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Superiority of Radhasoami Faith

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***“Worldly people are never free from worldly thoughts. They are engaged in daily routines and duties in the enjoyment of pleasures available to them in the procurement of more pleasures, objects, name and fame, and in thinking and talking about these matters. People are so engaged in these matters that they have no time even to think of their death. They never inquire where they would go after death and in what condition they would be placed.*”**

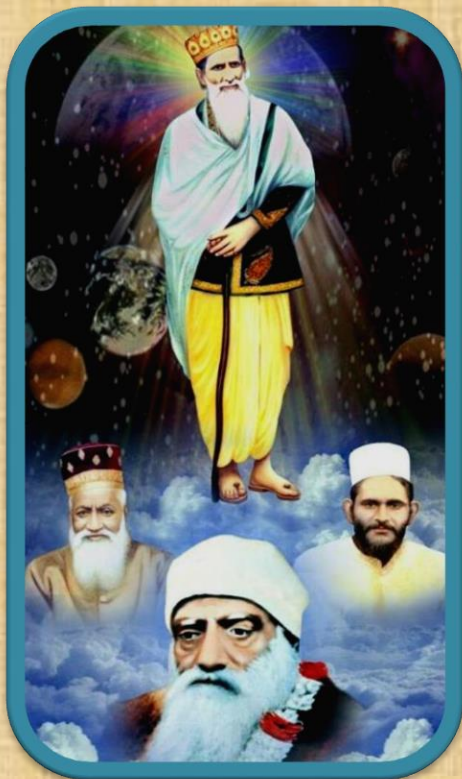
Generally people hear and read about spirituality (Parmarth), but even this they do in a casual manner. They do not care to know the object underlying it and whether that object is being achieved or not. So, also, whenever they see that somebody is in great pain, or is sick or dying, they feel alarmed. But soon after they forget it... When these persons are visited by some serious calamity, shock or death, they are much perturbed. But nobody can help them. After death, they suffer pain and pleasure as a result of their karmas, which nobody can prevent. The cycle of their births and deaths also cannot be terminated.”



“No person or object is permanent in this world. It is a place of temporary sojourn. In this short life, people commit sins just to get a little comfort. In consequence, they have to suffer. Therefore, it is proper to find out and proceed to the Eternal Region of Supreme Bliss which is free from birth, death, pain and suffering. Those who fail to do so will not escape pains and pleasures pertaining to physical bodies and recurrent births and deaths. According to the teachings of the Saints,

this is a region of Maya (matter or illusion). The spirit cannot stay in this region without assuming physical covers called bodies. These covers are always changing. In other words, when one cover becomes old and worn out, the spirit leaves it and takes on another cover either in this or another region. Thus the cycle of births and deaths continues. While in the physical body, a man (or woman) has to experience pains and pleasures according to his or her past and present karmas (actions).

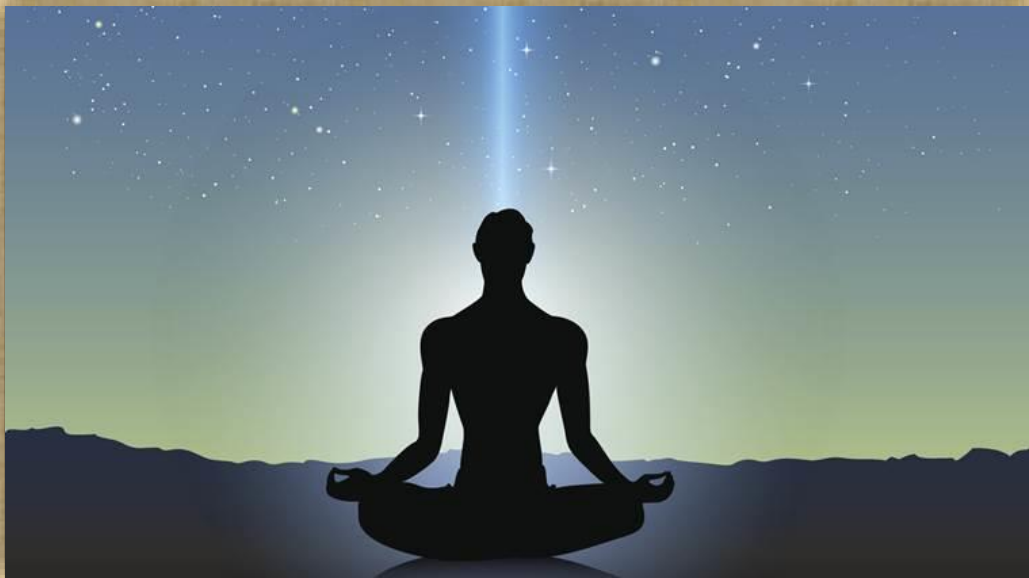
The Eternal Region which is the acme of Supreme Happiness and Bliss is totally free from pain and suffering. It is a Purely Spiritual Division, the Abode of the Supreme Being. That region is absolutely free from Maya (matter). In all other regions there is an admixture of spirit and the pure or impure course matter. This is the reason why evil and good, birth and death exist in these regions. Hence so long as the spirit entity does not quit this region of admixture, it cannot get access into the Purely Spiritual Division and attain to everlasting happiness.



It is only the Radhasoami Faith that gives out the secrets of that Region and the Path, and how to proceed. There is no mention of these things in any other religion. The oblique references to secretive practices found in other religions pertain to the regions of impure, course or pure Maya...

Nobody can go beyond the regions of Maya (matter or illusion), except by the practice of Surat Shabd Yoga. Surat Shabd Yoga consists in raising the spirit towards higher regions by

following the Sounds coming from the heavenly spheres and by catching hold of the spirit-current. This current has descended from the Original Abode, i.e., the Purely Spiritual Division. During its descent it has all along been accompanied by Sound (Shabd). After learning the secrets of that Sound, to listen to it intently and attentively and to elevate the spirit along it (the Sound) to the region from which it is coming, this is called Surat Shabd Yoga.



In these times, the Radhasoami Faith teaches how the Surat Shabd Yoga can be performed very easily. Anybody desirous of his or her true salvation may join the Radhasoami Satsang and perform this meditation easily. By sincerely adopting the Protection and Shelter (Saran) of the Supreme Father Radhasoami Dayal and Sant Sat Guru, they can accomplish this task very easily. It is incumbent upon and essential for all jivas, male or female, that for the welfare of their soul they perform this meditation (Abhyas) to some extent.

The greatness of this meditation lies in the fact that the grace of the Supreme Being RADHASOAMI DAYAL and Sant Sat Guru is always with the practitioner. It will accompany them till

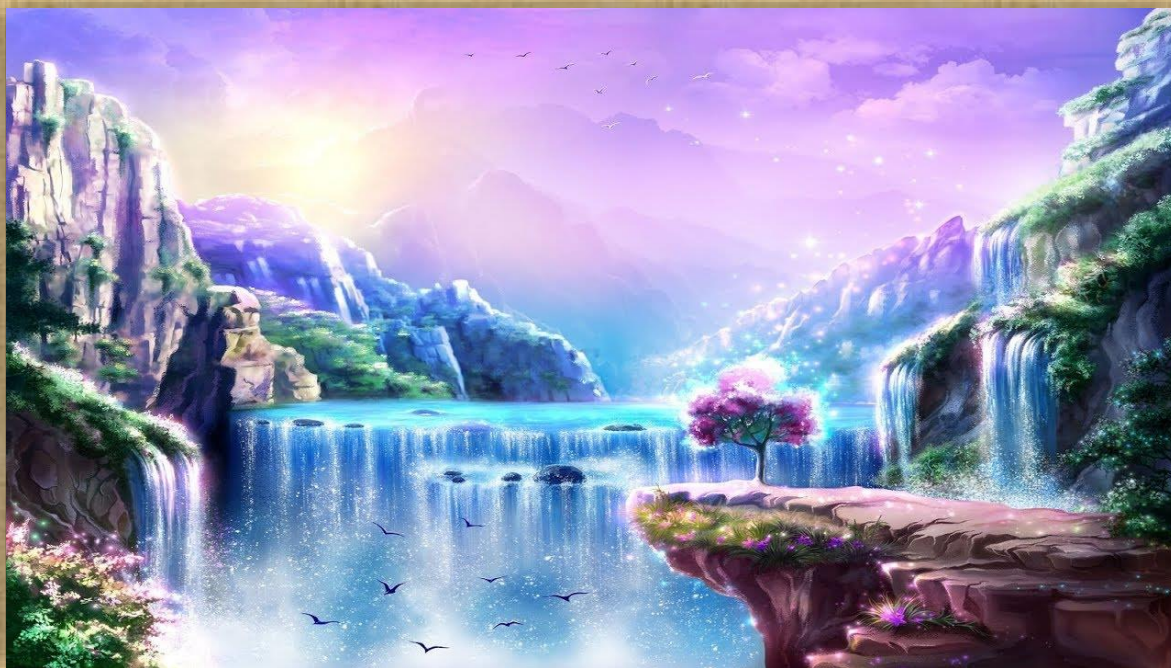
they reach the Highest Region. The completion of this task may take two, three or four births. In every new birth, they will incarnate as a human being and will find the Sant Sat Guru and His Satsang (devotional congregation). The progress already made in one life will be realized in the next and they will start from the point they had reached in the last birth. Hence those who have adopted the Protection and Shelter of the Supreme Being RADHASOAMI DAYAL and are engaged in this meditation are very fortunate. They alone will one day attain to true salvation. All others, whatever religion they might be professing, would wander in higher or lower regions and forms of life within the bounds of Maya, and would undergo pain and pleasure to a greater or lesser extent. They shall remain subject to transmigration of soul.”

“Whatever activities are prevalent in the world in the name of spirituality pertain to the world. There is no mention in them of the secrets and whereabouts of the true Supreme Being and the method of approaching Him. They speak of the deities of lower order... Therefore, the followers of all these religions are entangled in limitations or they contemplate, meditate or think of the unknown and invisible God haphazardly. By such activities they never get the vision (Darshan) of their goal or see his refulgence... How can this activity be of any help to them in hardship, grief, calamity and death?”

“Excepting this meditation (Surat Shabd Yoga), there is no method of raising the mind and spirit internally to the Highest Region with ease. This can be practiced by men and women while leading a family life. They can realize the benefit of this practice in this very life... This meditation aims at reverting the spirit with the help of Sound coming from heavenly spheres and taking it to the Highest Region. The spirit is a ray of light, life and sound. It emanated in the

beginning from the highest region and was accompanied by Shabd (Sound).”

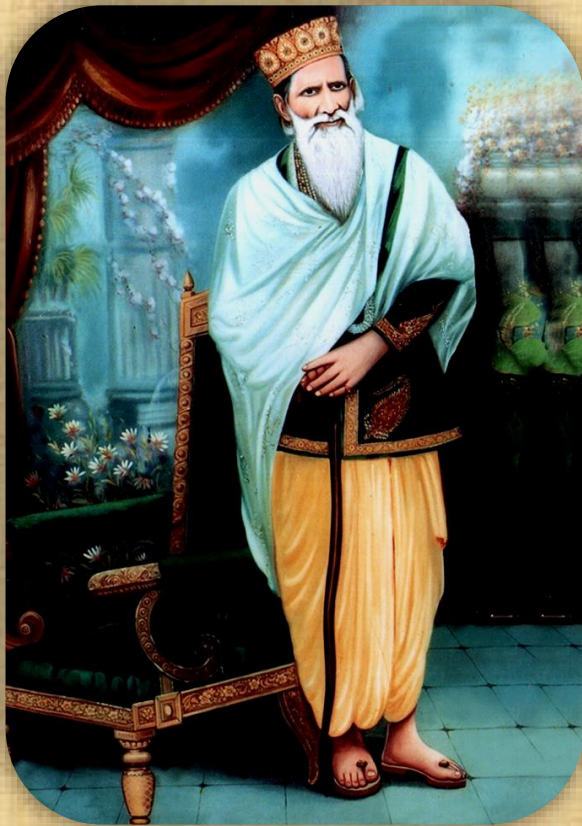
“All like to see attractive persons or animals or objects. They are very pleasing to the eye. Likewise, people like to hear sweet music and songs and are enraptured by them whenever they happen to hear them... The reason for the above is that the spirit (Surat) itself is most refulgent, beautiful and Shabd (Sound) in form. It is an emanation or ray of the Supreme Being who is the Reservoir and Source of Absolute Light, Beauty and Melody. Therefore, the spirit is enamored by beautiful forms and melodious sounds.



The most beautiful forms and the most melodious music of this world bear absolutely no comparison with those of the higher regions. The charming forms and enrapturing music of those regions are peerless and indescribable. It is, therefore, desirable for everybody to proceed within one's self and to experience the wondrous joy of its refulgence and melody. They will then realize how marvelous spectacles of Nature

exist within themselves and how worthless and perishable are the objects they seek in this world.”

“All extent religions of the world and all persons, however learned, proficient and intelligent they may be, are ignorant of the true Supreme Being RADHASOAMI DAYAL and His Abode. The method of elevating mind and spirit within which is free from risks and can be practiced by everybody, male or female, householder or recluse, is not taught in any religion. For this reason, there is no mention of these practices

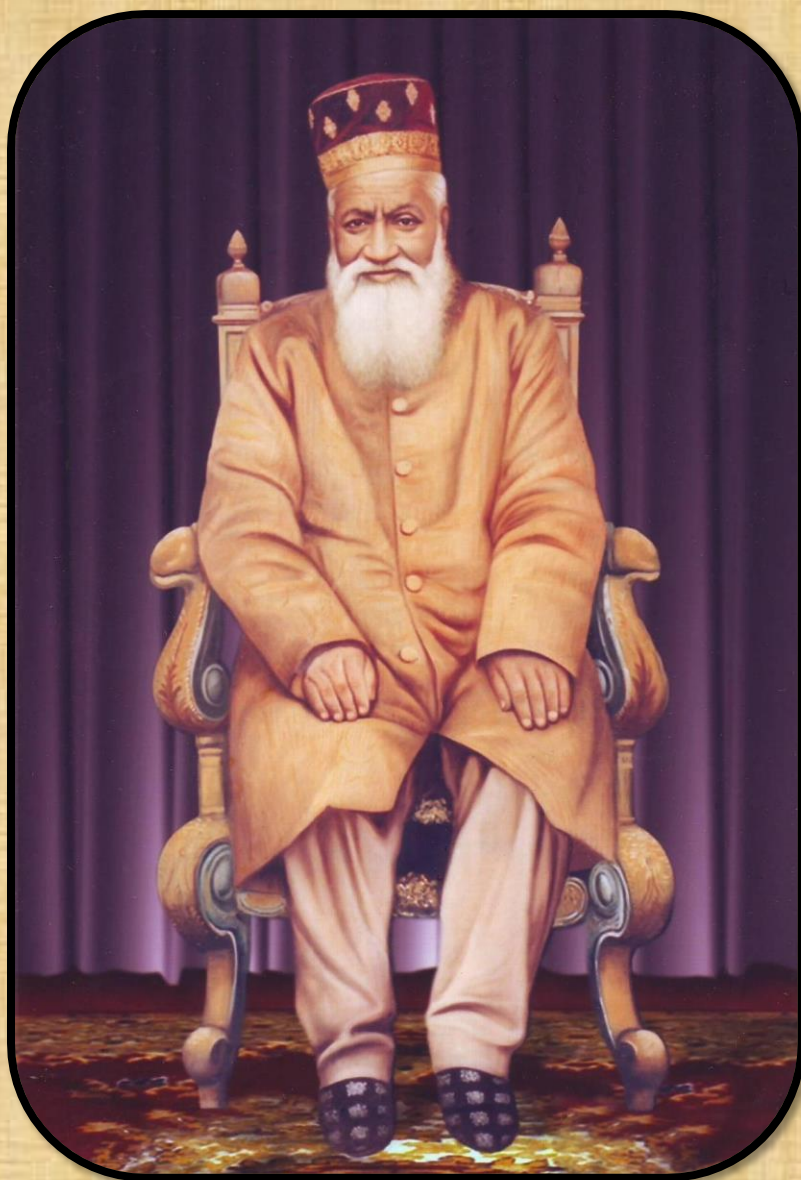


anywhere else except in the Radhasoami Satsang which was started by the Supreme Being Radhasoami Himself (Soamiji Maharaj), when He incarnated Himself as Sant Sat Guru.

Complete and satisfactory answers to all kinds of questions are given in the Radhasoami Faith. This religion is natural, because the principles of this Faith are in accord and conformity with the laws of creation; and nothing pertaining to this Faith is redundant, useless and opposed to the nat-

ural laws. This religion is not a product of learning and intellect. On the other hand, all learning and knowledge are offshoots of this religion. A true seeker and Parmarthi should, therefore, forget all learning and cleverness, try to understand the principles of this Faith and begin its Abhyas... and see their salvation worked out in this very life.”

“One who performs this Abhyas (Surat Shabd Yoga) properly would come to have the power to die at will and thus become immortal. They will conquer death, i.e., they will not have to suffer the pangs of death. When the time comes or when they so wish, they will easily leave the body without pain.”



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