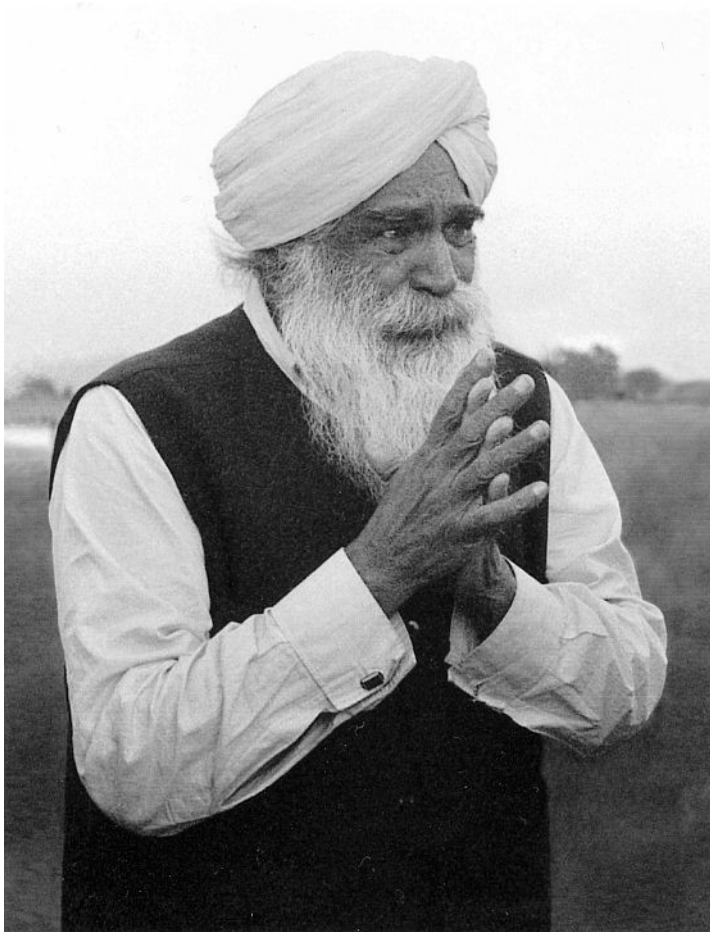


# Questions Answered

*The Master receives from devotees queries on various aspects of spirituality. These may be personal or academic, but the Master's answers have universal appeal for spiritual aspirants. We reproduce here some of the questions and answers from the Master's book, *Spiritual Elixir*, for the benefit of our readers. Published in May 1968 Sat Sandesh*



Q. — *How do we obtain true knowledge of God?*

A. — The knowledge of God is a definite and a complete science in itself, unchanged since life began on earth. It is only rarely that one may come across the science. It is God-made and not man-made. It has always remained an 'unrecorded

science' — unwritten and unspoken. There is one God, and there is only one way to Him. The elementary steps in this direction may be different. This knowledge has both theoretical and practical aspects.

The theory is quite simple. The Power of Almighty God works on a selected human Pole who becomes His Mouthpiece or His Messiah, to impart His knowledge to those who long for Him, and want to be with Him. God is love, our souls are also endowed with love, and the way to God is through loving devotion. One has to withdraw the soul-current from the physical body, and enter His

Kingdom through the guidance and help of a practical Master or saint, who is love personified, and can transcend the body and traverse the higher planes.

There is a practical side of the science of the soul. The Master-saint is able to give first-hand experience at the very first sitting to almost all seekers, however small that experience may be, (according to one's receptivity) to have an inner vision and contact with the inner Sound or the Voice of God, that is Word, the sound principle. This ever-existent inner voice, the primal manifestation of the God-head, then becomes the guide of man in the interior of his self. It is the Master in His radiant form that accompanies the pilgrim soul and guides him or her at each step on the way. The Master meets and talks and guides the disciple on the way up. Contacting a practical Master is therefore a must for those wishing to be on the way to God.

Telepathy is transference of thought, and thoughts emanate from the mind, and mind has therefore to be stilled; eyes have to be closed from all external views, and the ears likewise from all outer sounds. The soul-currents of the body have to be withdrawn and collected at one center, the seat of the soul in the body, and this is done according to the instructions given at the time of initiation.

This in brief is what is called spirituality, the proper type of meditation, the Science of *Para Vidya* which has come down from ancient times and is known today as *Sant Mat*.

Q. — *From "My Submission"—page 34: "Spiritual Life with the help of the Master leads one to the Almighty in a short time." — Will you please explain "short time" as to one's personal life?*

A. — The term "short time" as used here is a relative term. All outer practices, the performance of rites and rituals, the chanting of psalms and hymns, the telling of beads, the observance of fasts and festivals, the keeping of vigils and doing yogic activities, going on pilgrimages, are meant for preparation of the ground and are good actions. Lord Krishna says: "Good and bad actions are both binding, just as chains may be made of gold or iron, are equally binding."

These lead you astray from the Path of God which is purely an inner practical process of self-analysis, consisting in untying the consciousness from the body and the mind and tying it with the saving life-lines within which take one straight to the Kingdom of God. It is only an adept in this esoteric knowledge (or the knowledge of the Beyond) and commissioned from Above, who can

do this job and no one else can. Master has the competency to pull your soul into its seat in the body and then transcend into the Beyond in short time by giving a practical sitting. In Matt. 11:27 we have:

*None knows the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal Him.*

*Q. — Is Master the true embodiment of all-encompassing Love, to pour it upon any one of His choosing, to open up the depths within to anyone he sees spiritually fit to receive this tremendous blessing?*

A. — Yes. The Master is all in all in this respect. He is a law unto himself and can bestow his divine blessings on any one of his own choice. But the start should not be considered as the end. It is a life-long struggle and strenuous effort of the disciple he or she is required to undergo, for the growth of his or her inner spiritual illumination has to be taken care of.

As a matter of fact ever since the disciple is granted the sacred boon of holy initiation, he or she is granted a complete visa for entering into the inner realms up to the True Home of the Father. But there are very few who labour much and lead the life as enjoined by the Master and can progress within. Please refer to the *Jap Ji— Stanza 33* in this behalf where it has been explained at length.

*Q. — If I need guidance from the Master and am not able to go up within and contact him and get a definite answer but yet I pray to him, how will I know whether what I have decided to do is true guidance or merely my own mind acting?*

A. — The initiate who contacts the Master within, of which the genuineness is tested by the repetition of the charged Names given to him, can have direct reply which will stand true. Until then an initiate in all his affairs — mundane or spiritual — should attend to them carefully and do the best he can; with serene detachment and self-abnegation, attaching no importance to the rewards whatsoever, and leave the rest to the Master-Power working overhead.