

A Word about the Founder of Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa-Vidyalaya

BABA—the revered founding father of this divine institution—was born in a middle-class family in Hyderabad, Sind. The name given to his corporeal form was Dada Lekh Raj. By dint of his quick wit, his business acumen, his affable nature, his untiring zeal and his high proficiency and accuracy in grading and evaluating jewels, Dada rose to be a well-known jeweller—a veritable merchant-prince.

Dada's business deals led him to intimate contacts with royal families. His place now was among high class business magnates. But, even though Dada had now become a multi-millionaire and commanded great respect, he still had humility, sweetness and consideration for others. Even in the face of difficult situations and strong temptations, he never abandoned his principles of morality and the rules of discipline that were necessary to his religious faith.

Dada was indeed a powerful personality. Besides a well-formed body and a bright countenance, he had always a smile on his lips. Even at the age of 90, he would sit straight, his eyesight was keen and long, his hearing was sharp, he climbed hills with ease, and, what is most remarkable, walked without any aid, human or otherwise. One can easily imagine how well-ordered and healthy his life and ways were. Neither lethargy nor despair could ever touch him. His dealings were dignified and decent

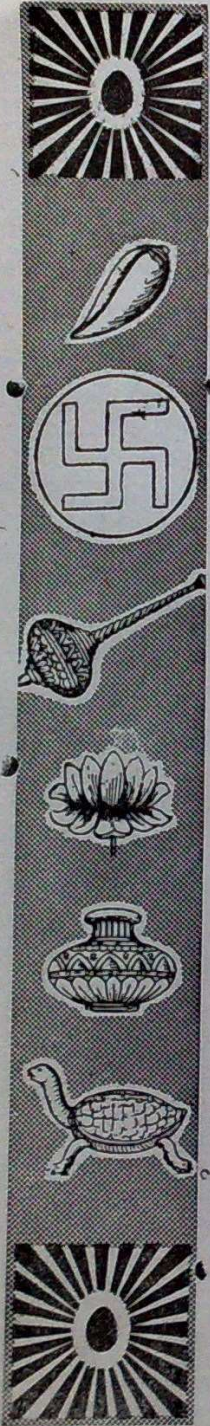
and in perfect accord with high moral and social standards.

Dada Gets Divine Visions

When Dada was about 55 or rather nearing sixtieth, he became more and more devoted and drawn to contemplation, so much so that in the midst of his business pre-occupations, he would steal time to deeply meditate on the self and the Divine. Without any effort on his part, one day, he suddenly got a vision of the four armed Vishnu, who said, "Thou art that."¹ In other words, he felt as if he had been clearly told that he was indeed himself Shri Narayana in his original and essential form. Later, when he happened to be in deep contemplation in the garden of a friend in Varanasi, he had a vision of the self-luminous orb of Light, i. e. of Shiva, the Supreme Soul, Supreme Father. Also, he saw, in advance, a great destruction of this Iron-aged world being caused by atomic and hydrogen bombs, civil wars and natural calamities. At the sight of these visions, he found in the depth of his being, a strong desire to have done with his business which had absorbed so many years of his precious life.

He soon went to Calcutta, acquainted his partner with his firm resolve and from there, he sent a note

1. Tat Twam Asi—तत् त्वमसि



which literally runs as follows :—

“ ‘A’, The lucky one met the Lord,

While ‘B’ the other one, got but the brittle kingdom.

Allah’s call came,

And ‘A’ took the train to start his Journey.”¹

The Cryptic note meant that while he (Dada, the writer) had got Him (God), his partner would continue alone in his business of jewels—verily an earthly kingdom for him.

Dada becomes medium to God Shiva

A few days after the vision was vouchsafed to him, it so happened that while a *Satsang*³ at Dada’s place was going on, he left all of a sudden and entered his room where he went straightaway into a state of concentration. It was at this time that the greatest event of his life took place. His wife and daughter-in-law went after him to his room, only to find that his eyes were red as if red bulbs were lighted in them. His countenance too was glowing red, and the whole room was suffused with light. A voice was heard, coming from Dada’s mouth as if it came from above. This divine voice said :—

I am the Blissful self, I am Shiva, I am Shiva,
I am the Knowledgeful self, I am Shiva, I am Shiva
I am the Luminous self, I am Shiva, I am Shiva.²

१. अल्लिफ को अल्लाह मिला, ‘बे’ को बादशाही

आई तार अल्लिफ को, हुआ रेल का राही ।

A spiritual Assembly.

२. निजानन्द स्वरूपं शिवोऽहम् शिवोऽहम्

And when this had been heard, Dada’s eyes closed. When after a few moments, eyes opened, he looked around with wonder. On being asked what he was looking for, the following words came from him :

“Who was he ? It was a Light. It was some Might. A new, beautiful, righteous world it was. Far, far up beyond the sky were visible some spiritual entities having shape like the stars.³ And when these stars descended, one out of these would be seen to become a divine prince, another a divine princess. That Light and Might said, “You have to regenerate such a world”. How can I do so ? Who was he ? Some Might : A Light indeed”.

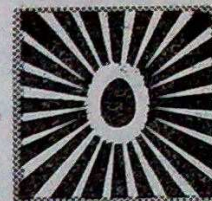
The reality is that Shiva, the Supreme Soul, Himself, had entered Dada’s person and uttered these words of high import from his mouth. He had thus directed Dada to become his instrument for the purpose of re-establishing the forthcoming Golden-Aged world of deities. So, Dada⁴ became verily and truly the corporeal medium of Shiva, the Supreme Father. The result was that the Supreme Soul began imparting through Dada’s mouth, education in divine knowledge and Easy Raja-yoga. The self-luminous Shiva would come from Brahmlok, enter Dada’s person, and speak through his mouth on the new, profound

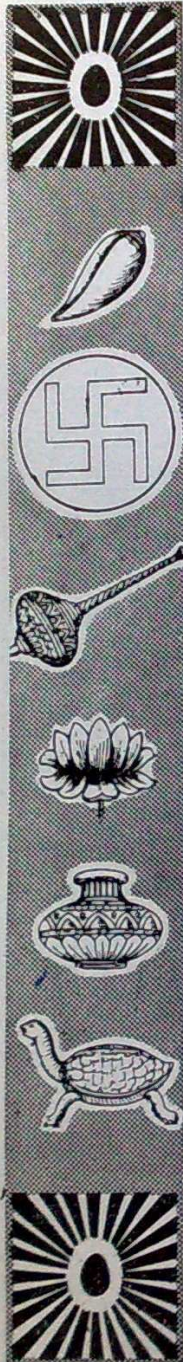
ज्ञानस्वरूपं शिवोऽहम् शिवोऽहम्

प्रकाश स्वरूपं शिवोऽहम् शिवोऽहम्

3. In fact these were souls.

4. Dada was now also called as Pitashri or Baba meaning god-father.





truths, relating to *Gyan* and *Yoga*. He instructed so movingly on purity and divine virtues that some of those who heard him were thrilled deeply, while others thought that it was impossible to observe these tenets in one's life.

God Shiva bestows on Dada the name 'Prajapita Brahma'

Now, when Dada practised full renunciation of vices, when his new spiritual life had started and when he had become God's medium for impartation of divine knowledge and re-establishment of Golden-Aged order, God gave Dada the spiritual name of *Prajapitā Brahmā*, while men and women, who had learnt *Gyān* pouring out from his mouth and were working accordingly to become holy, came to be called '*Brahmā Kumāris*' and '*Brāhma Kumārs*'.

Spiritual outlook

Among the many great virtues Baba had, there was one particularly notable, which shone out so well that it disseminated holiness all around, and transformed the lives of people that came in contact with Baba. It was the virtue of his spiritual outlook.

So elevated and powerful was Baba's soul consciousness that anyone who sat near him, very often felt that his own soul was flying high, leaving his body behind. He would feel a sort of weightlessness, i.e., he experienced lightness and a sense of having been

purged of what was impure in him. So strong was Baba's appeal and inspiration that this lucky soul would feel animated to enter upon a holy and spiritual life. He was struck with deep repentance to think of how low he had been and, so, now he had the keen urge to become pure and morally stronger. There were a few aspirants who, even though for a short while, at these meetings with Baba, would receive the powerful sight of Baba, wrapped in a radiant halo of divine light. They drew such deep delight therefrom that they desired this state of happiness to last for ever. On his forehead, they observed an ethereal light which radiated real peace and spiritual joy in which they would wish to revel for ever. In case anyone came with any specific question to ask, he would get answer to them automatically by the mere look of Baba. So divine indeed his glance was that he would experience unprecedented kind of love and joy !

He who happened to be sad and worried and met Baba, would return cheerful with his countenance reflecting peace and happiness. To him it appeared as if he had found in Baba the father whom he had been looking for ages. Such was the wonderful personality of Baba who founded *Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa-Vidyalaya*.