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## On «Satyalok» - The dynastic Kriya-Yoga Shrine in Varanasi (India). Statue - The Giant Shiva-Linga (symbol of cosmic orgasm). Statues - Lahiri's (Shyamacharan, Tinkori, Satyacharan – greatgrandfather, grandfather and father of Shibendu Lahiri).

Satyalok is the live-temple; it is a laboratory wherein we learn to live and let live, to be open to life, to be in love with the most sacred whose sanctity is unfathomable. Here we are in actions of perception and not in the perpetuation of the protective mechanism of the mind which are obviously reactions. Here we do not encourage self-promotion or self-expansion under the pretext of self-realisation. We are not self-obsessed in the name of self-discovery. We do not indulge in subtle selfishness under the disguise of self-growth. We have here men in order, not men to order. We are organised, but we do not have any organisation, cult or sect. We have inspiration and motivation; but no institution, nor any motive.

We have surrendered, but there is no subservience. We are free absolutely and unconditionally. This freedom is not for us; but from us, that is, from our "I-ness". Here, "no-mind" is the energy of understanding. The petty mind with all its cravings, timidity, dependency and attachments; is not so important at Satvalok. There is peace here, not pacifiers of the spiritual market. There is tranquillity here, not tranquillisers of the drug market. Faith here is flame, not fetters. Vulnerability here is tremendous vitality. Belief here is not a bondage, nor a burden, not a bigotry, nor a battle; it is bliss, benediction and beauty at Satyalok. The Kriya-Yoga here is authentic; not authority-wielding, nor making any stupid and wild claims of the spiritual mall. The atmosphere here is calm and cool without any tendency towards publicity and propaganda. Satyalok is very lowprofile, almost incognito and anonymous. Here the separative consciousness (mind) generated by non-stop churning of thought, is blasted from time to time enabling us to have a glimpse of the "otherness". At Satyalok, we do not seek solace and satisfaction, nor we look for palliatives and postulates. We do not even seek God here ! All seeking and craving, all desires and demands perhaps come to an end in the energy of holy existence here. We ourselves become temples as our expectations are emptied, our hopes vanish into holiness, our seeking of redemption is renounced. At Satyalok, mind is only a measure of life, but "no-mind" is indeed the meaning of life.

Nine fundamental questions that we ask ourselves at Satyalok are :

- Is it possible to live without relying psychologically on any authority – external or even internal such as one's own experience ?

- Is it possible to exist without getting into the vicious circle of beliefs begetting experiences and experiences, in turn, strengthening beliefs?

- Is it true that a deep religious awareness has no belief-system whatsoever ?

- Is it possible to remain without a single image about one's own self or about others ?

- Is it alright to be free of all kinds of opinions or judgements or conclusions ?

- Is there a way of living where one is not available to hurt and flattery ?

- Is it possible not to allow images to interfere in relationships and to use images only for technical purposes such as for making houses, bridges, toys, aeroplanes etc.?

- Efforts with motives may lead to activities becoming catastrophe in due course of time, whereas actions without motives are indeed pure actions. Can there be a source of effort without any motive for power, possessions, positions and prominence ?

- Is there a way of living without such divisions in consciousness as are generated by religions, nations, sects, cults, groups, communities, ideals, utopias, doctrines etc.?

Kriya-Yoga (Swadhyay, Tapas, Ishwara Pranidhan) is understood at Satyalok in many of its facets as follows :

SWADHYAY
Pondering
Raja Yoga
Emergence
Chit
Introspection
Gyana Yoga
Creativity
Brahma
Fundamentals
Samkhya
Self-discovery
Exploration
Beginning
Discrimination
Consideration

TAPAS Practice Hatha Yoga Endurance Sat Intensification Karma Yoga Consolidation Vishnu Fortitude Yoga Service Endurance Building Diligence Confirmation

## ISHWARA PRANIDHAN

Perception Laya Yoga Ending Ananda Insight Bhakti Yoga Comprehension Maheshwara Freedom Vedanta Surrender Enlightenment Bliss Divinity Crescendo

Come to Satyalok : Lahiri dynastic temple And be transformed