

# The Story of Brahma

Eighteenth January brings with it the sweet memories of Prajapita Brahma, affectionately known as Brahma Baba, Who on this day in 1969 left this [physical plane and ascended to the Subtle Regions.

The years 1936-37 proved to be the start of great inner transformation in Dada Lekhraj (now known as Prajapita Brahma) who at that time was a well-known jewel-merchant in his late 50's. The turning point came in his life with a series of visions given by the Supreme. The first was a vision of God-'Shiva'-the self-luminous orb-like form; then the form of Vishnu, the forearmed figure depicting the goal of perfection; then he saw visions of coming world catastrophe balls of fire, natural calamities and civil wars; and lastly he saw star-like brilliant entities descending from above and taking corporeal form of a divine prince or princess on reaching the earth - very beautiful, majestic being. Shiva Baba (God. the Supreme Father) then said to him in a divine voice; see the worked in its Golden Age, which you have to recreate! At this time Dada was amazed at what He saw but didn't understand what was going on, until one day a little later another experience clarified everything.

Brahma Baba had organized a spiritual congregation in the spacious courtyard of his residence. A guru was addressing the gathering. Suddenly, Dada felt a strong urge to go beyond sound, into the realm of deep silence, and to dive deep into the sea of divinity. He excused himself and went to his room where he sat to contemplate. It was during these moments that, to his amazement, the Supreme Soul, whom he so fondly loved and yet did not know until then, blessed him with His presence. Dada experienced a pleasing detachment from his body, a great ethereal ecstasy and deep divine peace. The whole room appeared to him to be full of a soothing, powerful light. In this state of chair-audience, he heard the Supreme Soul introducing Himself thus:

"Nijanand Svaroopam  
Shivoham, Shivoham.  
Gyan Swaroopam,  
Shivoham, Shivoham  
Prakash Swaroopam,  
Shivoham, Shivoham"

(I am the knowledgeable God Shiva, ever blissful in nature. I am Eternal Light and the Benefactor and Redeemer of the World)

## A MAGNETIC PERSONALITY

Even when you simply looked at Brahma Baba you felt that he was certainly a rare person. A tall and healthy body. Prominent high forehead and sharp and piercing eyes impressed all who saw him. He had a youthful radiance that illuminated his features, despite being in old age. He never needed any specs to read or to look at distances. His voice was sweet and at the same time serious, it continued to ring in one's ears for days. His gait would shame even the young. His face shone always with smiles. He was light eater and didn't sleep for more than 4 hours - he never appeared fatigued.

He had a spiritual magnetism of a kind that drew one into the tremendous vibrations of love and peace that emanated from him. He was always very kind and friendly. One felt as if one had known him all his life. One wished to take him into confidence about any matter. His presence created new hopes, gave new enthusiasm and new purpose to life. One went to him with some Questions and doubts but when one sat near him, all doubts and questions were laid to rest. His eyes had divinising and enlightening power.

His heart was suffused through and through with affection for mankind. Not thinking much about our shortcomings, he would shower on us all the affection he was capable of.

Purity and meditation, knowledge and virtue were his main lamps of life. He was an embodiment of tolerance, compassion and forgiveness. Some ignorant souls relentlessly tried to

malign him but he never allowed hate to enter into his mind. He wished all people well and considered his crates to be his friends, for they drew his attention to certain points and thus kept him on the alert.

Brahma Baba spoke in simple and straightforward yet forceful manner. His tone was soft yet his teachings pierced through the granite-like hard dust, settled and congealed on the soul, forming a cover of hard crust on the soul 'Truths are like arrows"-- this proverb truly applied to the words that came from his mouth. His language was sweet, loving and shorn of difficult esoteric terminology and yet conveyed deep and subtle thoughts so that one had the impression that he was the teacher for all inquiring minds-educated as well as unlettered.

Brahma Baba, the corporeal founding father of Prajapita Brahma kumaris Ishwariya vishwa vidyalaya, felt and believed that women's role was to be in the forefront and act as catalysts for change.

Brahma Baba categorically condemned the caste system based on birth and exhorted people to uproot it as, in its present form it had no spiritual or moral sanction.

He championed the cause of women-their spiritually oriented education and above all their right to purity. He brought them out of the confinement of the house and inspired them to accept the responsibility bringing about a new awakening and moral change in society.

He called upon the priests and worshippers, who had continued to beat the drums of old rituals and idol worship to break their age-old shackles of blind faith and superstition and meaningless rituals and to take a life of Brahmacharya (celibacy), purity and meditation on the one Incorporeal God.

### **PRINCIPLE OF LIFE**

Brahma Baba felt very strongly about the 'gurus' and 'sanyasis'. He used to say-these sanyasis, whose principle of life was not to touch money with even a barge pole, have become the slaves of money. 'One should rather die than go about begging', he said, He used to say-has not egotism become a valuable asset of these so-called 'Goodman' ? People cannot expect to receive a guru's blessing until they prostrate in front of the guru with their forehead touching the ground. These gurus have really abused and humiliated the followers. Brahma Baba made up his mind to uproot this debasing relationship by sweet and affectionate relationship like that which exists between spiritual father and son. thus he dispelled from our minds all sense of one's inferiority and engendered self-confidence in us.

Baba kept far away from false prestige or people's admiration or act of worship. He said "The only being who is worship worthy is Shiva, the Incorporeal supreme soul, but He too is not to be worshipped, but meditated upon."

Baba used to say "has any married woman said at any time that she loves her husband and also the Brahmin priest who gets her married?"\_ "That would be adultery; plain and simple. Of one's Buddha (mind) to love a guru or sanyasi besides the incorporeal God Shiva."

\_ Brahma kumari Sita.