

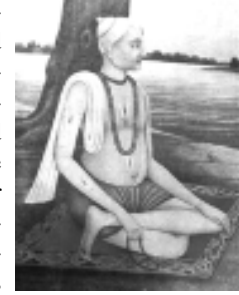
## Dhruva-Smriti

One day in 2009 Pradip-bhai (Shri Pradip Chattopadhyay of Shibpur, Howrah), a disciple-son of Sri Sri Baba - whom our Baba has imparted Kriya Yoga sadhana - paid a respectful visit to Sree Sree Maa at Akhanda Mahapeeth. During this period Sri Sri Mouni Taat Baba of Pushkar was also residing in the Ashram as an honoured guest. After some initial talk with Pradip-bhai, Sree Sree Maa advised him to go and have darshan of Sri Sri Taat Baba. When Sree Sree Maa went to serve food to Sri Sri Taat Baba, Pradip-bhai accompanied her to pay his obeisance. Following the conversation of Sree Sree Maa and Sri Sri Taat Baba, Pradip-bhai requested, “Maa, may I say something?” “Please go ahead”, said Sree Sree Maa. Pradip-bhai began in his typical soft and steady manner, “I have the handwriting of Sri Sri Baba. One day, Sri Sri Baba told me, ‘I am giving you something to keep carefully in your custody.’ Saying this, he wrote the following on a piece of paper - ‘Satyam Shivam Sundaram’ - and handed it over to me. I perform japa of that mantra even today. Maa, can you tell me why Sri Sri Baba wrote this for me?” Sree Sree Maa explained, “Sri Sri Baba is himself Satya-Shiva-Sundara and that is why he revealed his identity to you this way.”

However, Sree Sree Maa herself was not fully satisfied with this explanation, gauging that there must be a deeper truth behind Sri Sri Baba’s action. She began to think, “Really, why did Sri Sri Baba say this?” This thought began to haunt her sufficiently strongly to cause distraction during her japa. A while later, Sri Sri Baba himself appeared in his illuminated embodiment and sat before Sree Sree Maa. He said, “During that time, people who were around me had this constant question in their minds about who you (Sree Sree Maa) are? There would be regular discussions about you with them and me. That is why, when my inner ‘Dhruva-Smriti’ (Eternal-Memory) surfaced, I wrote those words and gave it to Pradip.” Sree Sree Maa questioned, “But what is so special about it?” “Have a look at Ramcharitmanas”, remarked Sri Sri Baba. Sree Sree Maa immediately opened the Ramcharitmanas, the magnum opus of Goswami Tulsidas. The short life sketch of Saint Tulsidas contained the following - “Under the directives of the Supreme Divine, Tulsidas-ji came to Kashi and recited the Ramcharitmanas before Lord Vishwanath and Maa Annapurna. At night he left the book behind in the temple of Lord Vishwanath. Next

morning when the cloth wrapping of the book was unfastened, it was found that the following was inscribed on the book - ‘Satyam Shivam Sundaram’ - along with a signature of Baba Vishwanath below!! At that time, the people present there also heard deep reverberations of ‘Satyam Shivam Sundaram’ all around!”

In connection with previous lives of our revered Sri Sri Baba, Sree Sree Maa would regularly mention, “Your Baba was ‘Saint Tulsidas’ . During that life also I was his wife and life-partner ‘Ratnavali’ . Later Sri Tulsidas did not pursue a normal family life, but he did meet Ratnavali. Ratnavali received diksha (spiritual initiation) from Tulsidas-ji and would serve him like one serves a Guru. It is through her inspiration and encouragement that Sri Tulsidas subsequently wrote other books among which ‘Parvati Mangal’ and ‘Vinay Patrika’ are pre-eminent. During my sadhana days, I have seen many incidents from the life of Goswami Tulsidas-ji.”



Goswami Sri Tulsidasji

The above incident provides clear indications that Sri Sri Baba was truly ‘Saint Tulsidas’ . Our lives have been blessed that we have, through their own grace received such glorious, towering spiritual personalities as our ‘Father and Mother’ .

In Sree Sree Maa’s own words, “In the life of Tulsidas-ji, ‘Ratna’ is a unique character. The source which sparked the arousal of the conscience to attain divine enlightenment in Tulsidas is ‘Ratna’ . But when Tulsidas became ‘Goswami’ , he forsook Ratna. There is no doubt that Ratna spent the rest of her life forlorn, dearly missing her beloved husband. None the less she did have a special kind of inner peace of mind. She was silently, deeply proud of the fact that her husband was such a great personality, revered all over. This reflected glory of a husband’s honour and greatness is a Sati’s (meaning virtuous wife)purified ego and pride. Joy and sorrow are a part and parcel of the journey that one undertakes when one descends on this earth. But among all this the essence lies in having inner peace of mind. Tulsidas was able to give this great gift of inner peace to Ratnavali.”

–Dr Barun Dutta, Her Blessed Child