

UNDER THE CANOPY OF GOD'S LOVE



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In our journey of life, each day takes us a little forward to our final destination. And yet the final destination is nothing but a quest, an unseen land, and an unknown objective. We walk towards it every day but don't even know or haven't ever pondered what or where the final destination would be.

Every day, every moment of this life, we are on a journey, a quest to reach somewhere. Some of us know where we are headed and some are still in search of the purpose. Every path leads to a new experience, a fresh perspective of humanity or a chance encountered that leaves memories to treasure. While awareness of our destination gives us direction, the journey itself is so beautiful! And while the destination is important, it's the journey towards it which makes all the difference.

Since my childhood, I had an unshakeable belief in God and always thought it would be ideal if there was one

religion, one language and one caste. I believed in introducing myself as an Indian rather than calling myself a Sikh, Muslim or a Christian.

This dream of mine was fulfilled when I joined the Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya. Life is a roller coaster ride and I rode along with firm faith in God. Many ups and downs and unprecedented events took place in my life, but I remained undeterred because I was sure that God was with me and I also experienced His benevolent grace on many occasions.

Presently, devotion is at its peak in the world, but its meaning has changed. People have started to consider God as a means rather than as someone whom we are to seek. We believe in God but don't believe in what He says, and we believe in religion but not in what religion tells.

In today's ever-changing world, people blindly walk on the path of devotion. There is

so much paraphernalia: you go to temples and offer sweets, flowers and money; you chant prayers the meaning of which is seldom known to you. You believe God to have a human form and yet consider Him to be above all! Isn't that blind faith?

Today, at the most auspicious *Sangamyug* or Confluence Age, we are in dire need of true knowledge and Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya shows the true path of enlightenment.

God is not omnipresent. God is one and He resides in Soul World or the Supreme Abode, which is above this universe, beyond time, beyond space. He is Shiva—the ocean of virtues—love, peace, happiness, purity, bliss, knowledge. God Shiva is incorporeal, vice-less and egoless. He is a tiny point of light—a soul and yet manifests within Himself limitless powers. He is the Father of all of us. We souls are His children and like Him we too are tiny points of light. We are souls who have taken the human costume and are playing our parts in this eternal world drama. By staying in the awareness of being a soul and not this body, we seek true peace. We attain salvation for 21 births. God's remembrance

begets remembrance because a father remembers all His children equally. Shiva is the epitome of love, peace, selflessness and greatness! He is the Supreme Soul and His part too is fixed in this world drama.

This is the beautiful and deep knowledge that the Brahma Kumaris teach us and open our eyes to a whole new perspective of the world, of people and of relationships!

Here, we have got the true introduction of God, soul and the time cycle. It is for us to accumulate as much as we can. This chance to earn an income for several forthcoming births will not come again. The One, whom we have been searching in every atom, is now present in front of us. He is teaching us the lessons of world welfare through the welfare of the self. Just by thinking of the Supreme Soul, all our sins are washed away and this attainment is priceless indeed. If we follow His Will, we will never go astray, nor will we fail or feel tired. In the present times, house holders have also played a big role in the success of this institution. Their dedication is visible in all the programmes that are being organised by the organisation.

There is a misconception

among some people that by joining this institution, one has to renounce his home and hearth, family and relatives. Whereas this is not true, we find that by joining this institution we learn to deal with all relationships in a better manner. I learnt the true art of living after I gained such deep, profound knowledge of God, the Time Cycle and how we souls play our parts in this Cosmic Drama. Now no question remains unanswered. I have learnt that there is a solution for each and every problem and doubt. Daily in the morning, we are awakened by the Supreme Soul and our questions are answered in some way and He lets us sleep in His lap like a mother during the night. Once there is complete dedication, He is in front of us anytime. If there is complete faith in God, we can have some wonderful experiences in our life.

I would like to narrate an incident that took place after I gained Godly knowledge. As a gift of this knowledge, I got the opportunity to visit Mount Abu, the International Headquarters of the BKs where I experienced the special love and care of the Supreme Soul. On my return journey, I had to go to Gwalior, via Delhi. Delhi was a totally new city to me.

The train was to reach Old Delhi Railway Station around 4.00 a.m., from where I had to board the train to Gwalior from New Delhi Railway Station. I was not happy with the idea of travelling this distance in the darkness of the early morning hours.

I laid the problem in front of Shiv Baba and lo and behold, my problem was solved. My co-passenger from Mount Abu, Brother Ranjit Fuliya, Associate Editor, The World Renewal, was kind enough to get off at Old Delhi Railway Station though that was not where he had to alight. He not only took me in an auto to New Delhi station, but also saw that I was seated properly in the train along with my luggage. He was kind enough to extend all possible help to me to ensure that I had no difficulty in my onward journey. He had fulfilled his responsibility as a Brahma Kumar brother, in the true sense.

Dear readers, my divine brothers and sisters, this incident has further strengthened my belief in God and I am sure you will also be able to have such wonderful experiences if you just place your hands in the hands of the Supreme and everything will be as easy as possible.