

NEWS FROM GOBIND SADAN

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Planetary difficulties

In recent months, Baba Virsa Singh has often indicated that the world is going through difficult times, with cosmic events bringing disturbances on earth, and with people having lost their base since they have turned away from religion. He had foreseen, for instance, that from May 10th, the weather in North India would be quite abnormal, with unseasonably early and heavy

storms. The unusual rains did indeed begin on May 10th, but Gobind Sadan's farms had been pre-warned by Babaji, and all wheat had been harvested and stored early.

Babaji foresees many manifestations of these disturbed times, such as climate change, earthquakes, storms, floods, crop loss, accidents, economic decline in some countries, and wars. But he advised recent visitors not to be dismayed by obstacles:

"If the demons had not usurped the kingdom of the gods, then the goddess Durga would not be worshipped today. She appeared only because she heard the cries of the kind-hearted people. Perhaps if there had not been murderous conditions in Arabia, the Prophet Muhammad might not have appeared. Perhaps if there had not been intolerance, abductions, and looting in India, Guru Nanak would not have appeared. At such times, good trees sprout which yield good fruit forever. Throughout history, when did the great good people come? When many people were bad.

Obstacles bring forth truth. When obstacles occur, know that God will come. When the path is clear, know that God will not come. He will just be sitting in a relaxed mood. He is so great, with so many powers, but He is usually silent. His Power will come only to remove obstacles. If there is no obstacle troubling you, why need He come? But when we are surrounded by difficulties, He stands between us and the obstacles, strikes with His two-edged sword, and commands, 'Be gone!' Then there is rejoicing.

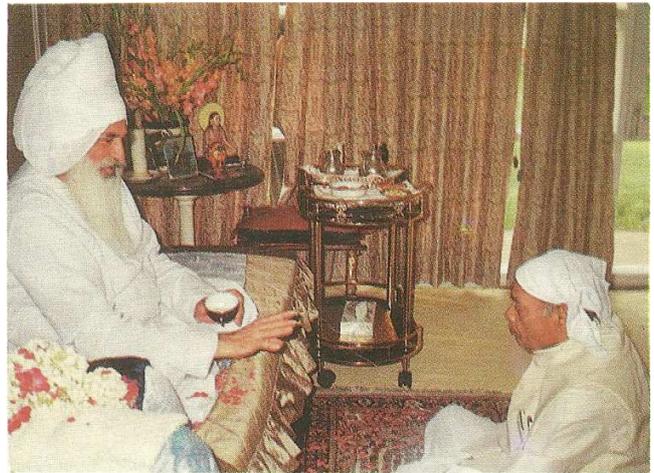
People are afraid when dark clouds gather and thunder clashes. But clouds and thunder are nothing; they are only the sources of rain for the hot and parched earth. Do not be afraid of clouds; do not be afraid of difficulties. Keep moving straight ahead. Give your hand to God, and He will keep you in the light twenty-four hours a day.

Dharam (eternal religion, moral order) can never be defeated. Dharam is victorious day and night. If you leave dharam, you will always be defeated.

As it is said in Gurbani, the world is on fire. 'But The way of the devotee is different from the way of the world. The path the devotee treads is sharper than the edge of a sword and finer than a hair.' To stay on this straight path, get up early in the morning; meditate; do havan worship at a sacred fire; make the aura of your mind very strong; remain happy.

Always read Jaap Sahib [Guru Gobind Singh's great scripture of God's praises]; it will give you tremendous power. God has given us a huge boon in Jaap Sahib. The vision was given to us at Gobind Sadan that wherever Jaap Sahib is placed, read, and respected, nothing bad will happen. Even bombs will have no effect there. If you read Jaap Sahib, you will be surrounded by a fortress of light.

For these times, meditate so that the religious qualities within you will develop: righteousness, justice, love, truth, understanding others' problems as your own. And do not worry. There is no need for worry, because this period will not last; another period will come. There is only need for the grace of God."



Babaji gives dharmic instruction to former PM Rao

Indian political figures of all parties are now coming for Babaji's blessings. At Gobind Sadan they are given the same treatment as the general public and instructed in dharam in the same way. Babaji says, "We all make mistakes. But people are learning day by day. No one comes here with faith, but they grow in faith after witnessing the practical results of faith.

Religious spokespeople are diminishing faith in religion by putting forth their own ideas. Many people have set themselves up as religious leaders, as if

religion were a small thing. Just as a doctor must carry out full study of the body and the literature before being an authority on anatomy and sickness, or a scientist must establish proof and do practical work before being able to speak effectively, a person must first fully understand religion before speaking about it. Dharam is a great school in which tremendous struggles precede being able to speak about the subject. When prophets came, they first had to study religion, fully understand it, receive visions about it, and then preach what came in vision. First one must understand the Eternal One, know Who He is, see Him, talk with Him. Then what He says is what is to be told to the people. Why? It is His subject. Dharam is not the subject of human thought, or plans, or seminars. When revelation came to a prophet, it did not come from his sitting and thinking or making plans. It came suddenly, from God. The prophets never mixed any of their own ideas with the message from God.

Dharam's roots are thus so deep that it will never end. It will instead spread to a great extent. People who are the managers of religions may be saying some things that the prophets have not said. We may doubt them, but we cannot doubt the prophets.

Everyone is thirsty and hungry now: 'How can we attain peace? How can we be happy? How can our inner worries be ended? The solution is in the house of God, and nowhere else.'

Happiness in the light

Babaji has seen in vision that this is an especially blessed time at Gobind Sadan. The divine order has come to worship God here with many lights every evening. Thus, all the children of the community gather nightly and help to make happy music as trays of oil lamps are waved before the Holy Scripture and the sacred fire and the words of Guru Nanak are sung: "The sky is like a platter in which the sun and moon are oil lamps and the stars are pearls; the fragrant mountain breeze is Your incense, the wind is Your sacred whisk, the plants are all offerings of flowers to You, Oh Divine Light. How wonderful is Your worship... Your Light is in all Creation. It is Your light that illuminates all beings."

Babaji explains, "When we carry out such actions with love and faith, our concentration naturally turns toward God. Our thoughts are so healed that they are transformed day by day.

This attraction of our thoughts toward God should never be forsaken. Enlightenment has not yet come to us, but we have given up the actions which precede enlightenment, such as rising early, bathing, reading scripture, sitting in meditation, worshipping God with

fragrance and lights. If we only observe silence, how will God be pleased? However, to take money for such devotional actions is strictly forbidden by the Gurus. And if we undertake these actions without love, they are merely empty rituals.

Why do people use lights in every religion? God is referred to as Light. If that great Light comes, we may be afraid of it. Moses had to close his eyes before the burning bush where God revealed His Light. First concentrate on small lights, and then if the great Light comes, you will be able to tolerate it. The devotee forms the habit of doing things which gradually lead toward illumination. Guru Nanak sat on gravel; the Third Guru tied his hair to a nail so that if he began to fall asleep when meditating, he would be jerked awake. Then they sat in samadhi and saw that God exists, but that God is Formless."

Indo-Pak Friendship Gathering

Renowned scholars and social welfare workers from India and Pakistan were received at Gobind Sadan on May 16, a part of a conference was designed to build bridges of friendship between the people of Pakistan and India. Setting aside their countries' political differences, they sat together in Gobind Sadan's paradisiacal garden and nodded in agreement as Babaji advised them, "True social work is that in which there is no self-interest, in which you work always for the benefit of others. Actually, all the prophets were social workers. The Prophet Muhammad had no selfish motives.

People threw stones at him, but in his pure love he never backed away from distributing the blessings of Allah. When Guru Nanak came, people also threw stones and spoke rudely to him. But he kept on doing his social work, without any demands. Look at Jesus: He did not abandon his inner inclination for social work even when they crucified him. From the cross, he said, 'Oh Father, forgive them; give Your love to them all.' Look at Mahavir, Buddha, Moses, Guru Gobind Singh — all the prophets and messengers were social workers.

Now we have left the true dharam. Self-proclaimed religious authorities are sitting in their own forts, bringing rebellion. Those who claim to speak for religion do not tell the people what the prophets have said; they give their own versions. They have their own selfish motives: 'How will I benefit? How will I be praised?' Therefore, we are now embroiled in disputes, for we do not understand what the prophets have said. We have no peace in our minds, and no true dedication to social work. We speak of it, but it is not within us. Social work will arise from within us when the light within us emerges. Peace will come throughout the

world if we tell what the prophets themselves have said.

Rightly understood, dharam is social work. No religion teaches us to fight, no religion teaches divisiveness, no religion teaches hatred of others. They all teach us love."

Qur Hidden Record

Baba Virsa Singh is placing great emphasis these days on the need for righteous behavior. In a particularly strong talk on this subject recently, he pointed out the long-lived implications of our slightest mistakes:

"All our desires are attached to our mind. Our mind is never destroyed; it lives on for hundreds of thousands of years. Even though you will leave the body some day, your mind will take birth again. You will have the same habits and nature, and the same things which pleased you here will please you in the next life.

Sometimes a person makes a mistake without knowing it; this brings a great loss in the future. There is a wireless transmitter within you, as it were, and everything is being recorded, 24 hours a day. Prophet Muhammad explained that angels are always beside us, recording our account. How many times have we become angry? How many times has our faith in God been broken? How many times have we doubted God? How many times have we loved God from within? Everything is being clearly recorded, even while you are sleeping at night.

This process which God has hidden from us is very dangerous, for you take birth with that record. In God's court, there is no need for witnesses or questioning of the record. The one who writes the record is incorruptible; he gives a clean and straight-forward report. If people became aware of this report, corruption would end, crime would end, stealing would end, loss of character would end. But people do not know, for the recording goes on invisibly.

You may be sitting innocently; anger arises inside. The Ninth Guru warned us, "Beware of unconscious sin." You may not recognize that inner anger, but he cautioned us to beware even of those subconscious feelings which arise by themselves from inside, for they, too, are recorded.

As long as you do not see that Power next to you, you will make mistakes 24 hours a day. If you think, 'It doesn't matter. I'll do this thing, for I will gain, even though somebody else will lose,' this is very bad for your future. He is Light, justice, Master of the whole Creation. He has His own ways of taking back from you whatever you have gained by wrongful means.

There is a story: Someone's shoe was broken. He took it to a cobbler, who stitched it together with a bit of leather, in village fashion. As soon as the shoe was fixed, its owner said, 'I have no money to pay for the

repair.' The cobbler observed, 'I've heard you have a lot of faith in the Guru.' The shoe owner piously replied, 'Everything is the Guru's.' The cobbler said, 'Never mind then. Give the money when you can.' The other man then forgot about that little leather patch, and never paid the money.

In a later birth, the cobbler became a falcon and the man with the shoe a partridge. Guru Gobind Singh held both of them, one in each hand, and then set them to fighting. His disciples protested, 'Maharaj, the partridge is in great pain.' The Guru replied, 'He has mortgaged a small piece of flesh in the Guru's name. I am just paying my debt. I must give it, because he has pledged it in my name.'

When a person has great love for God, God never lets him go astray. The person who has no love nor faith in God is a wanderer. His conscience is dead. He is like a stray dog, not a trained dog with a collar. Even so, God has His own ways of leading him to the right path.

A Stricter Standard

God's blessings are available to all, but they are taken only by the person who has faith and love for God. Corrections are also taken by the disciple. To him, the Master says only a few words: 'Why did you do this thing?' or 'Why did you commit corruption?'

It is said that Guru Nanak was passing by the house of his disciple Moola. 'Call Moola,' he requested. 'I have not met him for a long time.' Moola thought that Guru Nanak had come to take him on his long travels, so he told his wife to tell the Guru that he was not at home. She said to Guru Nanak, 'It is our good fortune that you are calling him, but Moola is not at home.' Guru Nanak laughed heartily and said, 'She has said, "He is not here." So be it. He is not here.' The Guru left and within two minutes, Moola was dead.

Moola's wife ran after Guru Nanak, begging for his help. The Guru said, 'Why did you tell a lie? Now this statement — "He is not here" — has come from my tongue, and God will not interfere with that. But don't cry. God is very merciful, very forgiving. In the garb of the Tenth Guru, I will forgive him.'

If Moola had not had a loving relationship with the Guru, the Guru would not have gone to his house. But the words had already come from his mouth, and whatever a dervish says comes to pass. God does not interfere with the dervish's word, for God himself has spoken from that tongue.

Several hundred years later, Guru Gobind Singh was hunting. Moola had taken birth as a rabbit. Perhaps the Guru went to the place where he was living for his sake only. As it is written in Gurbani, 'The Creator's ways are known to Him alone.' Only God knows what the Guru knows. When he reached

that place, where there is now a famous gurdwara, Guru Gobind Singh shot the rabbit with an arrow, saying, 'Now go. You are liberated.'

The nawab who was hunting with him asked the Guru why he always uttered something like this when shooting his arrows. Maharaj said, 'I have not come to hunt. Those people who have committed sins in the past have come back in animal form. I have come to forgive those who have committed mistakes.' The nawab was sceptical, saying, 'How can we know who that rabbit was previously?' Maharaj said, 'I was looking at his former life.' Then he showed the nawab the life in which Moola had lied. When the vision passed, the nawab pleaded before the Guru with folded hands, 'I myself have had many tensions and difficulties because of my mistakes. Please forgive me.'

Look what a punishment you must get for one lie. And a person tells thousands of lies. Even when a person becomes irritated, that is recorded. The one who records is sitting there 24 hours a day with his wireless receiver, calculating the accounts of the entire Creation. His computer is never wrong. Here you can falsify a meter, but there is no way of pushing that meter forward or back.

It is very strange that God has kept this matter secret. But those who have meditated have seen it. Jesus, Moses, the Prophet Muhammad, and Guru Nanak revealed that there are always angels with us, watching and recording everything.

Therefore, control your thoughts. Why meditate? In order to control your thoughts. With meditation, our inner divine knowledge manifests, and our ignorance is suppressed.

Our conscience dies; the prophet appears

We may think we are doing something secretly, but what secret can you conceal? Our breaths are counted, our life force is measured, our thoughts are written. From whom can you hide? God is in every particle, in every pore of our body.

We may make some mistake, such as lying or usurping someone's rights. From within, our conscience speaks for a second — 'This is not correct' — but we keep doing it. It is like a father who says, 'Son, liquor is bad,' but even after ten years of his saying this, the son still comes home drunk. The father feels like a fool. I've been saying this for ten years. What's the use? It's just a waste of time.'

In the same way, inside every person there is conscience explaining to him what is wrong. You may call it the light of God, or the power of God. It says to you, 'Don't do this. This is a bad thing.' Eventually, our conscience says, 'What can I do? He doesn't listen to me.' It gives up trying, saying, 'I'm nothing. You are free to do as you like.'

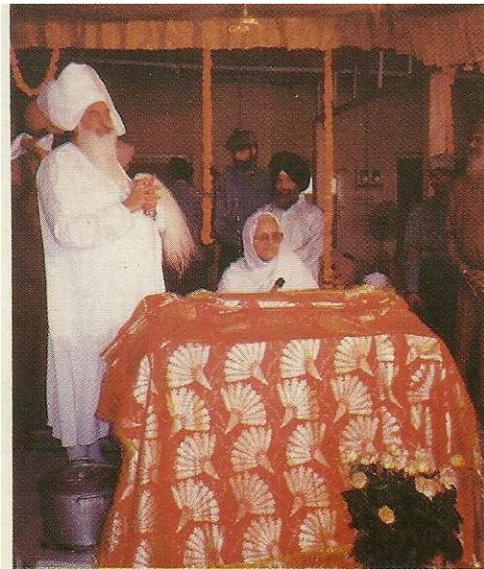
When the conscience of the whole world is dead, then He comes in bodily form, with hands and feet and tongue.

The conscience has appealed to God, saying, 'Nobody is listening to me now.' God replies, 'You reconcile your accounts. Now I will take birth, with hands and feet.' It is at that time that the prophet or dervish appears. Then the question of the inner conscience does not arise, for that Voice of God sits squarely before a person, saying to him, 'I did not tell you to do that. Why did you do it?' Then the people abandon their wrong actions and are healed.

You may be bowing your head at some holy place, but there is nothing prohibiting you from stealing, for your conscience has died. You have removed the Master from your mind, even though the Master is not removable. You do not know that the Master is there. If you saw the Ninth Guru sitting there with crossed legs when you bow your head at Sis Ganj gurdwara, you would be unable to face him. You would throw yourself on the ground before him with your eyes closed.

God appears in bodily form when many people have become debased. Why would He come otherwise? God is ever-present, existing from time immemorial. God's existence never ends. God is indestructible.'

This is why we celebrate the birthdays of the prophets. We thank God because that day when our conscience was dead, he sent a person like us to make it strong again, to awaken our hidden inner wisdom, to clean what had become dirty. We say to God, 'Our conscience was dead, but You sent a person like us to stand before us with Your Power. You are eternal, but we didn't know about the Eternal. The Master came before us and spoke, and thus we came to know. He came with that inner Power that would transform us. When he spoke, divine knowledge was born within us.'



Babaji listens to reading from Guru Granth Sahib