Soul - Who am I? Self Realisation

Day 1 of the seven days Raja Yog course (online)

The consciousness, spiritual light, the fundamental reality, the Self, is the eternal **Soul**. And hence that "I" is for the Soul not for the body. Beyond the physical appearance, the Soul is a tiny point of divine light. Soul can think and decide through its faculties of *mind* and intellect. We live the life through this physical body. And everything that happens with us, is a result of our <u>Karma</u> (past actions/deeds). Self-realisation enables us to detach from the body consciousness and emerge our inner powers and virtues.

Human life is invaluable. We can shape our future by our decisions and deeds. We have <u>intellect</u> to differentiate the right and wrongs. God has said to us - 'Realise the Self first'. Without that, everything is baseless. So let's being the course.

Life exists as a result of a union of Soul and its body. When a soul enters the womb of a mother, the process of creation of body starts. This process includes the creation of the brain, heart and sense organs. Such as the sanskar of the soul, such would be the creation of its body.

The organs of body are controlled by the soul through the faculty of 'brain'. Soul is not a physical light but a light of conscious energy. The fundamental being of experience. I am the one who experiences this life through this body made of 5 elements (soil, water, fire, air and space)

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Seat of the Soul

Soul is located in the part of the brain called the hypothalamus. Sitting on this seat, we the Soul can control the nervous system and, through it, various organs in the body. Just as a driver controls a car through its control mechanisms while sitting in the driver's seat, the soul uses the brain to control the body. The brain is the machine by means of which the soul thinks, remembers, receives and sends messages to physical organs through the nerves. Apart from physical sensations, the soul experiences pleasure, pain, happiness and sorrow through the brain.

Nature of the Soul

Soul have no gender. It is a tiny, metaphysical, conscious point of spiritual light, not the light which comes from stars but we are a light of consciousness, powers and virtues. The number of souls is finite and all souls are unique and eternal: is never created and can not be destroyed by any means. We only change the body as the body gets weak or old or due to unnatural incident.

Invisible to the physical eye, we exist as a fundamental truth, the creator of feelings that we ourself feel. We can experience our presence through <u>meditation</u>, as simple as looking inside us, and the reality as a detached observer.

The intrinsic nature of the soul is of peace, love, truth, bliss and purity. We only can desire that we once had. All powers lies in Purity of Soul. When we became impure, we lost our inner unlimited powers. Soul is unlimited, all happiness is on the basis of purity of soul. We could only see the body with this eyes. Soul is only felt. Yet there are many those who had visions of the Soul or of God as light. This is all true and is revealed in Murli also.

Faculties (properties) of the Soul

It is very subtle to understand about the properties of the tiniest Soul, but it is the very fundamental nature. While the Soul is a point of light, we can think and reflect; we can experience pleasure and pain; can decide to make efforts, either good or bad. The soul has three intrinsic faculties — mind, intellect and impressions.

First property of Soul is called **Mind**. Yes, not this mind (brain), but the mind of Soul. Through mind, we perform actions. This first property is most commonly used in our life - while doing every Karma (action). Mind gives us suitable suggestions which are for welfare of body for example.

Now a higher property of Soul, through which we *decide* and *differentiate*. 'We shape our Life with our taken decisions' There is a unique role of **Intellect**. It is said that the intellect is hidden, but is higher than the mind. When we want to decide between few options or judge the right and wrong, the intellect is used. Then the mind orders the organs to bring the outcome in practical action. This is the procedure. Hearing this, you would say, it is almost instant that I think and I do it, but there lies the third faculty that plays its part.

"Mind is a machine that can think everything of the world, from which the Intellect chooses what is Right and What is wrong to do. Intellect is the judge. As without the mind, the Soul cannot think, without the Intellect we cannot differentiate right and wrong."

Third faculty is very different than the others. Sanskaar or Sanskaras (Impressions of past Karma) is not directly related to the *mind*. But is related to it through *Intellect*. Impressions are registered deeply within the Soul. This property is highest and thus sits deep hidden. When we decide anything through our mind and Intellect, an impression is created. Impression of our response to the situation, etc. Now the second time the same situation or question comes to the Intellect, then mind suggests the response that was given in such situation before. Hence this impressions are a facility to remember the past and repeat, just to make life easier and faster to response the life situations or questions. God says in Murli: 'Your sanskaras were of Purity, Peace, love and Bliss. Now they have turned into opposite.' So our sanskaras are root cause of what we do. We are now creating divine sanskaras and virtues. Through RajYoga (connecting intellect with God) our own intellect becomes divine like of the Supreme Soul (God). Source: *Self transformation*.

Body Consciousness – the root cause of sorrow

A person is in body conscious when the Soul identifies itself with the physical body i.e. when the thinking, feeling, actions and behaviors are with the awareness of being a body or the physical mind. Being in body conscious is the root cause of all the evils in the world because the vices of lust begins upon looking others as a body. Anger is another big enemy of wisdom. Peace is source of wisdom. Hence God says - become Soul conscious and bring it in your awareness. You are a tiny point of spiritual light and might. You are my child.

Soul Consciousness – the key to a blissful life

When we are in the state of awareness that "I am a Soul and not this physical body", then our powers are unlimited, as the soul is not limited to anything. In other words, the person thinks, feels, acts, responses, etc with the awareness that he (soul is referred) is the master of the body. When in soul-consciousness, the original qualities of a soul (peace, purity, love, bliss) naturally emerge. We soul is not dependent on external (physical) things for peace and happiness. They are our inner nature. Vices are reason of experiencing sorrow or peaceless-ness. Thus it is now a message of God and it is time to awaken. We all are brothers, son of one incorporeal God.

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