

Dattatreya,

the Lord of Yoga who functions through the energies of the month of Sagittarius

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Dattatreya is an incarnation of the Second Logos who remains on this planet with the energies of the first, second and third rays together. The three heads represent the three primary rays which he represents.

In the ancient most times there was a request made by the seers of this planet that the Lord should be available physically on the planet, so that each time they pray they need not pray up to the cosmos. It is like having a post office in our town instead of going to the capital of the country for all purposes. For anything which is working in the capital we find its branches in the town.

So the trinity which is functioning in the cosmos was requested to be on the planet. That is the First, Second and Third Logos together to remain on the planet in a physical embodiment. That was the prayer of the great initiates of the ancient most times. In response of the prayers of the seers, the Lord has manifested himself, and he is the Lord with the three heads. The three heads represent the three energies, the first, second and third energy of the Logos. That means, from the same person there is the functioning of the will of cosmic dimension, the love of cosmic dimension, and the intelligent activity.

Lord Dattatreya has manifested via the great sun Sirius, which is called the “dog star”. This personification of the Lord is very mystifying. He remains amidst the planetary beings without being recognised except by initiates. He is the Lord of Yoga and functions through the energies of the month of Sagittarius. His birthday is conceived as the full moon of Sagittarius.

Since he has come about via the dog star, there are always dogs around him. Wherever he is, the dogs are attracted, and he gives his presence with the dogs, and he helps all those who have embarked upon the path of Yoga.

As I said, he mostly functions through mysticism. The tradition of Sai Baba is the tradition coming from him. Today the whole planet knows about Satya Sai Baba. He is one of the Avatars of Dattatreya. There are many Avatars of Dattatreya, and he simultaneously functions through many bodies. Their ways of doing things are not comprehensible, but they stimulate the Kundalini energies through their presence. The seed of Kundalini energy is in the upper half of the base centre which is represented by Sagittarius. That is why it is said that the abode of Lord Dattatreya is Sagittarius which is the centre from where the Kundalini rises.

Sagittarius is the beginning of the fourth quarter of the year. The fourth quarter of the year is considered spiritual. So, Dattatreya presides over the spiritual quarter of the year. He also presides over the spiritual part in the human being. From ancient most times, he has recruited people into the path of Yoga.

Lord Dattatreya is the three-fold energy of the grand Master whom we also invoke through the Sloka “*Gurur Brahma, Gurur Vishnuhu, Gurur Devo Maheshvaraha*”. The Guru is Dattatreya who initiates us as *Brahma*, as *Vishnu* and as *Shiva*. That means, he stimulates the will, the love and the intelligence, and he is verily the representative of *Parabrahma*. When we say “*Guru Sakshat Parambrahma*”, it means, “verily, this Guru who is threefold is also the *Parambrahma*, the absolute Lord”. So, we invoke his presence every time we start any spiritual practice.

This Sloka:

*Gurur Brahma, Gurur Vishnuhu
Gurur Devo Maheshvaraha
Gurur Sakshat Parambrahma
Tasmai Sri Gurave Namaha*

is basically addressing Lord Dattatreya. The Guru whom we know is a representative of Dattatreya. So, through every Guru, Lord Dattatreya functions to stimulate beings into the path of Yoga.

Before this Satya Sai Baba, there was Shirdi Sai Baba. Before him, there was another Sai Baba by name Akalkot Maharaj. Before him, there was another Sai Baba called Vasudeva Ananda, and before him, there was another by name Narasimha, and before him there was one Sri Padma. Like that, there are many manifestations of Dattatreya, because he resides on the planet and stimulates beings into Yoga. He is essentially the Lord of Yoga.

Our group will meet a manifestation of Lord Dattatreya during 18th, 19th and 20th of this month. He is one of the splendorous Avatars of Dattatreya. His name is Bhaktaraj Maharaj. He is coming to Visakhapatnam only to visit us. Last year, he came to me three times, and he said that he will come again, when this group is here. His presence bestows lots of bliss. His training is very peculiar. He puts people to heights of humour and also to suffer depth of anger, and he has strange ways of training the beings. One of our group members by name Inge Stegmüller, she is very deeply attracted towards him. Normally you would have seen her every time when you come, but now she is with him. This is because today this Dattatreya is conducting a big Guru Pooja in Central India. It is very pleasantly coincidental that we think of him when he is in the Guru Pooja today.

Our tour to South India was postponed till 21st only to enable us to see such a grand person. He lives very little in the body but he lives outside the body most of the time, and he also does not look to the bodies of the people. He only sees the light in us, the form does not exist to him, and with effort he looks at the form. To him it is natural to see the flame relating to us. According to the measure of the flame he responds. He does not look at the form at all, unless we draw his attention. He is now in a body of 74 years of age.

Another manifestation of Dattatreya you will see in Guru Poojas itself. He is young compared to the one of whom I have spoken now. He is about 49 years of age. We have proposed Master CVV award to him. He accepted with a smile. The previous one I spoke of, Bhaktaraj Maharaj, was one of power, love and intelligent activity, all three in one. The second one whom you will see in Guru Poojas is more of power than of love and intelligent activity.

On the full moon of Libra I happened to meet the younger one. I invited him to Visakhapatnam, but he immediately and powerfully responded: "Why should I come to Visakhapatnam? I am always with you, why should I come? I was with you, I am with you and I will be with you. So, why do you want me to come?" That is how he very ferociously asked me. I said, "That is true, but still it is a pleasure to receive you in this form." And suddenly he withdrew, like a flash he disappeared, while the body was still there. It is a phenomena to look at. When they see, they see through.

As I approached him with a group of people, I offered an apple to him. Having said like that "I was with you, I am with you, I will be with you and why should I therefore come", he started playing with the apple and withdrew from the environ. Suddenly he opened his eyes and told the group pointing out at me, "This is gold!" Like that there will be some flashes coming out but no regular speeches. Suddenly he moved the apple in such a way that it turned so precisely into two halves, as if vertically being cut with a knife

The tradition of Dattatreya is that they don't touch ladies; they don't even speak to ladies. When we performed Guru Pooja at the full moon of Libra, he bountifully blessed me, and when I was about to touch his feet, he hugged me. He said, "I am building a centre, you go and visit." They only give orders, no speeches. When I was visiting the centre, he telephoned and said, "How is the centre?" I made sure that I visited every part barefoot including the room where he will stay in future. He asked me, "How is my room?" I said, "It is very good." Then I told him that I am also building a centre similar to that near Visakhapatnam, and suddenly another flash comes, "I know you don't have to tell me."

Before we left the place, he told me, "I am coming to Guru Poojas to Visakhapatnam." You will see him on 13th January. His very form is mystifying. They have their own timetable. They don't follow any timetable. This manifestation of Dattatreya who is 49 years of age is a very full man, but he does not eat anything. He does not even drink. He stopped eating long ago, and he was only drinking coconut water for some years. Then he stopped drinking coconut water also. Just now and then he drinks some water, but if someone offers him food, and the person who offers him is very pure, he accepts food. Sometimes he even does not drink for months, because they don't live on food.

This is how the manifestations of Dattatreya are inexplicable. Their main object is to stimulate the yogic consciousness, and they also fulfil the personality requirements to alleviate the sufferings of the personality. So, the manifestation of Dattatreya is much more now than before through so many Masters of wisdom on the planet and through so many manifestations of his own. They have extra sensory perception of very high order. The one whom you will meet on Guru Poojas, he is much more blissful. If only you know the language he speaks, you forget everything about yourself, everything about your environment. The wisdom flows sometimes, love flows sometimes, anger flows sometimes.

The other Dattatreya, Bhaktaraj Maharaj, whom you will see on 18th, 19th and 20th, when he was a teenage, he was moving into the forests and playing with tigers. One day he told his mother, "There is something very interesting in the forest, would you like to see?" Then the mother said, "Yes, let me see, why this boy always goes into the forests." So, she accompanied him into the forest and as they moved into the deep forest of Central India, the tigers came as if dogs come to their owner. They started playing around him. The mother was shocked. Then the initiate said, "You don't have to worry about the tigers, they are my friends." The mother said, "Don't go further, they are not so very reliable. They are all man-eaters. The initiate said, "No, the human beings are man-eaters, not the tigers. The man eats much more a man than a tiger." This was his awareness even as a teenage. When his Master touched him and initiated him, he immediately went into a trance for seven days, and he experienced the bodiless state instantly. Today his situation is that he permeates in the air. He says, "Most of the time I don't live in this body, I live out of this body."

In the month of Libra, on the 11th moon phase, I was speaking about Dattatreya in one big congregation. I spoke up to 9:30 in the evening, and I returned home by 10 o'clock. As I was entering the house, there was a telephone call from Central India. It was the initiate. He said, "Congratulation" in Hindi. I answered, "Namaskarams" and asked him, "What for the congratulation?" He said, "What you spoke about Dattatreya is very, very appropriate. I felt so happy and therefore I am telephoning to you." That is how he permeates, and he told me what I spoke in the lecture: to be patient and to be alert in the spiritual path. He said, "These are the two important things that should be told to spiritual aspirants." I was really pleasantly touched by his precise expressions relating to what happened in the lecture. He does not believe so much in living inside the houses. He always prefers to live outside.

In the month of May in 1993, he came to our house Radhamadhavam and preferred to stay on a marble platform in the front of my house. Next day he asked, "Do you have any plans about this marble platform?" I told him that very soon I will install Krishna here. He said, "This is a very good idea." In September I have installed a small temple of Krishna in the frontage of my house,

and the initiate suddenly said to his followers, "Kumar has built Krishna's temple, I must go to Visakhapatnam." Suddenly he landed in Visakhapatnam with his followers.

If he wishes, he knows everything. Whatever is inside also, our thoughts, our actions, our past, everything he knows. This Dattatreya has a lot of emphasis on food. He is contrary to the other one who does not eat. He believes in eating much, and he also believes in feeding others heavily. He has his own techniques of healing and teaching. I happened to go to his ashram in September 1993, you all know that I take very little sweets, but this initiate throughout my stay in his ashram, he only gave sweets, and I used to eat without hesitation, because to me there is no fear of any sickness, while I respect some rules. When sweet after sweet he was feeding me, my family members got worried. So he said to my wife, "Don't worry, nothing will happen to him. Sweets will do no harm to him." So he went on feeding me sweets only.

One day in the very morning he came with three big sweets. Generally in the morning I am not hungry. To me breakfast is not an essential thing, and much less sweets. So, when he gave me three big sweets, I coolly went around and gave them to others. From that day onwards it was over. Next day morning he gave me six big sweets, and he said, "Three sweets for today and three sweets from yesterday. You did not eat them yesterday, and therefore you get them today from yesterday." I have eaten them. Especially in his presence, nothing happened.

When I was doing a water ritual in his ashram, I used a very big black Shiva Lingam that came from his place. I picked it up in a very sacred place and showed it to him. He was very happy and said, "It is very vibrant, and I congratulate you for having picked it up." He took it, looked at it and gave it to Sekhar. In the same place one of our group members also picked up a small Shiva Lingam. On the new moon of Virgo – we still stayed in the ashram of the initiate - the group member came to me with the Shiva Lingam and asked me that he would like to take this Shiva Lingam home after I do water ritual with it, and he also asked me, if I could do water ritual today, because it was a sacred day. Then I told the group member, "We are in the ashram and in the aura of the initiate. Here I do everything and anything according to his will. I do not do anything which is not his will. If it is his will, I will do it today, and if it is not, I will do it, when we go home." As I said this, just within one minute a messenger was sent to me, also a group member, who was told by the initiate that he wants me today especially to do water ritual. The messenger said, "He would like you to do it, because he wants his group to see how you do the water ritual."

One evening he sent me to a big group gathering which is more than 100 km from his place. He said, "You go and I will come later." I went. The group requested that I should speak about "the essence of wisdom". We wanted to start with the lecture, as soon as the initiate comes. We waited for half an hour and the initiate did not arrive. Then the organizer said, "You better start, Sir, he will come, whenever he likes." So I started, and I spoke for two hours. Just as I completed the lecture, he came, and he said, "Throughout my travel I was only listening to your lecture", and he was singing songs relating to what I spoke in the lecture. That was his permeation. When he was singing songs, among the group which came with me, there was one cousin of mine, and that cousin was to die by 1984 itself. Master EK was frequently telling me that he was concerned about the life of my cousin. In August 1983, when this cousin of mine met Master EK, the Master said, it may or may not be more than one year and we have to see, if he gets any help, because he was very young, younger than me by ten years. I knew this, and he survived and he continued.

In 1993, when we were with the initiate, this cousin of mine was also with us. So, when the initiate was singing songs, I was observing the group, and I also observed that cousin. Then I went back in my thought about the words of Master EK and how he overcame the event. When I was thinking in these lines, suddenly the initiate sang a song, "The one who is in the aura of Sai, the death fears to touch." He sang a song saying, how can death touch, when Sai is present." I thought it was a coincidence. After the song was over, he stopped for a while, looked at me, in fact he kept me by his side, when he was singing this song. After he had sung about death, he

said, "What, Parvathi Kumar, can death do, when Sai is there?" I smiled. Then he said, "What could do death to your cousin?" Directly he has confronted me with that which was in my mind and he said, "9 years ago he would have gone, but he came into the Sai's aura. Nothing can touch him." You really get thrilled, when there is such tangible direct functioning of the permeating consciousness. This is how they function.

On the day before we left, he gave very good saris to all the ladies of our group. Next day the ladies have put on the saris to take his blessings. Each one came and touched his feet. The wife of one of my brothers, who drew the attention of the initiate by saying, "Baba, please see, I have put on the sari that you have given." He looked at her saying, "What sari?" Then she repeated, "You gave a sari yesterday, and I have put it on today." Then after 30 seconds, he said, "Ah, it is good."

Then he told me – I was sitting by his side – "I don't even see bodies, where can I see saris? It took 30 seconds for me to come down and see the sari." He said, "Bodiless state is common to me. To get into the body is only, when it is very, very essential."

So, that is a manifestation of Dattatreya. They demonstrate the super consciousness so very easily.

When we lived one week with him, one night a group member asked me, "Who according to you is this man?" Then I told him that he is an Avatar of Dattatreya and I explained how Dattatreya functions. Next day morning when we went to the ashram for breakfast, he particularly called the questioner. "Do you know who I am? I am an Avatar of Dattatreya."

In our group there was a couple who were strong followers of Satya Sai Baba. They were attracted through my teachings and got a lot of inspiration when they listened to me. In fact this couple, single-handedly, was building the healing centre. My job was only to give ideas, and it was to him to build, the money was his, the land was his. So, since he found a lot of inspiration through my teachings, he also accompanied me to Central India to meet the Dattatreya. One night at 10 o'clock, the couple said, "Sir, we want to speak to you." I said, "Please, go ahead." The man said, "We are in great confusion. For 30 years we have followed Satya Sai Baba, and just 1 ½ years ago you came into our life. We are attracted to what you say, because what you speak is such a practical wisdom, we feel that we have to be with you. Now by virtue of my association with you, we have also come to know this initiate. Now when we close our eyes for meditation, there is a reeling, the image of Satya Sai Baba comes, CVV, EK and MN come, and now this man. What are we doing and where are we, and are we loyal to our Master Satya Sai Baba? And now we are very much attracted to this initiate."

Then I explained to him that it is only Satya Sai Baba who has put them to us. And it is only the will of Satya Sai Baba that prevailed on them to come and see the initiate. I also told them, "Satya Sai Baba is an Avatar of Dattatreya, and this initiate is also an Avatar of Dattatreya, and Satya Sai Baba is working at the macro level, and he has no facility to personally guide you. So it is the will of Satya Sai Baba that you should be guided by that initiate." I went on speaking till 2 o'clock in the morning. They felt at comfort, and the next day morning when we went to the ashram, the initiate called the couple and said, "Do you know who has sent you here?" They said, "We don't know. We think that we have come." Then the initiate said, "No, no, you are sent by Satya Sai. He has no time to guide you personally. So I have taken up the responsibility." It was so transparent and clear that the couple was fully satisfied.

There are so many events, and I just wanted to tell you how a manifestation of Dattatreya functions. When you eat some food, he feels your taste, and if you think that a little more salt should be added, the moment you think it, he immediately says, "Some more salt, please?" It happens so spontaneously. It is not to show up, but it happens very naturally. Their functioning is very mystical.

Dattatreya is the ancient most manifestation of the Lord on this planet, and he is available in the physical form, and he is the Teacher of Yoga on the planet, self instituted.

Then at the twilight of Dwapara and Kali Yuga Lord Krishna instituted another yoga school which functions through Gemini whose head is Lord Maitreya. Lord Maitreya functions through Gemini and Dattatreya functions through Sagittarius. Gemini and Sagittarius are opposite signs. Opposite is only apparently opposite. The opposing energies are really complementary to each other. They assist each other.

Krishna has instituted the opposing energy to complement the energy which is already functioning on the planet. Gemini full moon, as you all know, is the full moon of Maitreya, the Christ. Sagittarius full moon is known in India as the full moon of Dattatreya. In both names you have "atreya". Dattatreya (atreya) – Maitreya (Ma atreya). "Atrey" means "not three", "atreya" means "the product of not three". That means, it is the father/mother state, but not the son state even. So, he is the product of father/mother and therefore distributes power and love.

So, from one side, Maitreya, the Christ, and the Hierarchy are functioning to promote yogic consciousness on the planet only to supplement the work which is already carried out by Dattatreya. One functions through Gemini full moon, the other functions through Sagittarius full moon.

Lord Krishna himself says in Bhagavad Gita, "Among the monthly energies I am Sagittarius," meaning, that is the manifestation on the planet. Mostly the work of Dattatreya is very mysterious and no one can recognise a manifestation of Dattatreya. Neither matter nor mind attracts them. They don't see matter, and as they don't see matter, where is the question of seeing mind? Mind is the tool relating to the body. Buddhi (wisdom) is the implement or tool relating to the soul. They function with the light of the soul more than with the mind. They function directly from soul to soul, and hence mind does not exist, matter does not exist.

The keynote of their functioning is "no matter – "never mind". In supplementation to this you see the work of Maitreya, the Christ, and his disciples. They have a systematised approach which is comprehensible to the people who are stuck in matter and mind. So, the steps are more comprehensible in the Yoga Path of the Himalayan Masters. They follow the Patanjali Yoga where there are steps relating to matter, emotions, mind, Buddhi and then the soul. There are regular steps to reach the eighth state. The Masters give the steps to you and ask you to practise. You are the master of your own practice. You have to work with it. That means, you are given the plan and you are asked to work it out. Mostly mentally oriented people like it. Since most of humanity is becoming more and more mental, this method is more and more popular.

But there are also members in the human family who have implicit faith in some other. They surrender themselves to the One who knows, and the One who knows takes up the responsibility and works out everything for them. The path of Dattatreya is the path of surrender. Without doubt, such a person surrenders to his Master, and he totally accepts the Master, whatever he does, even nonsense. The Master keeps seeing, whether the fellow is surrendered or not, because the transformation is done only when there is total surrender. The test is one of surrender, and this is the only test.

People with mind cannot surrender. They prefer the eight-fold Path of Yoga. But there are others who dispense with their mind and identify with the Master. Then the Master resumes responsibility. This is a far ancient technique, where the Master only works on the egoistic nature of the person, and when the Master finds the follower in total surrender, the follower is transformed overnight. Just by a kick, a touch or by a look, the transformation happens. It happens like a flash.

If you go to such a Master and want to become his disciple, he will say, "Go and clean the toilet, and then come back. Till I tell you to do another thing keep cleaning the toilets only." It can be for a decade. The Masters of Dattatreya have their own means of training which are not

understandable. What makes people doing it is their implicit faith. So, faith is the keynote, and surrender is the way. That is their functioning. If they find you surrendered, they make you a son of God.

Then there is the new method coming from the beginning of Kali Yuga, where the man is given the technique and you work with it. The Teacher does not resume responsibility about the disciple's karma. He has to bear his own karma and work out the technique given in the books. Since he desires independence, the independence is given. So his own concept of independence will gradually die, as he ascends step after step in the Path of Yoga. His path has its own riddles, but also has its satisfaction by doing it on his own. He will also reach a point half of his way that his idea of independence is foolish. Then he will come in touch with a real Master and start following thereafter.

So, Maitreya and Dattatreya are the two that keep functioning on either side of the zodiac. Their meeting point is in Leo-Aquarius. That is what I wanted to project in that chapter. More and more there will be a LCM worked out between the axis of Gemini/ Sagittarius which will happen as Leo/Aquarius. If you see the Masters on the altar they belong either to Sagittarius, Gemini or to Leo, Aquarius. Leo is connected with Gemini in sextile aspect and is connected with Sagittarius in trine aspect. In Leo you find the disciples who are a happy blend of the two systems. They are systematic and also mystic. They are as much systematic as they are mystic, which is a happy blend. That is what I hinted in the book "Aquarian Master".

Now in the East the Sagittarius full moon has predominant importance and in the West the Gemini full moon. But in future it will be Leo full moon for all. This is one of the prophecies of Master Djwhal Khul. I tried to reveal a little more about that prophecy. So, for us, Leo full moon is very, very important, because we can experience the energies of Gemini full moon and Sagittarius full moon in one shot. The new full moon festival will be Leo full moon. From Gemini it moves to Leo, so also from Sagittarius to Leo.

This is a short, but long answer to the question relating to Dattatreya.