

A LESSON TAUGHT BY A CHILD

– B.K.Vinayak,
Pandav Bhawan, Mount Abu

This article discusses about an incident, which was telecasted some days before in TV. An educational institute had arranged for a 'beauty contest' for children, but the aim of conducting contest was to find out who would be the 'best care-taker mother'? Actually the contestants were children, studying in LKG and UKG, but based on the overall smartness of the child, the Mother of that child will be awarded as best caretaker.

There were around two hundred kids. The whole hall was echoing with their melodious chirpping. Contest began. Judges started to examine each and every child for complexion, make-up, hairstyle, dressing, cleanliness, vocal ability, smiling etc., and asking about their habits.

It took four hours to be

finished. Judges discussed among themselves and announced the names of the winners. Winners along with their mothers were invited again on the stage to receive the prizes.

As all the selected children gathered on stage, one peculiar thing drew the attention of all. The child who was announced first in the contest, no doubt was very charming and affectionate, but the other children, announced for consolation prizes too, were looking extra beautiful compared to the first prize-winner.

Though the first prize-winner was not so beautiful, the judges found themselves mesmerized to see his lovely smile, elegant make-up, dressing, disciplined behaviour etc. That was really a remarkable art and

skill of transforming the simple into excellent, used by the mother to blossom the beauty in her child. This 'art' made the judges to select that mother as the best caretaker.

After prize distribution, organisers interviewed that mother. Appreciating her attitude and effort to take care of her child they asked, how she had beautified her child like an angel and where she had learnt that art from.

Mother said with a smile, “Neither am I an artist nor a beautician, this is all possible because of my child, therefore, the whole credit goes to him only”. She further explained, “By his nature itself he is stable. Whenever I begin to prepare him, he sits like an idol till I finish. He obeys all my instructions at that time. He never shows fickleness like other children of his age. So his obedience and the nature of being stable without fickleness help me a lot to prepare him as I like and up to my satisfaction”.

It is a common event that one could see and forget, but

if we see this event through the 'spectacles of seeing specialty', we can realise a hidden lesson taught by that child which would be very useful for an effort-maker.

In this Confluence age, between Iron age and Golden age, the Ocean of Knowledge and divine virtues, The Almighty Authority God-Father Shiv Baba has also organised a contest.

To make us the most beautiful, powerful and virtuous personalities of this universe, Baba has given us four subjects: 1. Knowledge 2. Yoga (Meditation) 3. Inculcation of divine virtues and 4. Service, i.e., Godly service. The aim and objective of studying these four subjects is to transform the self from human being into divine being.

The process of self-transformation consists of two stages – The elimination of vices and inculcation of divine virtues as well as powers. God Himself is the unique source of power that can transform a

vicious soul into viceless soul. And 'To be in remembrance of God' is again the unique method, which triggers the flow of powers from the Supreme Soul to human souls. All of us are performing this effort to transform ourselves from iron-aged to golden-aged.

However, every achievement certainly has obstacles in its path. **One of the biggest obstacles while going through a spiritual path is fickleness of mind and intellect.**

Though the method of Rajyoga is easy to perform, we feel it difficult because of fickleness. **Fickleness is a wall in between the performer and God.** It does not allow the performer to experience the flow of love and power from God. As a result he can't reach the stage of 'sweet silence', in which one can experience the reality of God's Magic, that is how God transforms poison into 'nectar'. **There must be a continuous intellectual connection**

between soul and Supreme Soul to wipe out the traces of past sins rapidly, but fickleness makes the link interrupted.

To heal up a disease, doctors, too, suggest the medication in terms of a course. If we break the course, disease can't be healed up completely. Likewise, the burden of sins remains un-burnt if the link between the performer and the God gets interrupted. Thus fickleness gives rise to a misconception that meditation is difficult to perform.

So, we have to come out of this misconception keeping in mind the closeness of time and the huge distance to be covered to reach the goal. **Now, it is time to take a high jump in order to promote our effort from 'ordinary' to 'intense' as our most beloved BapDada told in the last season.**

Then what should we do? Is there any way to take an easy high jump?

Yes! This is the lesson we

have to learn from that child who bagged the first prize!!

To take an easy high jump, the only thing we should do, is to be seated simply in front of Baba without fickleness. As every mother wants her child to be stable, God also wishes His children to be seated in front of Him without fickleness, so that He can decorate us, as He likes.

Be soul-conscious (point of light), go to soul-world or sweet silence-home using mind and intellect as a device and sit without fickleness in front of the point of light, Supreme-Soul Shiv Baba, the most beloved God-Father. This stage is called the seed stage.

No need to cry or to beg. He is the ocean of love and He himself is our Father, Mother, kith & kin. He is the only true Preceptor and Liberator. He has accepted us whatever we are. He never hates us because of our deficit and weaknesses. So leave hesitation and fear. He knows our specialities better than us. And, finally there is no need of confusion as how we should capture the virtues and powers from God. Instead, Baba Himself enables us to experience His love and powers.

If we maintain the stability and concentration in the seed stage, this is the true co-operation that can be given to God from our side to transform us from 'worth-not-a-penny' to 'worth-diamonds'.

The power experienced by this stage brings us out from all confusions regarding mode and accomplishment of spiritual effort. We will feel ourselves saturated in confidence and enthusiasm.

If our pilgrimage of remembrance is stable, it makes Baba's task easy. In this beauty contest, Baba is making us 'Angel' for the present and in the forthcoming Golden Age we will remain full of all virtues, sixteen celestial degrees full, completely viceless; complete non-violent as prime religion and Supreme being in ethical propriety. ■