

Deeds of One, Credit to Other

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Human soul has independent existence. It reveals, develops and becomes effective by its own enterprise. Still, it is certain that its invisible power cannot physically manifest without the co-operation of a mother. Female bird not only delivers but also hatches its eggs. The offspring of men and animals mature in mother's womb and develop under her supervision.

One needs a competent collaborator for his material and spiritual development and in his absence the journey towards progress becomes obscure. A man reaches his destination halfway, if he finds true co-operation of a competent guide. A man's thirst cannot be quenched without a rope, although he may be much close to a well, may have a pot and necessary strength to draw water.

It is from here that the fortune of spirituality starts. But behind that achievement there is a condition regarding proficiency. Nobody marries his worthy daughter to a crippled beggar. He remains in search of a match who is able to bear the responsibility of making his daughter happy and prosperous. There is no dearth of elevated persons in this world, but worthy disciples are rare. The so-called disciples are rejected like counterfeit coin, wherever they go.

This is the basis of my own achievements. Mahamana Malviyaji performed *yagyopaveet sanskar* and initiated me in *Gayatri mantra*, when I was ten years old. At the time of initiation he had uttered, "this is *Kamdhenu* of the *brahmin*, follow it with faith and devotion". My father explained that the word *brahmin* does not mean a particular caste but it implies becoming excellent from the point of view of virtues (*guan*), actions (*karma*) and nature (*swabhav*). The pursuit and practice of the directions prescribed was not found difficult as my natural internal built-up was of the same level.

When I was fifteen years old, I was blessed with a glimpse of my divine Master, a great *Rishi* of the *Himalayas* in the form of a mass of light. I was wonder-struck and frightened, too, but that state of mind did not last long. He displayed like, a reel of film, scenes from my past several, particularly, the last three lives, each one greater than the other. The first one related to the role of eradicating discrimination on account of caste and creed; the second was about molding personalities of those who had to play an important role in the struggle for the freedom of the country and in the third was lived an exalted life relating to the expansion of Indian culture throughout the world. Instantaneously, there was self-realization. It was determined that this life of the fourth birth should also be dedicated to the feet of the Master who had acted as a guide in the past three lives. This nonverbal dedication, coupled with firm determination and action

was accepted.

While indicating the line of action for the future, I was told, as a first step, to indulge in greater enterprise to amass spiritual powers to discharge greater responsibilities. The indication was about *tapascharya*, about self-refinement and to sum up courage to discard craze for worldly allurements and greed and not to yield to physical pressures and attractions. I was told not to pay any attention to what people do and say but to acquire proficiency to listen to the inner voice to march ahead alone.

To materialize these principles in practice, I was told to perform twenty four *purasharan* of *Gayatri*, one in each year; to install an incessantly lighted *ghrit* lamp (*akhand deep*) as a witness of firm determination and to remain on the diet of barley and butter-milk of cow only I expressed my firm determination and gave assurance to abide by this verdict. The only obstacle, however, was strong opposition of the so-called relatives and family members and the challenge of inner infirmities.

The only discontinuance in this pursuit was due to taking part in the freedom struggle. *Gurudev* had to test whether his devotee had confidence in faith and its great culmination. To give this *anushthan* a final oblation, he directed me to perform *sahasra kundi Gayatri yagya* at Mathura. I got something very important upon its completion. *Vishwamitra, drishta rishi* of *Gayatri*; too, had surrendered his kingdom and got the same thing done by his disciple, Harishchandra. *Gurudev* said that it is the time for you to do the same thing.

My heart responded to this call and I started sowing in the field of the people symbolizing God, *janataa-janaardan*. I had a vast *jamindari* land as ancestral property. It was sold and the money obtained was utilised in establishing a high school in my birth place and construction of *Gayatri Tapobhumi* at Mathura. The task of establishment of *Gayatri Tapobhumi ashram*, which had to play an important role in the field of *yug-parivartan* and to set up an all-India organization of truly devoted, thoughtful, religious-minded people were inter-linked. For a moment, I was taken aback wondering how such a huge task would be accomplished without any resources. The smiling glimpse of the guide cleared all the doubts and I could grasp that I had nothing to lose in playing the drama of handling *gandeev* and choosing the Goddess of victory, when I was blessed with the patronage and helping-hand of such a capable charioteer. As time went on, all these three goals were completed with little effort as if they had already been accomplished earlier. Those who have seen the *Gayatri mahayagya* performed in 1958 at Mathura describe with great wonder as to how single-

handed arrangements could be made for feeding and lodging about fifteen million people. The *ashram* of *Gayatri tapobhumi* and the huge structure of *Gayatri pariwar* organization were built up within no time. These miracles aroused my self-confidence and I began to believe that it will not be difficult to accomplish any task which was entrusted to me.

The guide wanted me to spread the light of *yugantar-chetna* throughout the country. Whenever I was in a fix to accomplish so huge a task, self-confidence and experience convinced that nothing should be difficult so long as the great guide was there. I was directed to translate all the ancient scriptures, *arsha granthas*, and to write literature to explain the nature of and suggest solutions to the problems facing the present era. In a few days huge literature almost equivalent to my body's weight could be written. The hand moved with electro-mechanical speed and the accumulated store of knowledge started flowing. This reminds me of the ancient tale when *Vyas* dictated and *Ganesh* wrote the *Purans*. The mind which worked was of *Vyas* and the hand was of *Ganesh*. As no publisher could be available, personal arrangements were made and work was initiated with a hand-press, costing Rs. 300/- which has now transformed into dozens of automatic offset machines. The subscription of *Akhand Jyoti* and four other magazines has gone up beyond three million. Cheap tracts, crores in number have been published in several languages and have reached people in this, as well as foreign countries.

Gurudev advised that there was only one way of sowing and reaping to acquire *siddhis*, super-natural divine powers. One corn of maize produces thousands of grains. God behaves in such a way that He does not give anything to anyone without receiving from him. He demanded rice from Sudama, curd from Gopis, berries from Shabri, land from Bali, and gold fillings in Karna's teeth. I also gave whatever was demanded from me. This contribution was instantaneously rewarded. Good health and capacity to work like a young man is being maintained even at the age of 75. I have loved and in return, been profusely loved. About 24 lacs of persons have been contributing their valuable time, day and night in the work of building a new era on my advice. With reference to the fruition of the seed of wealth sown, one can have an idea by seeing the grandeur of *Gayatri tapobhumi* and *Yug nirman yojna Mathura*. One can have the experience of the efforts of ancient Rishis by visiting *Shanti Kunj* and *Brahmvarchas*, its buildings and methods of working. Eminent thinkers and scholars in these fields are astonished when they see the research work being done here for the coordination of science and spirituality.

Magnificently built, 2400 *Gayatri Shakti Peeths* are engaged in creating an atmosphere of new creation by spreading the message of the new era throughout the world. Similarly, the strength of *pragya sansthas* and *Swadhyay mandals* has gone up to twenty-four thousands. These are our apparent working hands much more powerful and advanced as compared to the thousand-handed *Mahabali* of the ancient days. This is just a glimpse of deeds of service which can be seen by naked eyes. It is a wonderful world record of revolutionary atmosphere simply with the help of collection of a handful of grains from each house and contribution in the form of one hour time daily. This is first unparalleled experiment to harness all possible resources of power to give them a material shape.

These are some apparent milestones in my life. There are some latent, implicit events too, although they are not visible to the people. One should not wonder if the process of abandonment of vices and adoption of virtues might have involved about ten crore people. This could be possible by undertakings given by the people in the form of *dev-dakshina* at the time of *Gayatri-yagya*. Those who maintain statistics stand amazed to see what a solid back-ground for moral, intellectual and social revolution has been built. The stormy movement of all-round change- *pragya-abhiyan* has not stopped but is growing by leaps and bounds. The next generation alone will be able to evaluate properly how the collective *anusthan* of 24 crores *Gayatri Jap* which is being done daily for purification of the atmosphere has been producing its invisible effect.

Hundreds of highly qualified young workers who have abandoned highly salaried services and are pulling on with little honorarium, just sufficient for bare maintenance, are engaged in the *ashrams* at Mathura and Haridwar in the task of publication of literature, its translation in other languages, training of volunteers in publicity work, coordination of science with spirituality and reversing the prevailing spiritual atmosphere and setting it right. This too is a record achievement which can hardly be seen in any other institution in current times. The sacrifice and enterprise of these selfless volunteers has elevated this mission to a remarkable height and has manifested the ancient tales of lifting *goverdhan* and bridging the ocean. This can be known only by closely seeing, understanding and analyzing these achievements.

The creation of *Pragya Puran* in five volumes and continuity of this effort is such a task in which no scholar of the present era has tried to indulge individually or collectively.

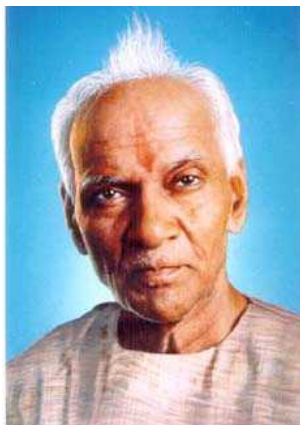
By reading these lines none should have the illusion that this is the enterprise of

a particular individual. To do so would tantamount to extreme arrogance and ungratefulness to *Gurudev*, whose boundless grace has been responsible for these achievements. It is my good fortune that I have earned appreciation without any effort by becoming a puppet and dancing to the tune of my Master. This is all the *leela* of the *Devatma* residing in *Himalayas* whom I regard my *ishta-dev*- favorite God and to whose fingers I have entrusted all the threads of my life. This puppet will continue to dance and display more amazing spectacles during the remaining days of this life. Whenever my battery became weak, I was summoned to the Himalayan caves and was sent back after it was charged. All thoughtful persons should regard this *Devatma*, the doer of all these achievements. I regard him as my father, mother, helper, master and friend. I am confident that his grace will facilitate my journey towards God. After all, it is mother's kindness which feeds and develops a child.



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Shriram Sharma Acharya: A seer-sage and a visionary of the New Golden Era.



His personality was a harmonious blend of a saint, spiritual scientist, yogi, philosopher, psychologist, writer, reformer, freedom fighter, researcher, eminent scholar and visionary. He pioneered the revival of spirituality and creative integration of the modern and ancient sciences and religion relevant in the challenging circumstances of the present times. In 1979, he founded the Brahmavarchas Research Institute, the research center in Haridwar (India) dedicated to the integration of the modern and ancient sciences in a practical way motivated by the noble goal of health and happiness for all. This center houses well equipped laboratories of Haemetology, Biochemistry, Neurophysiology, Cardiology, Phytochemistry, Psychometry, Yagyopathy etc.

At the age of 15, (Jan 18th, 1926) a great Himalayan yogi, Swami Sarveshvaranandji appeared before him in astral body from the flame of the Dipaka (lamp) and guided him throughout his entire life. The next 24 years of his life were devoted to 24 Mahapurashcharanas –each consisting of the rhythmic recitation (japa) of 2.4 million Gayatri Mantra with strictest of disciplines. In 1943, he married Bhagwati Devi, and ever since, the saintly couple dedicatedly pursued the noble mission of spiritual upliftment of humankind.

Realizing the potential of inspiring literature and its relevance in the present era of intellectual evolution, he had chosen writing as the principal mode towards uprooting the evil tendencies and blind faith from people's minds and arousing the indwelling wisdom, strength and spiritual bliss. He wrote about 3000 enlightening books in Hindi on almost all topics concerning human life. He translated the entire Vedic Vangmaya (4 Vedas, 108 Upanishads, 18 Puranas etc.) in Hindi elucidating the tradition, style, universality and history of Vedic Literature. He also practiced higher-level Sadhana on the arduous heights of the Himalayas and established enliven contact with the Rishis of the Himalayas. During 1984-1986, he carried out the unique spiritual experiment of Sukshmikarana, meaning sublimation of vital force and physical, mental and spiritual energies. He authored a special set of 20 books highlighting the future of the world and conveying the message of the dawn of the New Era of Truth during the 21st Century. On 2nd June 1990, he voluntarily shed his physical sheath.

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