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Om Shanti. Today's morning *class* is of the 20.09.68. The Spiritual Father sits and explains to the very sweet spiritual children, 'it is the soul (*ruuh*) who understands everything'. At present, the **Father** takes you children to the spiritual world. That is called the spiritual divine world. The children understand that the divine world did exist. Now it is the world of human beings. What is the difference between the divine world and the world of human beings? (Someone said: The world of human beings is *tamopradhaan*¹.) It is also *rajopradhaan*². (Someone said: The mind is inconstant.) In the world of human beings, the mind is dominant and it is inconstant too. And in the divine world there is divinity, there is spirituality. Everyone remembers the form of his soul. That divine world was highly pure, meaning the human beings were highly pure. Because of purity, there was the concentration of the mind. As the mind was focused, the *indriyaan*³ were also calm. There wasn't unsteadiness in them. The vibrations were unadulterated (*avyabhicaari*). Now, we all are impure. This is why we praise and worship those deities.

You have this in your mind that there will definitely be only one religion in the [Kalpa] Tree in the beginning. Also, in [the picture of] the universal form (of God) you certainly have to explain [about] the [Kalpa] Tree. That is why the seed of the Tree is above; and the seed of the Tree is the Father. Then, as the seed, so are the fruits and plants which grow from it. So this is a *wonder* how the seeds change and the plants also change [according to it]. It is such a small thing but gives so many fruits! The form of that seed keeps changing so much! That is why no one knows the tree like human creation. That is called the Kalpa Tree. There is only one tree for the entire *kalpa* (cycle), which is described in the Gita. What is the description? '*Uurdhvamuulam adhahshaakham; ashvattham praahuravvyayam*⁴'. *Avyayam* means it isn't exhausted, spent or destroyed. It is imperishable.

The scriptures are also *number wise*⁵ - Everyone knows that only the Gita is the scripture of the *No.1* religion - just as the establishment of religions takes place *numbervaar* (one after the other). The highest on high religion [comes] first. Then the inferior religions, one lower than the other, keep coming later. Why does this transformation happen? The wheel of time (*kaal cakra*) moves from [the] *satopradhaan* [stage] to *taamas*⁶. According to that wheel of time, whichever religion comes at whatever *time*, it reaches a lower state to that extent. You alone understand this as well. People of no other religion have this knowledge. The tree of which religion is first and then how the addition of other religions takes place in it, this is in **your** intellect. When there was only one religion at the beginning, how did the addition of other religions take place? What was the reason? There is the influence of the colour of the company. It is called the vast drama. So, the entire Tree is in the intellect of the children.

¹ Dominated by darkness or ignorance

² Dominated by the quality of activity or passion

³ Parts of the body that perform actions and sense organs

⁴ The tree like human creation is imperishable. Its roots are upwards and the branches are downwards

⁵ They have different values or importance

⁶ The state of being dominated by darkness or ignorance

How the Tree originates is an important thing. [The part of] the Tree [representing] the deities does not exist now. All the other branches are upright. It won't be said that it (the Deity Religion) does not exist at all. It will be said that it is almost extinct. The root of the Ancient Deity Religion is not visible. The *foundation* of the Ancient Deity Religion does not exist. It is not visible either. It is also famous that [God] establishes the one Ancient Deity Religion. He makes it stable. All the remaining religions continue to become unsteady and are destroyed. Now you know: the establishment of our Deity Religion is taking place. So, how small the divine tree will be! How small will it be? Is there any count [of the leaves]? (Someone said something.) Then, so many religions will not exist at all. The other religions will be destroyed.

The Tree is small at first, later on it grows big. Now look, how big the Tree has become while growing gradually. How big has it become? It has become a tree with five-seven billion leaves. And [how was it] in the beginning? When the *foundation* of the new Tree was laid in the beginning, how many leaves did it have? There are eight indestructible leaves. To which religion do they belong? Even in the Ancient Deity Religion, [those of] the Sun dynasty are the *direct* children of the Sun. So small was the Tree! Now, it has grown big. Now, it has reached its complete age (life). He explains this with the example of the 'banyan tree' very well. Why? Is there no other tree like the 'banyan tree' elsewhere in Bharat (India) or in the world? There are other enormous banyan trees like this as well, aren't there? Why does He give the example of only this 'banyan tree'? It is because the Sun of knowledge rises only from the east. Bharat is a country of the Eastern civilization, from where the Sun rises. Even in that [Bharat it is] West Bengal, where God the Father gives the knowledge to the Sun first of all when He comes; the origin of the Sun dynasty takes place from him. Now you have come to know this is also the Gita. Well, you know, the Father sits face to face and explains [to you], from this you become the king of kings.

Then, in the path of bhakti, they sat and made the Gita and other scriptures. And this eternal drama has already been made. It will happen in the same way again. Then the religions that will be established [will have their own scriptures]. [The Christians will have] the Bible of Christ, the Buddhists will have their own scripture, [and] the Sikh religion will have its own scripture. Now the history and geography of the world is dancing in your intellect. Your intellect is doing the dance of knowledge. You have come to know [about] the entire Tree, how and when, which religions come and then how they prosper. Then, at *last* the establishment of the 'one religion' of ours takes place and all the others are destroyed. It is also said: the Sun of knowledge appears and the darkness of ignorance is destroyed (gyaan surya pragataa agyaan andher vinaash). All those who spread the darkness of ignorance and their *followers* are destroyed. Now there is total darkness. There are numerous human beings. Then, there won't be so many in the new world at all. There weren't so many [people] in the kingdom of these Lakshmi and Narayan. So, the establishment of that 'one religion' is taking place once again now. Only the Father narrates this knowledge when He comes. You children come and study so much knowledge to earn! When the Father comes in the form of the Teacher, the complete arrangement for your earning for half a cycle takes place. Then, you don't need to earn for half a cycle at all. You become very wealthy.

You know: we are studying now. And this is the study of the indestructible gems of knowledge. How is it indestructible? Won't the gems of knowledge be destroyed in the Confluence Age? We will reap the fruits. The knowledge will *merge* in our soul and divinity will *emerge*, divine qualities will *emerge*. So, it will be said, 'We have received the

indestructible fruit of knowledge'. *Bhakti* will not be said to be the indestructible gems of knowledge. Truth is never destroyed. It isn't [destroyed]? When the Copper Age comes after the Silver Age, aren't the gems of knowledge destroyed? Isn't the divinity destroyed? Isn't the soul consciousness destroyed? What? (Students: It becomes almost extinct.) It becomes almost extinct, meaning it won't be said that divinity vanishes from all the human beings. Vishnu is revealed at first, in the beginning of the world. So, as in the beginning, so in the end too, the gathering of the souls who attain such a *stage* becomes visible.

Human beings incur a loss and only loss by whatever they study in [the path of] bhakti. They don't become [like] gems through that study. Only the one Father is called the Ocean of the gems of knowledge. Everything else is bhakti. Bhakti means the intellect keeps running towards darkness, ignorance and blind-faith; it keeps running towards superstition. This is why bhakti will not be called a gem. There is no aim and objective in bhakti at all and there is no earning either. That is why [people] have to take up other occupations for their livelihood. There is more and more hard work involved in earning a living. They incur a loss. Otherwise, people study in schools to earn. Still, in order to do something, in order to assimilate good virtues, they go to gurus. So they should obtain virtues from [those] gurus. However, those gurus are for one birth, for a short time, they give fruit for a short time. Some have a guru [their own] in their youth, some have a [guru] in old age, and some have a [guru] in their childhood itself. They adopt renunciation in the childhood itself. Many young naked ascetics (naage) come in the fair of Kumbha⁷. When is it a memorial of? (Someone said: Of the Confluence Age.) How? Such people who come last but go fast will come at the end. Those who come *last* means those who are very young and *naage* means those who easily attain the soul conscious stage.

Nothing like it will be there in the Golden Age. Everything has come in the intellect of you children. You know the beginning, the middle and the end of the Creator and the creation. They have made the duration of the cycle itself long so, the very question of knowing the beginning, the middle and the end does not arise at all. No one will dare to even ask anything about [a cycle] of hundred thousand years. They have said God to be omnipresent because they certainly don't know anything about the knowledge. So, now, the Father comes and awakens us from the sleep of ignorance. Then you assimilate knowledge. The battery of your soul goes on charging. There is an earning only through knowledge. There is a loss through bhakti. Some are unable to leave bhakti even after entering [the path of] knowledge. So, they suffer a loss as well as make earning as they also assimilate knowledge to some extent. If there is continuous loss while you are also earning continuously, what will be left for the future? When the period of loss is complete, when it is the time, the Father comes to make us earn again. That is why it has been written in the scripture Gita: sambhavaami yuge-2; it means the four stages of each age is the memorial of a cycle, meaning at the end of every age, the Father reveals [Himself] to end the degraded stage [and] to make us earn. Everyone certainly has to attain liberation (mukti). In fact, that is also earning because everyone keeps asking for peace. When they say Shaantidevaa (deity of peace), there is some deity who gives, isn't there? He does become the instrument to give peace, [doesn't he?] Where has his memorial been shown [from among] the four pictures? In the picture of the [Kalpa] Tree, the picture of Shaantidevaa is also shown. So, where should the intellect go when it is said *Shaantidevaa*? It should go towards the Father.

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⁷ The festival held every twelfth year at Allahabad, Haridvaar and other centers

The intellect goes towards the Father. It is also said, 'Let there be peace in the world. Let it be benefitted', but no one knows how that peace will be brought about. The Abode of Peace and the abode of happiness are separate. The *nimitt*⁸ of the abode of happiness and the nimitt of the Abode of Peace are separate. It is said. 'nimitt maatram bhay sayyasaachin⁹'. isn't it? But they don't know [about it]. The one who was No.1 doesn't know anything either; it is as if he had an animal like intellect. And what about now? Now you have the entire knowledge. You know: we have come to play our role on this karmakshetra¹⁰. From where have we come? We have come from the Soul World, Brahmalok, the Incorporeal World. We have come in the corporeal world to play our role. To play a role we need karmendriyaan¹¹. So, we take on a body made of the five elements. Otherwise, we souls are the residents of another place. Here we get this body made of the five elements. Now the soul says, "I am a resident of the Abode of Peace. I have come here to play a role". The body is required to play a role. We can talk or walk only when we have a body. Otherwise, will the soul be called living or inert in the Supreme Abode? It is as if the souls are inert there. When the male like soul comes in contact with nature in the form of the collection of the five elements, the body made of [the five elements of] nature becomes active. It will be called a living actor, the one which has life, a living soul.

Now you will not say, "We don't know the beginning, the middle and the end of this *drama*". Yes, we didn't know it earlier. We didn't know our Father, our Home and our form accurately. Now we know that the soul keeps playing roles in the 84 [births]. We have recollected it. Earlier, we didn't know it. This is why we were called *tamopradhaan*, the ones with a stone like intellect. They have written many gossips in the scriptures. Studying those scriptures, you have become false. Now, the Father comes and makes you truthful again. The true Father comes and makes you so truthful that you become the masters of the land of truth (*sacckhand*). It is written about truth in the Sukhmani¹² as well: the land of truth is called truth. Deities also speak the truth. It is the Father who teaches [us to speak] such truth. He alone is true. It is His company alone that enables us to reap fruits in the land of truth. He is the true Father; He creates the land of truth and teaches only the truth. You become truthful. The entire Bharat was the land of truth.

It is Bharat which is the *No.1* highest on high *tiirth* (pilgrimage place) as well. It is because the Father who brings the *sadgati* (true liberation) of everyone comes only in Bharat. Even in India, where does He come? Does He come in South India? Stories have also been written in scriptures [about God coming] in North India. He came in the form of God Ram in Ayodhya; He came in the form of Lord Krishna in Mathura; He came in the form of God Shankar in Kashi. But, in reality, will there be many pilgrimage places - *tiir* means shore, *tha* means place; it means the place that focuses the intellect at one point. Will there be one such highest on high pilgrimage place that focuses the intellect of [everyone in] the entire world at one place or will there be many? So, is it [in] North India? Where is it? The highest on high pilgrimage place is created in Rajasthan. Its name is Mt. Abu, where the most impure souls of the world come and gather, as if a mountain of impure [souls] is formed. This is why the place is given the name Mt. Abu.

⁸ Lit. instrument; here the head of the respective abodes

⁹ O Arjun, the one who aims with his left hand, just become an instrument

¹⁰ Field of actions; world

¹¹ Parts of the body used to perform actions

¹² A scripture of the Sikhs

Therefore, the Father who brings the *sadgati* of everyone, the Father who is the Purifier of the sinful ones comes only in India. He facilitates the establishment of one religion and the destruction of all the other religions when He comes. The Father has explained that there is nothing in the subtle world. The subtle world doesn't exist at all. All this is seen in visions. It is just like children have dreams. So does anything happen in dreams? It is also said, 'it was just a dream'. Visions are also like this. Even in the path of *bhakti* devotees kept having visions. If they didn't have visions, why would so many temples [be built] and so much worship take place? They do have visions, don't they? When they have visions they *feel* that these deities existed in a living form before. The Father explains, "All the temples and so on that are built or [naturally] created in the path of *bhakti*, everything that you have listened to [or] seen will *repeat*". This cycle keeps rotating. This game of knowledge and *bhakti* is preordained.

It is always said knowledge, *bhakti* [and] detachment but, they know nothing at all about it in *detail*. The Father explains, "When you get knowledge from the Father, you become detached from *bhakti*". Now, you should look within yourself and check: to what extent we have become detached for the *karmakaand*¹³ of the path of *bhakti*. When you become detached, the assimilation of true knowledge takes place. Otherwise, the knowledge is not something to [just] talk about. If someone just spoke a lot, influenced others [and] took respect and honour, [then] it is Ravan's knowledge. Ravan was a great scholar (*pandit*), he was highly knowledgeable, but he did not assimilate knowledge in practice. He did not have detachment for *bhakti*; his intellect was not focused at one place. His intellect used to run towards the *devis*¹⁴ too.

So, the Father sits and explains the details of both knowledge and *bhakti*. Knowledge is day and *bhakti* is night. What is the reason for day? There is day due to what? *Arey*, there is day because of the Sun. If there isn't the Sun, there won't be the day. Therefore, knowledge is called day and *bhakti* comes from Ravan. Why was the name *bhakti* given? The intellect does not sit in one place. It keeps running. So, you should look within yourself and check: in 24 hours, to what extent does our intellect remain focused at one place and how much does it keep running? Will there be any *percentage* of it? Will there not? (Someone said: There will be.) So are we in the day of knowledge or in the night of *bhakti*? If we say: we are in the day of knowledge, then our intellect should be focused [at one place] up to 50%, shouldn't it? (Someone said: It has become [focused].) Has it? (A student said something.) [To the student:] Bring Savita *mata* along with you. Otherwise, no one will accept [what you are saying]. © The Father says, focus your intellect [at one place] for eight hours. How long? Just for eight hours. Then, it will be said, the Sun of knowledge has risen in the intellect. Otherwise, the intellect keeps spinning in the cycle of faith and doubt.

There is detachment from the night. When there is detachment from the night, the day arrives. So, [there should be] detachment from *bhakti*. There is sorrow in *bhakti*, that is why you should have detachment from it. No one has detachment from happiness. Do we have love or detachment from happiness? No one will ever leave happiness. They (some) adopt sanyas¹⁵ etc., because of sorrow. Otherwise, no one would become a sanyasi (ascetic). From which age did people start adopting sanyas? From the Copper Age. Since when even in the

¹³ Rites and rituals

¹⁴ Female deities

¹⁵ Renouncing the household

Copper Age? (Someone said: Buddhism...) Yes; it won't be said that people started adopting *sanyas* from the beginning of the Copper Age itself. Why not from the beginning? (Someone said: *Satopradhaan*...) Yes, there is the *satopradhaan* stage in the beginning of every age. Due to the dominance of the *satt gun* (purity) there is only happiness there. Therefore, there is the dominance of happiness for 500 years, 250 or 300 years. So, no one renounces [the household etc.]. Later, when sorrow begins, they become ascetics.

They think of their wives to be a *naagin* (she-snake) and go away. They think that the wife injects poison. This is why they go away leaving her. The wrong knowledge sits in their intellect: there is happiness in purity and if we stay impure, we will remain unhappy. So, are Lakshmi and Narayan impure? (A student: They aren't.) Ask those sanyasis: When you go door to door saying "*om namo narayan*¹⁶"; so, did Narayan leave his wife, Lakshmi? Did Narayan become an ascetic? When Narayan did not become an ascetic and leave his wife thinking her to be a she-snake – Narayan is worshipped – then, why did you run away leaving her (their wife)? Is sorrow finished in the world by leaving her and running away? Doesn't a wave of sorrow come in the soul? This proves that the wife is not a she-snake. In fact, the truth is that the five vices in the form of snakes are sitting in the soul itself; they keep making the mind, the intellect and the *indriyaan* impure.

Nowadays the sanyasis also keep becoming very wealthy, because they know that there cannot be happiness without wealth. On being attacked by Maya they leave the jungles and enter cities to obtain wealth. Vivekananda and Ramtiirth were two renowned sanyasis. What name was given? Vivekananda. What is its meaning? The one who takes pleasure (aanand) in knowledge (vivek). In the scriptures, they have given a name, Narayan¹⁷. What is his house? The water of knowledge itself is his house. He takes delight only in it (knowledge). In the path of bhakti, he is named Vivekanand. Which other name did He take? Ramtiirth. What kind of tiirth? Ram. Tiir means banks, destination; tha means place. A place which gives what kind of a destination? He is named Ram, the one in whom the yogis take delight.

The power of the Sanyasis was present in Ramtiirth. As for rest, explaining about bhakti, doing and making others do bhakti was the job of Viveknand. Both wrote separate books. When they wrote books, they used to write it with a focused mind. They sat with a focused mind. Ramtiirth used to sit and write his own volume (book). So, he told his disciples, "Go and sit far away. Otherwise, your vibrations will affect me. I would write something wrong". He was a very sharp and firm sanyasi. He is also very famous. Who? Swami Ramtiirth. But the Father does not ask you to call your wife 'mother'. What does He say? (Someone said: Brother and sister...) Yes. The Father says, "Consider even your wife to be your sister." [Think:] I am a Brahma Kumar and she is a Brahma Kumari. From the spiritual viewpoint all are mutually brothers. The topic of the sanyasis is totally different. Ramtiirth considered his wife to be a mother. So, he sat and praised the mother. This is the path of knowledge and the topic of that renunciation is different. He called his wife 'mother' out of detachment. They think that the eyes can still become criminal between brother and sister but the eyes will not become criminal by using the word 'mother'. No one will ever have bad thoughts for his mother. She is greater than a sister. In the Islam religion, they used to marry even their sister. Even today, in the Muslim tradition... those who are considered as

¹⁶ I bow to the deity Narayan

¹⁷ Naar: water; ayan: house

sisters among the Hindus [like] paternal uncle's daughter, maternal uncle's daughter; what do they (the Muslims) do with them? They arrange marriages between them (the first cousins). Baba does say, in today's world, even a father can have a *criminal* vision towards his daughter. This is why a rule has been made, that a father should not keep a young daughter alone with him or take her anywhere along with him. It is necessary to keep the mother [along with her].

So, no one will ever have a *criminal* vision for his mother. So, the sanyasis started to consider even the wife to be a mother. For them people will not say, "How will the world go on? How will reproduction take place?" It's just that one person became detached, so he called [the wife] mother. Third *page* of the vani of the 20.09.68. So, look, they are praised so much! Here the vision of many [becomes criminal] even on calling [each other] brother and sister. This is about knowledge. That is about [just] one person. Here, there are numerous children of Prajapita Brahma who are brothers and sisters. So, what relationship do they have amongst each other? That was just one person who called his wife 'mother'. That was the path of *bhakti*. Here it is the path of knowledge. Here, it is the Father who sits and explains everything. This one also has read the scriptures etc., hasn't he? That religion of the path of renunciation (*nivritti maarg*) itself is different. It is meant only for males. That is the limited detachment and yours is the detachment from the entire world. Those are the limited topics. It is in the Confluence Age alone that the Father comes and explains the unlimited topics.

So, you should become detached from this old world. This is an extremely impure, dirty world. Can the bodies become pure here, in this dirty world or not? *Arey*! Here, in this dirty world can the bodies become pure or not? (Someone said: Baba, they can, through the colour of the company, can't they?) They cannot, because human beings are affected by the colour of the company. It is just God who isn't affected by the colour of the company. This is the dirty world of the five-seven billion impure human beings; the topics of knowledge will never sit in their intellect at all. So, how will they make the vibrations? They will definitely make the vibrations dirty. How will you handful of Pandavas transform the world? Leave alone the world, how will you make the five elements of your body pure, staying among them (five-seven billion human souls)? That is why, what tactic has been determined? [There will be] the destruction of the old, impure world. Then, [just] the gathering of elevated souls will remain. Then, in the gathering of elevated souls, the vibrations will become elevated. The vision and the vibrations too will become elevated and our task will become easy.

So, the Father says: the soul gets a new body only in the Golden Age. There won't be the name and [any] trace of falsehood there. Although, your soul becomes pure here, the body still remains impure. This is why it has been said: The body will keep decaying, no matter how much *purushaarth* (spiritual effort) you make. The bodies will keep decaying and the soul will go on becoming *powerful*. You will keep doing a lot of Divine service (of God) even with the decayed body. Until we attain the stage beyond *karma* (*karmaatiit avasthaa*) and this body finishes, the body will remain just impure. When impurities are mixed in gold, the jewelry made [of it] also has impurities. If the impurities are removed, the jewelry made [of it] will also be pure. Both the soul and the body of these Lakshmi and Narayan are *satopradhaan*. It was said about which Lakshmi and Narayan? Is it about the Golden Age ones or the Confluence Age ones? (Someone said: The Confluence Age ones.) Is it not about the Golden Age ones? (Someone said: ... they will become [Lakshmi and Narayan] here itself, won't they?) Yes. The aim of our life is to become Narayan from a man and Lakshmi from a woman. Now, both your soul and body are *tamopradhaan* and dark. By sitting on the

pyre of lust, the soul has become dark along with the body. That is why, Krishna himself is called *Shyam sundar*¹⁸ because he is *No.1*. The soul has become dark sitting on the pyre of lust. Now we are kicking hell. To kick means to renounce through the intellect. So, this one becomes dark first of all. Who? They have then made Ram dark as well. But what have they made dark, no one knows this. Is the soul dark or is the body dark?

They have made Ram dark as well. They say, Ram belonged to the Sun dynasty. They [say] the Sun is eclipsed too. Now you understand why the pictures of the deities have been made dark. Why have they been made [dark]? They were made dark because they went to the left path. When did they go to the left path? (Someone said: In the Copper Age.) Did they go [to the left path] in the Copper Age? In fact, the Copper Age is in the *broad drama*. The topic belongs to which time in reality? (Someone said: To the Confluence Age.) But in the Copper Age there aren't dark deities at all. There are neither the dark deities nor the fair deities there. Now the Father says: I make them fair from dark once again, when I come. So, it is about which time? The Father comes in the Confluence Age; they (those who become deities) are dark in their *purushaarthi* life (life of making spiritual effort). When their *purushaarth* reaches the complete *stage*, they become fair. So, all these are the topics of knowledge. As for the rest it is not about water, etc. Everyone has become impure sitting on the pyre of lust. That is why they are made to tie a *raakhi* [and are asked]: take an oath to become pure.

The Father says, 'I speak to the souls. I am the Father of the souls'. I am not the Father of whom? 'I am the Father of the souls'. Then, I am not the Father of whom? I am not the Father of those who have body consciousness. Acchaa? It means, how many are there who remain soul conscious in this world? (Someone said: Eight.) © Does it mean that the 450 thousand [souls] who give birth [to another 450 thousand souls] don't remain soul conscious? Do only the eight remain soul conscious? There are 450 thousand [souls] too; they do stay in the soul conscious stage, only then do they give birth to the soul conscious ones. The remaining ones who are unable to attain the soul conscious stage are not My children. This is why, what definition of children or creation was mentioned? Who is a child? The child is not a child... Who is a creation? The one who remains under the *control* of the creator father is the creation. If it is not under the control of the father or under the control of the creator, if it is certainly out of the control or if it remains out of control till the end... Otherwise, the Father has hope. For whom? For the children; [He thinks:] if not today he (the child) will reform tomorrow. But, neither today nor tomorrow, he is not going to reform at all, he is not going to attain the soul conscious stage at all... So, in the world of the five-seven billion human beings, how many [souls] are there, who will definitely attain the soul conscious stage and will certainly fulfill the expectation of the Father, by the time they reach the last stage of purushaarth? How many are they? 450 thousand [souls]. They are My children and all the others are the children of Rayan. Om Shanti.

¹⁸ Dark and beautiful

¹⁹ A piece of thread tied ceremonially especially by a sister round the brother's wrist considering him as her protector