SOULS AND THE PRESENT TIME

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Souls are seen and spoken about very largely all over the world these days. It is a great mystery still why souls are seen and felt seeking self-expression through different mediums. The souls are seen speaking as well as writing and are also spoken about to have been picturized. It is therefore worth analysis why all these are and what is the reality of their existence.

The world of today is a world of scientific distinction and it is therefore necessary that we are searching souls in distinctive approaches. We are looking for a time when many will be contacting worlds beyond moon and the residents of those worlds. It is, therefore worthwhile now to know who are the residents of those worlds and what is the secret of their being and reality.

The souls are and are worth vision all over the world, is an acknowledged fact. It is however disputed that souls cannot materialize to a human shape. I will make here a reference of "The Autobiography of a Yogi" written by Shri Yoganand Paramhans. Shri Yoganand ji gives a personal example in this book about his having seen his guru Shri. Yukteshwarji in 1935 on June 19 at 3.00 p.m. in hotel Regent, Bombay, 99 days after the expiry of his guru in Bananas. It is an example how soul materializes. Another example is also worth mention here from a book written by Shri.V.D, Rishi, who was the great occultist and visited much abroad. He in his book, "Marnottar Jeevan" (Life After Death) has not only described how he contacted his dead wife many years after her death but has actually given her photograph taken in the conference on Para psychical Research held in London in 1928.

It is sufficient here to detail no incidents because such are innumerable and are very commonly experienced although not openly expressed and believed. I am now giving some points which well deserve the attention of all those who want direct experience of seeing

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and talking to souls. I may, however, allow all to openly question me seeking information on personal correspondence on my residential address.

First of all I will allow souls to take a shape of their own as they come to appear before me. It means that I will give the details of how souls seek themselves expressed through different mediums. Souls are first seeking their medium ship in human beings who are selfless and pure and also innocent. Medium ship is not well spoken about but when good souls are seeking medium ship it is always for the welfare of others. Medium ship does not make a man weak in any sense. It makes a man stronger in a way that he has added energy and intelligence to his limited one. Souls also seek their medium ship in a number of other ways but the most commonly popular method is the planchette. It is a French, diminutive of planche PLANK word, which means a heart shaped board with a pencil that is supposedly caused to write spirit messages when a person's fingers rest lightly on it. The board, which is plain and seen, speaks words. Thus it stands for a board, which suggests words and sentences and allows the audience to be in conversations with souls.

Souls do not appear and take forms visibly but they automatically suggest words and keep a metal plate moving allowing the seans contact mentally and also a bit physically with the soul present at the occasion The séance is a person normally a medium but he is not physically affected and made unconscious at all. It is a sort of concentration and also attuning your mind with the soul present so as also a type of allowing your mind contacting the divine power in meditation and worship. It should not be mistaken that planchette is an evil dealing spirit affair. It can sometimes risen you to a spiritual height. It is a fact that Yogiraj Arvind and Ravindranath Tagore were the masters of this art and that they could touch the spiritual depth by their contact with the divine souls.

I will now give some cautioning. It is a sort of self-seeking attempt to be in contact with those who are very near and dear to us. It is easy to come in contact with them on planchette but when they are called they are not always free and have permission to move. You will best them disturb least. You will also not call great saints as per your desire. They will themselves bless you when they consider you to be fit. You will, finally, not ask much about your future. It is likely that it does

not come out to be true because the souls have their own limitations and they have to act under certain oaths given to the governors or gurus. It is therefore gospel led that the souls are seeking speeches from the medium when a certain thing does not come out to be true. Souls are also seeking speeches but from their gurus and not from their mediums. The guru compels them not to come out with every truth so as to leave a chance of doubting their existence and thus saving them from human detection. Should souls know and speak everything, it would be a great work of miracle and miracles are not performed without offending the laws of nature. One more warning here is about seeking to know all about your past lives. You seek to know this all in order to some time assure whether rebirth is their or not and to seek your past relations in present. Souls do know this but you will not always be spoken about that simply because it will only unnecessarily seek you to know more about that and there is no end of it. Therefore you will take these points in consideration when you seek anything to know.

I will summarily startle you saying that I have contacted late Shri. Sai Baba of Sirdhi who is holding 'Darbar' in a number of places. Shri Sai Baba was a great miraculous saint and Osborne has referred him to in his book 'The Incredible Sai Baba' to be seen as late as 1964 although he expired in 1918. Would it be a surprise if I admit to have conversed with Shri Satya Sai Baba who is living? It is a fact that he is seen and spoken to speak in any language but I have conversed with him in a language he never speaks. He has also appeared on the Board and allowed to answer a letter I dropped for him but was missing. I may now mention that I have also asked Shri. Satya Sai Baba if he is really the incarnation of Late Sai Baba. Asked so, he replied that he is his incarnation in 'reality' but when asked to Sai Baba, I was replied that Satya Sai Baba works under his blessings. It would seem that they spoke two different things but I am referring the two different things to bring one conclusion. They spoke it with a distinction to prove that they are different and Satya Sai Baba spoke similar to his speeches to identify his very person. I ask all of you to contact an original alarming idea of asking about all seeking contact of souls on personal correspondence whenever there is any doubt and desire felt by you about it.