

THE SPIRITUAL SECRET OF THE KUMBH-FAIR

India is a country of religious festivals and fairs. Normally, some or the other festival is celebrated here almost every day, but some celebrations are held on such a large scale, for which preparations have to be made many months in advance and one such celebration is the fair of Kumbh or *Kumbh melaa*. It is famous in the Puranas that among the things that emerged as a result of the churning of the ocean by the deities and demons, the last thing to emerge was a pot of nectar (*amrit kumbh*). When an argument arose between both the parties about this pot, then Jayant, son of Indra ran away with this pot. Then a fierce battle took place between both the parties for 12 days, in which the Sun, the Moon and Brihaspati (the planet Jupiter) sided with Jayant and in this war some drops of nectar fell on the earth at Prayag, Nasik, Haridwar and Ujjain. That is why the Kumbh fairs are organized at these places after every 12 years. Millions of devotees gather at these fairs for the so-called holy bath.

Actually, these mythological stories of the path of *bhakti* (devotion) are the memorials of the incidents that take place in the Elevated Confluence Age (*Purushottam Sangamyug*) i.e. at the confluence of the Iron Age and the Golden Age in the human world cycle consisting of four ages. In this Confluence Age, every human soul meets the Supreme Father Supreme Soul Shiva. Every soul becomes pure by bathing in the Ganges of knowledge that flows from the intellect in the form of hair locks of Shiv-Shankar. In its remembrance, the Indians take bath in the rivers of India that are considered to be pure in the path of *bhakti* that begins from the Copper Age and consider that their sins are washed away in them. Actually, God says that bathing in the water of the [physical] rivers cleans only the body. But the purification of the soul takes place only through the true knowledge, remembrance of God and through the assimilation of divine virtues. The dirt in the form of body consciousness is washed away in this pure Ganges of knowledge.

In India, not only the river Ganges, but other rivers are also considered to be purifying in nature. In fact, this is also a memorial of the Confluence Age itself. In the present Confluence Age, some souls become pure by listening to the knowledge directly from the Supreme Father Supreme Soul and then assimilating it and some [other] souls become pure numberwise¹ by obtaining knowledge from the souls who receive knowledge from the Supreme Soul. Therefore, the souls who do the service of purifying others by obtaining knowledge from the Supreme Soul are called the living rivers of knowledge, but only those living rivers of knowledge are purifying in nature, which have a connection with the Ocean of Knowledge, i.e. the Supreme Father Supreme Soul. Such rivers take with them the dirt of impure vision and vibrations that falls in them and merge in the Ocean. But the living lakes and ponds of knowledge which do not have any direct connection with the Supreme Soul, the Ocean of Knowledge, are not purifying in nature. Instead, while collecting the dirt of vices of all the sinful human beings, one day they dry up and lose their existence.

This fair (or meeting) of the Supreme Soul and the souls that is going on in the Elevated Confluence Age, takes place only once in 5000 years. In reality, even the Sun and the Moon that have been mentioned in the mythological story described above are not physical planets or stars but they are living human souls, in whose chariot like body

¹ More or less pure according to their spiritual effort

the Supreme Father Supreme Soul enters and initially plays the cool, affectionate role of the Moon (Brahma) and later on He plays the role of the Sun (Prajapita) who destroys the vicious souls through the strong light of true knowledge. That is why in the path of *bhakti*, there is the praise, ‘*Twamev mata ca pita twamev*’ (You Yourself are the mother and You Yourself are the Father) or ‘*Karan Karaavanhaar*²’. So, just think, who is the purifier of the sinful? Is it the physical rivers of water or the true knowledge given by the Supreme Father Supreme Soul and the living Ganges (rivers) of knowledge who become pure through that knowledge and make others pure? Om Shanti.

The Trimurti God Shiva says: “Come and listen or understand the good news about how the unlimited Father, the Ocean of Knowledge, the One who purifies the sinful ones, the Giver of true liberation, God of the Gita, Shiva through Prajapita Brahmakumaris is once again transforming the completely vicious, corrupt, sinful Iron Age (Brahmin) world into the completely vice less, pure, righteous (divine) Golden Age world.”
- Mu. dated 25.10.66, 02.03.76, 17.03.86

To be benefitted by the Ganges of knowledge flowed by the Purifier of the sinful, the Supreme Father Supreme Soul Shiva through the ordinary human body working in the form of Mahadev (the greatest deity) Shankar, contact us at:

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The avyakt vani point in this connection:

The importance of the rivers is only when they have a connection with the ocean; if they don't have a connection with the ocean, then the river also becomes a drain. So, ‘the purifier of the sinful ones’ is the praise of just you, the living rivers of knowledge. Always remain busy in this very service.
– (A.V. dated 16.01.79)

² The one who acts and makes the others act