

MEETING BABA FOR THE VERY FIRST TIME

Hydrabad 1936

Dadi and her lokik father had a daily practice of going for a morning walk in a nearby city park.

One day while returning from the park, they saw Dada Lekhraj walking towards them.

Dadi's father being younger in age began to bow to Dada, but Dada wouldn't let him. Dadi innocently looked up at Dada and experienced a subtle and powerful presence of light that streamed with magical sparkling vibrations. It was a beautiful moment as Dadi was captivated by Dada's radiant forehead... Instantly, the arrow was shot and a link of love forged with Baba. A natural sense of detachment with her lokik family also took place. Dadi knew in her heart, "This is my real Baba, my true father."

Personal Application

Dadi's search for God's light was fulfilled. In her heart she knew, that she had found her one and only Supreme Father. From that day forward her attention was intently focused on sustaining this precious relationship. Each of us has experienced finding our Supreme Father. Now it is our responsibility to keep this awareness fresh so that we may remain fully engaged in maintaining this cherished connection.

THE FATHER HEARS THE CHILD'S HEART

Om Mandli / Hyderabad 1936

Before coming to stay in the Yagya, Dadi used to go to Baba's Satsang in Om Mandli every now and then. One day, Dadi arrived at Om Mandli and Baba was teaching the lesson on the cycle. It was the very first time this lesson was being taught. It was a simple classroom setting, with children sitting on benches, and a table and board at the front. On the board was a picture of the cycle and it was fascinating to see God, the Supreme Teacher, teaching His great wisdom.

Dadi entered and stood in the back, but between Dadi and Baba there was suddenly a wonderful meeting of the eyes and heart. At that moment a thought emerged in Dadi: "Baba, I am yours. I have come to you. Now it is Your turn to come and welcome me. Baba, call me!" The very next moment Baba called out to Dadi, "Janak Beta (child)! Welcome!"

The heart to heart conversation continued, with another thought emerging in Dadi's heart, "Baba, now you must come to me here..." And that was it! The sound touched Baba's heart and there He was, walking to the back of the room and then embracing Dadi with lots and lots of love. It was a very special moment that emerged deep faith and trust.

Personal Application

Dadi has had the practical experience many times that Baba hears the sound of her each and every heart beat. She often feels there is no need to speak since Baba is just a thought away, and when she has a pure and powerful thought she has the faith that Baba will make it happen.

The same thing applies to each of us. When we keep Baba close to our hearts he is just a thought away and when we have a thought with a pure and faithful intellect, Baba will respond.

A BROAD INTELLECT

Hyderabad

Ever since she was a little girl, Dadi's head was very big . Physically, it wasn't very beautiful. In the lokik world, people even commented on it. However, Dadi always had only one thought: "Whatever I am, however I am, I am God's beloved child.

Therefore it was truly a beautiful moment when Dadi came to Baba, and Baba put his hand on Dadi's head. Baba caressed Dadi's face and said, with a lot of love: "Sweet child, always take care of your head... it is very big because you have a broad intellect, filled with jewels of knowledge."

Personal Application

Dadi feels that God's hand of blessings is on her head, helping to keep her intellect clean, elevated, and free of ordinary or waste thoughts. She also knows that she was chosen by God Himself and that He is always with her.

In the same way, as we hold only pure and elevated jewels of knowledge in the intellect, we will also realize that we have been chosen by God for His task of world benevolence. We are holy swans with pure, divine, elevated intellects because Baba's company is always with us.





*Karachi, 30 April 1950: Before leaving for Bharat, BK sisters packing all the luggages.
(LR)Dadi Ishu, Dadi Atmamohini, Dadi Sheel Indra, Meera Behn, Hoor Behn, Anandi Behn, Parvati behn
(Mamma's Sister), Dadi Dhyani, Dadi Janki.*

KARACHI

SEEING THE BENEFIT IN EVERYTHING

Karachi 1934

Dadi was appointed to be in the bungalow (Baby Bhawan) with the mothers and children rather than Kunj Bhawan where Dadi Prakashmani and the other Dadi's were staying. "Why am I there?" Dadi questioned to Mama. "Because you are a Janak" she replied. "Janak" means one who can be someone special. (In Indian scriptures King Janak is very well known for his specialities). Janak is the name of King Janak who had two qualities:

1) He was beyond the consciousness of the body and 2) He had the detachment of being a trustee of his kingdom.

Baba told Dadi that she was "Janak beta, you are King Janak." Baba claimed his right on her as his heir, his son, which Dadi kept as her vision for herself. With a reassuring smile Mama said, "Child, you will see the benefit in this also."

In those days all of Baba's children were divided in different bungalows. It was part of the system that from each bungalow everyone would get a chance, turn by turn, to come and attend murli class and see Baba. Where Dadi was staying the mothers were learning knowledge slowly. Each time Dadi would go and listen to the Murli she would come back and share with the mothers and they would be so appreciative of how she would share with them in such a simple way Baba's great wisdom. They then decided that they would send Dadi to murli everyday so that she could bring back Baba's sweet teachings and help them to understand. So Dadi's fortune began to blossom!

As time passed, the benefits were revealed. She was able to see Baba and Mama every day and was blessed by beautiful drishti and fresh Murlis. This naturally increased her study and revision of the Murli while helping to build confidence so she could share without hesitation. Dadi experienced forming a strong foundation as a teacher.

Personal Application

Baba's words came true and Dadi did see the benefit. From that day onward Dadi surrendered and obeyed Baba and Mama without question and with total trust. In the same way, this experience applies to all of us. While being in the unlimited family and in the world, Baba has placed us there, knowing the benefit for us and others.

DEAR SWEET SON WHO IS THE KING

Karachi 1939

In the very beginning when Dadi met Baba, Baba called her "Janak beta." When you say the name "beta" it is the loving and affectionate term for the son. Baba never said the word Janaki which was feminine version of the name. He always called her Janak. Baba always saw Dadi as a son, not as a daughter.

Personal Application

Dadi felt that “Baba has a right on me and because of this deep love for Baba, I am letting Baba count on me. Whatever He tells me, I will be sure to do it.”

You too are the dear sweet son and heir child of Baba, the one who walks with the sweet Father, holding his hand. You too are a King. You can feel that pride that Baba is counting on you to become what you already were a kalpa ago.

BECOME WORTHY AND SHARE THE PROOF

Karachi 1940

In Karachi, it often happened that Baba’s children would gather to have a chit chat with Baba. During one such conversation someone asked about what expectations Baba had for the children regarding their effort. Baba replied: “Always remember two words: Become a worthy child and share the proof of your love and faith.”

Personal Application

Dadi has never forgotten these two words of instruction. Over time, she has become an effortless example of being a worthy child and demonstrates moment by moment her love and faith in tireless service.

When we each take Baba’s instructions and practice them diligently, we also demonstrate our love and faith automatically and new sanskars form, making the instructions more and more effortless and full of joy.

CHURNING THE KNOWLEDGE CREATES SUPER – SENSUOUS JOY

Karachi

In the beginning, Baba liked it when children would churn the knowledge and experienced super-sensuous joy. So Dadi and the other sisters would always sit together and have spiritual chit-chat after murli to reflect and churn on the points that Baba shared. One day, they were all sitting and having this lovely chit chat. Baba returned from his walk at Clifton. He saw that everybody was enjoying churning murli points. Baba was pleased and said: “Sweet child, come. You are in super-sensuous joy. Come and swing with Baba.” Baba held Dadi’s hand and sat with her, swinging away on the swing. It was a moment filled with very joyful feelings.

Personal Application

This experience left such a deep feeling in Dadi’s heart that whenever Dadi sees a swing, she recalls that wonderful moment of being with Baba while swinging in the swing of super-sensuous joy. She knows how important it is to churn the murli and generate that inner state of bliss.

Dadi's experience remains with us to enjoy churning the Murli. When we do this, our closeness to Baba is immediate and this can ignite feelings of lightness and super-sensuous joy.

REMEMBER THIS PRECIOUS CONFLUENCE AGE AND STUDY, STUDY, STUDY!

Karachi

One day Baba looked at Dadi, who had come into the yagya 18 months after it had begun, and said, "Child, you will not see another Diwali." Dadi, on catching Baba's signal (the end of the cycle will come soon) asked, "Baba, what should I do to make up lost time?" Baba said, "Read the Murli 10 times a day." To which Dadi thought, with a lot of intoxication, Baba, I will read the Murli TWENTY times a day."

For the next six months, day and night, there was one thought alone in Dadi's heart: "I have to catch up; I have to make up for those missing 18 months." Dadi would sleep on the desk putting her head on her arms for 20 minutes or so. She would sit in the moonlight, reading, writing and reflecting on the Murlis, which, in those days, sometimes were as long as twenty pages. Dadi studied them all, word by word. Dadi's aim was clear: "If the other Dadis are galloping ahead, why shouldn't I gallop too, and become like them?" Dadi kept Baba's signal before her eyes and her efforts became very intense.

Personal Application

Since then Dadi has seen seventy-five Diwalis. Each Diwali has been different – it hasn't been the same. Every year, while celebrating Diwali, Dadi thinks, "Who knows about a next Diwali?" and in this way is reminded of the importance of doing whatever you want to do, now. Dadi keeps herself very alert, actively taking maximum benefit of this precious Brahmin life and Confluence Age. Dadi is a great example for us in this aspect: regardless of when we come into these studies – earlier or later – success depends on our study and inner, personal work on ourselves.

THE WORLD OF SWEET SILENCE

Karachi / Hyderabad

Once Dadi was thinking about a few things that she wanted to ask Baba, but she decided to wait for the right moment. Fortunately, on that very day, Baba came to visit the bungalow where Dadi was staying. Baba met everyone in the garden, sharing knowledge, and refreshing them all. Then, as Baba was taking leave, He suddenly turned and invited Dadi, "Child, get into the car and come with me." This became another very magical scene in the drama! Dadi joined Baba and they drove off to the bungalow where Baba was staying. She stayed the night, in a room right next to His, enveloped by His sweet energy.

The next morning, Dadi came to meet Baba and Baba's powerful drishti took Dadi into deep silence, filling her heart with contentment and pure joy. After a while, Baba asked, "Child, do you want to ask a question?" Dadi just smiled and said: "Baba, you took me into such a deep silence. You filled my soul with your loving vibrations. How can this heart ever have any more questions?"

Baba blessed Dadi that day: "May it happen with you as well. Whoever comes in front of you will receive such loving drishti, filled with Baba's sweet yaad that they too will feel fulfilled and all their questions will end."

Personal Application

Since that day, Dadi has experienced the practical proof of this divine blessing while serving the world. Many souls share that they receive feelings of inner calmness, silence and contentment when in Dadi's company, and questions seem to melt away.

The same applies to us. The more we increase our experience of deep silence and remembrance; souls will have the feeling of being merged in the world of peace, where all questions are left behind.

THE IMPORTANCE OF SHARING

Kunj Bhavan / Karachi

Before coming to live permanently in the yagya, Baba's instruction to Dadi was that she should spend the daytime in the gathering, but go home and be with her lokik parents at night. Although this was the arrangement for some time, Dadi kept both heart and soul fully absorbed in the yagya and yagya service alone.

Spending the whole day in the yagya, helping to do many kinds of service, Dadi became close friends with everyone and won the hearts of all. Every evening, on returning back to her lokik, Dadi would always bring some tailoring or some other work, and continue yagya service even at home.

On returning to her lokik, one especially important service that Dadi used to do was to share Baba's points of knowledge with a few souls in her neighborhood. They were very touched by Dadi's simple way of explaining deep wisdom.

Ultimately, the news of this service reached Baba. A few days later, Baba was sitting on His cushion, after conducting Murli. Looking sweetly at Dadi, Baba lovingly asked her, "Child, can you repeat the points I gave today?" Dadi softly nodded her head and began speaking the points without a second's hesitation. In front of Baba, Dadi found that she was sharing the points in a most beautiful way – using the same feelings and exactly the same words as Baba's, and the whole incident became another one of those special moments.

Personal Application

Since then Dadi feels fearless about sharing knowledge, knowing that all she has to do is earnestly feel what Baba explained, remain accurate to His intention, and His company will make the knowledge powerful and clear. When we follow Dadi's methods, we too, will be successful in the service of imparting Baba's Knowledge.

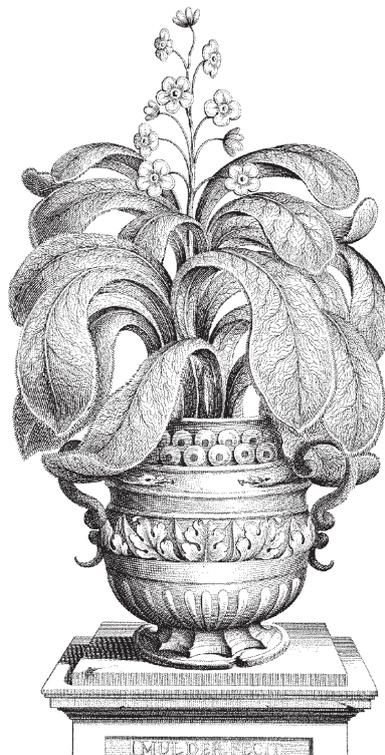
THE CLEAR LINE OF THE INTELLECT

Once Dadi realized that someone was lying and so Dadi went to Baba to report it. Baba said, "Child, this is none of your business. Your duty is simply to keep your eye on yourself. Keep your line with Shiva Baba clear and don't worry about anything else."

Personal Application

Dadi is very careful never to interfere in anyone else's business. Instead, she maintains the attitude of a detached observer, with pure feelings and good wishes for all.

As we better understand what is truly "our business" and what isn't, we will interfere less with others and focus more on our own self progress. This means that we will stop the leakage of wasteful thoughts and begin to accumulate the treasure store of pure feelings and good wishes. Then our line will remain clear, our connection with Baba will be firm, and we will be Baba's instruments for world service.





Brij Kothi, Mt. Abu (1953): Brahma Baba cutting vegetables with (RL)Dadi Nirmalshanta, Dadi Janki, Hardevi Behn & Dadi Manohar

BRIJ KOTHI

TRUE CARETAKER OF THE YAGYA

Brij Kothi 1950

After leaving Karachi and settling at Brij Kothi in Mt. Abu, there were limited resources for those in the yagya. Once, during this “Beggary” period, Dadi did not feel well and needed to take rest. While meditating in her room, Dadi had a powerful thought emerge in her; it was a longing to contribute in some way to the yagya during this challenging time.

Soon after this experience Baba found out that Dadi’s godfather was on his way to Brij Kothi to visit her. Baba was about to take a walk but returned to Dadi’s room to let her know that her godfather would be arriving. He told her to welcome him and to invite him to stay. When her godfather arrived Dadi greeted him and began to share Baba’s knowledge with great intoxication. He was receptive to the wisdom and new ideas Dadi was offering. When Baba returned from the walk, he came to meet Dadi and her visitor. When her godfather met Baba, he was deeply moved seeing Baba’s form emanating tremendous light. The visit was a powerful one and when her godfather was about to take leave, he gave Baba the thirteen rupees that he had in his pocket. Baba accepted his offering. Later in the day the godfather called from Abu Road and shared that he would be sending some of his stock holdings to Baba’s yagya. Baba and Dadi were both pleased that this soul was touched and inspired by Baba’s knowledge and appreciative of his kindness.

Personal Application

Dadi always felt deeply responsible for the welfare of Baba’s Yagya. It was her intention to contribute whatever she could and to inspire others to do the same. In the light of all the love and sustenance we receive from Baba, we too can be inspired to be true caretakers of the yagya.

BECOME BODILESS

Brij Kothi

There was a time in Brij Kothi when there was almost nothing in the yagya, not even to eat! It came to be known as the “Beggary” period. Baba would take the children in the morning into the hills around Mt. Abu to Baba’s rock and give everyone powerful drishti. Baba instructed, “Become bodiless, go beyond, then you will not feel like you are missing anything. You will be in that super-sensuous feeling of joy. You will feel like you have come down from being up above with Baba and that you are down here, for service only.”

After that experience Dadi kept the aim of cultivating a very deep experience of the bodiless stage, beyond the connection of the sense organs and the body. She really experienced “coming down from above” for the sake of service only.

Personal Application

A medida que desarrollamos la práctica de “enajenarnos del cuerpo “, también nosotros vamos a tener experiencia de una sensación de plenitud y nunca habrá atracción hacia la gratificación a corto plazo. Todos los deseos por fin van a terminar.

SO MUCH FAITH AND LOVE

Brij Kothi

Once while Dadi was in Brij Kothi, she was not well and was unable to eat or drink anything. Baba came to see her in the morning and first gave her drishti and then slowly fed her red banana and butter. She ate it with great bhavna and trust, knowing that whatever Baba gave her, it would be what was needed and everything would be fine. With this conviction, she continued to allow Baba to feed her and she began to feel better!

Baba then left her saying that He was going out for a walk. When Baba came back from the walk he said to Dadi, “Child, you are going to have lunch with Baba.” Dadi said, “Yes” (Haji) because she knew with certainty that whatever Baba fed her would work like a magical medicine.

Personal Application

Baba is the Companion, but Baba is also the Surgeon. Dadi had that faith and therefore, that was also her experience. As our faith and love become firm, we too will move through difficulties – illnesses and all others – easily with Baba’s support.

BABA’S CREAM AND MANGO: SPECIAL MEDICINE FOR EACH CHILD

Brij Kothi

In Brij Kothi, whenever any child would be particularly weak, Baba would say, “Give them cream and mango.” Baba would give these with so much love and energy that it would work like medicine.

Dadi used to be a nurse who took care of patients. Following Baba’s instructions, Dadi used to give the patients cream and mango. One time Dadi brought the cream and mango to Baba thinking that he should taste it first. Baba said. “No child, Baba has asked you to bring this for this particular soul. This is not just cream and mango, it is medicine for that soul. Whatever the soul needs, Baba fills it with that power for the soul.” Baba’s example taught Dadi to keep pure intentions and remember Baba when preparing something for a soul.

Baba also instructed Dadi another time while she was nursing. A soul was sick and Baba gave a home remedy that would work as medicine. That soul wasn’t satisfied and felt the preparation was not adequate. Baba said, “Baba’s recommendation will work

only when the child has 100% faith. If the child feels the need for a doctor, then allow the doctor to come.

Personal Application

Dadi realized that Baba's Yagya food had healing properties. Whenever we prepare and receive Baba's bhog or bhojan, we should keep the awareness of its divine nurturing energy.

LOVE FOR THE MURLI

Mt. Abu 1951

Once, Dadi was not well and the doctor told her she needed complete rest. She was ordered to stay in bed and not to leave her room. By evening, Dadi had gotten a little emotional about this, and there were tears of sadness. Baba heard of her being upset and came to her room, asking: "What happened and how can Baba help?" Dadi said, "Baba, I will not be able to hear your Murli. The doctor said I have to have complete bed rest."

Baba recognized Dadi's love for the Murli. By way of acknowledging it, He asked the brothers to set up a microphone and speaker in Dadi's room. It was the first time in the yagya that a microphone had been set up so there was a speaker in someone's room. Up until that day, they would all sit together, with Baba to listen to Baba's Murli.

The next day, Baba spoke the Murli. Dadi was able to listen to it while lying in bed. However, later that day, Dadi found herself once again upset, and in tears. Baba came to her and asked, "What happened?" Dadi replied, "Baba, in this Confluence Age, when you share the Murli, I have to see you. I heard you but I was not able to see the sweet expressions of love on your face. Baba asked, "What do you want to do, child?" Dadi said, "I want to see you while listening to the Murli, and take your drishti, too." Love like that for the Murli really melted Baba's heart. How was He going to reward such a Gopika of the Murli?

The next day, there was a chair and small bed near the door of the hall where he was speaking the Murli. Baba had them put there so Dadi could recline comfortably. In this way, she could hear Baba, and experience the full dance of the Murlidhar's Murli.

Personal Application

Dadi has always given a lot of value and importance to Baba's Murli. She fully recognizes that this is the Truth that she had always been seeking... that it is the only medicine that can heal the soul, and that it is being offered by the One Beloved for whom her heart had been longing. Her example inspires the same in us. Everything depends on our awareness and relationship to the One.



AMRITSAR

FOLLOWING BABA'S FORM, FEATURES AND ACTIVITIES

Amritsar

After Amrit Vela and before morning Murli, Baba used to churn the Murli. Once while Dadi was in Amritsar, Baba said to Dadi, "I am sure that every morning you are churning the Murli." At that time Dadi was not accustomed to this practice. Dadi said, "Baba, I have to learn how to do that."

After that, Dadi started churning the Murli after Amrit Vela while keeping Baba's face and image before her eyes. Over time this helped Dadi inherit more and more of Baba's personality.

Personal Application

This same teaching applies to us. Every day after Amrit Vela, we can hold Baba's face and image in front of us and then churn the Murli in his company. In this way, we can inherit Baba's sanskars of churning the Murli as well as absorb his angelic personality.

DETACHED OBSERVER AND OFFERING SAKASH

Amritsar

One time, when Dadi was in Amritsar, Baba came to visit. One Mataji came to him, very distressed, because of something that was happening with members of her family, who were not in knowledge. Baba sat with her. Dadi, noticing the mother's distress and after the meeting, approached Baba asking, "Baba, can I help; is there something I can do?" Baba looked at Dadi and said, "Sometimes, it is good to just remain detached – an observer – and participate through merciful, compassionate feelings." Dadi then witnessed Baba calmly move from the meeting with the Mataji to conducting the Murli with complete detachment and serenity.

Personal Application

Dadi understood and applied two important lessons:

- 1) Our worldly sanskars often pull us into doing and speaking. When we remain sensitive, sensible and soul conscious, our first response will be to offer sakash, which is always of value when others are in distress.
- 2) When we witness the distress of another soul, our greatest service will be experienced when we remain detached, stable and at peace.

When we apply spiritual care-taking, we will not be attracted to adversity but will remain soul conscious and offer sakash. Our peace will empower us to respond with the right measure of words and deeds. This detachment will then allow us to give full care and attention to the next task as we move through the day.

EVER - READY TO MEET THE CHILDREN

Punjab / Madhuban

Dadi came from Punjab to Madhuban, bringing with her a few of Baba's new children, who would be seeing Madhuban for the first time. They arrived late in the evening. Everyone received their room and settled down while Dadi went to greet Baba. Upon seeing Dadi, Baba welcomed her with a sweet smile. Dadi shared with Baba that the new children have come and remarked that Baba could meet them in the morning. Baba felt so much love for them that he wanted to see them right away.

Baba then called them into the room and with a lot of care, started to chat with them, asking about this and that and in general how they were doing. Dadi was touched by observing how Baba took interest in each soul's personal situation before offering guidance. They ended up having a wonderful spiritual chit-chat with Baba until one o'clock in the morning. As they took leave, Baba said to Dadi, "When the children arrive here, Baba is always available for service. Baba doesn't notice whether it is day night!"

Personal Application

Dadi witnessed the importance to give time to Baba's children whenever it is required. She makes sure that she is always available for this special service. We can also follow Baba's and Dadi's example when the occasion arises to provide service to Baba's children. No matter what time of day or night, responding to the opportunity will bring benefit to all.

LEARNING TO GIVE SAKASH

Bikaner 50s

One day Baba sent Dadi to give knowledge to the Bikaner royal family and to visit the royal Queen Mother. When Dadi arrived in Bikaner, the Queen Mother asked Dadi, "Why did you come here? What is the purpose of your visit?" Dadi said, "I want to share beautiful stories about God with you." The Queen Mother was very touched. She said, "Usually people come here because they want something from me. And now, here is this amazing person wanting to share stories of God!" They had a wonderful meeting. Dadi shared Baba's knowledge and the Queen Mother was very pleased. After their meeting Dadi returned to Madhuban.

As per the daily schedule, that evening there was meditation. Everyone was sitting together, enjoying the pilgrimage of remembrance. Afterwards, Baba approached Dadi and asked her, "Who were you remembering?" Dadi said, "Baba, I was remembering You and Shiv Baba." Then Baba asked again, "Who were you remembering?" Dadi answered again, "Baba, You and Shiv Baba." Then Baba shared a deep secret of service with Dadi. He said, "Child, you have just come back from doing wonderful service of this special soul, the Queen Mother of the royal family. Your duty now is to give sakash

to that soul, since that soul is not yet connected to Shiv Baba. That soul is connected to you. Little by little, help that soul to be soul conscious and to connect with Shiv Baba.”

Personal Application

In this way, after giving knowledge of the soul and the Father’s introduction, Dadi learned to give sakash. With this practice, we too can connect souls directly to Shiv Baba.





PUNE

THE POWER TO DISCERN

Pune 50s

Dadi was in Pune for service. She wrote a letter to Baba, mentioning that many souls were coming and they were all learning the knowledge very well.” Baba responded that it was unlikely that many of the new students really understood the knowledge. Dadi then asked Baba. “How can I know who really understands?” Baba’s response was intriguing. He said, “Child, from tomorrow, announce that there will no longer be Murli class. Don’t open the door in the morning and see what happens.”

Dadi followed Baba’s direction and mentioned in the class that from tomorrow onwards there would not be Murli class. Dadi did not open the door until a little later in the morning. To Dadi’s amazement there was one brother sitting at the doorstep. Dadi asked him, “What are you doing here?” He replied, “Dadi, I know that Shiv Baba has come. I know establishment will take place only by studying the Murli in class. It will not happen without Murli class. So, that is why I am sitting here, I am waiting to hear the Murli,” Dadi welcomed the brother in and read him the Murli.

Dadi wrote the whole scenario to Baba confirmed, “This is the only one who has understood this knowledge in the right way. The others have not yet had enough realization,” In this way, Baba helped Dadi to develop the power to discern.

Personal Application

Baba encouraged Dadi to go beyond external appearances and to learn what was in the hearts and minds of the students. Understanding this enabled her to then use time and knowledge in an accurate and worthwhile way.

Since that time, Dadi has become a master of discernment. She is able to quickly see the truth and essence of souls and drama. Dadi’s responses hit the mark with clarity and simplicity leaving little waste and benefit to all.

Baba and Dadi’s examples can inspire us to be clear in our aims, discern what is living in the hearts and minds of both ourselves and fellow souls, and to allow spiritual knowledge to guide our responses.

BHAVNA: PURE LOVING FEELINGS FROM THE HEART

Pune, Bombay 1958

Sometimes Baba came to visit Bombay, which was about a four hour train ride from Pune, where Dadi was staying on Baba’s service. Whenever Dadi heard that Baba was going to Bombay, she made plans to be there too. Such was her love for Baba. Dadi would prepare all varieties of food and special dishes to bring to Baba, and each dish was made with so much love, from her heart. Then she would get on the train for the four hour journey, usually leaving around eight o’clock in the morning from Pune

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and arriving in Bombay by lunch time.

Baba gave a lot of value to Dadi's love and her way of expressing it through food. Baba would very happily invite many brothers and sisters to come, saying, "Today, Janak child is bringing lunch from Pune! Come and join us!"

Every day after lunch, Baba would eat a small Indian sweet made from milk, known as "Peda." Once after lunch, Dadi was with him in his room and received peda, too. Dadi noticed how fond Baba was of this little sweet and from that day on, made it a point to offer that sweet in Thursday's bhog to Baba. This was Dadi's way of expressing her Bhavna for Baba's choices. To this day, Dadi makes sure, even in London, that "Peda" is included with any other sweet for Thursday bhog.

Personal Application

Dadi has never missed an opportunity to express her love for Baba. Her love is so great. She has such bhavna, such inner loving feelings from her heart. This bhavna keeps her very close to Baba. It has become a source of deep empowerment for her soul

Dadi's pure loving feelings inspire us to develop and sustain such bhavna, and to continually emerge it. When we do this, our remembrance becomes effortless and our companion makes us light and powerful in all we do.

REMEMBERING THE SECRET OF THE DRAMA

Pune, Bombay 1960's

While Dadi was on service in Pune, she received a message that Baba was going to travel to Bombay and would then come to visit Pune. Dadi was very pleased and everyone in the class was thrilled. They made lots of tolis, and prepared many programs, all with a lot of love from the heart.

However, the day that Baba was to come, there was heavy rainfall in Bombay. The train going to Pune was cancelled. The telephone lines, which in those days were never very reliable, completely stopped working. Dadi and Baba's children never heard of the change of plans. They kept everything ready and continued to wait, but there was no train, and no telephone call. Eventually they came to know that Baba was not going to be able to come. It was quite a test for the souls in Pune!

The next day when the rain let up, Dadi took the train to Bombay. On reaching there, Dadi's mood was a little somber because of how Baba's plans had changed at the last minute. Baba was sitting there with a knowing smile. Eventually Baba said, "I understand that you remember the Drama." For awhile, Dadi was quiet. Baba continued, "Child, whatever happens, Drama is always benevolent. Do you trust that?" Dadi was trying to understand but her heart was heavy thinking that the one word "Drama" felt

like it diminished all of the loving enthusiasm that had been put into the preparations! For the first few seconds, she could not accept it. Baba said, “If you trust the Drama, it will help you a lot on this journey.” Dadi took Baba’s loving drishti, again. In that moment, Dadi realized how Drama is always benevolent, even when it is not immediately obvious.

Personal Application

Dadi always keeps her faith in the Drama, and applies a full stop. We are inspired to do the same. Faith in the benevolent Drama keeps us lightly moving forward.





*Mumbai: Along with mamma are Dadi Sheel, Sister Patlu, Devi Mata, Dadi Brijendra, Dadi Janki,
Sitting Down are Dadi Santri, Queen Mother & others.*

MUMBAI

CONSTANTLY HOLD GOD'S VISION FOR THE SELF**Bombay**

Once in Bombay, Dadi was not feeling very well, physically. She was standing on the balcony, looking out at the ocean, having some confusing, ordinary kinds of thoughts, "I don't know what my role can be. I don't know how I can ever be truly helpful to Baba. My health is not so good..."

However, just then another wonderful scene in the drama began to unfold. Dadi suddenly felt a gentle, loving hand on her shoulder. Knowing who it was before she turned to look, Dadi was still amazed when, on turning to face Him, Baba softly asked, "Child, what are you thinking?"

Not waiting for an answer, He continued, "Do you not remember that your future and fortune is in God's hands, and that God sees you in a very, very high place and stage? Always remain in that high intoxication. Never underestimate God's highest vision of you or think anything lower than that."

Personal Application

Since then, Dadi has always said, "I never look back or think anything ordinary or low about myself. I always trust that God holds a very elevated vision of me. "Dadi feels that this has helped her on her journey through many tests including physical illness, aging, as well as embarking on service responsibilities that far exceeded an ordinary life!

When we have inner questions of doubt, we can imagine what Baba would say to us, just as he spoke to Dadi. If we constantly hold the vision that God Himself holds of us, we can pass all manner of tests, embrace our full inheritance and sharing our virtues for world benefit just as Dadi has done.

DOING SERVICE BEFORE FEEDING THE BODY**Bombay, Hanging Gardens**

Once, after the Murli, Dadi went for breakfast. She received her plate of food and sat at a table. Dadi was just about to eat the first spoonful, when Baba appeared. Baba looked at her with such drishti that Dadi felt as if she was doing something wrong. Dadi stood up and looked at Baba. Baba said, "Child, did you do any service before putting that food in your mouth?" This was a moment of awakening to subtle karma philosophy. "When I am aware of being Baba's instrument and take actions accordingly, the support I receive from Baba's yagya is received with blessings." From that day onward, Dadi would go to Hanging Gardens after Murli class to use her specialty of sharing knowledge. Then, when she returned and ate her breakfast, she did so with lightness and joy.

Personal Application

From that day until now, Dadi has kept the aim to never feed herself before ‘feeding others’ – i.e. doing service. The Brahman soul benefits most when we offer our specialties while receiving sustenance. This allows us to have appreciation of God’s Yagya as well as the lightness of self-respect.

THE FATHER’S LOVE AND COMFORT FOR THE DETERMINED TRAVELERS

Pune, Madhuban 1958

One day, Dadi had the idea to bring a few Matajis (Respected, elderly mothers) from Pune to Madhuban, to meet Baba. The trip would be a long one – from Pune to Bombay to Ahmedabad and finally, to Abu Road. It was monsoon season at the time and there was a lot of rain in the Abu area. A little bridge on the way to Mt. Abu had collapsed. To reach Madhuban there would be no choice other than to wade across the stream.

Baba, on learning of Dadi’s idea, sent a message to Dadi and the party, saying, with love, “Sweet children, do not come now. The bridge is broken. You will have to walk; it will not be easy.” But Dadi and the Matajis were determined to go. “No matter what, even if we have to walk, we will go to meet our Baba. Nothing can stop us now.” With this determined thought, they traveled from Pune to Abu Road. At Abu Road, they met Bhuri Dadi and slowly began to walk. After about a mile or so, with the collapsed bridge behind them, they were able to get a bus on the other side.

When they arrived in Madhuban, it was late, around eleven pm. Yet, what sweet scene awaited them! Baba was there, waiting in the courtyard with hot water pots and little tables and napkins nearby. What was this for? As soon as they entered Madhuban’s courtyard, Baba said, “My sweet children, welcome, welcome.

Come, let me warm and massage your feet. Whatever tiredness you have from walking all that way I will now remove.” They said, “No Baba, your love is enough. We are not tired at all. Your sakash light and might were with us all the way.” But Baba made them sit and get comfortable. It was such a soothing, relaxing experience; it brought tears to their eyes. Their only thought was, “Baba, what can I do in return for this great love?”.

Personal Application

Dadi was touched by Baba’s deep love and appreciation for his children’s determination. She witnessed Baba as a tireless, humble and caring server, which in turn, became the source for her own tireless service. A good checking point for each of us is to ask, am I following the Father and Dadi? Does my love fill me with humility, care and tireless service?

DANCING WITH ANKLE BELLS

Bombay, Amritsar

Once while Dadi was in Madhuban and Baba was in Bombay, Dadi received a letter from Baba about a popular Hindi movie song called, “Ankle Bells are Ringing.” (Janak Janak payal baje). It was a very special song with beautiful music, rhythm, and lyrics. Baba wrote: “Child, I heard this song and I knew that it was really about you, my Janak, who dances wearing the ankle bells of knowledge and makes others also dance.” Dadi was very touched by Baba’s vision for her while serving in Amritsar, Punjab. Baba also wrote “You will be called Janak when you have created 12 kumaris who belong to Baba. At that time, Dadi became instrument to serve so many souls, including 12 kumaris, who surrendered to Baba and dedicated their life to service.

Personal Application

Dadi has the intoxication that Baba makes her dance every day, wearing the ankle bells of knowledge and also making others dance too, bringing joy and happiness to all.

As we put the ankle bells of knowledge and join the dance, Baba remembers us as well. He speaks to us with deep love and regard from the heart.

PREPARING THE NOURISHMENT OF KNOWLEDGE

Pune

Once while Dadi was in Pune, Baba came to visit. In the morning after Amrit-Vela, Dadi went to ask about the program for the day. Baba spoke to her from a very deep and quiet state of being. Baba said, “Child, I am the mother of all the children. It is in the morning that I sit to churn knowledge for the children... I prepare the children’s food. A whole day’s worth of sustenance, for all the children, came from the knowledge that Baba prepared from five a.m. to six a.m. This gave Dadi a very sweet and loving feeling.

From that day onward, Dadi developed the discipline of having the same practice. After Amrit-Vela, Dadi always churns the knowledge and this is what she shares with the class. In this way, Dadi has developed a lot of strength. Not just to digest this rich “food” herself, but to serve it to others as well.

Personal Application

As we take up this same practice we will find ourselves similarly sustained by nourishing thoughts of Gyan. We will be able to remain strong and serviceable throughout the day and we will enable those to serve to become that as well.

Bombay, Early 1960's

While Baba and Dadi were both in Bombay, Baba asked Dadi if she was familiar with litho machines which make copies. He was interested in these machines because they could be a means of making copies of the Murli for those outside of Madhuban. Dadi knew the name litho machine but did not know much about it, so with Murli in hand, she set off for the market. There, she was eventually guided to the fourth floor of the shop where she found someone with a litho machine. The shop keeper made one hundred copies of the Murli she had with her and offered these samples for no charge! Dadi then went back and told Baba what had happened. Later, she arranged to purchase a litho machine for the Yagya so that Baba's centers near and far could receive a printed Murli.

Personal Application

Dadi learned that when it comes to Baba's service, it is good to learn about what facilities are available, to trust that what is needed will be found, and that the funding for needed facilities will also work out. With this trust and vision, Dadi has had the opportunity to experience Baba's world service unfold in miraculous ways. Today, there are many potential facilities for Baba's service. We must all keep a clear vision and explore ways to use all that is available to serve humankind.

LOVE FOR THE FATHER'S PURE WORDS

Ahmedabad, 1966

Upon Baba's direction, Dadi came from Pune, set up a new center in Ahmedabad. Later, when Dadi came to visit in Madhuban, Baba asked if everything was ok at the Ahmedabad center. Being a new center, things were slowly settling down and Dadi was ok. She mentioned that one particular thing that was missing was a tape recorder to listen to Baba's Murli. Dadi was fond of listening to Baba's sweet voice each morning when she was in Pune. She shared, "I'm not able to listen to you speak the Murli everyday! It is like being in the third number!" (In those days Baba used to say that if you listened to Baba directly in Madhuban, it was the first number. If you listened to a tape of Baba's voice, it was the second number and if you heard a Murli read at a center, it was the third number.) Dadi said "Baba, I'm a number three....! Immediately Baba reassured her saying, "Child, don't worry. I'm going to order a tape recorder for the center right now." How much love Baba had for his Murli loving children!

Dadi also told Baba that the words that were most important for her were being edited out and they were "sweet children, sweet children". The person writing the murlis would keep just a few of the phrases and edit the rest. So Baba immediately said, "OK child, something will be done". By the time Dadi returned to Ahmedabad, there was

already a tape recorder waiting for her at the center.

When Dadi received the tape recorder and took up the routine of listening to Baba's Murlis on tape, Dadi noticed one more thing. The brother who was sending the tapes was editing them to make them shorter. The words he was cutting out were the very words that Dadi loved the most. "sweet children, sweet children". Dadi wrote to Baba, "Baba, in the recording that is being sent, words are being cut out". Baba responded to Dadi's distress. He called Chandras Dada and told him to be sure to send only unedited, Murlis, to Janak bachchi. This was another example of Baba's boundless love and support for the children.

Personal Application

Although much has changed since Dadi was in Ahmedabad, we can follow her example of always putting great value on the directness with which we can receive from Baba and seniors. Whenever there is a choice to be made, the loving heart will do what it can to be as close as possible both with time, distance and facility.

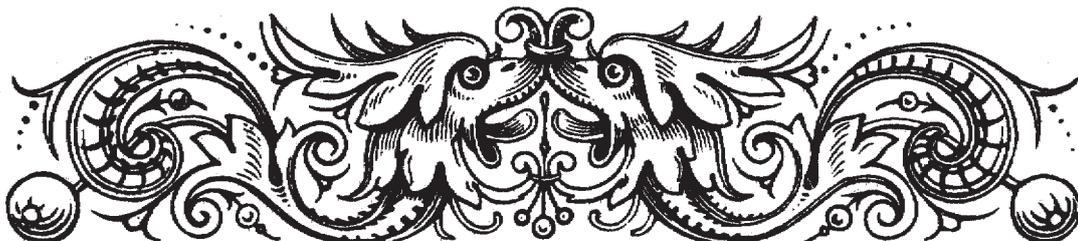
A ROSE IS GOOD, A BOUQUET EVEN BETTER!

Ahmedabad, 1966

Dadi was in Ahmedabad when a widow of a textile merchant began attending Baba's center. Dadi soon took her to Madhuban to meet Baba. Her name was Gulab Mata – Mother Rose. She was a sweet loving soul and when Baba met her, he was very pleased. Baba said to Dadi "You have brought a rose flower to Baba but Baba wants a whole bouquet!"

Personal Application

Baba was reminding Dadi to not become complacent and urging her to always hold an unlimited vision for her next steps in service. We too must never settle into the satisfaction of service but remain eager to help all of Baba's children find their Father.





AHMEDABAD

BECOMING ONE OF THE EIGHT JEWELS**(This story is of the early 50's)****Ahmedabad, Bombay**

In Abu, Dadi was leaning against the wall in class and Baba looked around and said, "My faithful children are resting here and the others have gone out and are spreading false stories". Hearing this, Dadi was stirred into action and said to Baba – I will go to Mumbai and serve souls there.

Baba told her to go to her mother's home – she had not met her since the mother left the yagya with her other children. Baba wrote a letter to her saying, "Baba is sending you one of the eight jewels". Dadi took only Rs. 5 from Dadi Kumarka, the treasurer, and went to Ahmedabad. Dadi spoke at the temple and later people asked how they could help and arranged the ticket to Mumbai. Dadi Janki arrived at her mother's home the day of the anniversary of her father's departure. The mother was very happy and Dadi cooked and offered bhog for the father's soul. In a tiny balcony, Dadi would have Amrit -Vela and then be out on service all day. The foundation of service was laid here in a tiny place in work.

Personal Application

When our faith in the jewels of knowledge becomes absolutely firm, like Dadi's, our only desire will be to keep ourselves in service and to share these treasures with the world.

Also Dadi has always kept the firm faith and intoxication that Baba has the vision of her becoming one of the eight jewels of the rosary. This blessing made Dadi strong, knowing that her victory was guaranteed.

Baba has the vision that each child is a victorious jewel. Dadi inspires us to keep the aim to become part of the rosary of victory. Holding this pure thought sustains us and brings us strength. When we see it, we can become it.

FAITH TO BECOME ONE OF THE EIGHT JEWELS – mid 60's**History Hall, Madhuban**

Brahma Baba's daily routine was to take breakfast around nine o'clock in the morning, then to go to the office to reply to all the letters from the children. Around ten thirty, Baba would go out for a stroll.

One morning, Dadi needed to consult with Baba. She looked everywhere for him, but he was nowhere to be found. Finally Dadi reached History Hall. She saw that the windows were half closed. Out of curiosity, Dadi peeked through the window.

In front of her was an amazing and unique scene. Baba, alone in the room was dancing away in a blissful stage! Heart warming waves flowed over Dadi even as she stood there, watching. Her eyes also began to sparkle and she could not hold herself back. Dadi ran into the room saying, “Baba, what are you doing?”

Baba, still in that blissful stage, replied, “Child, I am dancing because I am going to become sweet little Krishna.” The playfulness with which he said this touched Dadi deeply, coloring her with that same joyful feeling.

Personal Application

No matter what is happening around her, Dadi does not forget the joyful and intoxicated stage of self dignity, “I am a Golden Aged soul who is going to play, sing, and dance with Krishna.” No matter what happens, we each can remain in a joyful, blissful stage.

BEING BEYOND INFLUENCE – June 1960

Baba’s Hut, Madhuban

Once when Baba and Dadi Janki were sitting together, Didi Manmohini came and joined them. Didi Manmohini then began talking about how someone else was not doing something right. As Didi Manmohini shared, her face began to visibly change. Baba noted this and said, “Why is your face changing? To tell Baba about something wrong is one thing, but to go into the feelings behind it is another.” Baba was pointing out how we can get connected subtly to someone. Baba then gave this advice to both Didi Manmohini and Dadi Janki, “It does not matter what anyone’s nature is like. We should never be affected.”

Personal Application

Dadi absorbed Baba’s Godly advice and put it into practice. We can also be a proper Raj-Yogi who practices self-sovereignty, detachment and soul consciousness. We can pay attention not to be colored by anyone else’s company other than the Father’s.





Pandaw Bhawan, Mt Abu (1970): Group Photograph of Major Dadis.
Bottom row: (LR) Dadi Dhyani, Dadi Kamal Sundari, Dadi Allrounder, Dadi NirmalShanta, Didi Manmohini, Dadi Prakashmani, Dadi Brijendra, Dadi Pushpashanta, Dadi Janki & Dadi Santri
Top Row: Dadi Ishu, Dadi Shantamani, Dadi Sandeshi, Dadi Gulzar, Dadi Ratanmohini, Dadi Gange, Dadi Brijshanta Dadi Mithoo, Dadi Manohar, Dadi Chandramani.

MADHUBAN

ECONOMY OF THOUGHTS AND WORDS

Madhuban, 1960's

Dadi once wrote to Baba and mentioned a situation that was occupying her attention. A few weeks later while visiting Baba she spoke about the same situation. Baba looked at her and responded, "Child you shared all of this in your letter. You do not need to repeat it. To repeat something unnecessarily can be a waste of time, thought, and energy."

Personal Application

Dadi instantly realized the value of this correction. From that day onward, she made effort to catch her mind and words and to not repeat something without a clear purpose. She would give a situation attention and communicate with Baba and then put a full stop while remembering drama. In this way she was able to keep her mind free and clear to focus on yoga and sharing knowledge. These days Dadi now tells this lesson in a nutshell and says, "Don't think too much"!

If we take this lesson to heart and economize our thoughts and words, we will become more like Baba and Dadi, only using our minds and time in a worthwhile way.

HA JI, DETACHED, AND EVER – READY

Madhuban, early 1960's

On one occasion, Baba invited all the sisters who were on service to a five day retreat in Madhuban. Everyone was very excited about it because this kind of gathering had not happened in a long time. Dadi Janki was invited to attend the gathering and when she arrived, it was a real celebration, as those who had not seen each other in a long while got to meet again and be together. Suddenly, Dadi received the message that Baba wanted to see her. Dadi went to Baba and He shared, "Child Janak, we have just received an invitation from the Raj Mata (Royal Queen Mother) of Gwalior. I think it would be good if you went to Gwalior to serve them."

It was a test for Dadi because Dadi was so happy to be with all the sisters. Dadi said, "Baba, I just came and now you are telling me that I have to go?" She was a little reluctant. Baba's face changed. He became a little serious and strict. Then Baba said, "Alright, there is no need for you to go now." As soon as Baba said this, Dadi realized what she had said to Baba was neither cooperative nor service -minded. Dadi said, "Baba, I will go." But Baba had become very detached.

Dadi tried to explain to Baba, "Baba, I am ready to go, I understand that this is important service." But Baba remained silent, detached and beyond. Finally, Dadi went to Badi Didi and explained to her what had happened. Dadi admitted how she had failed

the test, but assured Badi Didi of her realization and readiness to go for service. Badi Didi then went to Baba and explained to him on behalf of Dadi. Finally Baba relented and sent Dadi off for service of the royal family with a lot of love.

Dadi went for three days, and wonderful service took place. Dadi shared that how upon her return to Madhuban, the fruit of obedience (Respectful cooperation) was very sweet. Baba did not stop calling out to Dadi, throughout the whole day, “Child Janak, come and sit with Baba! “Child Janak, come and walk with Baba!” Dadi received in those last two days, more love, attention, and care than anyone else could have received in the whole five days.

Personal Application

From that brief scene in the drama, Dadi understood the benefit in being every ready to follow Baba’s directions and to say, “Yes, My Baba” (Ji, Ha Zor”). She also saw how powerfully Baba remained balanced. Baba could be such a strict teacher, and yet, in the same instant, be a fully loving mother, father and friend.

It can be a joyful experience to be ever-ready, follow Baba’s and Senior’s directions and requests with cooperation, and then to discover the reward of His extra love and blessings.

USING THE SATOGUNI INTELLECT FOR BENEFIT (Kalyana)

On one occasion, Baba spoke about different types of intellect. Afterward Dadi asked, “Baba, what is a satoguni intellect?” Baba said, “Baba will give you a practical example of this soon.”

A few days later, Dadi noted that someone’s behavior was not quite right and she went to tell Baba about it. Baba reminded Dadi of their conversation a few days earlier by saying, “When you have a satoguni intellect, you don’t see people’s weaknesses or defects. You don’t talk about them either. Rather, through your satoguni intellect, you help that soul to change.”

Personal Application

Dadi has understood Baba’s direction to, “see, but not see” and to “hear, but not hear.” Baba and Mama always took up the responsibility of seeing the children’s mistakes as their own and Dadi learned to do the same. Dadi takes power from Baba to make sure that another’s weakness is first corrected within herself. Then, she emerges that power and donates it to the children as a blessing.

In this way, we too can learn to see everyone in their complete and perfect form, which in turn, enables them to experience this in themselves. This is how souls can learn about their potential and bring about change in their character.

I MUST SHOW THE WORLD MY SWEET BABA

Madhuban

Each morning after Amrit-Vela, Dadi was in the habit of going to Baba to say good morning. Baba would sit on his bed and Dadi would pull up a foot stool to sit on in order to take drishti. It was such a wonderful way to greet the day and it made her never want to leave Baba's eyes. On one occasion, after entering Baba's room, Dadi found Baba so full of light that it was as if he was a sparkling orb. This experience penetrated Dadi as if she were in a dream of super-sensuous beauty and sweetness. Dadi felt so lucky and in awe. A deep yearning to put Baba on the palm of her hand and to show the whole world bubbled inside her.

Personal Application

Whenever Dadi returned to Baba's room, she remembered this experience. Her deep love and connection with Baba has empowered her to go out onto the world stage to share with others Baba's light and beauty. We must also remember and revisit the experiences that we have had in Madhuban with Baba, to ignite our passion for unlimited service.

BECOMING ANGELIC

Madhuban

In June of 1968, months before Baba left His mortal chariot, Dadi found herself unable to stop looking at Baba. She would go running to Him in the early morning to say good morning and to take Baba's drishti. She would also go running every evening to say goodnight. There was so much light around Baba. It was as if Baba was there and yet, Baba was also not there. Dadi was amazed to see this. It was truly a wonder.

One day Baba said to Dadi, "Child, do you know that the time will come when the Angelic Baba, who lives up above, will become one with this one?" Dadi felt that this was exactly what was already happening. The effort-maker Brahma Baba was becoming the Angelic Baba. Baba then looked at Dadi and said, "You have to become like that, too."

Personal Application

From that day onward Dadi has kept the aim that she has to become equal to the Father. We too can share in this aim and fulfill our Baba's hopes of becoming Bap-samaan.

AFTERWORD

My hope is that the treasures that have been shared in this book have been valuable for your own life, bringing happiness, truth and love. Dadi's life has been defined by her faith. Her desire has always been to connect every individual with the source of peace, love and truth – the Divine, the Supreme, God – the One who is the Mother and Father of us all. As you reflect on these treasures, I'm sure that your own thoughts will be drawn to the Divine and you will experience all the treasures that come from that Source.

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