look into the happiness and needs of his wife as she has left everything behind to start a new life with him. However, the inherent nature of a woman is to fulfill her husband.

Let me share an example on this through my own life experience:

I got married in January 2015. Before marriage, purposefully I had taken a flat on rent near Badlapur Satsang Vihar, Mumbai. After marriage when we started living here. I used to take my wife to Satsang vihar often. She used to go with me mechanically. During that time I used to tell her about Sree Sree Thakur's ideology but never forced her to take initiation. After few days, she also liked the place and started respecting Sree Sree Thakur.



Sree Sree Thakur with Sree Sree Boroma

Some time later, Rev Babai da came to Mumbai for Dadar Satsang bhawan inauguration. My wife was very happy to have darshan of Rev. Babai da. On the same day Sri Shivanand Prasad (Asst. Secretary of Satsang) told my wife, "If both the wheels of a motor bike are not in sync then it cannot run, same thing applies to married life." These words impressed her very much. On that night she told me that she should also take initiation of Sree Sree Thakur. This will help us to have a devoted life leading to intellectual growth of us and our next generations. After this she was blessed with the holy initiation soon.

What I've experienced from this is that we should always try to keep our family amongst good company because there are many negative things happening in the society. So if we are within boundary of positivity then there is a ray of hope that at least I can give my family a life of happiness and growth. This is the concept of Satsang, "Grow and help other grow too." My immediate environment is my family. Husband and wife should be mindful to create a loving environment in the house that their children learn from them all the positive things from early stage. The best way to learn and make our children learn principles of life and growth is to attach to a superior personality, so that my personality moulds according to HIS directions. Sree Sree Thakur Anukulchandra is such a personality.

He has given very practical and simple instructions following which the most complex problems of life solve very easily, be it personal problems or problems in conjugal life or in professional life. That's why if we wish for overall positive growth in personal, conjugal, family, societal and national life then attaching self to Sree Sree Thakur and following HIS instructions, with belief in heart, is the only way at present situation of negativity.

Unspoken Fulfillment of a Wish

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From the very childhood days, I had a strong desire to be initiated by Puj. Babai Da; many a time I had queried to my mother regarding the initiation and the reason behind performing Istabhriti in the early morning hours. I was very much keen to know more and more as I grew up.

It was around mid of June, 2003 when one of my music teacher approached my father asking about my age, regarding initiation. I was not yet 11 (the proper age when a child gets initiated), so my mother asked my teacher to get it confirmed whether I would be eligible or not. Few days later, I was informed by my father that my wish of getting initiated would be fulfilled on 30th June 2003 (DIKSHA DIWAS). A gush of excitement ran inside me as my wish was getting closer day by day. Finally the day arrived. I, along with my parents reached Thakur Bari in the early morning hours after the prayer. After offering Pranam at the Holy feet of Sree Sree Thakur, Sree Sree Boroma and Puj. Borda, we went to offer Pranam to Acharyadev Sree Sree Dada. It was raining heavily and hence we took shelter at the Philanthropy Office. Few minutes later, Puj. Babai Da came to Philanthropy office. My father did pranam and did "nivedan" (requested) for my Initiation. Puj. Babai Da asked us to go to Puj. Mej Da (Dr. Sunu Da) and he would be passing the "Holy Name" to me.

Naturally, it's a common child psychology to get disheartened if one's wish doesn't come true. I was very disheartened but my parents comforted me and said whatever Dada asked us to do we must follow that. Hardly did our conversations end, Puj. Babai Da called out my father's name from upstairs. My father in a very calm and poise way ran towards Him and came down with a smile in his face. Puj. Babai Da instructed my father to approach "Sundar Dada" at the Canteen near the Borda Bari's entrance and to tell him to arrange for my Initiation, Puj. Babai Da himself would pass the "Holy Name" to me. My joy knew no bounds. I felt as if I was the happiest kid in the world. My initiation was done and since then I have got endless incidents in my life which has brought in several changes and which has made me understand that we are always protected by the divine grace of Sree Sree Thakur. That was the 1st day which made me realize that somehow or the other, He listens to our heart. We do not need to ask anything from Him, He understands and knows our requirements. It's just that we must follow his given path, rest He will take care.

I would like to pen down another recent incident. It was in the month of May, 2015 when I was selected in an interview at Kotak Mahindra for the post of Trainee Recruiter in Kolkata. After getting the news, I headed towards Deoghar to seek blessings from Thakur family. The next morning after reaching Deoghar, I went to offer my Pranam at Thakur Bari. I conveyed about my selection to Puj. Babai Da. He asked about the joining date. After I informed the date, he made me understand very properly that I must read all the joining documents precisely before putting up my signature. I offered my pranam and later returned to Kolkata that day itself.

The next week I had my joining. Now, due to my excitement, I was very over-confident which made me suffer a lot later. I signed all the documents without reading them; such a grave mistake. Next day, I came to know that my work profile would be to sell insurance of some amount, a target oriented job for the first 3 months; from which I would be paid a certain percentage as an incentive and there would be no fixed pay until I achieve the target. I resigned that day itself and had to pay a fine of 1000 rupees as per the agreement signed, which I would not have faced if only I had listened to Puj. Babai da. So, it was my grave mistake for being careless or say over-confidence; which opened up my eyes. Being well aware of and what sort of steps we can take in future, He tries to protect us by giving some sort of hints about what is prevailing in the near future for us. And, it is our sole responsibility to follow the instructions without having any doubt.

My Lord, Sree Sree Thakur and His Blessings

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It is too early for me, to express my views towards the vast philosophy of Sree Sree Thakur Anukul Chandra, Around whom this big divine socio - religious organization named, "SATSANG" developed.

My entry in Satsang kingdom is just three years back. Before marriage, I knew nothing about Sree Sree Thakur. Now I realize it was HIS blessings that I chose my life partner from Satsang family. After marriage I came to know slowly about Sree Sree Thakur and his ideology. My husband and In-laws motivated and inspired me for the initiation. Finally I got initiated with the Holy name of Sree Sree Thakur on 08/03/12 on the auspicious occasion of dol purnima.

After my initiation, I had the opportunity to visit Deoghar. I visited the entire Satsang kingdom thoroughly right from Thakur bungalow to Thakur's Samadhi Sthal. We participated in congregational morning prayer along with huge number of devotees from the various places of the country and also after offering homage to Sree Sree Thakur, Sree Sree Boroma, Sree Sree Borda and our Acharyadev Pujyapad Dada, my mind was totally filled with joy and I feel myself blessed that I have got Sree Sree Thakur as my love Lord.

***"Fortunate are those who see me and accept me,
But more fortunate are those who do not see me, still accept me"***

In this short span of my association with SATSANG and my Lord Sree Sree Thakur, I do not know how much of self-development I have achieved but, I definitely feel that the blessings of my Lord is always with me and I have noticed that most of my problem get resolved by the grace of almighty Lord and only with this much courage I dare to start my writing. Here I want to share some personal experiences and recall some incidents that took place very recently in my life:

(1) In the month of Dec 2014, I had my US Visa interview at Chennai. At that time I was mentally disturbed due to my mother's sickness as she was suffering from some neurological problem and admitted in Chennai Hospital. Doctors consulted and decided that immediately she has to undergo an operation. I rushed to Chennai from Mumbai to be there with her during Operation. The operation date was fixed just one day prior to my interview date. In the middle of all this chaos and mental stress I had very little hope of my visa getting stamped. Or I should say no hope at all as that time I couldn't think of anything other than my Mother. I didn't have time even go through my petition. My only hope was Thakur. Repeating the holy name at that time gave me so much strength in those puzzled and nervous moments. Finally Operation was successful. Next day I went for the Visa Interview. Two Associates who were ahead of me got their visa rejected. Finally my turn came. To my surprise the visa officer asked me 2- 3 very general and then "Visa Stamped". I checked the Visa Seal couple of times to verify what just happened, and then sat crying for a moment thanking HIM for this small miracle.

(2) I had a strong desire to see our Pradhan Acharyadev, Pujya Pad Sree Sree Dada and take his blessings before coming to USA. Accordingly I came to Kolkata, where my in-laws stay. I, my mother-in-law and my brother-in-law, we three started for Howrah station to board the train for Deoghar. Normally it takes about forty minutes by taxi/ bus from our residence to Howrah railway station. Unfortunately, at that day there was not a single taxi on the stand. So we decided that better to take a Bus as we had 2 Hrs in buffer. After crossing half distance suddenly bus stopped running and got stuck in a big jam at Baro Bazaar. There was no way out. Tension started building up with every passing minute. Finally we thought that no way we can catch the train now. We all were very much depressed.

But I kept on chanting the Holy Name and praying Thakur to do some miracle. Suddenly bus started and within 10 min we were at station and boarded train. Seconds after we boarded the train started. It's beyond my imagination how one after another these events occurred. It seemed as if the train was waiting for us only.

After reaching Deoghar, we attended the morning congregational prayer and went to take blessings from Sree Sree Dada. On his instruction, one of our guru bhai from Ashram shared Ram Kinkar Thakur da's number. After reaching US, I called up Ram Da and came to know that we have many Gurubhai and Guru Ma in Milpitas. He introduced me to Shyam Da and then after that I have never felt I came to some unknown country.

When I join the dots, I realize that, it is by his grace and blessings I could attend satsang and be associated with all guru bhrata's (brother) and guru maa's in USA which has given me a kind of support. This is the brief introduction of my entry in Satsang America. I am very much happy that Sree Sree Thakur has bestowed upon me the blessing of doing His work and made my life meaningful.



Devotees offering bajan in the presence of Sree Sree Dada



Satsang happening on occasion of Dol Utsav in presence of Pujaniya Babai da

My Thakur and Me

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My lovely Thakur please bless me a little so that I can write a bit about my love for you. I am not sure what and where to start. My Lord who is unfathomable and huge sea for me, and I will try to write a tiny bit about Him.

I am blessed to have such wonderful parents through whom I understood that my sole purpose of existence is to serve my Lord and its people. Spiritual thinking and divine oriented life is something we through our parent's upbringing. When I was only 7 years old my parents got initiated and took the Swastayani as well. From that day onwards they have communicated to us (my elder sister, my younger brother and me) about the divine ideology of Sree Sree Thakur and what is his place in our life. After the initiation we regularly did prayers in front of Sree Sree Thakur, Sree Sree Boroma, Sree Sree Borda da and later Pujyapad Dada's.

My father was the first generation disciple of Sree Sree Thakur. And in this regards, I get reminded of a verse from Satyanusaran

"Exhausted in Want, the mind seeks Dharma or the Supreme Being"

I guess something similar would have happened to my father that pushed him towards Sree Sree Thakur more and more. I remember my father saying, that after taking initiation, the way Thakur have kept us safe and secure from various adversities of life, it felt as if a very own familiar person is saving us by holding our hands. I am able to recall one thing my dad always says that, I might be able to help you to fulfill all your wishes if you ask me but in our life Thakur is the only one, who can fulfill each one, without even us asking, that we will need nothing else any more. I always have felt that in my life. I don't know how much I love my Thakur but I always felt He has loved me so much more and helped me fulfill my desires and dreams in million times more than my expectations. Let me tell couple of instances from my hostel life during my study of Ayurvedic medicine.

When I was only 17, I had to go very far away from my parents to study in Ayurveda College in Puri. It was very difficult for me as I had never before lived so far away and for so long. I was feeling as if I will die as there were lot of difficulties and I was continuously feeling homesick. Then I remember my dad saying "Whenever you feel very lonely and homesick try to remember Thakur and do naam then you will see how much strength you get and you will be able to overcome all difficulties and feel lively again." So, I started doing the same. When I was homesick I went someplace isolated remembering my parents and then when I started thinking of Sree Sree Thakur. I use to cry so much that I was unable to stop. I felt bad that I remembered My Lord when I was missing my parents otherwise not.

I generally was reserved person. But I love my Thakur and do his prayer with all my love and devotion, seeing this all the girls who stay with me and eventually all in my hostel use to love me and appreciate me. Nobody had a hard feeling for me and use to help me in my difficulties as and when needed.

One time I remember me and my friend started to go to Satsang Vihar in Puri to attend the Morning Prayer over there. Morning prayer starts at the crack of dawn. We were so excited that we did not realize that it was still dark outside. We were already ready and eager to leave so looking at the darkness we were not feeling like stopping and returning back any more. The prayer time was also nearing. We pulled on some strength and started for the satsang vihar. We both had fear in our minds and once we came out of the Hostel gate and started walking our fear increased many folds as there were many crimes happening in the city. It was not very safe for girls going alone in the dark. It was so dark that we were not able to see each other's faces. Satsang Vihar is about a mile

from our hostel. I remember telling my friend do “Naam” (repeat the Holy Name) rigorously and nothing will happen to us. On our way to the satsang vihar there used to be slum that we had to cross and that area is known for all kind of small criminal activities. I don’t know what kind of strength came to us and we kept on going. After we have taken some steps we saw 2 big hairy dogs on the road. It used to be our regular road during day time and we had never seen any dog like those before. Those two dogs started licking us and they weren’t allowing us to move any further. We were stuck there with fear and were clueless what to do next.

That time we saw a rickshaw (a cart that allows people to sit on it and go to nearby places) coming from front and seeing us on the road the rickshaw puller stopped. He asked us to get on the rickshaw immediately as the area is not very safe. And surprisingly seeing him the dogs left us alone. We were little nervous but something about his face told us that there is nothing to fear and we sat on the rickshaw. After going a little far he asked where do you want to go, and we said Thakur Bari (Temple of Thakur). It felt as if he knew beforehand itself where we wanted to go. Generally rickshaw walas do a lot of negotiations for money. But that guy just dropped us in front of the satsang vihar and was going away without taking any money. But we forcefully gave him the price and that also he did not count and put in his pocket and went away.

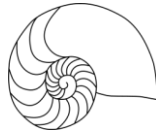
I don’t know what happened that morning and still get jitters thinking what could have happened that morning. Now it feels like a miracle of some sort. By Thakur’s grace that day nothing bad happened to us. But these kind of small incidents keep on reminding us that there is someone looking out for you in your difficulties and fears in life.

In this context I remember one verse by Sree Sree Thakur.

“তিনি তমায ধরেই আছেন
একাল সেকাল সবকালে,
তোমার ধরা হয় তখনই
ভক্তিতে প্রান দিলে ঢেলে”

(Translation: He has loved and blessed us always in this life and also in all previous lives. He will continue to bless us in the future ones, but our life only becomes successful and worthwhile when we devote all our belief, love, devotion at his Holy Feet.)

I am not sure what my Lord is and how big he is. But all I have felt and realized that without His single indication not even a leaf on a tree can sway and just by His wish the entire solar system is moving around each other. I feel He is my own and loving. Due to his wish only my life is so nice and pleasant. I am his child and I always feel proud for the same. By his divine wish today I am married to a Thakur centered family. And due to my Thakur’s blessing my life is going pleasantly with my in-laws, my parents, my husband and a beautiful and lovely daughter. And at the end I want to pray at the lotus feet of Sree Sree Thakur that please give me strength to keep loving you the most in my life and You keep be my guide and philosopher in all my future births.



Living Ideal - An Essential External Force of Life

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East or West, human experiences are similar when followed the truth. And the truth is always one, not many. There is a book series in Bengali called “Bharoter Sadhok” in which the writer has compiled in more than 5 volumes referring to the lives of many of the prominent spiritual sadhus who lived over the period in India. The paramount of their lives were Guru, the Living master in flesh and blood, serving whom they have mastered the human life. They hardly have studied any books by themselves, yet their words were treated as the words of wisdom and numerous books have been written on their lives. Only attachment to a living master helped them achieve this. There is no conflict between two persons when they see the world above a certain level. The higher you go, lighter is the feel and plainer is the sight. That is why it is being said that “great men think alike”. The easiest way to acquire the knowledge is to follow someone who knows it already. It’s like the need of a professor in college though we have books.

I am fortunate to be associated with many people who have a living ideal, starting from my family, friends and my neighborhood. I have met people leading simple yet effective lives with bliss. And they are balanced in the aspects of human life; may it be family, personal, professional, spiritual, material. Without balance in all these aspects, peace is merely a dream. As we speak there is a silent revolution happening in India, like it happened when Sri Ram, Sri Krishna, Buddha, Jesus Christ were here on this earth for thriving people towards the love of existence. And this time it’s beyond the imagination of the world has ever seen since its creation if we may say. This has started with the birth of a Man who said **“Death is a curable disease”**, Sree Sree Thakur Anukulchandra in 1888. If I go by the current day statistics, every moment, people are accepting Sree Sree Thakur, following and understanding Him and His sayings in their lives through the living Ideal Acharyadev Sree Sree Dada. This number is huge and growing. Sree Sree Thakur once said, that the things which He gave is like wildfire and it won’t stop until everything is burnt completely by the fire of love. He set up a process for establishing joy and happiness, guaranteed if followed with true belief and faith. His whole life Sree Sree Thakur spent Love, and people were his income. He said **“I can give away an Empire but not a single person”**. He has shown in practice the utmost possibilities a human can achieve in His very life. That is why He is the Ideal man to follow and observe. After His human form, He left us with Acharya Dev as the living Ideal who can guide us to understand Him and achieve the goal of human life. To understand what is it to have a Guru, ask a yogi, a sadhu or any person who has one. Having a Guru, is the easiest way to free yourself from your complexes and give you real freedom from the sufferings of the world. Jesus said “I’m the path. No one can come to the father but by me” and He again says “I and the Father are one”. He is never bounded by time and laws of nature yet He comes from time to time according to the need of the age. To understand the infinite first we have to go to a Guru who is in finite form and who has seen the infinite. He is the force of life that puts us in a higher orbit of happiness, growth, life, knowledge, sense and everything we have ever imagined of. Else we will have to respect Newton’s first law of motion and lead our life like every other object in the universe.

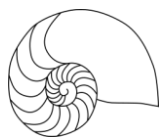
Just like the books revise, vehicles upgrade, software versions change, generations come and go; change is constant. But does the rule book of God need not be updated with time? Why Shri Krishna has to come after Shri Ram, why Jesus Christ has to come after Buddha? How many of us really know the meaning of yoga? Same is the case for meditation. Yoga simply means addition. Addition with what? I’m a human; I can only be able to add my feelings or myself with a human. May be that is why add and wed words are so similar. When you find a Guru and take initiation, then real yoga starts. Then only you stand a chance to overcome your stress and suffering and to be on the path of bliss of a yogic life. Satsang developed around Sree Sree Thakur, its the University of life with Acharya Dev as it’s spiritual leader. He has built a highway besides the rough road which we have chosen to follow for long. Choice is mine to try, to follow, to fulfill and have bliss. This is just the beginning of a new era.

My Experience with Guru

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It's been 3 yrs I have been initiated. As everyone, I have started my journey with conditional love expecting that being initiated life changes the way I want it and I will not have any problems further in my life. Being with that expectation, if something good happens I thought it's because of Guru and if something bad happens I thought why the Guru is troubling me. Life became more struggling because of this conditional love. Slowly with time, as the cocoon struggles itself hard to transform it into butterfly, likewise with Istavrity, prayer, meditation and Satsang slowly the transformation started within me. Love started growing within deep inside that my weaknesses started coming out like dirt. First time in my life, I could see how many faults have been accumulated within me. Being in the divine environment only we can find our own dirt. Instead of looking outside for faults I started looking faults within myself. Started working on my weakness which soon developed a self love towards my own being. Knowing self is knowing the soul or spirit in us. Many of us think spirituality as a philosophical thing and feel one should develop that in old age which is totally a wrong notion. We enter our mother's womb as a fetus with a spirit. From there our mind and body grows for 9 months and see this earth. But being juggled around this materialistic world, we give lot of importance to body and mind and ignore the soul by which we create disharmony with the cosmos. As we are disconnected with the cosmos so as we tend to fall down into the troubles. So to being connected with our own soul, everyone need a Guru in their life which brings harmony into the life and our perception towards life changes from sympathy to empathy, passion to compassion, conditional to unconditional love, want to give, pride to humbleness by which our daily lives unfolds as a miracle and sense of peace arises deep within. One such incident which happened recently I want to share with you all :

Recently we moved to a new apartment in foster city and the leasing lady gave me the address as 1441 beach park instead of 1451 beach park. In DMV I gave the wrong address and after knowing the fact, I changed in USPS to redirect the post. One Sunday morning after my Istavrity and prayer, I felt strongly that my DMV license might have reached to 1441 beach park address. With that strong conscious mind I went to that building I knocked the door almost thrice but I could not see anyone opening the door. I was above to move from there, somewhere my heart was saying to knock the door more hard this time. I was completely unaware who stays there or if someone is residing or not and that too Sunday morning. This time I knocked the door hard and I saw a person opening the door. He was in deep sleep with half eyes closed. I gained some strength within me and explained the situation and he asked my name. The moment I said my name he went inside and bought the mail box keys and gave me 2 letters, one of which is DMV license and the other was the check of my previous apartment deposit refund, both of which were very important for me. I was totally amazed by that incident as license was very important for me as I had to travel to a new location in 2 weeks and had no time to follow up. Sree Sree Thakur Ankul Chandra is my guru and I feel very much blessed to have me in this birth as not everyone can come under his shadow without the grace of Lord. I hope this article inspires the person who read and will take a further step to take the initiation of the love Lord and grow from within and touch the spirit within themselves.



Deoghar Trip – a New Experience

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This time we want to narrate our experience during our Deoghar trip.

On March, 2015 first time from USA around 10 gurubhais was getting ready to go to Deoghar. My husband was also joining the group. He already booked the ticket a month before and was all set to go Deoghar. It was a 7 day round trip. Me and my son Tuhinendra are prepared to stay here by ourselves.

Later due to Tuhin's grandma's health issue he planned to extend his trip another 3days and planned to go his home town from Deoghar then come back from there to USA. I was preparing myself how to deal with different things when Tuhin's dad will be in India. He had only 5 days to leave for India when all of a sudden it came to my mind a desire to visit Deoghar and have darshan (pay homage to) of Pujyapada Dada, Pujyaniya Babai Da and others. My son, Tuhinendra was born due to the blessings of Pujyapada Dada thus I wanted to take him to Deoghar so that he can also get darshan. It would have been good to go with everyone.

My mind was ready to travel to India but due to my experience in 2012 I was taking a step back. In 2012 summer we took a trip to India but my son got really sick due to heat in India and we had to return to US sooner than planned. But next day again I was so restless and it was continuously beeping in my mind not to think anything but just go to Deoghar and visit Dada and fulfill my wish. On Monday I shared this with Tuhinendra's dad and by listening this he was happy but how it is possible. It may not be possible to get tickets in the same flight as him but to utter surprise only 2 tickets were left which he booked. Now nothing could stop us from going to Deoghar.

We are excited and tired as we just had 3 days to pack and get ready. I was thinking may be this trip we are not planning but Sree Sree Thakur planned and we just have to go ahead and execute it. Another thing I should mention that we already booked our ticket for California Grand Satsang still we focused on Deoghar trip. Finally that day came, we 3 are so excited and happy finally we are going to Deoghar. Due to adverse weather condition and snow fall our flight was delayed by 1.5 hrs. Due to delay in the first flight we were almost going to miss our second flight however we were able to board second flight just in nick of time. On flight due to separate seats we faced few challenges, but still that did not bother us much. I was thinking there is something behind our trip, just 5days before I made my mind to stay with Tuhin but after 5days now we all are in a same flight going to India (Deoghar). This is just a dream for us. The train tickets for domestic travel in India were not confirmed when we left US but once we reached India it was confirmed. This is purely His blessings; we could not believe it how this can happen. We reached Deoghar railway station without much trouble.

From station to Thakurbari we reached safe due to our gurubhais arrangements. As we are nearer to Thakurbari I was more and more excited and my faith on Him is becoming more and more stronger. My son Tuhin got exposed to heat and had nose bleeding but after sometime it stopped and he was good), one thing was coming to my mind that He will take care of everything. Finally we reached Thakurbari and it was evening just few minutes before prayer. All our gurubhais from US joined the evening prayer. Later, we went to Natmandap where Pujyapada Dada sits and gives darshan to all the devotees. We are so blessed to sit in front of Pujyapada Dada and did darshan and pranam just few hours after reaching Thakurbari. I could not believe myself that I was sitting in front of Him and I was so overwhelmed and emotional that tears are coming in my eyes. I was in a different world. After some minutes I realized that finally I came to see Dada and due to His blessings my wish is fulfilled, we brought Tuhinendra to his Lotus Feet. Then it came to my mind that does Sree Sree Dada knows that I came from far away to visit Him? He is not looking at me. I realized that Dada was examining me and He was looking from his left side and moving towards right but He just turned where I was sitting and he was doing it again and again He is not at all looking at me.

Though I knew that we should not examine our Lord or Guru but sometimes we are doing this foolishly. Then I realized that I know that He knows everything then why I am thinking like that. The moment I thought this Sree Sree Dada was looking at me constantly for few minutes not even blinking his eyes. I was shocked and realized that I should not examine Him and enjoy the divine moment and feel blessed having the company of our living Ideal, our Acharyadev Sree Sree Dada. Another important thing I want to mention Tuhinendra never sit in one place for a long time. But I was surprised that he sat there for more than 30 mins without going here and there.

When I asked my son, do you know who He is, he said no I don't know. I said you saw him in our Thakur's room. And my son said He is "Dada". I told him to go and do pranam to Him. Tuhinendra got inspired to do pranam by seeing his Dad and other gurubhais. Then he did the pranam. One of our gurubhai introduced Tuhinendra to Pujyapada Dada. He did pranam and Pujyapada Dada blessed him. I was so happy and felt contended that finally my wish was fulfilled. It took more than 4 yrs for me to make it happen. It's like dream come true and I waited 4 years for this moment. This was one of our best moments with Sree Sree Dada. As per Pujyapad Dada's guidance all the gurubhais from USA went to see Pujaniya Sipaida for aspects related to satsang America. I was also fortunate enough to get the opportunity to visit Pujaniya Sipaida.

During this visit another interesting thing happened with us. I was worried about Tuhin's food habit, as he loves paneer and yogurt. I had some with me but it was over. I was thinking to get some in the next day morning from Deoghar market. So I prepared myself that in dinner I will feed him bread, juice and some dry snacks. But when we are sitting for dinner anandabazar we were so surprised that they serve paneer and potato curry. I was just speechless, and felt in my mind that this trip was planned by Sree Sree Thakur and He takes care of everything. Not only that they serve paneer in every lunch and dinner. I realized His blessing in each and every moment there. Lots of thing happened and many wishes are fulfilled there. I just wished to visit Pujyapada Dada and take Tuhinendra to do darshan to Dada. But in return we get a lot not only that we got the opportunity to do Darshan to Pujaniya Ma, Pujaniya Badabourani, Pujaniya Chhoto Boudi, Pujaniya Bintu da and other Thakur family members in such a very minimum hour stay (30hrs) in Thakurbari.

Pujaniya Babaida was not there at Thakurbari, so we went to Kolkata after 1 day to visit him. With help of one of our gurubhai we got a chance to come to Kolkata to visit Pujaniya Babaida. There were lots and lots of devotees in Kolkata Mandir waiting in lines and we also got the chance to do darshan to Him. The most blissful moment was when Pujaniya Babaida blessed Tuhinendra by putting his hand on his head. I could not express my feelings in words, it was so amazing and inexpressible.

In this trip I got the chance to visit Bhubaneswar mandir few times and got the opportunity to serve our parents and meet all my family and friends. Though we faced few challenges the important thing is that we realized His presence, blessings and guidance in each and every moment. From my experience I realized if we have faith on Him he is always with us to guide and we can realize His blessing in each and every moment. We are really blessed to have Sree sree Thakur in our life and our living Ideal Acharyadev Pujyapada Dada.



Sree Sree Thakur – Satguru of the Age

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Civilization is now facing a crisis. This is an era of mounting anguish and vanishing worth when disaster is fast overtaking countries and continents with savagery let loose. A brutal thirst for possession, augmented by science and technology is the symptom of the disease of the day, suffering humanity is eagerly waiting for a savior.

**When suffering shoots
Intelligence weeps to unfold
Surrender shouts with a rescuing urge.
Existence crawls**

SREE SREE THAKUR ANUKULCHANDRA, the savior of mankind, was born in an isolated village called Himaitpur in the district of Pabna in a respectable Brahmin family in east Bengal (now in Bangladesh) on 14th September 1888 Bengali calendar Friday 30th Bhadra, Tal Navami thiti 1295. People did not know that this part of the earth had silently been blessed with a divine presence that the redeemer of mankind had already proclaimed His advent that their suffering and misery would soon come to an end and the shower of providential bliss was to make them all propitious and divine. The enchanting magnetic influence of Sree Sree Thakur had already begun casting a magnetic spell all around. It took no time for people to realize that there was something divine, something unique, something overpowering in the personality of Sree Sree Thakur from His very childhood. Soon the stories became known of His prophetic vision, His love for God, His sympathy, compassion for fellow brethren, for the poor and the downtrodden, and the suffering and the sick. His magic touch as a physician in healing and treating the diseased, was unique as well as His divine ecstasy and the thrill of His kirtan, His undergoing trance for days together without any sensation of life, throbbing of heart and pulse beating. His divine revelations and utterances in various languages during the trance and thereafter and uniqueness of His personality spread far and wide like a wild fire.

Thousands of messages have been given by Him to solve the innumerable problems facing individuals, the family, the society, the nation and the world as a whole. These messages are priceless gems and provide the panacea for all problems of life. They are equally valuable for Hindus, Muslims, Christians, Buddhists and Jains. Thousands of people flocked around Him with their searching questions and Sree Sree Thakur answered them calmly. There was hardly any subject on which questions were not put to Him. He emphasized the idea that men can never attain peace and prosperity by relinquishing Dharma, Ideal and culture. He held the view that Dharma means to live and grow along with one's environment. All those who want to survive in this world will have to observe this Dharma. He says God is one, Dharma is one and all prophets are exponents of the same providence.

***All prophets of the past converge and awaken in that of the present;
love to Him is love to all in the worship of God.***

Many people accepted Sree Sree Thakur as their spiritual preceptor and guide. Needless to say, Himaitpur, once a remote village, turned into an ideal complex and full-fledged township with numerous institutions like Tapovan school, the arts and crafts center, the power house, the oil engines and dynamos, the mechanical workshop, the engineering works, the carpentry, the Manomohini Institute of Science and Technology, the Vishva Vignan Kendra, the Satsang press, the co-operative centers and other establishments and the campus became famous as Satsang Ashram. Many dignitaries of those times came to have His holy darshan. Those included Mahatma Gandhi, Deshbandhu Chitranjan Das, A K Fazalul Haque, Sharath Chandra Bose, Subhash Chandra Bose and his parents Shyam Prasad Mukerjee and many others.

Sree Sree Thakur all of a sudden left the Satsang Ashram Himaitpur and came to Deoghar on the 2nd September 1946 with thousands of His followers, leaving the assets that were worth crores in those days. Sree Sree Thakur once again began from scratch at Deoghar with a vast complex of Satsang Ashram with more than millions of followers and disciples and thousands of centers which are called Satsang Vihars within India and abroad which bears a testimony to Sree Sree Thakur's greatness, His untiring zeal, extreme far-sightedness, strength of character and divine inspiration.

Sree Sree Thakur has been accepted, adored and worshipped as the prophet, purshottam, the satguru, the Ishta and Living Ideal of the modern age by millions of persons within India and abroad irrespective of cast, creed, nationality, and race. He is the emblem of divine grace mercy and bliss. His primary mission is the **"Being and Becoming"** of man that is life and growth of one and all. To live and grow is everybody's aim and whatever is needed to fulfill life and growth of every individual along with his environment is man's first and foremost duty. Sree Sree Thakur says, "I want the well being of man. I know where in lies the suffering of man and I go on doing that which might obliterate it. It is not something of luxury to me. It is the craving of my soul. What is a greater constructive activity than this I do not know. Men have become completely shattered and do not know what is meant by adjustment and self-control. That is why they are retreating step by step in the battle of life and I put forth the importance of Jajan, Jaajan and Istavrithi. More people congregate under the banner of a single ideal through the medium of the institution; the greater sense of interestedness will evolve. In this manner the scattered people will congregate at a particular point. Everybody will think of others, each one will do for others."

A living ideal is the way to becoming and the embodiment of life and growth and the only way to lead an adjusted happy and prosperous life is to be concentric to the living ideal, follow His dictates and commandments and fulfill His wishes with an un-tottering adherence and active allegiance. That alone ensures all round success for man and makes him worthy of receiving the blessing of God. Sree Sree Thakur attached great significance to an individual. An individual to Him was of greater importance than an empire. Thus to ignore an individual was to ignore a universe. He wanted each individual to grow and prosper in life by becoming concentric to the Ishta or Ideal by being mutually interested in the well being of all and achieving a concordance between the ideal, self and environment. This could be possible only when a man becomes adjusted and integrated by controlling and meaningfully adjusting his complexes, his passions, emotions, whims and caprices and could achieve co-ordination between his thought, word and action. The easiest weapon that He gave us was the weapon of Jajan, Jaajan and Istavrity.

Jajan: It means the consistent effort of an individual to cultivate the qualities of Ishta or Guru both mentally and physically through the repetition of Holy Name with concentration and meditation. In other words a man should adjust himself in such a manner that his being is possessed by the ideal and is engaged in his thoughts alone. He should move in the path of Dharma. This makes him receptive, sensitive, purified and free from nervous debility and makes him mentally strong. His transformation of character too becomes possible.

Jaajan: It is the service to the environment. One has to serve the environment in such a way that every individual becomes inspired and exalted toward the living ideal and God. He has to make efforts to see that a man's defects are plugged up, his efficiency is increased and he becomes an asset to the society by standing on his own legs and becoming interested in the wellbeing of one and all.

Istavrity: It is the love offer to the living ideal with all reverence. That is a practical activity to fulfill the Ishta. It is an act of service for the Gods, service for the forefathers, service for the human race, and sacrifice for all living beings. This sacrifice enables him to give himself to the Lord.

To observe Janjan, jaajan and Istavrith daily in life means to fulfill the Lord in thought, word and action. This makes man coordinated, integrated and adjusted and thus the path of becoming glorious and successful with the highest scope of expansion and progress in life. The society should be shaped in such a manner that every

individual becomes the interest of others and the run of life of one and all is molded towards becoming and then alone a healthy efficient and strong society and nation can exist.

Sree Sree Thakur says that if a man follows Satguru, Satnaam, Satsang and Sat karma, that is the activities for the Ishta with sincerity, he can then advance, in and through good and bad things, mistakes and shortcomings. But nothing obstructs his progress if he utilizes all that he has for the establishment of the Ishta and remains engaged in it.

Sree Sree Thakur held that if the majority of men could become ideal-centric it would not be difficult to unify the whole world under this banner. There is no other way out than to create a divine unifying platform. This platform of His can never hamper existence, nurturing self-interest and characteristics of anybody. There is no use in training man either to kill or be killed. Man has to be educated in order that he might exist and make others exist and resist with force, which is derogatory to existential propitiousness.

Sree Sree Thakur holds, the supreme end of human life is God realization. For this self-adjustment, adjustment of family, society and state are absolutely necessary. So nothing can be neglected and everything is to be taken in its proper perspective. Sree Sree Thakur observes: The goal of our life is God realization or in other words attainment of a personality in which the urge of upholding and protecting others is firmly established the means to it is active adherence to the ideal from this flows self-adjustment with adjustment of family, society and the state, and from this adjustment of state begins advancement towards becoming- forging a link with the whole world and there from springs the urge of finding fulfillment of everything in God and this is the supreme consciousness that sprouts from God realization.

Sree Sree Thakur foresees only one Dharma for mankind. He says, ***“Views may be many as many as there are people. Still Dharma cannot be many. It is always one. There is no variety of it.”*** He defines Dharma in the following words:

***Dharma means the laws
With every effulgence
Both individually
That sustain
Life and growth
Of personality
And collectively.***

The essence of Dharma is Religion which means to bind or adhere oneself through love, service and admiration to the Ideal, guide or guru-the living embodiment of God in flesh and blood.

A man cannot achieve perfection until and unless he accepts the Ideal Man or the spiritual guide. The ideal or guru gives His disciples a Secret Holy name (a powerful-impulse generating word which is a combination of the highest possible vibratory syllables) at the time of initiation. The initiation is given by Him through His authorized person who is called the Ritwik. Invocation of the Holy Name sets a man free from all sorts of mental strains and anxieties and insecurity, alienation, inferiority and other complexes which afflict life.

The particular Holy Name given to the disciples of Sree Sree Thakur is an approximate articulate expression of the primordial vibration, which has evolved with creation. It's perpetual recitation with an intense love for the ideal brings adjustment to the passions and complexes in man. Due to love and attachment to the Godly man who is the ideal in the true sense, man imbibes the divine nature of the ideal in his own character. The result is that the very self of the man comes to shine in pristine purity.

Sree Sree Thakur says, The union of the soul, the existence with the Lord or the ideal is to follow Him actively in accordance with his desire. He say's further, ***“To achieve a Godly character a man needs to be attached with love***

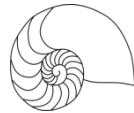
to a Godly man or a living ideal to imbibe His character. It is only possible through devotion to the living ideal. Devotion brings wisdom, which provides sensing of self in creation. Once it is achieved non-violence emerges and from non-violence comes love and love is the most direct means of attaining God.”

Sree Sree Thakur’s vast range of literature covers all aspects of human life, all subjects covering man’s existence and growth. There is no topic which He does not discuss, analyze and elaborate on. There is no “ism” which He does not fulfill; there is no problem that He does not solve. There is no individual whom He does not fulfill and exalt. As fulfilling fulfiller He unfolds the latent potentialities of one and all and goads and guides him to perfection. His love touch has transformed millions into divine lives and exalted them to move ahead unerringly on the path of eternal becoming. He is the Master man and the only Solved Man of the age. He is the way to love, life and lift. In His loving way He embraces one and all.

We should try our best for the life and growth of even those who ignore Satsang. We should resist everyone’s evil to the best of our ability. “I am a Satsangee,” means, I am the companion of everyone’s life and growth. To become a Satsangee means to become a servant to life and growth.

The present Pradhan Acharya of Satsang is Sree Sree Dada (Eldest son of Sree Sree Borda) is also the grandson of Sree Sree Thakur. Lakhs of people under the loving guidance of Sree Sree Dada are moving towards their existential goal at present.

N.B:- The Holy Name is the source of creation. It is the abbreviated form of the whole universe. It has vital energy in it. One gets this vital energy when he repeats this name continuously. This energy improves his health and his life span is increased. This holy name will save the person from getting into transmigration.



Pujaniya Babai da and other respected Thakur family returning from Thakur Bari

The Purpose of Man's Life

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Supreme Father created man. Therefore, the ultimate purpose of man is simply to worship Supreme Father. The purpose of life according to general belief is to just live as best we can and accumulate material wealth, get married and have a family. Also get as many degrees as possible and have a good job, and only then society regards us as a successful human being.

The reality of our lives, however, is often different and points to the fact that this world view is wrong. What is the purpose of being born, growing up, and going to school, getting a job, getting married and accumulating material wealth only to leave all these things behind again when we die? It is unimaginable to imagine that the Supreme Father would create us just for this purpose. The great Creator is far too perfect and comprehensive in his approach to things to imagine that he has created human beings only for the purpose for which we have generally accepted to be the case today.

What we have accepted as the way of our lives today is simply our own creation. The purpose for which we were created has been lost because for thousands of years we have failed to listen to those sent by Supreme Father. We preferred to create our own purpose because we preferred to be masters instead of servants. We did not want to hear what Supreme Father wanted from us and what he had devised for our existence. We wanted to listen only to our own voices. This is why today the real purpose of our lives is lost. Since the beginning of creation the Supreme Father wanted us to live and grow; to keep His existence intact and expanding. Our proper role is to be servants to help The Supreme Father accomplish his purpose. But if a man is subservient to his passions he gradually becomes self-centered, which means he cannot grow and cannot do any good to his environment. By giving him intellect and conscience, the Supreme Father has made man the best of his creations. However, these faculties can help him be free from the rule of passions only through the acceptance of a **Living Ideal**. In this way only can a man enter into the greater existence in which his desires for life and growth are truly fulfilled.

In the past many sects have been formed, and between them conflicts in the name of Dharma have arisen. Sree Sree Thakur said, "**Dharma is the providential flow to uphold life and growth**", "**the upholding urge of our existence.**" The mistake, which has led sectarians to violence, has been in assuming that the sect itself is Dharma. As Sree Sree Thakur said, **By Dharma everyone can live and grow; the sect is not the same as Dharma though.** Sree Sree Thakur also said:

"The degeneration of humanity began at that moment when the unseen God was made infinite and ignoring the Seers, the worship of their Sayings began.

"Oh Mankind! If you desire to invoke your good, forget sectarian conflict. Be regardful to all the past Prophets. Be attached to your living master or God and take only those who love Him as your own. Because all the past Prophets are consummated in the divine Man of the Present."

The center in which all can meet should be above all religious feeling; it should be in a great man in whom we can all see the great men of the past. In Sree Sree Thakur, Mohammedan has found Mohammed, and Christians have felt the loving touch of their Lord Jesus.

Sree Sree Thakur says, "As much as everyone does for each other, so much unity grows up. Every group should do for every other group. Arrangements should be made so that no one can keep himself unfriendly from others. I

believe in the Vedas, the Koran and also the Holy Bible. I want that the Hindus should study not only their own scriptures but also other scriptures followed by different sects. As much as one knows the fundamental sayings of others in this way, so much will the difference between them go on diminishing? The feeling of love will grow. Ignorance is the cause of difference.”

What is the purpose of man’s life? In answer to this question Sree Sree Thakur has said clearly,

Our goal is – the attainment of God, with upholding and nurturing urge,

a personality realized

the way to it is

active attachment

from this comes

to the Spiritual Guide (Acharya),

self-adjustment, family adjustment,

adjustment of the society

and adjustment of the state,

and through this adjustment of state

forming a link of connection

with the whole world

to advance towards becoming with all

and so to make everything

meaningful in God;

and this alone

is attainment’s supreme awakening.

The complete indiscipline and disordered conditions that succeed today result from the lack of self-adjustment. The first step toward the welfare of society and state is the acceptance of an Ideal in individual life. Without active attachment to an Ideal, a man can never adjust himself, his family, society or state. At this time of crisis, when whole nations are suffering in conflict and bewilderment, Sree Sree Thakur shows us the way to eternal peace and well-being.

Being is instinct with existence,

spontaneously resisting evil,

which is unfavorable to existence,

consciousness and blissful becoming is Dharma.

Dharma is embodied in a living Ideal.

Initiation by the living Ideal begets adherence.

Adherence brings adjustment of complexes.

Adjustment of complexes invite

Uphold of existence.

uphold of existence brings compassionate sympathy.

Compassionate sympathy gives birth

to integration.

Integration welcomes power.

Power invokes harmonious total growth

And uphold of existence gives rise to deep

From deep concentration comes Samadhi-

i.e., perfect absorption in the Supreme Spirit-

Concentration

and Samadhi comes

eternal emancipation of the soul-

the total extinction of passionate desire-

the great awakening of Supreme consciousness.



Youth Segment



Faith in Him

Reecha Dulal, Austin, TX

Once, a lady who was initiated under the Holy Name, was traveling in an airplane. While all the other passengers were sleeping, a baby was crying loudly for a long time. Mother's effort to make the baby stop crying was all in vain. Everybody else was trying to ignore the mother's discomfort but the lady couldn't.

Instead of pitying the mother, she tried to help her spiritually. She prayed to Sree Sree Thakur for the baby to be comfortable and stop crying. After only a few minutes, the baby was quiet and was sound asleep. If this is not a miracle then, what is?

After only 7 months of my journey with Sree Sree Thakur, I've seen many of His Karishmas (miracles). Some might've been coincidences while the others really were miracles. The lady in the story above was my mother. I was astonished when I first heard it. But I believed it because I had read about His greatness. What I did learn is that all we have to do is believe for it to come true. And for Thakur baba to help you grow you have to let yourself have Faith in Him.

Belief in Guru

Saahiti Chintala, Georgia

One day a Guru had arranged lunch for the people of his village. They were very happy about it. But when they were eating, the roof started to crack. Some of the people were scared and came out. But the Guru didn't come out. He just sat there with the other men and ate his lunch. The people were telling the Guru to come out of the house. It was about to fall down when the Guru stopped it. He told his village people to have their lunch very peacefully.

When the village people ate their lunch and came out of the house, the Guru had told the roof to do his work now. The roof started to fall down. One of the village men came to the Guru and said that he was ashamed to be scared even when the Guru was right next to him. Then the guru said, "Studies without concentration and prayers without faith, belief and patience is of no use."



In Case there is no Instruction Manual in life

Manisha Das, New York

Life itself is the biggest challenge of life. Humans are always working towards something, something that will give them purpose or help them become their best self. Provided with parents, teachers and friends, there seems to be plenty of support for us. However, all these sources of support only stay with us for so long.

What if we want a guide for our everyday life? A trustworthy friend or a constant mentor, who can show us how to live our life in healthy and productive ways? That's where Thakur Anukul Chandra can play a significant role. The philosophy of Thakur is to better ourselves and those around us by leading a life that upholds positive practice in every action and intention. Following Thakur has not drastically changed my morale, but has rather implemented common propriety, and discipline. For example, waking up every morning to pray not only gives me a reason to wake up at an appropriate time but it also discourages me from lazing about and wasting precious time by "over-sleeping."

I am motivated to give something, Ishtavrity, to my guide in life before I go about my day. This teaches me to put someone else before me. Under Thakur's guidance, I am encouraged to eat healthy and keep myself clean, so that I may lead a wholesome life. When my family follows the same rules, our home environment becomes orderly and in many ways happy. Thakur, thus, brings stability in our lives. There are of course limitations in this lifestyle, however, too much freedom is not always good. In a world that demands independence and chaotic participation, having a source of focus and stability provides a sure way to ensure livelihood.



Children's Creativity



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Thakur wants us to be alive
And I love our Thakur.
Thakur is alive because he sits in me
And he is my friend forever.

Thakur, protect us from earthquake
Let there be no tornado and earthquake.
Thakur tells me to help people and to eat
healthy.
Thakur is related to me as family.

By Ashutosh Dhakal

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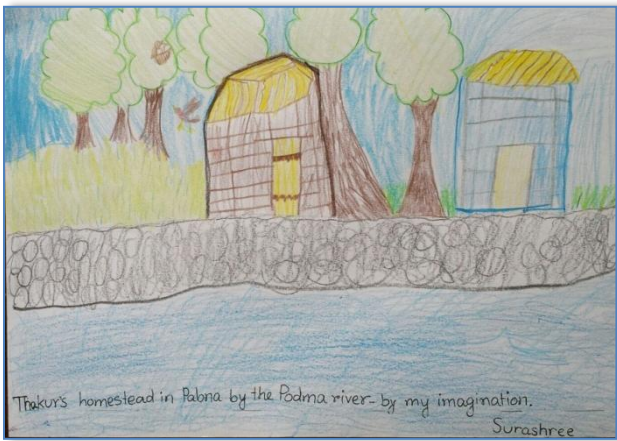
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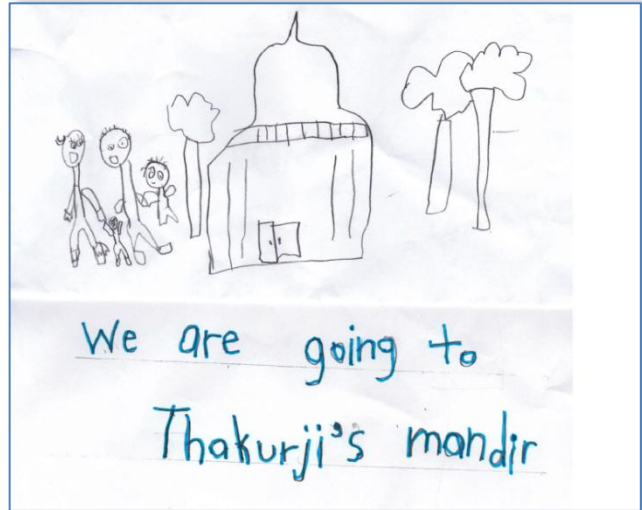
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Thakur is the latest form of God.
If we follow Thakur, our life will be
better. Thakur came to earth to show
the way to lead our life.
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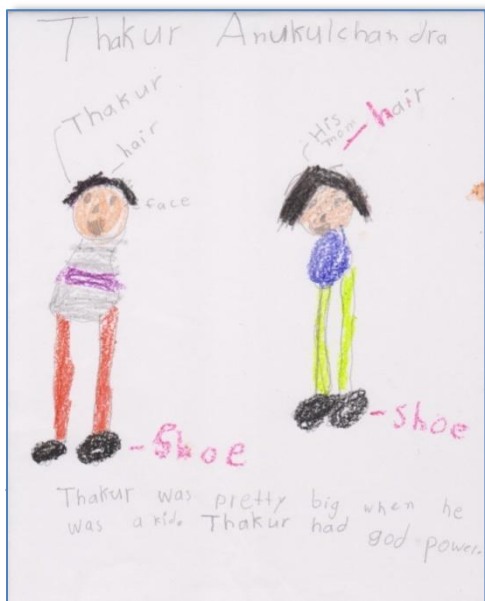
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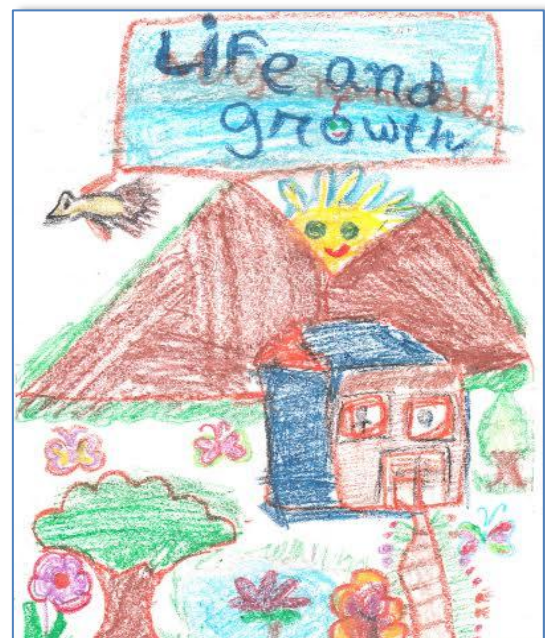
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Thakur is good.
Thakur helps us.
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Thakur is my friend forever.

- **By Bratiranjana Dhakal**

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*The Master is the materialized form of Bliss,
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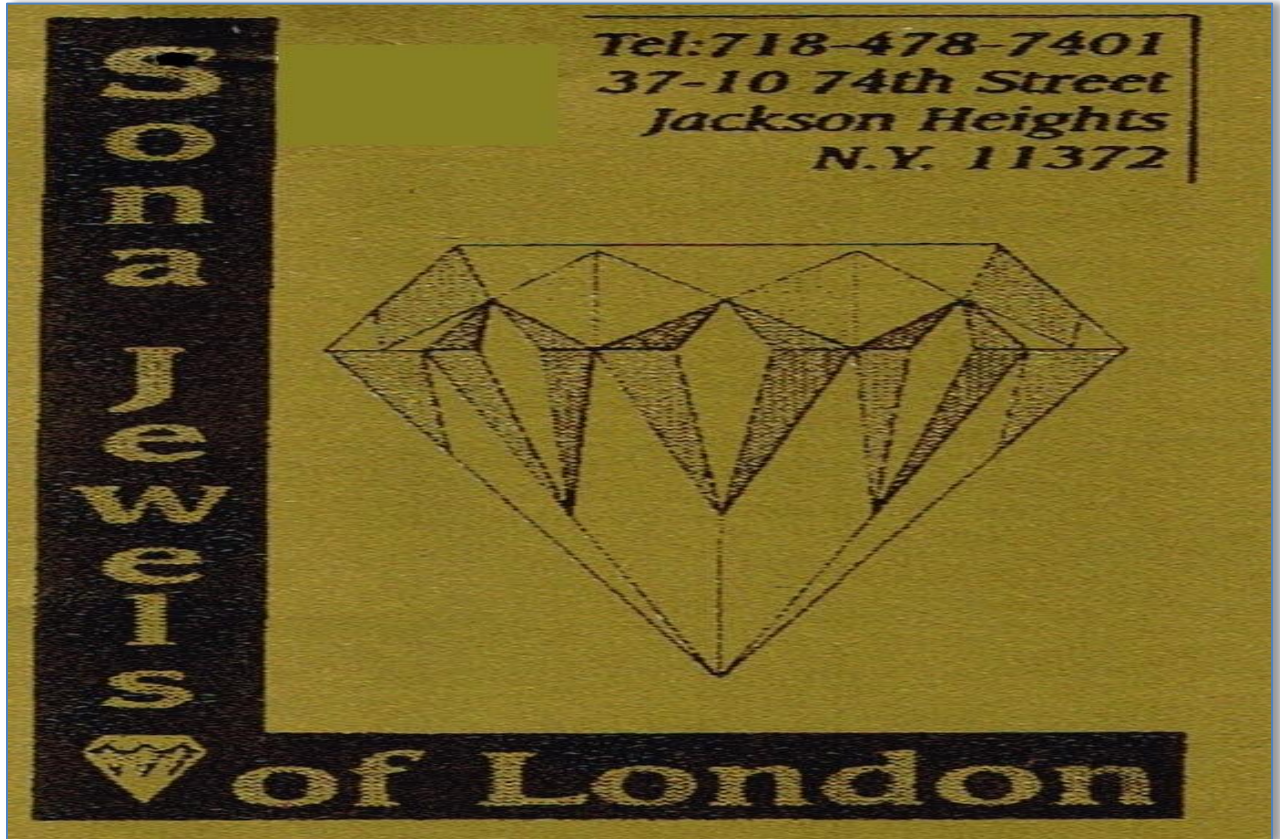
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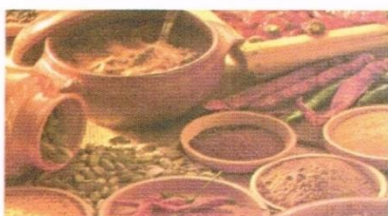
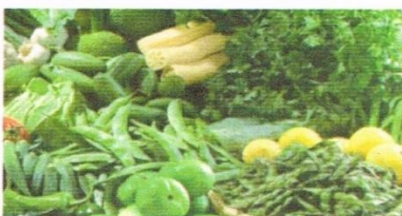
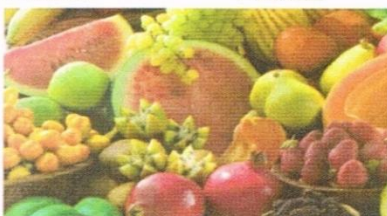
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