

Satsang with Om Baba

The pearl of Knowledge

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There are many beautiful places in the world, but for me the Satsang place is the most beautiful one.

Any space where many spiritual people come together, it is a Satsang place. And a space where many spiritual people come together, becomes a temple.

So, today all of us, we are in a true temple, and that is a beautiful place to meet.

Spirituality is something very, very open to everyone.

It is like the Ocean.

Some people they like to look at the Ocean from a distance, and they are very happy with it, they don't come closer, they just enjoy the view. Some people like to come and sit, at the beach, close to the Ocean. They like to listen to the waves, to smell the Ocean, but they don't touch, that is enough for them. The Ocean doesn't mind. Some people just touch their toes or their feet to the Ocean, or they go until their knees. Some other people they go fully inside the Ocean. And some very, very rare ones, they dive fully inside the Ocean, they merge into the Ocean, they become one with the Ocean, they disappear into the Ocean.

Whatever is the case, the Ocean doesn't mind. It is just open.

It is an open door to everyone.

You can choose to approach Spirituality in any way you like, and this is what happens, in fact.

However, until the intelligent, spiritual seeker finds the pearl inside the depths of the Ocean, until that moment comes, that he dives deep inside and finds the pearl, there can be no freedom from pain.

The pearl is the Knowledge of the Self.

So, until the brave and intelligent seeker gives up everything and dives inside the Ocean, until he finds the pearl of the Knowledge of his own Self, one can never be fulfilled.

One cannot be free from the pains of the world.

One cannot discover the beauty of the world.

One cannot discover the beauty of his own Self.

One cannot be free from death. And from the fear of death.

One cannot be free from separation. And from the terrible pain of separation.

Until that pearl is found.

So, you can approach the Ocean as you like.

If you want, don't even come close to It. You can see it from the TV, from the internet. You can see the Ocean from the YouTube. Just write "Ocean of Spirituality", and you can stay there. But do not complain!

This Ocean of Spirituality is represented, in this material world, by the Master, by the Guru.

In the same way, some people approach the Guru, some people from a distance, some people closer, some people only from the YouTube.

It is like this, the closer you get, the most challenging it becomes. The ego begins to shake, to be scorched, to be burnt. So many people when they feel the slightest inconvenience in their ego, they run away. Just like a person who touches the ocean, or touches the Ganga, let's say, and goes like: "Oh, it's too cold for me... maybe tomorrow".

I just want to be sincere with you.

Until the pearl is found, there can be no freedom from the pains of the world.

So, do not complain about the pains of the world. You have no space to do it. Nobody else is responsible for this. You cannot blame anybody.

So, this pearl that I am speaking about, this pearl that Jesus Christ spoke about, is not just – how to say – a luxury of some sort. It is an essential necessity. A very urgent necessity. Very urgent, you should not waste not even one more day!

Find the pearl, and then you can do whatever you like.
Give some dedication to It.
Give some energy to That.
Give some time to This.
Give all your time to This, if you can.
Find the pearl! And then you are free to do whatever you like!
Whatever you will do after that, that will be free from the pains of the world.

After you find the pearl of your Self-Knowledge.
After you know who you are.
After you have broken completely the identification with the form and your personality.
After you have broken the identification with your past and with your future.
After you have broken your identification with your fears and your desires.
And you know very clearly that “This is not me” and, also, that “This is not mine”.
Until this point comes, we will always be victims, we will be tortured, by our own identifications, false identifications.

We can speak about it all day long, we have spoken in so many Satsangs about it...I don't know what is the meaning, truly... the words by themselves will not do.
The words are not sufficient.
The words do not make the Teaching.
The Master makes the Teaching.
The Master is the Teaching.
The Teaching cannot be transmitted by words.
That is why so many true, and greatest Masters, they just stayed silent.

They understood clearly that whoever really wants, whoever is sincere, by just coming close to them, that person will receive the Teaching.

The Master emanates the Teaching.

His very mental state is the Teaching.

His Pure Love is the Teaching.

He doesn't need to speak complicated theories about Vedanta, etc.

The Master is like the farmer who came out to the fields. He started sowing the seeds, and some seeds fell on the stone, some seeds fell on the street and the birds came and ate them, some seeds fell among the thorns, and the thorns choked them, and very, very few, rare seeds fell on fertile ground, and they sprouted.

The Master is like this farmer. The student is like the field.

Some students are like stone, you can speak to them for one year, ten years, about Vedanta, it will not sprout.

Some other people, some other students have the capacity, they are kind of fertile, but they are surrounded by thorns – other people that bring them down, that suffocate them, and choke them. Just when they begin to sprout, the other people that are surrounding them, they bring them down. So the Knowledge cannot grow properly.

Some other people, some other students are like the street, like the path, the seeds fall there, and many birds came and ate the seeds away. These birds are our own desires, infinite desires for things other than Truth, infinite and inexhaustible desires for things other than the Truth. So, the seeds never sprout.

And some very, very few, rare ones are like an open, fertile ground.

The Master always sows the seeds freely. He has inexhaustible seeds. He sows seeds in all directions. But the student, where does the student stand?

If the seeds will sprout or not, this depends on the student and not on the Master.

If the brave, intelligent person dives inside the Ocean or not, that depends on the person, not on the Ocean.

So, my dear ones... do not complain!

It is completely up to your hands.

When there is a sincere wish for Truth, nobody can stop the Spiritual Seeker.

When the desire for Truth is mixed with other desires, then there will be very many obstacles.

It will be like parasites, that will eat away the sprouts, the small and young sprout.

So, the Master is just there, present.

His very Presence is the Teaching.

Maybe He will speak, maybe not.

Maybe He will speak about Spirituality, maybe He will speak about anything.

Papaji was speaking about cricket many times. Some other Masters would just speak about the news in the newspapers.

It doesn't matter at all.

The Master Himself is the Teaching.

The student has to make himself, or herself, a fertile ground, has to prepare himself or herself for the Teaching, for the silent Teaching, for the Teaching that you cannot find in words.

When the student has become ready, the Teaching will come to him from all directions. Even if he will not meet a human Master. It will come from all directions. It will come from the trees, it will come from the sky, it will come from the earth. Many times it will come by the human Presence of the Master. But if the Teaching is not coming, that means that the student is not ready.

So, prepare the student.

Make the ground fertile.

Work in the "ground", just like the farmer prepares the ground.

Work in the "ground".

Make the ground of your Heart ready.

Make your mind humble.

Purify the mind, the intellect and the body by Spiritual Practice.

The farmer works very hard to prepare the field, to prepare the ground. In the same way, the student must work very hard to prepare his Heart.

No one can complain that it needs a lot of work.

Yes, it needs a lot of work, it's true – but there is no space for complaining.

We have all the energy we need. And most of us, here, we have all the time also.

Tomorrow you will not have more energy, neither you will have more time. Your time will be less.

How much energy and how much time we spent for studying in the school? How much energy to study in the University, in the College? How many years, and how much energy to simply work in an office or something? And, has it brought the fulfilment that we seek?

So, yes, sometimes, that much time is needed also for our Spiritual University.

For our Spiritual preparation. And that is not just gathering words.

Spiritual preparation does not mean gathering words.

It does not mean gathering seeds.

The seeds are too many, the ground is not ready.

So, Spiritual preparation is to prepare the ground.

And even if one simple seed will fall, it will sprout.

So, the Spiritual work is mostly in the hands of the student.
It's in your hands.

We have spoken many times about the ways to prepare the ground, about many different Spiritual Practices.

We have spoken of many different Spiritual Practices, because for every different person, a different Practice is suitable.

For some people it can be Bhakti Yoga. That is perfect.

For some people is Vedanta. That is perfect.

For some people is Raja Yoga, the Path of Discipline. That is perfect.

For some people is Karma Yoga. That is perfect.

For some people a combination of these. That is even more perfect.

But just doing nothing and complaining, that will not work.

And gathering words from Masters, from YouTube, anything, that will not work.

In the traditional times, the student was doing 12 years Karma Yoga.

He will approach the Master: "O, Master! Give me the Truth."

The Master: "Very good! Here, take the cloth, start washing the floor". He will do so for 12 years, selflessly. The Master will not give him salary. No insurance. Very simple food – perhaps – just to survive. Very simple room, just to have a space to stay.

No Spiritual instructions. Just preparing the ground.

Who can do this today?

So, after 12 years the Master will call for the student: "Come!".

He will give him just one very simple Spiritual instruction, just one sentence perhaps. Something like: "This all Universe, the Self of this all Universe, You are That! The Source of this Universe, the Sustainer of the Universe, You are That! You are the Eternal, Blissful Awareness. You are Satchidananda!".

Just one seed in the ground...and the student will attain to perfect Realization.

Not just for one moment, but for good.

Not something that comes and goes, but something that is permanent.

And he will go away free.

Free from the pains of the world. Free not only for this lifetime, free forever!

The ground was ready. The student had prepared the ground.

Some people use other practices, they just repeat the Holy Name, they do Japa.

The Master doesn't speak to them, but just in the Presence of the Master, the Knowledge is flowing, somehow, It is transmitted.

One becomes a Master in Vedanta, and the Master has never spoken to him.

The Knowledge shines from within.

Other people practice other kind of disciplines.

But just collection of words will not do.

Just attending the Satsangs will not do.

Even if you attend to 100.000 Satsangs, it will not do.

You need to prepare the ground.

You need to be brave to dive deep into the Ocean.

The Ocean is just in front of you.

Not even in front of you, It is within you.

You have to be brave enough to dive there.

I can use another word: to sink there.

To be brave to sink.

Somebody is afraid, most people are afraid... "If I will sink into that Ocean, I will loose my individuality".

You never had an individuality! This individuality is only an illusion!

This notion of individuality is what causes you so much pain.

That you are "one thing", and the other person is "another".

You are one thing, with one form, one name, and the other person is something else.

Be brave to let go of this individuality, even for just one moment.

Be brave to let go of this identification with one wave, just for one moment.

And remember your Oceanic Self.

It is not that the individual expression will be destroyed.

There is no problem at all with the individual expression. It is beautiful as it is. The problem is when we identify with it. This is when all the troubles begin.

So, let go of this notion! Just for one moment!

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And sink into That which is not individual, but It is all pervading.

That is One without a second.

That is the pearl that we are seeking for.

That is the true nature of our Self.

That knows no separation.

That is free from time.

Free from past, free from future.

Free from the illusion of time.

Free from any name.

Free from any label.

Free from any quality.

Free from any conditioning.

Free from any programming.

It is free!

Free from any limit.

So, it takes just a moment of bravery.

Just a moment of sincerity.

To simply sink.

If somebody cannot do it directly, then all Spiritual Practices will help him doing it. It will give you strength and determination. If all the things that I'm telling, they sound a little bit like Chinese, you can just do your Japa, repeat the Holy Name. It is easy to understand: you just take a mantra from the Master and repeat it. And it will work by itself.

You will go to the same destination, from an indirect way.

Or, if you cannot do even this. If it is too difficult to repeat a mantra, just do selfless service. Offer to others without expecting something in return. Do it again and again, with patience, and perseverance, tirelessly. Without expecting any appreciation, any recognition, any congratulation.

Maybe when you will offer to other people, they will also insult you, they will offend you, they will speak bad about you. This is part of the Practice.

Patience and perseverance.

An important quality of the Karma Yogi.

So, there are many, many ways to prepare the ground. But if the ground is not prepared, no matter how many Masters will be around you, it will be futile, it will be in vain.

And do not postpone the preparation. Do not postpone.

Now it's the golden time. Now it's the opportunity.

Tomorrow you will not be stronger.

Then, when we will meet again in Satsang, we will not need to speak so much.

Just a few instructions, one or two words, that will be sufficient.

Maybe not even speaking.

Prepare the ground.

- Om Shanti Shanti Shanti! -