

Summary of the SSG System of Beliefs as understood and explained by Bahram Shahmardaan (Byram) and endorsed by the Council of Senior Servants.

Introduction

In reviewing the content below, please keep the following principle in mind:

The system of beliefs of the Society of Servants of God is based upon thousands of Scripts and Discourses received through Revered Dadaji, Dr. Dinshah K. Mehta, from the Guiding Mind, generally called God. God does not speak in human languages. So, the Scripts and Discourses are a result of Revered Dadaji's efforts to render spiritual experiences into human thoughts and then convert them into the medium of the human language with which he was most comfortable, which happens to be English. The summary below provides a glimpse of the spiritual mysteries revealed by God through Revered Dadaji, with a view to help genuine seekers better understand some of the mysteries of creation. Hopefully they will commit to making the necessary right effort to grow to know the Divine self which is their true nature and is sustaining their human personality.

God and the Origin of Spiritual Creation

According to Scripts and Discourses received by Revered Dadaji, there is one God who is eternal. But before God became there was, is and will continue to be for all eternity the "Source of All Sources" which is the Source of even God and all that exists currently and will be created in the future. Dr. Mehta described this "Source of All Sources", at different times as the "Source of Sources", the "All-Pervading Nothing" and "Spaceless Spaciousness." This "Source of All Sources" has been mentioned in the various major religions of the world, and has been given different names in different religions as follows:

- In the Vedic Scriptures, it is called "*Sarvanum Akarnum*," which literally means the "Causeless Cause of all Causes"
- In the Scriptures of Zarathustra, it is called "*Zarvane Akarne*," and means the same thing as explained in the Vedas. Note the similarity of the two names.
- In Judaism, it is called "*Ein Sof*," which means 'Without End'
- Since the New Testament is an addendum to the Old Testament, it follows that Christianity also accepts the term "*Ein Sof*" even though it is not mentioned in the New Testament.
- In Buddhism, it is called "*Antim Shunyata*" which literally means the "Ultimate Zero."
- In Islam, this same state is called "*Fanaa*" or "*Baqaa*"

Within this Source of All Sources, energy, for lack of a better word, started concentrating on a point. This was the first implosion. When the point could not absorb any more

energy, it began to vibrate and still the energy kept on pouring onto the point, and when the concentration of energy reached beyond the point's ability to contain it, the point exploded. This was the first explosion. It is through this implosion and explosion within the All-Pervading Nothing, which is the source of everything, that the Word of God emanated, and through a series of six implosions and explosions the Word of God finally stabilized. The seventh explosion is still going on. These seven cycles of implosions and explosions are referred to metaphorically in the Bible, where it is stated that God created the world in six days and on the seventh day He rested.

The Word of God is mentioned in various religions. In Hinduism, it is called "OM," which according to the Vedas is the "Soundless Sound" of the Word of God. In the Scriptures of Zarathustra, it is called "*Ahura Mazda*". In the Bible, according the Gospel of John "In the beginning, there was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God." In Islam, the Word is called "*Allah*", and in Sikhism it is called "*Naam*," which literally means "Name".

After the Word of God emanated from and within the Spaceless Spaciousness, the All-Pervading Nothing, it eventually stabilized, and then, through a series of implosions and explosions, four beams of Spiritual Light emanated from the Word, and formed what Revered Dadaji referred to as a "Quartard". However, one of the beams of the Quartard was unstable and, because it was unstable, due to the force of the explosions it separated from the Word, which is its immediate source. The other three beams of Spiritual Light remained linked to the Word, but the fourth beam fell far away from the Word, their immediate source, and took a turn in a direction which is opposite to the movements of the other three beams of Spiritual Light which remained linked to the Word and will do so for eternity. Thus, what was originally the "Quartard" became the Triad, the Holy Trinity, which is mentioned in all world religions of which, Zoroastrianism and Hinduism are the oldest.

This unstable beam of Spiritual Light, which was part of the Quartard but separated from the Word, is still indirectly linked to the Word through the All-Pervading Nothing which is its ultimate source, and, even though it fell away from its immediate source, the Word, it is sustained by its ultimate source, the All-Pervading Nothing. The All-Pervading Nothing sustains the fourth beam, not through the Word, but through a process that cannot be described in human thoughts and language. However, because the unstable fourth beam of Spiritual Light fell far away from its immediate source, the Word, and took a turn which is opposite from the direction of the remaining three beams which remain linked to the Word, this fourth beam of Spiritual Light developed characteristics which are opposite to those of the three beams of the Triad and became dark. Thus, this fourth beam of Spiritual Light became the anti-Divine and Satan came into existence. The three beams of Spiritual Light, which form the Triad, maintain their spiritual integrity and continue to grow and will do so for eternity. This is because they remain linked to the Word, their immediate source, and are continuously energized through the Word by their ultimate source which is the Source of All Sources.

As a result of revelations received through Dr. Mehta and recorded in various Scriptures and Discourses, the Society of Servants of God (SSG) teaches that in order to prevent this fourth beam from falling indefinitely away from its source, the Word, Jesus the Christ was asked to descend to hell and establish a foundation beneath hell so that it would not fall further away from the Divine. Also, according to Scriptures, the High Soul that incarnated in the human personality known as Dr. Dinshah K. Mehta accompanied Jesus when he descended into hell, in order to help systematize hell after it stabilized. The SSG also teaches that hell is a plane of being where the state of consciousness over which Satan governs is so stifled that free will, as we experience it on earth, is absent. According to Dr. Mehta, it is impossible for human beings to even imagine the kind of suffering that is experienced by souls in hell.

As mentioned above, the three beams of Spiritual Light that form the Triad or Holy Trinity, remain linked to the Word of God and are being continuously fed by the Source of All Sources, not directly, but through the Word. The Word of God is also being continuously energized by the Source of All Sources. Dr. Mehta referred to the three beams of the Holy Trinity as the “Creator”, the “Sustainer” and the “Re-creator”. These three beams of Spiritual Light have been personified and have been given various names in different religions.

- In the teachings of Zarathustra, they are called *Asha*, *Vohumana* and *Kshatravairyo*.
- In Hinduism, they are called *Brahma*, *Vishnu* and *Shiva*, who is also known by other names such as *Mahesh* and *Rudra*.
- In Judaism they are called *Raphael*, *Gabriel* and *Michael* or *Mikhail*.
- In the New Testament, they are referred to as Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

It is the Holy Trinity that creates and sustains all of creation, and when the balance between Truth and untruth in manifestation is upset in favor of untruth nearer the spiritual level, the Re-Creator aspect of the Holy Trinity descends closer to the plane of matter and restores the balance between Truth and untruth in manifestation. Revered Dadaji explained that as far as creation is concerned, collectively these three beams of Spiritual Light are God. However, God, who is the Source of the Word out of which these three beams of Spiritual Light emanate, is in a spiritual plane which is beyond the Holy Trinity and the Word.

The SSG teaches that a sub-principle, also in the form of Spiritual Light, emanates from each of these three principles or three main beams of Spiritual Light. The three sub-principles or beams are relatively smaller than the main beams, and have also been personified, but have been given female personalities. Thus, in Hinduism the sub-principle that emanates out of *Brahma* is called *Saraswati*, the sub-principle that emanates out of *Vishnu* is called *Laxmi*, and the one that emanates out of *Shiva* is called *Parvati*. These sub-principles have been given different names in other religions.

Because these sub-beams are the source of what are considered to be female traits, and because they emanate out of the main beams of Spiritual Light, it is mentioned in

the Bible, as a metaphor, that Eve was made out of Adam's rib. These sub-principles, together with the three main principles, are depicted in what is known as the "Star of David" or the "Shield of David."

Dr. Dinshah K. Mehta described the three aspects of the Holy Trinity as beams of Spiritual Light. Spiritual Light is totally different and is not to be confused with physical light that emanates from the sun and stars which, unlike Spiritual Light, is made of matter.

As these beams of Spiritual Light that make up the Holy Trinity, radiate outward from the Word, into the Source of All Sources which is the All-Pervading Nothing, they are also being continuously fed by the very Source of All Sources through the Word. So, on the one hand the three beams of Spiritual Light are being fed through the Word and are radiating outward from the Word into and within the All-Pervading Nothing but, after they have travelled a certain distance in a straight trajectory within the All-Pervading Nothing, their outward linear movement is blocked by the very All-Pervading Nothing which is feeding them. So, the All-Pervading Nothing, which is feeding the three beams of Spiritual Light emanating from the Word, also becomes a barrier and prevents the beams of Spiritual Light from continuing forward indefinitely in a linear fashion.

Therefore, because the three beams are being fed continuously through the Word by their ultimate source, the All-Pervading Nothing, and because they are also blocked by the same ultimate source, their Spiritual Light cannot continue to move in a straight line. So, their linear trajectory takes a circular turn, and that circular turn is in the clockwise direction. This is the first circular turn within the All-Pervading Nothing linked to these beams of Spiritual Light. However, because these beams of Spiritual Light are being continuously fed by the Source of All Sources, the All-Pervading Nothing, the momentum of their circular motion also continues to increase. As the momentum increases, the clockwise circular movement of these beams of Spiritual Light encounters increasing resistance at the periphery of the circles from the All-Pervading Nothing. As a result of the resistance from the All-Pervading Nothing, the periphery of the circles of Spiritual Light developed serrations. Since the Source of All Sources is all-pervading, these serrations are also penetrated by the All-Pervading Nothing and, due to the continuous feeding by the Source of All Sources, as the momentum of the clockwise circular movement increases, the serrations became larger.

At this stage, due to the resistance which they encountered from the All-Pervading Nothing, the serrations at the periphery of the circles took a turn in the direction, which is opposite to the circular clockwise movement of the three beams of the Triad. Thus, this second circular turn within the All-Pervading Nothing is counter-clockwise and is linked to the Triad which comprises the three beams of Spiritual Light. This counter-clockwise movement of the serrations is distinct from the opposite turn taken by the unstable fourth beam of Spiritual Light which took a turn that is opposite that of the three beams of the Holy Trinity and became Satan.

As mentioned earlier, the three beams of Spiritual Light that form the Holy Trinity, the Triad, are being continuously fed by the All-Pervading Nothing through the Word and will continue to be fed for all eternity. Due to the steady flow of power from the Source of All Sources, the momentum of the clockwise circular movement is increasing continuously and will continue to do so for eternity. Thus, the Holy Trinity began to evolve within the All-Pervading Nothing, and this clockwise movement of Spiritual Light is the source of spiritual creations. But the counter-clockwise circular movement, which is at the periphery of the circular motion of the three beams of Spiritual Light, began to involve within itself, and through that involvement, the bright Spiritual Light became dark Spiritual Light. By further involution through a process that, according to Dr. Mehta, cannot be described in human thought and much less so in human language, the dark Spiritual Light became transformed into dark material or physical light and manifests as black holes that are in the cosmos and which can be observed by astronomers. It is through the black holes that the spiritual Source of All Sources continuously feeds and sustains the physical universe, which began after what astronomers refer to as the “Big Bang”. And the physical universe is still expanding.

As a result of revelations received by Dr. Dinshah K. Mehta, the SSG teaches that all black holes are not the same. There are evolving black holes, stabilizing black holes, and devolving black holes. It is through black holes that dark physical light, which is made of matter, gets transformed to bright physical light. The concentration of matter in the black holes is so great that astronomers conjecture that one teaspoon of matter that is contained in black holes can weigh several tons on earth.

When matter which is the dark physical light of black holes implodes, and when the concentration of the imploding physical dark light reaches the maximum, beyond which further concentration of the physical light is not possible, then the dark light explodes into what astronomers call quasars. It is through exploding quasars that the dark physical light of black holes gets converted to bright physical light which then condenses into nebulae, and the nebulae later condense into suns and planets which form the various solar systems. One such solar system is the one within which Earth and we exist.

If one will observe the movements of galaxies, one will see that except for a few, all of them are rotating in a counter-clockwise direction. Earth rotates on its axis in a counter-clockwise direction and also revolves around the sun in a counter-clockwise direction. This counter-clockwise direction and the process of dark Spiritual Light becoming dark material light is symbolized by some ancient religions and cultures in the form of the Swastika. The Swastika has been a sacred symbol for thousands of years and unfortunately has fallen into disfavor in some countries because it was desecrated by the Nazis during the short period when they were in power.

Origin of Biological Creation

The planet Earth stabilized after eons of time and, when the surface of Earth cooled sufficiently, after many millennia, it separated into five distinct states of matter. In the Vedic Scriptures, these five different states of matter are called “*Panch Mahabhootas*” which literally means, Five Great Spirits. Rev. Dadaji referred to them as the Five Elementals – not elements. This is because these elementals are the source of the elements identified in chemistry, which have been organized into the Periodic Table.

The Five Elementals, or *Panch Mahabhootas*, are space, heat/light, air, water and earth earthy. Space is also referred to as sky or ether. As a primal elemental, space is much more than the sky or the ether, as the terms are commonly understood. In the Vedas, space is referred to as “akash” and is phonetically pronounced (aaa-kaaa-sh). *Akash*, or space, contains within it subatomic particles and is a medium through which the life principle, known as “*prana*”, gets created. Further, *akash* is also a medium through which spiritual records are stored within the realm of consciousness that is referred to as “Living Silence”.

The physical mass of space is greater than all the galaxies that float within it. Indeed, all the galaxies are a part of space, just as all the creatures that live in the ocean are a part of the ocean. Life begins and evolves wherever these Five Elementals are present. This is so, even in those areas on the ocean floor where the environment is toxic and there is great physical pressure. Life which forms on the surface of the earth cannot survive in the high pressure and toxic environments found on the bottom. However, biological life forms have evolved in the depths of the ocean even in these high pressure toxic environments where all the Five Elementals are present and these life forms cannot survive on the surface of the earth. These biological life forms on the ocean floor can be generally found where, through cracks in the earth’s mantle, hot gases and other matter such as molten lava from within the earth are spewing forth. At these depths, the molten lava and hot gases provide heat/light. Air is dissolved in the water in the ocean as is matter that is earth earthy. Earth earthy matter also wells up from cracks in the earth’s mantle along the ocean floor and space is present in every atom. So, because all the Five Elementals are present in sections of the deep ocean, biological life began and evolved even in environments that are very toxic to other biological life forms.

It has been recorded in the Vedic Scriptures that wherever these Five Elementals meet in the right proportions, life begins spontaneously.

Revered Dadaji, Dr. Dinshah K. Mehta, explains this in modern scientific terms, and most people who have had some basic scientific education can understand these explanations. When the Five Elementals combine in the right proportion and right combinations, this combination of the elementals provides the platform which enables DNA molecules to come into being. Life, as we know it, begins when the Five Elementals come together in the right proportions and combinations, and at the same time, the spiritual life principle (soul or spirit) and the material life principle (*prana*) intersect with the Five Elementals.

The initial biological life forms are ultra-microscopic and have very short life spans. But after these ultra-microscopic life forms stabilized, in due course of time, they evolved into microscopic life forms, and over thousands of years these microscopic life forms evolved into the different species of plants and animals. However, unlike the understanding of present-day scientists, Revered Dr. Dinshah K.Mehta says that the different life forms did not evolve from the same DNA and RNA molecules. It has been revealed through Dr. Mehta that each species of animals, birds, plants etc. originated from a DNA molecule that is unique to that particular species and that this distinction will be discovered by the ascending physical sciences sometime in the future. Eventually, beginning with a distinct set of DNA molecules, human beings evolved in stages and went through various life forms till what is accepted as modern man became.

Ascending sciences are those sciences which piece together information, which is called knowledge, by taking the mind outwards and observing the physical universe outside oneself. Descending sciences on the other hand observe what emanates from the Source of All Sources by going within and learning from the various sources. Just like mind, consciousness and all principles are physically invisible, the Source of All Sources is physically invisible. The following Script will shed some light on this topic.

ALL-KNOWING INTELLIGENCE

Intellect, as people on the earth plane know it, is absent on the Spirit plane. There is the All-Knowing Intelligence present there and not merely that intellect which is a collection of memories and rationality which is a relative faculty. The knowledge on the earth plane is a collection of memories of observations through the senses and various deductions and logical conclusions derived from such observations. On the Spirit plane, the Knowledge is not a product of so-called intellect, but awareness of Truth. Some people may be able to put this in words but only up to a point, but it needs to be realized.

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Free will and influence of the anti-Divine

It is written that “God made man in His Image and Likeness”. Revered Dadaji, Dr. Dinshah K. Mehta, explained that this does not mean that God looks like a man. What it means is that every principle that functions in the universe also functions within the human personality. This has been explained in various Discourses by Revered Dadaji.

The human personality is comprised of the human mind, the human ego, and the spiritual entity, known as the soul. When a child is born, the physical body emerges into the physical dimension which is trillions of times larger. Likewise, the human mind, which is invisible, takes birth in an “Ocean of Consciousness.” Just as everything physical exists within the physical universe, including the physical bodies of all creatures, likewise, the consciousness of all beings resides within the Ocean of Consciousness. And, just as the density and pressure of air changes with altitude and the pressure of the water changes with depth, likewise the nature and intensity of

Consciousness changes in the many different planes and levels of consciousness that abide and function within the Ocean of Consciousness.

Revered Dadaji, Dr. Dinshah K. Mehta, has explained that between the earth plane, and the highest spiritual plane, there are 7 planes of consciousness. Almost all human beings function within the first three planes of consciousness which, in modern psychology, are called the unconscious, subconscious and conscious planes. Within each of these planes, there are 7 different levels of consciousness. So, within the Ocean of Consciousness there are several planes and levels of consciousness, and different minds function within this Ocean of Consciousness at the levels that are appropriate for them.

It is true that a High Soul, who is directly linked to God and even oned with God, can incarnate in a human body and, in that limited sense, an aspect of God can and does look like a man. But it is important to note that all of God does not incarnate in the body of a human being. In fact, even when High Beings, like Zarathustra, Ram, Moses, Buddha, Christ and others incarnate and descend from one of the three beams of Spiritual Light that emanate from the Holy Trinity, it is only one ray from the beam that incarnates in a human body. This is because there is no human personality that can ever withstand the full intensity of even one of the beams of the Spiritual Light, let alone withstand the full intensity of God.

Having stated the above, it is because God made man in His image that man has been endowed with a free will. This is also an example of God's humility. Instead of imposing His Will on man, the Divine Mind surrenders Its Will to man by giving man the gift of free will. However, instead of using this gift of free will in sync with the Divine Will to further the Divine Plan, the vast majority of human beings use their free will to satisfy their human minds and pursue their desires based upon their attachment to thoughts, things and people, which are all made of matter and are linked to matter.

It is not matter that binds human beings to it, but it is the desire for and attachment to things of matter and forms of matter that bind human beings to the plane of matter that is the cosmos within which earth manifests. And it is the human mind which gets attracted to and attached to thoughts, things and persons through which it derives satisfaction. So, it is the human mind which binds human beings to the plane of matter by misusing the principle of attachment, and it is the human mind that can also liberate the Divine that is bound within human beings by applying the same principle of attachment in the right way.

When we are attached to an object, we create an opening in our minds through which we receive thoughts pertaining to the form of the matter to which we are attracted. It is through these openings in the human mind that negative forces influence human beings. We call these negative forces un-Divine and anti-Divine forces, and in the Vedic Scriptures they are called *Asuric shaktis* or *Asuras*. On the earth plane, there are negative and positive forces all around us. Whereas the positive forces will not enter our minds to influence us unless we invite them to do so, the negative forces will try to take

advantage of the openings in our human minds. This is reflected in the fact that honest people will not enter your home unless you invite them whereas thieves will break into your home through openings such as doors and windows.

God revealed through Rev. Dadaji, Dr. Dinshah K. Mehta, that hell is a state of being linked to a state of consciousness that is much below the earth plane and governed by Satan. Satan and the hordes of hell can influence creations in levels of consciousness that range from hell up to the earth plane and a little beyond the earth plane. But they cannot enter any spiritual plane. So, when we pursue our desires due to attachment to thoughts, things and people linked to matter, we are creating openings through which the negative forces can influence us and further bind us to the earth plane and cycles of birth, life and death. To free ourselves from this bondage, we need to transfer our attachment from the desire for thoughts, things and people linked to matter to the Divine.

The following Script gives some idea about the importance of the principle of attachment*.

ATTACHMENT IS A RESULT OF LOVE

Attachment should not be considered a negative force. It is a result of a positive force which is inherent in everyone. One can't just detach and remain in that state without being attached again to some other objective.

Hence detach from all seen and attach yourself to Me and Me alone.

Love is the force which attaches. But to be attached to Me purify that force by cleansing it of all the self associated with it and you will come nearer Me.

(End of Script, received on August 08, 1953)

*Attachment is one of the Seven Principles of Right Surrender.

Descent of the Divine Mind

When the vast majority of human beings on earth pursues their own desires, which arise out of attachments for thoughts associated with objects of matter and forms of people, who are also made of matter, then over several centuries, humanity strays so far away from the Divine Plan which is unfolding, through the process of creation that emanated from the Divine Will, that unless this inertia away from the Divine Plan is stopped and made to turn in the right direction, the balance between the Divine Will and the anti-Divine Will in manifestation gets upset nearer the spiritual level. When this balance in physical manifestation is upset, it will lead to severe destruction not only on earth, but the destruction through the earth will create an imbalance in our solar system, which in turn will lead to a chain reaction and catastrophic changes in the cosmos. An atomic explosion which results from a chain reaction of atoms is a very miniscule reflection of what could happen if the balance between the Divine and anti-Divine in

manifestation nearer the spiritual level is not restored. Atomic explosions occur in the cosmos but have also been engineered by human beings. To restore the balance in manifestation is one main reason why the Mind of God, or the Divine Mind, descends to the earth plane through High Beings incarnating in human form.

Such descents of High Beings have happened throughout recorded history and even in prehistoric times. The Divine Mind restores the balance between Itself and the anti-Divine in manifestation on the earth plane through High Beings who descend from the Highest of the High planes of consciousness for that purpose. When that happens, then, if necessary, the Divine Mind also reveals new spiritual principles through them for the benefit of humanity. The High Beings then develop a code of conduct based upon the rules which emanate from laws which are based upon spiritual principles. The principles, laws and rules together form the basis of the code of conduct which reflect the spiritual principles that will help those who live by them to grow towards the Divine and complete the Journey of Life Eternal. When sanctioned by God, the teachings of descending High Beings grow into a new religion and the code of conduct established by the High Being sustains and fosters the religion

When developing the code of conduct necessary to reflect the spiritual principles, High Beings take into consideration the social conditions prevailing at that time as well as the limitations of human beings of that era. This is one reason why the rites and rituals of different religions differ.

It is through this process that all the world religions were founded, including the religion which originated in Persia through the Prophet Zarathustra and the Vedic religion of India. Subsequently, Judaism, Buddhism, Christianity and Islam were established. Likewise, Sikhism and Bahaimism were established and are in the process of becoming world religions.

Unfortunately, many people do not understand the difference between principles, laws, rules and systems. So, over time, they stop giving importance to the spiritual principles, which form the basis of religion, and remain attached to the rites and rituals. Thus, the various religions devolve into religiosities. Revered Dr. Dinshah K. Mehta, explained that religiosity gives emphasis to rites and rituals that take the mind outward away from the spiritual source which is within one, whereas the purpose of religion is to take one's mind within to realize the spiritual source which sustains one's human personality.

Fundamentally, the basis of all religions is the same because they have all descended from the same source. But since most people give value to rites and rituals, they think that the rites and rituals of other faith traditions, which are generally different, are wrong. So due to the differences in the rites and rituals, frequently, disagreements arise between followers of different religions and also between different sects of the same religion. Unfortunately, these differences often lead to violence. Therefore Rev. Dadaji, Dr. Dinshah K. Mehta, explained the difference between principles, laws, rules and systems, and emphasized that principles alone are inexorable and that one should never violate principles.

Live Life based on Principles

Principles are universal, whereas laws and rules are not. Laws and rules are specific to the medium through which a particular principle manifests. Like the phenomena of mind and consciousness, principles also do not have any material substance and are invisible. Yet, just as mind and consciousness direct thoughts, the actions we manifest, are controlled by principles. All the activities we are engaged in, as well as the phenomena we witness and experience in the visible universe as well as the invisible aspects of creation, are controlled by some principle.

Since consciousness, mind, and principles are all invisible, without which the physical dimension cannot function, and thoughts, which are the source of words and actions, are also invisible, it should be obvious that the source of all these invisible phenomena is most likely also invisible and by its very nature must be invisible.

Everything that we do begins with an invisible thought that either arises within our invisible mind or enters our mind from outside. Our invisible mind itself is energized by invisible consciousness. In the visible domain, we manifest in words and actions, some of the thoughts that are in our mind. The rest remain in the invisible domain within the "Ocean of Consciousness" till such time as either we, or some other entity, chooses to manifest them. Those thoughts that are not manifested will linger till such time as the mental energy that created them dissipates. When there is no energy available to sustain a thought, it either disintegrates or merges with or is absorbed by the vibrations of higher thoughts.

Most people are unaware of the fundamental nature of principles and their role in everything that happens in the physical universe and their personal lives.

Although principles, mind and consciousness are all invisible phenomena, without them, no physical manifestation would be possible. Thus, it is the invisible dimension which is more vital than the physical domain that we experience through our five senses. It is the invisible Source of All Sources that ultimately sustains and nurtures both the physical domain and the invisible aspects of creation.

Revered Dadaji, Dr. Dinshah K. Mehta, used to emphasize that spiritual principles will guard and protect those who live by them. The principles will also guide them along the spiritual path, and those who weave the principles in their lives will be graced by a spiritual Master when they deserve to be graced.

Just what is it that the principles guard against and protect people from? The principles will protect people from the tendency of their respective human minds to react to external physical stimuli and pursue the desires that arise from their attraction to physical forms which they dwell upon and become attached to. Thus, the principles will protect them from their own human frailties and direct and support them to do what is

spiritually right. The principles also prevent the human mind from creating openings through which thoughts from un-Divine and anti-Divine forces can enter and influence them. It is un-Divine and anti-Divine thoughts which side-track seekers from the spiritual path.

The un-Divine and anti-Divine forces use three weapons to side-track spiritual seekers. They are temptations, fears and doubts. If you analyze these three weapons, you will find that all three result from attachment to certain thoughts. Spiritual principles will guard human beings from these natural tendencies and protect them from the influence of un-Divine and anti-Divine forces.

When people live according to the spiritual principles, then, at the right time, when they deserve it and will benefit from it, a spiritual Master will grace their efforts and help them succeed in their spiritual endeavors.

Grace is a double-edged sword and when someone is graced, both their negative and positive thoughts will become energized. A reflection of this truth is the fact that the sun shines equally on desirable plants and weeds and energizes them to the extent of each plant's capacity to absorb the sun's energy. So, till such time as one has developed the necessary discipline and control over one's own mind and is willing to follow instructions from a spiritual Master, with love from inside out, one can be severely harmed if one is graced prematurely.

Principles never fail. People do, when they violate principles.

A more detailed explanation of the fundamental importance of principles, please refer to the article posted on the website of SSG titled, "The Importance of Principles".

Need to Restore Balance in the Physical Domain

Based upon revelations received by Revered Dadaji, Dr. Dinshah K. Mehta, the SSG teaches that when there is an imbalance between the Divine and the anti-Divine in manifestation on the earth plane but nearer the spiritual level, which happens at certain times, then, the Divine Mind begins to descend to restore the balance in manifestation. The imbalance happens when human beings misuse the free will they are endowed with to pursue their desires. This pursuit of their desires, which is manifested through their thoughts and/or actions, causes human beings to stray further and further away from the aspect of the Divine within them, commonly called the soul, and the Will of God.

When the separation between the Divine Will and the will of human beings who are pursuing their desires, reaches a critical point, the Sustainer Principle of the Holy Trinity can no longer sustain creation and maintain the balance nearer the spiritual level between the Divine and the anti-Divine in manifestation. When this critical stage is reached, then the Re-Creator Principle, which has been personified in various religions as *Kshatravairyo*, *Michael* and *Shiva*, corrects the wrong trend by destroying the forms

of those manifestations, which could be individuals, institutions or other life forms that are perpetrating the wrong in manifestation. It is important to note that the Re-Creator Principle destroys only the forms that are acting contrary to the Divine Will. The Re-Creator Principle does not harm the spiritual entity, the soul, that is linked to the physical life forms that are indulging in the wrong manifestation.

As a matter of fact, when the Re-Creator Principle destroys the forms, the spiritual beings linked to the forms grow towards the spiritual goal of Life Eternal. When the Re-Creator aspect of the Divine acts to restore the balance between Truth and un-Truth in manifestation, many innocent life forms and human beings also get destroyed, but as mentioned above, only the forms get destroyed but they grow spiritually through the process.

The descent of the Re-Creator Principle to restore the balance on the earth plane is referred to in the Vedas as *“the cosmic dance of Shiva when He awakens from His meditative state and becomes the Nataraja and performs His Dance of Re-Creation”*. When human beings ignore the warnings given by the descending High Beings, then the destruction, which results from Shiva’s dance of Re-Creation, manifests through agencies of nature which are the Five Elementals referred to earlier. Through these agencies of nature, the Divine Mind manifests destructive natural phenomena, such as unexpected and rapid changes in weather, or incidents of tidal waves and/or tidal bores, and other types of destruction such as earthquakes, and volcanic eruptions. The *“Dance of Shiva”* also manifests through wars which appear to be man-made but in fact result from human nature, which also goes in a state of turmoil because of the descent of the Re-Creator Principle.

The SSG teaches that-when the Re-Creator Principle destroys the physical manifestations that are not in keeping with the Divine Will, then the spiritual aspect linked to the destroyed matter grows one step higher in spiritual evolution and, out of the destroyed matter, a new manifestation starts in the right direction. From the matter of the destroyed forms, the Creator Principle begins to create anew. The Creator Principle has been personified in different religions as *Asha* or *Brahma* or *Raphael*, . These new physical creations are once again sustained by the Sustainer Principle, which also has been personified as *Vohu Mana*, *Vishnu* or *Gabriel*. The Creator, Sustainer and Re-Creator Principles are reflected in all the world religions, some of which refer to them collectively as the Holy Trinity or Trimurti.

Concept of Soul

There is a spiritual aspect associated with all matter that is referred to as spirit. In matter that is geological, spirit is locked up within matter, whereas in matter with biological life there are two aspects of spirit. One aspect is the spirit that is locked up within the matter that makes up the biological life form. In addition, there is another spirit entity that is not locked up within the matter of the biological life form. This second aspect of spirit is linked to the biological life form and sustains and fosters it. This separate spirit entity is

commonly called the soul or *atma* and is a spiritual life principle. In order to remain linked to a biological life form and sustain it, the soul works through a material life principle called “prana”. The soul delivers spiritual sustenance to the biological life form it is linked to through “prana”. This ‘prana’ principle is delivered to biological life forms through the Five Elementals in varying degrees.

Spirit was created before matter and subsequently, through the process described earlier, an aspect of spirit involved within itself and condensed into matter. Biological life begins at the point when condensed matter has re-evolved to the point that the material life principle called prana can bridge the gap between matter and spirit. When this stage is reached then a biological life form gets linked through the material life principle, or *prana*, with the spiritual life principle called the soul. It is through the “prana” principle that the soul can provide the spiritual energy needed to sustain and foster the matter of the biological life form within which also spirit is locked up. If the “prana” principle is not available to a biological life form, the soul will be unable to sustain it and the biological life form will die. When a biological life form dies, the matter of the life form will disintegrate and be absorbed by the Five Great Elementals.

Perfect man and perfect woman were created by God and were endowed with the power to create souls. However, to retain the privilege and ability to create souls, the perfect man and woman had to maintain a perfect balance between spirit and matter. Unfortunately, at a critical point, the perfect man and woman desired to experience matter more intensely and as a result they tilted the balance away from spirit and towards matter. Thus, the perfect man and woman fell from the spiritual planes and became bound to matter. This is symbolized in the story of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, in which it is said that Satan influenced Eve to tempt Adam to eat the apple. This story is symbolic and not factual, even though it is based upon spiritual truths.

The SSG teaches that the sin which Adam and Eve committed was that they pursued their desire to experience matter more intensely. Hence, they fell from the spiritual planes and have lost the ability to create souls. Thus, the ability of human beings is now limited to procreating bodies made of matter. This being the situation, the Divine Plan is that through the process of procreating physical bodies, some souls who take birth as human beings may be inspired to make the necessary effort to liberate the soul that has incarnated within them from the cycles of birth, life and death. Souls are aspects of the Divine and most souls that incarnate in human beings separated from the Divine Source when the unstable fourth beam, which emanated from the Word of God, separated and fell far away from the Word and is now residing in what is commonly called hell.

Human beings are the highest creation on earth, and man, which includes woman, is the only creation on earth that is endowed with a free will that is relatively unlimited, as compared to the will of birds and animals who also have a free will. But in case of birds, animals, fish and other biological life forms, their free will is circumscribed and controlled by instincts. So, like the other biological creations, although human beings have the same two major instincts of self-preservation and self-propagation, because of the gift of free will, they are not bound by these two instincts to the extent that the

animals and other creatures are. Thus, whereas the procreative instinct and survival instinct, including eating habits of almost all animals, birds and fish etc., are controlled by instincts, human beings are free to indulge in sensual pleasures of eating, drinking and copulating as and when they desire to do so.

Based on revelations received by Revered Dadaji, Dr. Dinshah K. Mehta, the SSG teaches that indulging in sensual pleasures solely for the sake of self-satisfaction is sinful, because it binds one to desires and the resulting karma prevents one from completing the journey of Life Eternal which culminates in oneness with God.

Instead of ruining one's health through improper dietary habits and frittering away the procreative energy through wanton indulgence in sexual activity, human beings should eat a balanced diet to maintain their physical health, conserve procreative energy and use it to grow towards God. Revered Dadaji has given many Discourses on the fundamental laws of health, proper dietary habits, as well as on how to transmute and sublimate the procreative instinct, which are all an essential part of the way of life that will lead to spiritual growth and enable one to complete the journey of Life Eternal.

The futility of pursuing desires for material thoughts, things and people corresponds with teachings of the Buddha, where Buddha states that:

- Suffering Is.
- The cause of suffering is desire.
- To eliminate suffering, eliminate desire.
- To eliminate desire, follow the noble eight-fold path.

Meaning of Karma

The word karma can have different meanings depending upon the context in which it is used. It can mean action only, or only the reaction to an action. The word karma can also mean the combination of both, an action as well as the reaction to the action. Karma can also mean a chain of actions and reactions, and these individual karmic chains get interlinked and together form a network of karma or a karmic web within which souls get trapped and bound.

Depending on the thoughts behind the actions, karmas can either take you closer to God or further away from God. Karma *Bhoga* is action or actions that are based upon human desires, which are almost always contrary to the Divine Will and bind us to the objects of our desire. Karma Yoga is action or actions that are in keeping with the Divine Will and do not bind us to the results of our actions. So, every action can either take one closer to God or further away from God. For this reason, it is important to watch one's thoughts and be mindful of the motivation behind the action.

The sacred texts of the SSG contain many Discourses on how one can grow spiritually through mindfulness and through Karma Yoga, which is based upon the Divine Plan for

an individual. The SSG teaches that God has a plan for every aspect of creation. So instead of planning out one's life, the SSG teaches that the Divine Plan already is and that we should fit into that aspect of the Plan which is meant specifically for us. When we pursue our own desires, we add to our personal karmic load and expand the web of karma. Thus, we increase our personal suffering and add to the suffering of creation of which we are a part.

The Wheel of Karma began when Lucifer chose to go his own way, because this is the point at which creation began to fall away from the Source of All Sources and diverged from the Divine Plan. Thus, the Wheel of Karma began even before spirit involved into matter. And ever since then, all of us who are pursuing our own dreams and desires are adding to and expanding the network of karma and increasing the magnitude of the Wheel of Karma.

Because thoughts are the source of actions, each thought that one dwells upon and remains attached to, leaves an impress on one's soul unless one empties it from one's consciousness while one is still physically alive. This is true whether or not one manifests the thought in words or actions. All the thoughts that we fill our human mind with, and which are not emptied out, eventually sink from the conscious plane of our human mind down to the subconscious and unconscious planes of the human mind. The unconscious plane of the human mind is the one that is closest to the mind of one's soul. So, at the time of death, thoughts which are in the unconscious plane of the human mind sink into and leave an impress on the mind of one's soul. These impressions on one's soul are what are referred to as "*Prarabdha Karmas*" in Vedic terminology. So long as a soul has these *Prarabdha Karmas* impressed upon it, it will have to be born repeatedly in the plane of matter. Unfortunately, instead of taking the opportunity provided by life to empty out these *Prarabdha Karmas*, almost all human beings add to the burden of the soul by creating fresh karmas that get impressed upon the soul.

According to the Vedic belief system, a soul has to take birth 8.4 million times before it finally purges all the *Prarabdha Karmas*. However according to Dr. Dinshah K. Mehta, this figure of 8.4 million births is not a standard number for every soul. Some souls are able to empty themselves of the *Prarabdha Karmas* in fewer lifetimes, whereas other souls remain bound to matter and have to be born 8.4 million times multiplied by 8.4 million ad infinitum. So, reincarnation in human form is a great opportunity for souls to empty themselves of all the impresses on them and grow beyond the earth plane unto the spiritual planes and eventually become one with God. Much of this will depend on the state of evolution of the soul that incarnates into a human form.

The quality of the soul that incarnates into a human fetus, depends very much on the consciousness of the parents before, during, and after the time of physical union. The consciousness of the mother during the gestation period also affects the vibration of the fetus in the womb. Together, these factors determine the quality of the soul that gets linked up with the fetus developing within the mother to be and incarnates through the child. So, if at the time of copulation, the minds of the parents are focused on creating

an opportunity for a higher soul to incarnate, then at the time of conception, it is more likely that a higher soul will be attracted to incarnate in that particular fetus. The SSG teaches that this is one of the reasons that the procreative instinct is a powerful tool that can be used to help create bodies of high vibrations through which souls that are at the point of getting liberated can incarnate and complete their journey of Life Eternal.

Reproduced below are two Scripts which reveal some of the mysteries of life.

THE SECRET OF LIFE

The secret of life is that there is no secret. It is however movement perpetual, movement from the infinite to definite and from definite to infinite. Further it is also movement from infinite to infinite and that movement is not conditioned ever. This is the highest state of movement in which condition does not exist. It is the state in which all that are and will be from all that has been ever and will be forever shall be and shall continue to be. This state of life is for none other than those who are free and have no condition of any nature to bind. But the life that is conditioned is the life that is created both in spiritual creation as well as material. Spiritual creations are free and yet bound down by the Spiritual laws, some more, some less, but all the same they are bound. Yet they are free in the sense that they are not conditioned to the extent that the material creation is conditioned. That which is *material creation is conditioned to the maximum limit and has no volition or freedom. It is this shackle that binds one down to a fairly perpetual state of rounds which, unless it is broken by conscious efforts or Grace, can never be snapped otherwise. It is for these bound down human beings that Masters are sent to show them the path of liberation and free them from the chains. Yet there are many who not only do not take that chance, but positively oppose the Masters who have been sent to save them from that suffering of rounds and suffering within rounds. For that purpose, the ground for another one has to be prepared soon by My servants.

(End of Script, received on December 13, 1955)

* In the above Script the words “**material creation**” refer to geological matter which is biologically lifeless but has spirit locked up within it.

To get some idea about the difference between spirit that is locked up in biologically lifeless matter and spirit linked to biological life forms kindly read the Script below titled “Ways of Worship”

WAYS OF WORSHIP

I create matter from Spirit that is Me and My Father. After that matter has evolved again to a certain stage, I permit a medium between matter and Spirit to manifest through it. That medium is life which is a reflection of Spirit in matter, but it is not pure Spirit. Further, in denser matter also, I allow at times manifestations of Spirit either in its native form or a form of life. Thus, even in matter as dense as stone, I permit either life or Spirit in one form or the other to manifest. This will explain the phenomenon of worship of an aspect of Me through matter. Actually, to a

worshipper with devotion, I reveal Myself as Spirit associated with it but not that Spirit that is Me locked up in it. Therefore, those whose inner eye is not developed see in the matter only a dead substance with or without form with their physical eye. But in the same, to those who have the inner eye to see, I reveal the life and at times the Spirit. When these express what they see in such matter and through it, others who cannot see ridicule them and dub them insane. These are in the majority and hence one who sees the Reality has perforce to dissociate from them and lead a secluded life. This is one reason why those who begin to see with the inner eye like to remain aloof. There are other reasons also.

(End of Script, received on May 22, 1955)

It is the effort of the spirit that is locked up within matter to once again merge with the Source from which it emanated that is forcing matter to evolve. Spirit locked up in biologically lifeless matter is conditioned to the maximum extent and has no volition whatsoever. Spirit that is not locked up in matter but is linked to biological life forms has some freedom through the limited free-will of the biological lifeform.

The degree to which free-will is limited in a biological life form depends upon the evolution of the life form. Thus, on Earth, the principle of free-will in plants is circumscribed more than the free-will that is available to insects, birds, animals, fish and reptiles etc. The principle of free-will in life forms that are lower than human is circumscribed by two main instincts which are the instinct of self-preservation and the instinct of pro-creation. The free-will of human beings is not circumscribed by these instincts and so they are able to pursue their desires which are contrary to the Divine Plan. When human beings use their free-will to satisfy their desires for thoughts, things and people which are linked to matter, they get bound to matter.

- Note: for a detailed discussion of Karma, refer to the book by Bahram Shahmardaan entitled: *Karma: Its Basis, Its Nature, Its Source How Karma Binds Us to the Cycles of Birth Life and Death How You Can Free Yourself From the Wheel of Karma.*