

# THE GLOBAL FESTIVAL FOR RECEIVING AND EXPERIENCING GOD'S POWERS AND BLESSINGS

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The Supreme Soul God Father Shiva is the original and eternal source or storehouse of unlimited powers. But the question that arises is: Who is to achieve those powers and blessings? As the rain falls, the thirsty earth sucks the rain and soaks in it and, in turn, becomes filled with greenery and verdure, and thereby feeds and fosters all the beings of the world. Sun's rays radiate the heat, and the plants and trees, human beings and animals receive the same and utilise it for their own sustenance. Air blows; the human beings and environment greatly benefit from it, the former by using it for respiration and the latter by using it for cooling the atmosphere. All these are material energies which the material world receives and performs its various functions and activities with the help of these. But God's Powers and Blessings are very subtle, and one that is to get these powers and blessings must be the subtle entity. What is that subtle entity or energy?

## **Soul, the Subtle Energy**

In reality, the human body is active and vibrant because it is composed of both the material and subtle spiritual energies or powers. The body is material, and spirit or soul is subtle and spiritual. The spirit or soul is a conscient point of divine-light-energy which directs and conducts the whole physical body by being ensconced upon the human forehead in between two eyebrows. It is the most subtle and powerful entity which cannot be seen with the naked physical eyes. It is a conscient point of light in form and has its three basic inherent components such as mind, intellect and resolves or propensities/impressions. The qualities of thinking, remembering, judging and imagining, etc. are inherent in the soul. The body remains as a lifeless limp of five physical elements when the soul, the living entity, leaves the body. It is only the soul that experiences the God's Powers and Blessings. In order to get these Godly Powers and Blessings, the soul has to get completely detached from all the senses and its subtle components – mind, intellect and resolves. In this completely detached state, soul's power of acquisition increases greatly to the extent of becoming unlimited.

## **Supreme Soul, The Bestower Of Powers And Blessings**

The Supreme Father Supreme Soul Shiva is the Bestower of all Powers and Blessings. The true introduction of the Supreme Soul is couched in the word '*Paramatma*' (*Param+Atma*). The meaning of word '*Param*' is the Supreme, the Highest of the High. The word '*Atma*' means the soul. There are innumerable souls, and the hierarchical order of the souls from top to bottom is: Supreme Soul (*Paramatma*), Deity-Soul (*Devatma*), Religion-Founder-Soul (*Dharmatma*), Virtuous-Soul (*Punyatma*), Great-Soul (*Mahatma*), Sinful-Soul (*Papatma*), and the Supreme Soul (*Paramatma*) is heading the list, being the Topmost of all the souls. Just as there are many courts but there is one Supreme Court; there are many ministers but one Prime Minister, exactly like this among

the crores of souls, the Supreme, Prime and Paramount One is the Supreme Father Supreme Soul.

Just as soul is a point of light in form, so also is the Supreme Soul in form, but the latter is the Ocean of all Qualities whereas the other souls are not so. He is the Supreme and Greatest because He is the sole Father and Mother, Friend and Companion and Teacher and Preceptor of all souls. He is free from the ever-recurring cycle of birth and death and regarded as the Ocean of Knowledge, Ocean of all Qualities, Virtues and all Powers. The Supreme Soul Shiva is not only the Creator of new *Satyuga*, the Deity Kingdom, but also the Director and Principal Actor of the Eternal World Drama (EWD). He does His divine duties of purifying, redeeming and uplifting the impure souls by descending upon this world during the time of utmost fall and degradation of religions. As the souls become completely purified, uplifted and divinised and the Heaven is established upon the Earth, the Supreme Soul finally ascends back to the Soul World, *Paramdham*, after the completion of His duty and work of rejuvenation, purification, liberation and redemption of all souls, His divine children.

### **The Invigorating Powers Of God**

Since centuries, the devotees have been asking for powers from God. But these powers are not achieved only by asking and praying, as a result of which the human weakness has become prevalent everywhere and thereby has gone to the extent of being omnipresent. Brooding, fear, violence, enmity, crime, terrorism, extremism, intolerance, bad-conduct and corruption are the inevitable outcomes of this omnipresent weakness that eats into the inner essences of the souls. So it is highly essential and binding on all of us to know the ways and means of receiving and experiencing God's Powers in order to free the mankind from this weakness and thereby then make it obstacle-free, happy, prosperous, peaceful and an embodiment of good conduct and character.

The Supreme Soul is the Supreme Source of Unlimited Powers, and some of these are stated as follows:

- **Power of Knowledge:** The Supreme Soul is the Sun of Knowledge. He has the knowledge of the beginning, middle and end of the cycle of the whole creation. Just as the sun rises, darkness instantly disappears; the sunlight spreads far and wide and destroys all kinds of germs and dirtiness. As the rays of sun fall upon the world, the plants and trees, human, animal and all other life forms become vibrant and active instantly, and creation and transmission of energy resume. Exactly like this when the Sun of Knowledge, the Supreme Soul, Supreme Father, rises upon the horizon of the world and then descends down into the body-chariot of Prajapita Brahma and imparts Spiritual Knowledge, the darkness of ignorance instantly vanishes. When the rays of His divine powers spread throughout the world, the impure and powerless souls are instantly held back from going astray, from running from pillar to post. A sea-change unprecedentedly takes place in their lives to their greatest and utmost exhilaration. The filthiness of five vices, the germs of evil qualities begin to be destroyed. Finally, the soul comes to the highway of achieving the state of conquering the *Maya*, the Devil (*Mayajit*), conquering the senses (*Karmendriyajeet*), conquering the Evil Deeds

(*Vikaramajit*), going beyond the bondage of Actions (*Karmateet*). This is the magic and miracle of God's Power and Knowledge.

- **Power of Qualities and Virtues:** The great ocean-surface is reverberated with the rise and fall of resounding waves, but under the bottomless depth of it lies the deep peace and tranquility, serenity and solemnity, many hidden and still-undiscovered pearls and jewels. Exactly, like this elemental ocean, the Supreme Soul – the Transcendental One – is the Ocean of all Qualities, Powers, Virtues and Values, and the most fortunate one who takes a holy and wholesome dip in this Spiritual Ocean receives and experiences all whatsoever He has: he or she receives and experiences the sterling divine qualities, values and virtues from God, and makes them his or her own. The true experience of selfless spiritual love and realisation of celestial bliss become possible in a momentous moment of eternity when one intensely dives deep into the Supreme Divine Ocean. God, the Unlimited Ocean, gives unlimited experience and realisation, breaking all sorts of limited walls and barriers – the barriers of body, bodily attractions and attachments, relationships, and its accompanying impulses and idiosyncrasies. The Supreme Soul, the Ocean of Love and Peace, fills and overwhelms the soul with the unmitigated divine love and ever-undisturbed peace, and thus spiritually enriches it by making it oblivious of the futile, ephemeral world of Matter. This is the touchstone of God's Powers.
- **Power of Maintaining all Relationships:** Just as the worldly and physical parents give birth to the children, care and foster them, feed and sustain them well to make them healthy, provide best educational opportunities and facilities to make them well-trained, well-educated and self-dependent and also save them from the influences of bad company and evil elements, exactly like this the Supreme Soul **God Father** Shiva, who is the Supreme Divine Father of all souls, also gives the souls a new birth – spiritual rebirth – from the lowest caste *Shudra Sanskar* to the highest caste Brahmin one. He virtually opens our third eye – the eye of knowledge – by rejuvenating us with His penetrating divine currents, instilling in us the power of self-realisation, injecting us the divine powers and energies and feeding and energising us with the powerful tonics of secret spiritual knowledge. The most auspicious welfare work that He does for the souls is the act of freeing them from the stifling bondages of body, bodily attractions, and attachments to all sorts of bodily relationships.

As the **Supreme Teacher**, His invaluable and effective teachings serve as powerful safeguards for our life, thereby saving us from evil influences and terrifying traps of *Maya*, the seven-headed serpentine Satan, the Biblical symbol of seven vices or the Hindu mythological symbol of ten-headed *Ravan*. With the God-given knowledge of the beginning, middle and end of the World Cycle, the soul achieves a great divine intellect and thus becomes fully farsighted. Applying the knowledge of ever-repeating Drama, the soul remains in an unmoved and unperturbed state, in a state of one-flavour-and-flow and also in a state of unfluctuating certainty, and thereby passes ahead crossing easily all adverse circumstances that it faces in the path of spiritual efforts.

As the **Supreme Preceptor**, He guides the boat of our life and takes it across the vicious Worldly-ocean, metaphorically termed as *Sansar* – the great stage of the Eternal World Drama of souls, Supreme Soul and Nature. As Preceptor, He also bestows the property of liberation and liberation-in-life, and imparts the knowledge of performing good actions and that of freeing oneself from malevolent sins and evils, vices and bad actions by giving the true understanding of the secret philosophy of Action (*Karma Darshan*). In this way, He releases all souls from the bondages of *Karma* of both the past and present life and thereby helps them in reaching the summit of purity.

Some people fear God in the sense that the Almighty One can do anything and everything He likes, i.e., He can kill anybody or bring deluge or curse anybody, etc. But it is the figment of their imagination and simply futile to think. So, inspite of being the Almighty, He is also the ever Benevolent World Benefactor, who does all good for one and all, forgetting and forgiving the mistakes and sins committed by them in the past and present life.

Just as one does not need to ask for sunlight but has to come before the sun if he or she wants to bask in the sunshine, exactly like this one has to present himself or herself before God with clean and clear mind and intellect and connect the same with Him if one wants to receive and experience His powers.

### **How to Connect Oneself with the Supreme Soul and Receive His Powers?**

In order to connect oneself with God Shiva, the Supreme Soul, the permanent resident of the Soul World, one has to firstly visualise in his or her memory the point-of-light form of God with the help of intellect and then has to mentally start humming to oneself: “O’ my dearest Supreme Father, you’re the Supreme source of all divine powers. You’re the most Benevolent and Merciful One. You’re the Bestower, Most Able and Stable one and also the sole Liberator and World-transformer. I, the soul, am your immortal and eternal child. As you’re in form, so am I. You’re the Almighty and I, your divine child, am the master Almighty, master Merciful and master Benefactor of all. Dear Shiv Baba, your powers of peace, love, purity and benevolence are alighting upon myself like the rays of the sun. I’m being filled with these enlivening and enlightening powers. These powerful rays have already formed around myself a safety-armour and I’m feeling quite safe and secure in it. Now, these powerful rays are also radiating from myself and spreading far and wide in the atmosphere of the world and penetrating into other souls and thereby strengthening them.”

By humming to oneself like the above, the soul can develop great will power and also feel empowered with God's Powers. By experiencing these powers, one can also achieve the miraculous power of making the impossible task quite possible. Just as the mobile towers set up by different Mobile Service Providers (MSPs) help their customers in communication by the process of sending and receiving signals in the area or confine of electro-magnetic field and deprive those customers who are outside the field area, likewise the Supreme Soul God Shiva also acts like the Highest Tower of all Powers and Blessings and makes these experienced by His divine children by attracting them into the field of His divine light.

## **Bounteous Boons and Blessings of God**

There is a great difference between God's Powers and His Blessings. One may have to put in some efforts or labour to receive God's Powers whereas His Blessings or Boons are easily achieved without asking for it, without putting in any effort. Blessings are easily achievable because this present Confluence Age, which is the transitional point between the end of *Kaliyuga* and beginning of *Satyuga*, is the most blessed and benevolent time. At this auspicious time, God, who was most sought after for long by us with great exertion and exhaustion but was never found or revealed then, has now Himself descended upon this Earth in person before us.

It is exclusively one of His Blessings to achieve self-realisation, God-realisation and liberation-in-life in a second. It is only one of His liberating glances that destroys the sins and vices committed birth after birth by the souls. It is the power of His Blessings that eradicates completely both the spiritual and material poverty of the souls. To achieve the concentration of mind, blossoming of divine glow in one's mind and heart, capacity of making one's mind positive and powerful, one's words bliss-giving and one's visions or glances merciful and benevolent – all these are the inevitable outcomes of God's Blessings. Sometimes one can feel like getting His blessings when one comes before Him with clean and clear heart and mind. The more one feels heartiest love for Him, the more he or she gets His Blessings, and the more one gives these blessings to others, the more one adds to the unmitigating stock of these!

God is very magnanimous in bestowing His Blessings. The first and foremost Blessing He utters and offers when a new soul is added to the Brahmin family by spiritual rebirth, is: 'Be Holy and Be Yogi' (*Pavitra Bhav Aur Yogi Bhav*). Almost all Godly versions (*Murlis*) are full of boons and blessings. Some of His noted Blessings are: 'May you live long' (*Ayushman Bhav*), 'Be ever-combined-in-yoga, bondage-free and liberated-in-life' (*Yogyukt, Bandhanmukt Aur Jeevanmukt Bhav*), 'Be perfect and complete' (*Sampanna Aur Sampurna Bhav*), 'Be beyond the bondages of Actions' (*Karmateet Bhav*), 'Be a perfect angel passing through the state of Brahmin' (*Brahmin So Farishta Bhav*), 'Be equal to God Father' (*Bap Saman Bhav*), etc.

## **How to Experience the Blessings**

By following the following ways and principles we can easily win the hearts of the Bestower of the Blessings and achieve the blessings we essentially need for us:

- One has to be very clean and clear in heart and mind.
- One's inner and outer must be one and the same.
- Saying and doing should be uniform: do what you say and say what you do.
- One must be very chaste in one's remembrance of God. There should be none else between me and my Father. Be truthful to the dictum: 'None but One', for this is sacred principle of a true nun, a real saint, a perfect yogi.
- 'One strength, one support' – this is the foundation of maintaining and sustaining one's life in the path of spiritual efforts.

- Don't make any show or parading of one's knowledge or qualities or powers. Be humble, because whatever you have got, are to get and will get, are all due to God's benediction.
- Always remain truthful both in the worldly and spiritual affairs while dealing with people, events and situations in the space of personal and public life. Stick to truth in the face of whatsoever comes in the form of odds and oddities, oppositions and antagonisms, aloofness and segregation either from near and dear ones or strangers and neighbours or friends and foes for only truth triumphs at last (*Satyamev Jayate*).
- Be a selfless trustee. Don't misuse or abuse God's bounty. Be accurate and perfect in the surrendered life, maintaining a perfect balance sheet.
- Be punctilously obedient to God's Supreme Directions (*Shrimat*). Those who take their every step according to His Directions, experience His Blessings easily in every step. Their whole life becomes blissful and they, in turn, also turn into the bestowers of blessings.

### **Heralding of a New and Divine Dawn**

On the golden occasion of "The Global Festival for Receiving and Experiencing God's Powers and Blessings", the Brahma Kumaris Institution cordially invites one and all to participate in it by contributing their body, mind, energy, time, money, deeds and thoughts, and thereby receive and experience God's generous Powers and Blessings with a view to making their life meaningful, purposeful and divine at this turning point of time – the Confluence Age (the Transitional *Sangam Yuga*) – when everything and everyone are blissfully poised to change certainly for the better. Now or never.

While the main programmes will be organised at Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad and Bangalore between 3rd and 4th October. Similar big programme will also be held at capital cities and other big cities between 5th October and 21st November. The grand Finale of the Festival will be held at Shantivan Complex, Abu Road on 22nd November, which will give the global message of heralding a new, golden, glorious and divine dawn in the very near future.