Questions and answers

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At 8 p. m. a talk was given on various Yogas and Sant Kirpal Singh told the audience why Sahaj Yoga is most effective and the most suited for the present age. Upon being asked He took up the subject of the different functions of the masters of the positive and negative power – He gave a talk in detail giving out the difference of the two powers.

He said, that just as a King appoints two high officials and gives them the rank of a viceroy and commander-in-chief, both derive power from the King and are under the King and both represent him, but both have different ways of issuing orders of the King, the viceroy says, 'In the name of the king, I order ...' but the commander-in-chief has an entirely different way, he says, 'I order, that ...', so it is with the Masters or the Positive Power, the realised soul can see God working through them in all consciousness, so their way of working is not only seeing in all consciousness, and then working but making others, whoever come to them, see like they do and step by step making them more and more conscious till they are one with all-consciousness.

But Master of the negative power, though at heart are conscious of deriving power from God, but their functions of working are different, viz. they come to punish the wicked and uphold the righteous and keep the world going, they assert in that way. The Master further explained that their way of working does in its own way a lot of good to the world at large, but they would not let the people go out of their pale. Then He explained how those initiated to the beyond by the Masters of the Positive Power rise above all Karma and darkness into freedom and light, just like, He said, if you have a passport from a civil officer, the military officers in charge will not stop you to go out of the area, so it is with a Master,

when he initiates, through that initiation He gives that passport by which no one on the way can question you or stop you on your way back to God.

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Master explained that Karmas can only be evaded if one becomes selfless and that can only be with the help of a Master who alone is competent to wind up the whole Karmic accounts of the past and teach you how to become selfless by becoming conscious co-worker with the Divine Plan. He further explained how Masters are made, they are not self made, but are selected as such by God, they are commissioned by God.

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A question on which Master dwelt at length was 'What is an immaculate conception?' The Master here gave Jesus Christ, Nam Dev, Rama, Krishna and a few others as good examples who, He said, 'is not generally the law of nature, but we will not enter into that at this time. If one can be born that way others can also be born in the same way as has been claimed body the followers of certain Masters.' An immaculate conception may be taken as that when devout and righteous parents live a chaste life for as long as the child is in womb, not only in deed but in thought too, for thoughts of parents effect the child, when in the womb, more than deeds done passionlessly. Such fortunate children when born have a pure, clear and well balanced mind.

Here Master referred to His younger days that when a child was born, He and His brothers and sisters

never could fathom out where from had the baby come, but they used to be easily satisfied when told that the midwife had left the baby as a present. He said, 'even up to my own marriage day I never knew what actually marriage meant.' Today people have and are taking up marriage as a machinery of enjoyment, whereas this marriage, in the true sense, is a holy and sacred mission in life where two souls unite together to help each other to realise the higher self and make this marriage bind them together in truth and 'Yes', he said, 'one of the duties of the parents is also to beget children.' So if married life is lived as is written in the Holy Scriptures, such a married life is no bar to spirituality.

Another question was put, 'How are Masters made and how they can be recognised?' Maharaj Ji said that all Masters are commissioned by God for His great work on this earth, to recognise a Master is not difficult they being conscious co-workers are naturally not after worldly show, as they see that God works through them they are truly very humble, they live very simple life and on their own earnings. Though they look like ordinary people they are Kings of all Kings within, as Shamas Tabriz says, 'Do not look to the outer appearance, how we look, what we wear, look within us, see what great riches we have got, what great beings we are!' the seekers after truth are led to His door by God and the Master usually never refuses any of them who are in search in all sincerity. Just like a washerman who generally accepts all the dirty clothes, knowing it is his profession to wash away all dirt and bring out the whiteness of the linen similarly masters look at the souls within, as it is their profession to liberate the soul from the bondage of the mind and matter, they too generally never refuse to wash away all the sins for they can see, like a washerman, that the soul is something different to what it appears to be, so they start their washing on it too, till they have brought it to its true colour. 'The Masters are all along conscious of God, Maharaj Ji said, 'working or sleeping, they are always conscious of God.'

Another man asked 'Who made God?' – Master very beautifully put a question to that man, 'Can a child ever know how his father was born himself?' He said the wisest thing to do if you want to save

yourself is to get out of the house which is being consumed by fire, if when in a burning house you start questioning and investigation as to the cause of the fire, the result will be you with the house will be consumed in that fire even before getting any enlightenment as to your Whats and Hows. So, He said, 'get out of the burning house and then inquire'.

Someone else asked the Master if there was a possibility of one world religion – He said, because of not really seeing the truth and having different temperaments it is very nearly impossible that the world can ever have one religion, but it is not only possible, it is a surety that we can have it, only by the opening of the inner eye and seeing the truth with your own eyes we can see we are one in His name. The world is today struggling hard to shake off the delusion it is going in and is trying hard to awaken itself to the truth and men are coming up feeling the necessity of unity.

To the statement made by one that 'The world is awaiting the coming of Messiah' – Master said, 'Awaiting? But did not Christ say that he will never leave the world even to the end of the world?' Then Master explained that Christ was no particular body, it was that which was working in him that made Jesus a 'Christ' and is still in this world, it appears at different poles to give enlightenment to the world.

To 'Christ came as a World Saviour', Master said, all Masters come as World Saviours not as saviours of one religion or the other or this country or the other, but they come to save the souls of all the world race.

To the question 'Can a woman ever become a Saint?' Master said, this is the science of the soul and souls have no sex, they can come up to realize God just as Indemati, etc., did in India. But woman, He said being less externalized go up quicker in the beginning whereas men having many irons in the fire have a difficult time in the beginning to concentrate but later on it is easier for them than woman.

At 8 p. m. meeting, a follower of Yogananda put a question to the Master by which Master had to give a talk on various Yogas and explained why Surat

Shabd Yoga is the best and easiest for this age. To the question as to 'Why is it that new people are drawn like iron to the magnet' - from hundreds of miles and yet some people living nearby are not even interested. Master said this thing can be explained away easily, say that there is a hen and a duck's egg is placed under her with lots of other eggs of hen, when the eggs are hatched and the chickens one day go near the pond of water, naturally seeing the water the duck plunges into it. Seeing this the chickens cry out in alarm saying you will drown, so it is when the seekers of the truth are shown a glimpse of the truth they leave everything else and plunge headlong into it, whilst the family and friends mostly seekers of the worldly pleasure cry out in sympathy. Moreover, pieces of iron besmeared with mud are not drawn by a magnet, these are drawn only when the mud is, or to be more appropriate, the dust and rust is cleansed away.

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