



5. Shiva and Shankar :-

It has been depicted here (in the picture) that in reality, Shiva, the Supreme Father is [a] separate [soul] and Shankar is a separate soul. Both of them were combined by mistake; but it is not a mistake, actually, it is our ignorance. Because of [the strength of] this ignorance, the Brahma Kumars and Kumaris are [now] entangled in that ignorance. What is the ignorance? When the Supreme Soul

Shiva, the incorporeal point of light comes to this world, He will definitely make an ordinary man equal to Himself and teach him the knowledge. There will certainly be one such student of the teacher who assimilates his knowledge 100%. So, that incorporeal Point of Light Shiva comes and is revealed in the world through the form of Shankar, and in this way, both of them are united. You can see that no one says, Shiva and Brahma are the same. Why isn't the name Brahma combined with [that of] Shiva? Why isn't the name of Vishnu combined with [that of] Shiva? Why is only the name of Shankar combined with [that of] Shiva? It is combined because Shankar becomes so engrossed in the remembrance of Shiva that he absorbs Shiva in himself; it means he becomes equal to the Father. So, that stage of merging [with Him] is the stage that becomes famous in the world as: **'Shiva and Shankar are the same'**. **Actually, both are separate souls.** The Supreme Soul Shiva never comes in the cycle of birth and death at all. This is why it is said '*Shivling*'. It is not said '*Shankarling*'. It is said '*Shiva raatri*' (the night of Shiva) and not '*Shankar raatri*' (the night of Shankar). Shiva is always beyond sins (*paap*) and merits (*punya*); and the bodily beings become entangled in sins and merits.

Now you can see, Shankar is sitting in meditation. If he himself is the form of the Supreme Father Supreme Soul, if he himself is the Supreme Soul, who is he remembering? If you visit the ancient temples, you will see that the *Shivling* is kept at the main place, in the center and the idols of all the other deities including [that of] Shankar are placed around it. What does this prove? [It proves] that among all the other deities, the 33 crore (330 million) deities, the deity Shankar is certainly Dev Dev Mahadev (the greatest of all the deities), but he is not the Supreme Father Supreme Soul. He too is sitting in front [of Him], praying [to Him]. In front of whom? In front of the *Shivling*. So **the ling form (oblong stone) which is a memorial of the Incorporeal One, [represents] the Point of light, the Supreme Soul Shiva and this Shankar, the hero actor is the hero of this stage like world.** The knowledgeable people can just remember the Point of Light Shiva; and in the path of *bhakti* (devotion) His permanent chariot Shankar himself is worshipped in the form of a big *ling* because of becoming stable in the incorporeal stage.