The Master As Our Spiritual Guide...

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'I am the way, the truth, the life, none can cometh unto the father but by me' - Lord Jesus Christ

The following are some of the comments generated during the discussion:

Why do we see His Holiness Satguru Baba Hardev Ji as our spiritual guide?

We have trust in Him that He will be there for us...

We believe and KNOW that He holds knowledge for eternal salvation...

He teaches us humility, moral values and identifies the need for oneness around the world: 'religion unites, never divides'...

He doesn't just say He will show you light, He DOES show you light...

We can only experience Him when we follow Him and His teachings. This is the way He leads us to almighty god...

What would you say if asked what was special and different about His Holiness Satguru Baba Hardev Ji?

He is simplicity and purity...where else do you see universal brotherhood amongst people from different backgrounds...

He gives us the chance to learn about other religions and holy personages...

He is the only one who protects you in your darkest hour...

What personal experiences do you have of situations where He has been there for you or where you have felt His presence?

When dropping our son off at university in Germany, we struggled at a train station on the way home. Unable to speak German, we were unsure as to which train we should catch when all of a sudden we were approached by a couple who were able to guide us. When helping us, they explained that they had just said their goodbyes to their daughter who was going to study in Austria. Both couples received moral support from one another. The Master looks out for us, making sure that we are never alone, emotionally or physically.'

'Every week we have a spelling test at school and every week I end up cheating by copying another students answers. However one week I thought about what I was doing and decided to try and complete the test myself as cheating is wrong. When the scores were handed out, I got 19/20 on my own merit. The Master teaches us moral values and the importance of doing things for yourself'.

'When I was young, there was a wall in the PE blocks which students wrote on. There was one time where the room was empty and I felt like writing my name amongst those previously written by others. I was poised with my pen and was about to start when all of a sudden I felt a presence towering above me. I stopped and recognised that I was vandalising school property. Once the Master introduces us to Almighty God, we feel His presence all around us. He guides us and teaches us the difference between right and wrong'

'I decided to go swimming one evening and as I approached the counter to pay my money, the receptionist was busy and asked me to go for my swim and pay on my return. Throughout my swim I kept thinking how lucky I was that I had got away without paying. After the swim I decided to slip past reception thinking that I deserved a free swim, as I was a regular customer, however, my conscious took the better of me and I found myself at the counter with my wallet open. As I was about to pay my regular fee, my swimming partner stopped me and asked whether I had made a membership card. I stated no, and was immediately handed a form to complete. When registering the form on the computer, the receptionist asked whether I was a student or on benefits, I again replied no. All of a sudden, the receptionist stopped, started thinking and stated: I'm going to put you on student rate, which means that every time you come for a swim, you wont have to pay the full amount: only half of what you pay'. You can imagine the shock and guilt I felt. I learnt that honesty goes a long way, and there is more to be gained from being honest than being dishonest'

'I once had some urgent bank work that needed to be done and the only branch where I could get this done was in the city centre. I travelled to the city centre, approached the counter and asked the clerk for this particular service. I was told that they were no longer doing this for the day as the bank was approaching closing time. I explained that I had come a long way and needed these documents urgently and prayed that my job would be done. All of a sudden, the clerk took one look at me and went into the offices behind the counter. I watched as she approached with a manager who listened to my problem and immediately began processing my documents. Not only did the manager process my documents but gave me further special offers, which I had not envisaged! From this experience, I understood that we are never alone and all we need to do is 'tap into' God. He is there for us at all times and once we accept this and keep faith in Him, we will always come out as winners'.