

‘Put your mind in alignment with our mind. I am your love, beyond kith and kin. A love that will raise, will go above, and will make a way for you.’

2 Feb 1992 Kirtan at Acton, Celebration of birth of Shanti, daughter of Babaji and Hari Om.
Swamiji's talk follow the theme of peace/ Shanti in celebration of the newborn child's name.

He sings a very early Quintessence-age song:

To the land of peace and Shanti Shanti Om

To the man of peace and Shanti Shanti Om

To the band of peace of Shanti Shanti Om...

Swamiji said:

‘Take a powerful torch and put it against your hand - the fingers become translucent, like an x-ray. Doctor Gopal Christ can see a lot of defects in the x-ray of brains, bone, marrow. So when you strip with the light, meditate on light. Light, light, light. Where is the light? God is Light. Bring the light in you. Send this light here and there. Why be selfish? The Light is ubiquitous, omnipresent. So if you bring the light and put the light here you will find out that there is a defect; remove it, nip it in the bud.

‘What is a complex, is it impurity, is it superiority? Superiority is pride, it's the greatest sin. Impurity is your agony; and that agony is your sacrifice in facing the world, it's your pain. Here is solid reassurance. It's not just a gathering. It is for that that I come. Otherwise I am better off in my agony at home. But I want to share my birth with you, with your child.¹ Unless we are born like these...unless we have no shame like these children...for we have done nothing wrong. If we have done, then it is in the past. Let the dead bury the dead. You are going to cause a contagious condition, a virus. It has to be vaccinated. Yes, Brahmanic condition, light, omniscient, omnipresent, faith. A little while ago I lost my voice, I don't mind, I became hoarse, I became donkey – in another birth Christ may perhaps have ridden on me, we may have a cross. God has given me a voice to sing, so says Sarada, hands to clap, and GSR says, “When you sing, clap your hands and the birds of sin will fly away.” It defeats Satan. You don't want these innocent babies, these lambs, to grow up and Satan deform them. She's beautiful, that child [Shanti], she's like a doll. “Come Mother, doll of my soul...” See these babies, children of Ramakrishna, Ramakrishna's kindergarten, they are realized souls. They have been brought down by God.

‘Vivekananda the great great *saptarishi*, he nearly left Ramakrishna to go to another guru, until Ramakrishna appeared to him. So this is a great challenge. Ramakrishna didn't mind practising different religions. He practised universality, harmony of religion, so his disciple was the same. One must not be monotonous, one must not be one-sided, worshipping just Narayana or worshipping just Shiva. Man is neither man nor woman, he is Him-Her; neither day nor night. When body and flesh is taken away – what is left is light, light, light. Light merges, becoming one with the Light. “Thou art That! Sanyasi bold, say Om Tat Sat Om.”

‘So to the land of peace, to the house of peace, to the mother of peace, to the babe of peace, to the marriage of peace - be perfect as your Father is. This is a celebration of your union, of your pre-union. But also, let the workers prepare, there is work to be done, you can't just come and be lazy. You don't eat or drink if you don't work. Work, work, work! Work as a slave but don't be a slave to your work. This is a state to be obtained. Become a spiritual alcoholic - until you become your self. “I drink no ordinary wine, but wine of everlasting bliss as I repeat my Mother's Name, it's so intoxicating that people take me to be drunk.” God is in His name. ‘The state of visibility is beautiful, yet I tell you, the state of invisibility is greater. All this is only the projection of a video. There, it is beyond pain and pleasure, beyond day and night. A doll of salt goes in the sea and becomes one with it. But here because of name and form you feel it all, this is so-and-so, and that is so-and-so, and because of name and form perhaps you like this person, you like something in that person. The liking is there, liking is light, hate is darkness. “From darkness lead us to light...[and] Where there is hate let there be love’ – the prayer of St Francis of Assisi.

‘He had his chosen. Many are called, few chosen. But some force their way to be chosen: “Though you beat me I will not go.” So you can defeat God through the power of love. Love is a challenge that defeats greater love. The crying of a child defeats the resistance of the mother's love. She stops her work and comes and takes the child. As long as the child is happy, it's fine. But when a child cries, and wants mummy or daddy, it has to be satisfied. God is of great, great understanding, and also compassion, forgiveness, purity, holiness. Therefore this is a celebration, an engagement, you are soon getting married² Therefore be perfect. That's why you're summoned here. “Holy. Holy, Holy...” What does this fellow think he's doing, being a big holy man?

¹ Santi, who is being welcomed into life by Swamiji at this kirtan at Babaji and Hari Om's place in Acton

² Sanjana and Jonathan were engaged at this time.

No. I was joining mentally with all these cherubs and angels who are saying, non-stop, "Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy." These cherubs, these babies...non-stop Holy, Holy, Holy.'

[Sings]

'You are including yourself with the rest of the angelic chorus. Holy, holy, holy... The Holy host. Then Satan comes, he doesn't let you know, he raises all this sediment every time, puts you off from your project. Pride! Pride is the greatest fall. Pride is "I". It is "Why is no one paying attention to me?" Ramakrishna didn't pay attention to Vivekananda for three weeks, but Vivekananda still came, he didn't mind. Here where we meet we merge, we associate, we affiliate, we become a band of joy, of *shanti*.

'All this is 'notebook' that I am talking. But when the notebook has been read well, then God will come and take the right hand, He will say "Yes, you have taken good note. Now I will make you practise myself." I am only repeating what He has told me Himself. Those who belong to us will listen, will hear, they will one day put things aside, they will say, there's something here. The Word is like a seed, it pierces the family household department. The caterpillar of the Word transforms into a butterfly, and then when it takes its flight, which is of course "Alone to Alone", then, "My joy I give to you, and that joy no one can take away." But that joy, you want to start enjoying it *here*. Why not? Warum nicht? Pourquoi pas? Why not? Start now, now and then, the discharged batteries will say, "No, I'll never be charged," but there is a spark. It has been left cold, abandoned, and you think no one is paying attention' – but don't say that. You don't know our mind; we are in your mind but in a different way of miscalculating.

Put your mind in alignment with our mind. [laughs] I am your love, beyond kith and kin. A love that will raise, will go above, and will make a way for you. This is my responsibility, I have an account to give. But I sincerely include them in my will. [I am] a good father, or perhaps it is like [the father] with his prodigal son, when the [other thinks, "The] rest have got everything;" h is meditating, he is getting experience, but *he* hasn't got anything. Well, non-experiencing people will get it in heaven.

'If you are very detached, then vision and God becomes a doubt. You don't believe what you have seen, and you don't believe it has happened. You are seeking and seeking, and now you have touched it. But you say, no, no. When you have passed the exam you don't believe it, it must be somebody else who has passed, not me! When you have attained, when God has come, when notes have stopped and God is saying Hulloo, now say, "I am He." How people will invent, people are great inventors, but the man cannot invent something of which he is not aware, invent something so precise, to such exact detail. And then he doesn't believe, he forgets what God tells him...

'So let us go to the house of Shanti. If you work too fast, see what misunderstandings can occur. In the beginning [of *Quintessence*] I was, Let's have ecstasies, let's have ecstasies. But these ecstasies are tablets, these are Amsterdam state, drugs, addicts. This Name intoxicates, I put my foot on the bridge of immortality. Ecstasy is not required at all, in love. Ecstasy is only a product. When you are full you "belch what you have eaten". You belch. That belching is one ecstasy, two ecstasies, one follows the next, pop-pop-pop like motorbike, one after another, these are states, you don't seek them because in ecstasy what can you do? It's selfish, you can't do anything, you can't even cook food. You can't touch the metal pot, it affects the condition.

'You can go through all these squares, we are not saying a man shouldn't go through the squares to find out, but finding out may get bumpy and painful, and for the family it is a great worry, "I don't want to tell anything to my family and my wife." But can you keep the secret of your heart? The pang of your heart? Can you keep your feeling hidden? Truth is felt in a thousand ways. Truth is spoken in great silence. The more He is silent, the more He is speaking to me, telling me his ideas. But first merge in silence, the silence of unity. We are all included - in the silence of unity no one is omitted. Silence is full. Silence is a revealer. Silence is a fulfiller: "I will fill the missing gap," it says, "There is no problem, forget all your worries."

'But you have to have the respect, you have to do the sacrifice. Light is you, but where is your light? do you think your light is here, beating the drum and singing and laughing with me? No. This is our sharing light, our promise. And there is a fulfillment, as we have said, and it is unselfish. But work! The yogi sits and works and travels very far. He closes his eyes and sees. He sits here and reaches beyond. He travels beyond, beyond the limit.

‘Nevertheless it is all a big question mark which is not solved yet up to this day. He is not a hypnotist, he is not a magician.³ If there is magic, it is that the man doesn’t believe his experience. He sees God and can’t believe it. When He tells him something he says. "Oh, I'll keep it in the depth [of my heart], and one day, one day..." But in God there is no day. So many days have lapsed, [so many] gifts [have been given]. Then in his desperation he takes one gem, he says, "Now I am poor, I am wreck, I am battered, it is true what he told me, keep saying, 'I am He, I am He, I am He'." Until you become conscious He is telling you, He has told you, he has put that breath in your nose - man was created with dust and then afterward God blew the holy breath. Your breathing is holy. Jesus says 'Inhale my breath, it is health.' And Hathayoga is also health. But divine consciousness is beyond. ...

‘Man is not grateful enough, he is too forgetful of every healing, he only thinks of the doctor when he is in pain. Ungratefulness will make the man become more feminine. Voice becomes female, gentle, apologetic, all this is ungratefulness, softness, delusion. So you have to be grateful, eternally grateful. You can forget it, you will forget it but I will not. Stay in the state of a child. A child remembers great things, a true child remembers even from the beginning... A bad childhood with psychological mistreatment, then only priest and true holy men are your friends. The world has had enough of you. They see you coming, they already know what you are going to tell. But true friends will bear, they are Samaritans, they are sincere devotees to their own God. They receive you, welcome you, love you because of love. "Love each other as I have loved you."’

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³ Swamiji is referring to himself.