

Quite often when in front of a tall building; we stand on the ground below and look at it; the building appears high. However, if we go to an airport in the same city, and look at the building from an aeroplane, it will look like a small toy. This however, does not mean that the building does not remain tall. Similarly, when we look at materialistic things, from the spiritual heights of God- knowledge, they look irrelevant, small and futile.

In the book '*The Master Speaks*' Satguru Baba Hardev Ji once stated; 'As a lotus flower does not get submerged in muddy water, while growing in it, it keeps its beauty. Similarly, while living in the world, don't run away from it rather, battle with it. Only people like this can salvage the world'.

Wars and disputes begin with a small act of hatred and malice. This results in bloodshed and destruction. Mankind has become somewhat divided. Small acts of terror show us that human beings are not following the correct path that was meant for them. Therefore, if we have loving thoughts and positiveness in our hearts then we can aim to unite humanity and spread the word of his Holy Master, Satguru Baba Hardev Ji.

There is a short parable from the '*Stream of Thoughts*' in which a man once found something glistening. He kept it with him with the thought that it was a valuable diamond. He started spending huge amounts and took loans from people. He thought that the value of the diamond would increase with the progression of time and he would be able to clear all his loans by selling the diamond.

Then one day he took the diamond to a Jeweller and wanted to know the value of it. The Jeweller examined the piece and said 'For this, I can give you two rupees'. The man said 'This is a diamond and you are only offering me 2 rupees?' The Jeweller replied 'I am paying because you have travelled all this way, otherwise I don't need this piece of glass.'

The man went to another Jeweller who also gave him the same reply. He then approached two or three other Jewellers but again, the response remained the same, he became upset and did not know what to do. The faces of all his creditors came to his mind. He was caught in a problem, he was in trouble.

Similarly if we value this world like a diamond, then the True Master (The Jeweller) explains that the mere value of this world and materialistic things, are insignificant. The true value of God Knowledge (divine light) is the company of saints, sewa, simran and satsang because they are the true diamonds in one's life.

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