

the matter ended. But the most remarkable point about all these discussions was that in spite of His rigid silence and without taking recourse to pen, in the course of such random remarks Baba could convey some fine explanations on various divine subjects! We will try to put them under three different headings as follows:-

1. Is World Greater Or God?

"Both! To the person who had material considerations such as for wealth, fame and the like, the world and its possessions were of greater consideration than God, or anything else with regard to Him, unseen, unknown, and unattainable. While those who had no consideration for any material benefits, and valued only their betterment and advancement in Spirituality, would naturally assert

God to be greater. In short a thing's greatness or smallness is dependant on the circumstances and beliefs. For example, if one would be asked whether the diamond was more valuable or water, under normal circumstances, ofcourse he would consider the former to be valuable, and if asked to select one of the two, he would prefer to have the diamond. But now suppose the same person finds himself lost in a desert or some such place where water is quite unprocurable, and he is dying with thirst; what would he prefer to have if again the same diamond and water are offered to him to select ~~one of the two~~ ^{either of one or the other}? Ofcourse he would certainly prefer, no, he would pounce upon the pot of water and save his life from an untimely death. This shows, both have their values and power of attraction at different times and under different circumstances, and hence it cannot be said definitely which was of greater value, or preferable unless put to test! In the same way the one, ^{on and} _^ under material considerations and circumstances would prefer the world, while the other on Spiritual considerations would prefer God. Besides both are inter-dependant on each other, the world on God and God on world and so on. There is only One supreme power who is the Master of both of these - God and the world - and that is the Sadguru. He is above both, has the powers of both. To Him alone, and in the real sense, the world is nothing, of no value, of no consideration, even does not exist at all and therefore naturally to Him God is

greater in the real sense of the word!

2. } Why people approach a Spiritual
} Master for Material gains?

The person who goes before a Sadguru, goes with expectations as well as fears! He believes and knows for certain that the Sadguru is the All Supreme Power above everything else, that He can give as well as take away anything and everything at will. Thus while approaching a Sadguru for material benefits the person also fears to lose what he already has, that is, there are chances that the Sadguru may at any time cut him off from the material line and put him on the Spiritual Path of Truth, which is really the Sadguru's work, nay, duty, and for which in sooth, the Sadguru takes ~~the~~ ^{the} human-form. For example suppose you have a rupee, but you want to have some more. Now you know that there is only one Power - the Sadguru - who can give you the 'more rupees', but you also believe that the same Power who can give you more rupees can also, if He wishes, deprive you of the one rupee that you ^{already} hold. Hence you expect as well as fear, but eventually you take a chance of either losing the rupee that you have or get hundreds of them more. It is a huge gamble! And it is really so. *तुम्हारे लिए ही*

अनुसूचित, अथवा अनुसूचित, अनुसूचित, अनुसूचित (It depends on His
fancy, at times He may give away or take away)

3. The Ways And Workings Of A Sadguru

And these Sadgurus are very very shrewd, and their ways and workings are most clever and effective. They ensnare and victimise those, who deserve, and whom they wish to take in the Spiritual Line, in a most marvellous and masterful way. And ONCE within their grasp, one can never escape! It is said that Ramkrishna Paramhansa used to pay actual cash to some ~~to~~ habitual drunkards for their daily drinks!

Now apparently this seems to be very strange and even ridiculous to a casual observer, but in reality the Master used to pay such drink-moneys to those whom He wanted to keep aloof and away from this vice of drink! The moneys thus paid, used to induce the victims of the vice of drink, to come regularly to the Master and get into His sacred contact and touch as nothing else would induce them so very effectively. A drunkard was bound to get the hankering for drink at regular intervals and so he was equally sure to come to the Master for satisfaction, but at the same time he would get the Master's august Darshans, and closer and closer acquaintance and contact by and by. And during such times the Master gradually begins to work for his salvation through a slow but sure ~~methods~~ process like that of "Slow-poisoning"

But for the "Slow-poison" process, the victim must first be secured properly, and the inducement of payment of money was the surest way possible to bring the victim near Him and keep him in regular contact.

Similarly it has often been marked that Hazrat Babajan quite unconcernedly allows pick-pockets and thieves to pick Her own pockets or let the things around Her to be pinched away as if She were quite unaware of these acts. But such is not the case. Babajan does not only know what is happening but ~~is~~ deliberately induces such persons to rob Her on such occasions with the noble and sublime aim of working for their salvation in this way, which thus begins with a casual touch. And thus even the worst sinners and characters are made to avail of the Master's touch and contact which in many cases prove to be the 'turning point' in their lives towards Truth! In short, the ways and methods of working of the Masters at times appear to be materially most defective and awkward, yet, from the spiritual point of view, these workings are Always the most perfect, effective and efficient. On the whole the material and spiritual workings are quite opposite to each other and quite vice-versa."

Nothing else particular happened in the rest of the day, ^{but all} ~~which~~ passed off normally amidst the usual routine.