

THE CITY OF LORD SHIVA

He meditated for some time, seeking guidance from his Guru and the Archangels. He opened his eyes and raised his voice and exclaimed, “Aditi, I am acknowledging your power and appreciating your magnificence. You are a soul of light, inherently divine, capable of merging with the Higher Self.”

Aditi swallowed the lump that came in her throat as tears pricked the corner of her eyes. Her hair stood on end and her breathing momentarily stilled as she stared at him, wondering whether she had heard him correctly.

He smiled at her and explained, “The first word is acknowledgement. Aditi you have to admit to yourself that you are worthy and you have the power. The second word is appreciation and you have to like that about yourself. Most people feel shy when praised; they hide it or pretend that it doesn’t exist.”

Aditi lowered her eyes realizing the truth in his words. He continued, “The third word is magnificence because every soul of light is truly magnificent in his or her way. Power is simply acknowledging that you are worth it and you are an illuminated being of light. Lack of confidence is an imbalance of power.”

He paused for some time before continuing, “So a true leader is all powerful, but does not intimidate or exercise control over others. He wields command for the benefit of all, seeing the whole picture and the individual. His perception is not at the expense of the individual. However he sees the individual and the collective together, never ignoring the cry of one in the crowd.

“He does not apologize for what he does. He also listens and acknowledges when he makes a mistake. He will make mistakes because all human beings are prone to making mistakes. But he learns from that mistake rather than putting himself down or pretending that it did not happen. He admits it and moves forward. So, Aditi, it is vital for you to experience this power and remain in balance. I want to inspire you to practice living meditation.”

He laughed at her shocked face and wryly admitted, “Well, I guess that I did get quite carried away, but I am sure that you got the point. In

reality your guardian Angels and the spiritual guides were speaking to you, through me. Please listen to their words of wisdom!”

Aditi replied in an awestruck voice, “Your voice sounded so different! I have never heard you speak this way before. I mean, you have literally talked me out of my doubts and misapprehensions. Thank you, thank you, really. I suppose that I needed this assurance from you to get some confidence.”

With a beatific smile, he continued with his inspiring explanation, “Each day draws to an end as a gentle reminder of time and minutes tick away. We have to inevitably bow down to the presence of time controlling our lives. We have to master the art of attaining timelessness, which propels us into another dimension of time and space.

“I have to go where my karmic debts take me and neither my arrival nor my departure is in my hands. It is advisable for us to play the role of the eternal witness in the drama of evolution and learn the lessons which life offers.”

He smilingly added, “I have to continue my path in accordance with my karmic bank balance. Aditi, even if I wanted to stay longer, my destiny would not have allowed it. In my life, I have always been guided by my Guru, the Archangels, the spiritual guides and the voice of the scriptures.”