

15 Sep, 1984 Shiva Shakti's notes at Ramakrishna Loka

‘Play music till midnight - become receptive. Real music makes you feel the misery and woe - the universal woe; *they*¹ share it – they send a thought, God gives you an opening. So I like to play music from now onwards, no more “sleeping beauties”. Music must be sharing. There must be someone who can give joy in sound. It is active karma yoga. And work is a great service, work swallows time, the path of karma. And of bhakti, and of jnana - there are many paths, even the path of misery and woe. This life is a ring in a long chain.

‘A man who has a heart open is a receiving set. The gods and spirits alone know him. It depends how much you are in harmony. [You need] some time in solitude. [But] you must be straight. Straight! In that way all the crooked life is straightened, impossible becomes possible. It withdraws many crooked lives into one life.

‘But first it is difficult to get a human birth; then it is difficult to be selfless. Who is the doer? Who is the inspiration through us to do it? Mother is the inspiration. Don't be a coward! Fight. Do it! Where there is a will there is a way. You can't lead this life without sharing the woe. You can't preach spirituality without listening to your neighbour's woe. Without a heart you cannot lead any life. It is all artificial. Be straight to yourself - a man can't rob himself, he can't take all from his own account. It's maya. You have to be dharmic.

‘Some can't resist food, some painting, some women, some children. Everyone is toasted on his own desires. Mostly you'll suffer from joy to pain till there is nil desire. The unlucky one is the one who has the fruit of their action. The lucky one is the one who has renounced. Daya - compassion —walks on God's heart. And God is in the compassionate heart. The man who lacks nothing is crying because he doesn't want this happiness of the world - but he doesn't want the ones he has met to be unhappy.

‘Now we are nearly 50. Half the fruit is already eaten - so fool, make hay - be compassionate, inwardly. Let the Speaker himself witness it. Be alone but together. That is the sea of mercy and joy. You need daya, genuineness, truthfulness, and the Word. Then Sabda² rishis like Vivekananda come. All these are so close in your reality, between the life that you are living and your *real* life. “I am so close to you...”

‘A man like Vivekananda can discriminate. Everyone is great for what he is - but one man can be transcendently what he is. There must be power, will for reality. "When I say yea - come what may I will not move" - see Ramana Maharshi. You never know when God is coming. "Bhakti is everything", is written in GSR. Knowledge will not make you cry, but Bhakti breaks the stone, cools the fire, doesn't scorch.

‘This ashram has known some good people. They have been sown, grown, brought in, and put in a collar to make them straight. Now it is up to them to develop. And there are people who are far - but still talk of us. You have to toast life on your own. On your own you can this very night go in trance. The dead yogi comes alive. Tell yourself you are yourself the light. The light that is manifesting knows who dwells where. If you can be this man through realization - Man cannot help man much unless you are really holy. When a man is very ready, he hears and understands. Then he is like the flower, thirsting for water he opens and blossoms life in the suffering, and gives new life and hope to the suffering.

‘I am a boat and have 26 seats always empty. Many I hear calling me. This is the devotees' place, and if they are very genuine they will benefit. It is compassion that has brought all your people again here.

¹ “gods and spirits”

² ‘Sabda Brahman’ is said to be Hindu equivalent of Western logos/Word

Compassion is live - it is beyond understanding. God plays hide and seek but is not far. You may have abandoned Him, but He has not abandoned you.

‘The beauty is that all this is eternal. My word is not lost, my thought is not lost, my compassion is not lost, and you are not lost. God is an incognito traveller in disguise. Those who recognize Him on pilgrimage are blessed indeed. They have met the Saviour and don't give Him up - and the Saviour will not forget them. Karma is a wave in the ocean of my life. I am not drowned by it. It doesn't affect my eternal life. This is just a link, a part. You understand what we are making? Happiness for others. What we have is others'. What we are doing is yours.. We are not known here - but we are known far beyond. “A prophet is not known in his country,” Jesus said, “You do not know where I come from.”

‘Take good advantage of where you are now, of why you are sent. We have been trying to build this for a long time, and now this is the last brick. When you are taken seriously, you have to do your own film, and you are the actor of your life. You are shaping yourself again for the future. Originally we are the same - we are ever-perfect.

‘Tonight we are sharing with the youth. Theirs is the kingdom. You must have this kind of thought and love. In their spirituality they are just sprouting green leaves. They need fencing. We are transplanting them. Then lock in love in the Loka of Love. Tomorrow they go back in the world - put in the envelope - stamped with the Guru's foot.

‘Life continues. The thought continues. Your body will leave but your thought will carry on. As you think, so you are becoming. The thought must be honest - pure. Let Mother Herself teach. Let Satchitananda be the Guru. Here we deal with the meal of God, so that you can digest Him in different lives, and eternally you will eat Him - like a chewing gum in your mouth.

‘I know where I have to go. When you least expect me I will come, when I am not here any more. I am already in a body. There is no need to come here and there. When there is hunger and thirst, then you will appreciate. Live for other's welfare. Work and service for humanity in the service of the Lord - all this comes from the heart... The foundation is Truth. What is life without truth? Don't be a hypocrite. Not to speak of anger - anger finishes in madness - loss of control. To love in the form of your own kith and kin - love as mother, father, son, etc. is the best principle. The bond of true love is the chain - inseparable, that goes to heaven now. Love transcends.

‘A person must have health and less worry. If you can put all this aside, when work is finished then call on God. Disentangle yourself, rest, relax. Meditation gives a clue to relax completely: think of nothing but that thing – “I know I am with you.” All holy men say, don't worry; go beyond the 14 worlds and be enveloped and walk, and think you are moving in the womb of the Mother. This world is still in the womb of the Mother - with all its catastrophe.

‘We are not diminishing your householder lives, but we are giving them a little more, a little load when they can carry. And when they come they have a good dose, there's always a dose for anyone who is thirsty and sick of life. You have to choose your company, choose your life - but don't give your whole life to this life you are leading. Know it isn't all. You have to work - what else can you do? But if you have motive, you can't call on God - it will make you disappointed and despondent.

‘If you are patient you may see Him - He is waiting for us for a long time. Patience is another form of meditation. “How many lives have I had to wait for you?” says Sai Baba. When a person is in need he will know what he wants. When you are desperate, you will call on God unceasingly - the need will make you.

‘You have to detach yourself completely from the flesh and bones. The body is nothing but full of holes and decay, it's maya. There may be love, but it's not permanent. But how to get complete detachment? You cannot be detached if you find something so beautiful in it all your life. Falling in love is a lila - is a play - is maya.

‘You need full discrimination, and you have to mean it. You have to be practical and truthful, because God is always watching and blessing. Every day you have to grow, either old or young, you are becoming your thought. The yogi says, “I am part of God - of Shiva.”

‘We don't open our mouth but we celebrate with God and you, we celebrate memories, and it all goes unknown even to the person we are celebrating. Sometimes you like to share friendship, and also to share agony, exchanging part of your load. Who is carrying the weight of others?

‘The beauty of it is that we were here once, we met and we talked of this. These are the fruits of your soul, fruits of immortality. It's a beauty. It's a meeting, the joy of sharing. But you must have something to give. God brings them together. I separate them, and I bring them back again. You have to meet your own people - in your own time you have no age. Even when older, you feel you are only their elder to give loose rope... Those are living memories. You will be sorry one day - tears will fall like a spring... There was something special. We had a place to go - a golden place in the Kali Age - People will ask - but you can't explain. We are all just like different needles on the long thread.

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‘A flame takes name and form, becomes flesh - Ramakrishna, and he included all the forms of God. "He is Maheshwara and Maheshwari", says Sarada Devi. God is never dead. Love and live. You have to revive yourself in love. This era is Sarada Devi, the Moon God, Lord Shiva, and Love. The two tears have joined together to make a circle joined to form a moon. All this dispels the dark fortnight. But to see that you require the magnetic attraction of transcendental love.

‘The heart of a man is a womb; the eternal Beloved keeps himself in the devotee's womb, makes him conceive in transcendental time, and that love gives birth after heart labour of crying and all this - and He will tell you who else he is. Here Lord Krishna plays guitar. The Lord will change his instrument to suit devotees.

‘If you can't see God, if you are passing in dark fortnight, it's still sweet, still nectar. These Gods are like beggars here - calling on devotees to remember them. We are giving you physical spiritual bliss. A living picture.

‘Never forget: "Mother Jai Ho!" That is the transformation from the lava to the butterfly. In no time you find yourself in flying colours. Then you cover yourself again as the beggar for the world. But amongst seekers you are never forgotten. It takes a great light to recognize a light.

‘Here, if you are ready, you get it in loadfuls. Come and reinforce here - come and have Ramakrishna's shade here. Here, every crumb is joy. Don't confine us. "I don't need door to enter," Sai Baba said. If you go to bed without love it's a dark night without a light. Love lights and ignites the light. The lamp of love. Say, "It's all I offer you, my God - take it or I die." Don't wait for trance. Mix day into night - night into day. Become this kind of artist with us. Make time for this - or later you will have no time for us.

‘You may come from heaven - but you are not sure to go back there. Be happy we are calling you back - and don't bring me down there. "Om. Love. Truth. Simplicity." Hariakhan [sic] Baba.³

‘Make your heart like a tray - put a diamond thought of remembrance there. He who has got Love doesn't have to abide by rule and law. Love transcends these, but others must abide. Love will conquer all at the end. God will judge nothing but love - and what is behind it. It wouldn't be easy to see or hear all these things later - even to have a little vision. It depends on grace.

³ Haidakhan Baba 1970-84

‘We put our mind to left or right to keep it down. Otherwise it would go up very far and not come back for a long time. Inspiration is the doer. Work with your mind on Him. Have pain to come - invent pain to come. All is a bait. Love is immortal, buried in the heart, the thought of others. My love is buried in you there, for others. We are close, but not in oneness with me. There is the validity of truth. Come and give me the coin of validity.

‘Loneliness is a universal friend. If you can be alone and universal, it is possible - for Him and those that become one with Him. You are approaching Him in everyone. You must have that padlock key and that sight. You have to keep the body in good service - the Lord drives this body so it's your best car. Good food, diet - check on it.

‘It's such a pleasure to meet a few friends - they are like your ten fingers to clap hands, they are a bunch of devotees who have genuinely, unselfishly, called on you as householders - God will not forget them. Life could have been very scattered for us. Those who have left have become a bit scattered - but none are lost.

‘There are those who have nailed themselves invisibly in Christ's hand. They are like nails in Christ's hands - he will take them. Same Christ, same Krishna - same thing put in the market tub of different colours. You want different Ishta Devs? But there is a chance in Mother God. Two in One. God and Goddess. Neither masculine or feminine. So - "be fit to eat the meat" GSR.

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