



What we see in our mirror or in photographs is our physical form. The limitation being the scope of vision through our eyes. Are there some aspects to our form that we cannot see? What lies beyond our limited vision? It's time to explore

Form and Formlessness

To be interested in and understand someone's life, there must be a message or learning to be derived from that effort. Only when such a story can transform attitudes with the inculcation of new attributes, can it be considered life changing.

Gurudev's story begins closer to ground zero but progresses to the pinnacle of human attainment, becoming a series of benchmarks of human aspiration, particularly in the realm of metaphysics.

If this series of podcasts about Gurudev can inspire you to evolve a few notches upwards, then, they are true 'sounds of silence'. Those who are destined to, will listen to the messages embedded in them, and work towards changing their nature to what might seem difficult but not impossible - a supemature.

Let Gurudev's biography be a torch and his life a potential path. Try to get his blessings to manifest and become a conduit to a changing form-an inner invisible form. A transformation from inner ugliness to inner beauty.

Let him be our spiritual surgeon!

Let's begin by examining the multiple forms that a human being is made of. One is the form you see physically. The other is the *suksham sharir* or the spirit body, which is normally seen in the dream state, and on a few occasions through open eyes when one is in a psychic frame of mind.

The third form of a person is the self-reflection of one's *guna* mix. In simple words, *gunas* are the subtle energies that express themselves as attitudes and attributes of everything. They are the type of *Prakriti* also known as creative energy or *Shakti* namely *Tamas*, *Rajas* and *Sattva*. *Tamas* stands for inertia, *Rajas* for dynamism and activity, and *Sattva* for minimalism and higher thinking.

A person's *guna*-form is not visible to the human eye and can be seen either through the *divya Drishti* or the third eye. or in the dream state. If this sounds mysterious, it certainly is.

I've pondered on why so many people saw Gurudev in the perceived *Shiv Roop*. Was it mere *dharmic* or religious conjecture? Was it pre-conditioning to the fact that we had all heard that Gurudev was a *shishya* or disciple of Shiv? Besides, there were photos of Shankar, a manifestation of Shiv, in our sthans which are centres of help and healing that Gurudev set up.

Shiv is not a definable form. It is that level of consciousness where one identifies with the supreme power and does not look at oneself as an identified particle. Its physical representation is the *Shiv Lingam*.

Many people saw, and some continue to see, Gurudev in the shiv *roop* in their dreams, visions, and occasionally with eyes wide open.

Even though the conversations in this podcast are a very small peek into his supernature, I wanted to piece together the jigsaw puzzle for you to see the graphic that was him.

Let's head to Kanpur to meet Surrender ji and his sister Rajalakshmi, affectionately called Guddan. They run a sthan there.

Q: Did you have any dreams related to Gurudev which you want to share?

Rajalakshmi ji: It had just been a few days, rather a few years since we had started coming to Guruji. I had a dream that my father's health had deteriorated suddenly. He was lying down. So, we were looking everywhere for Guruji, "Where is guruji? Where is guruji?" Someone told us to look for him at a particular place. I remember it clearly even today. I went to look for Guruji. So, when I peeked inside the place where the person had told me to look for him, I saw Lord Shankar instead of Guruji. Guruji and Lord Shankar's forms were inter-changing. I saw this many times.

Ravi Trehan ji is a senior disciple of Gurudev from Delhi and runs a sthan at Kirti Nagar. His experience of seeing Gurudev's form was worth recording.

Ravi ji: I saw a cave inside which there was a lamp-holder from which light was emanating. There were some kinds of bars in the lamp holder, vertical bars of iron. Light was streaming through those bars. Guruji was sitting on the floor of the cave—like how it is depicted in the pictures of the form of Shiv--seated on tiger skin, with a snake around his throat and arms, and a *trishul* fixed nearby. He had ash rubbed all over his body, but

the face of Guruji. Everything else was that of Lord Shiva but the face was of Guruji. I had asked him 2-3 days before, “Guruji, show me what you really are. Who are you? You aren’t who you appear to be. And as our relationship has extended over many ages and lives, I want to know what you are. I want to see your real form.” The next day, when I’d gone to meet him, I didn’t say anything. I didn’t share my experience with him but when he saw me, he put a finger on his lips and indicated that I should keep quiet about the experience, basically indicating that now that you’ve seen it, don’t talk about it, otherwise your spiritual growth will be impeded. I didn’t even share it with him and yet, he said those words.

What you will hear next is an experience not even found in the scriptures. In his early years, Gurudev had to offer proof of his supernature to his new recruits. In this story, the recruits are Team Jwalaji. The location--Shivpuri in Gurgaon where Gurudev lived in the early 70’s.

Shambhu ji and Ram Nath ji from Himachal Pradesh came to visit Gurudev. He had initiated them into seva at his camp at Kathog. On Shambhu ji’s insistence, Gurudev opened his third eye or *divya drishti* to give him a glimpse of a separate reality and this was more than what Shambhu ji could bear.

His son, Pappu Pahadia, recounts the story he heard from his father.

Pappu ji: All of them used to sleep on the terrace at night. They were seated on the terrace when the subject came up.

Q: About what?

Pappu ji: About the subject of *divya drishti* (third eye).

(OK)

Ramnath ji said that the stories of the five-faced form of Shiv were nothing but make believe. So, my father (Shambhu ji) said, “Don’t say things like this. These things do exist.” Ramnath ji said, “But I have never seen or felt it.” Guruji who was present there started laughing while hearing the conversation. He signalled that he would have to show Ramnath ji. After a while everyone slept but in the morning at around 4 am, someone started banging on the entrance gate. This happened in Shivpuri. Guruji woke up and told my father, “Go and see who is at the door.” Ramnath ji also woke up. When my father went to check, he saw a person whose face was so terrifying that it was like staring at a devil’s face. My father got scared looking at him and he rushed back inside. Even Ramnath ji came down and he too saw the same scene. He also got scared. In the

meantime, Guruji came down from the terrace and went to his room. It was in the room that they saw Guruji's five-faced form. It was in the room that they saw that *roop*. Though, my father was aware of such things. Ramnath ji got scared. Guruji sensed this and came back to his normal form and closed their *divya drishti*.

Raj Kapoor ji who was in the room at that time and witness to this whole scene, remembers the story quite vividly but a bit differently.

Raj Kapoor ji: So, it was like this, we went to meet Gurudev. We went for the first time around 2-3 days after Guru Purnima and then again. Shambhu ji, who belonged to the family of priests and hailed from Jwalaji in Himachal, was there. He was given an extension of life of five years by guruji when the latter had visited Himachal Pradesh. He had given him 5 years saying, "Son, your life was over. So, I gave you five more years." He was in a very bad state. Shambhu ji was there, so he asked, "Guruji, the five heads....," this happened at Shivpuri, "Guruji, how is it possible?" Guruji replied, "That is right. There are five heads. There's no doubt about that." So, Shambhu ji said, "Guruji, please show me the five heads." Guruji said, "Son, you won't be able to bear the sight of them. So, you can decide – do you want the extension of five years or do you want to see the five heads?" Shambhu ji said, "Show me the five heads. My life, whatever the extension is, you can reverse that."

What happened was Gurudev showed Shambhu ji his five headed form and Shambhu ji fainted. We were standing there but no one other than Shambhu ji saw it. Only Shambhu ji saw it and he fainted. Guruji revived him with *jal chittas*. After that guruji left the room. So, we asked Shambhu ji what happened. He said guruji transformed into a form with five faces. Guruji had said he will have to undo the extension of life if Shambhu ji saw the five faces but he was so generous, he again gave him five years and Shambhu ji died in the late 80s after living out the five years that had been given to him.

Q: How did Shambhu ji describe that five headed form of Gurudev?

Raj Kapoor ji: He said he couldn't tolerate what he saw. He said, "There was so much light in the form, and the heads were so big, I couldn't tolerate it." And seeing it, he fainted. And Gurudev said, "Son, in order to handle this, you need a lot of *shakti* (power) to see this." He gave an example as well. He said, "If you are looking at a light and it is of high wattage and of great power, you cannot see the light."

Shambhu ji's story is a mind opener.

Let us shift the bioscope to other forms that people can have, that Gurudev did have, and you could.

To put it in jest, Gurudev was a man of deceptive appearances. He looked like an ordinary, good-looking man, and everything about him was deceptively normal. When people spoke to him, they could sense a slightly different vibration. But unfortunately, he did not have wings like the angels do. Nor did he have a visible halo like the *devtas* do.

When he chose to, he could give an appearance that was not normal or human. Some saw him in the Shiv *roop*. Some like Suresh Kohli from Sunet saw him as a graphic on the wall, and Kwatra ji saw him in his light form. He shares the experience next.

Kwatra ji: It was the day before Maha Shivratri. It was around 3 o'clock in the morning. And at 3 o'clock what do I see - I had gone to sthan and there was a very long queue. People were standing in a long queue waiting for a divine glimpse of the guru. When it was my turn, I went inside. When I entered, there were two people standing there. One of them was asking the people to hurry up. He was saying, "*Matha teko* (bow your head) and move on. *Matha teko* and move on." But I kept standing. He virtually pulled me by the arm and repeated, "*Matha teko* and move on." I said, "I will not go like this. I will not do what the public is doing. I will pay my respects in my own way." Guruji said, "Yes, son you have come?"

I said, "Yes guruji, but I will not touch your feet like this. You will have to first assure me that you are my guru, and only then will I bow at your feet, when you make me believe that you are my guru." Then he said, "Alright, son." He crossed his legs and sat in *padam asana*. He sat in *padam asana* and lifted his hands. The moment he raised his hands, even today when I think of this incident, I get goosebumps. It was such dazzling light, like hundreds of suns have risen. There was so much of light that I could not tolerate it. I fell at his feet. When I fell at his feet, he kept both his hands on my head. I don't recall how long I was lying at his feet or what happened during that time. But I when I woke up, I could only see light all around. I took his blessings and came back. I am talking of this instance which happened sometime in 1980 or 81.

Many, many great saints have showcased themselves in their *viraat roop* which is approximately 20 feet high. Krishna did it in the *Mahabharat*, and Augarh did it in Gurudev's home. But I've never heard of a saint going from 5 feet 8 inches to 3 or 4 feet in a reverse manner. But being able to materialise and dematerialise his body, Gurudev had these capabilities. And Gupta ji was a witness!

Gupta ji has been a disciple of Gurudev for decades and currently runs a sthan at Parwanoo in Himachal Pradesh. He is a very popular man but a very simple man. People who visit his sthan swear by him and his caring nature.

Gupta ji: We came from Noorpur. Guruji went to a farm which was nearby. He was staying there. We were standing outside the farm while Guruji was inside. There we saw Guruji in as a short man.

Q: Ji

Gupta ji: While Guruji was in the hall at the farm, we saw him through the glass. We saw him as a man who was short.

Q: What was his height?

Gupta ji: Must be 3 – 4 ft in height.

Q: So, you saw him with your open eyes?

Gupta ji: Yes. We saw this from afar, but we didn't meet as he was not meeting us. This is what we saw.

Ravi Trehan ji recalls an interesting incident, the subject of which is Bilocation.

Ravi ji: He could be physically present at more than one place at the same time. So, it's a matter of -- you reach a particular level when you are able to materialize or dematerialize yourself. There are loads of such instances about Guruji like in Nagpur where he was sitting outside during a camp and people were sitting with him in the park outside. Suddenly, Guruji sensed that he was about to get a very important call. He entered the room to receive it, even though the room was locked from outside. And one person from the group started going to the first floor and saw Guruji was sitting inside the room, talking on the telephone, when he had just left him outside. How can that person be present at two places? Guruji saw him and called him to explain, to tell him that he is not to tell anyone about this.

Q: And then?

Ravi ji: Somehow it leaked out, it leaked out. And second thing, this was around the time when Guruji met one person in his office and another person met Guruji at your farm. The difference was hardly five to ten minutes. How could he be present at two different places at the same time? So, he knew the art. He had acquired that power of materializing or dematerializing himself.

Q: Did he ever refer to it or is it conjecture on our part?

Ravi ji: No, not conjecture—he'd smiled when we asked, "How can this happen Guruji-- that someone met you in the office, and within ten minutes someone else met you at the farm?" Guruji just smiled. I mean, he admitted, he accepted it, but he didn't elaborate, but he accepted it.

KL Bakshi has been around for a long time and does seva at the Najafgarh sthan adjacent to Gurudev's samadhi. He shares a mind-boggling experience. It's not a tale of two cities, it's a tale of two continents.

Bakshi ji: There was a Wing Commander named...I have forgotten his name. He lived in Gurgaon.

Q: Verma.

Bakshi ji: Yes, Wing Commander Verma. His son-in-law who lives in London...

Q: Sunil.

Bakshi ji: Huh?

Q: Sunil Ghai.

Bakshi ji: Sunil. Sunil Ghai. He called me and said, "Bakshi ji, Guruji has come to my shop. Whom is he staying with?" I said "What are you saying? Guruji is sitting here with me. You are telling me that he is in London?" He said, "He had come but he was angry and left."

This conversation took place between Sunil who lives in London and Bakshi ji seated with Gurudev at the sthan in Gurgaon. The time difference between Sunil's sighting of Gurudev in London and Bakshi ji's meeting Gurudev in Gurgaon was probably a few minutes.

Apparently, in this kind of travel, visas aren't an issue.

Dr Shankar Narayan was another witness to Gurudev's bilocation. Bewilderment, its by-product.

On one occasion, Gurudev sent Dr Shankar Narayan to visit a temple on a hilltop which was established by Adi Shankaracharya or so the legend goes. After spending some time there doing his mantras, he exited the temple to find Gurudev standing in the distance. When he reached the office, he saw Gurudev was there and had not left the office. No rocket, no helicopter, no sports car. Just bilocation.

Q: Have you ever seen any form of him, or have you ever seen him in your dreams or visions?

Shankar Narayan ji: Yes, I will tell you one thing. He said, “Doctor *Saab*, there is a hill and there is a Shiv temple on that hill. People say that the *shivling* there was established by Shankaracharya.” So, I went to that temple and sat there and did the Mahamrityunjay *jaap*. When I left, I saw Guruji standing in front of the temple.

Q: Was he there?

Shankar Narayan ji: He was standing but at a distance. When I came out from the temple, I saw him standing there. But, Guruji was actually in the other office. I told Guruji about this. Guruji asked, “What is the big deal? So what?” He said, “Why are you so scared all the time?” He asked me, “Why are you afraid all the time?”

Yoga introduces a concept called *nirman kaya*. It is a form created by internalising energy into a graphic of oneself sitting in a particular asana, and then using mantras to mould that energy into an energy body that looks identical to its physical one. I might want to call this playing the role of Brahma within.

Ancient advanced yogis created *nirman kayas* to help them live out their karmas simultaneously with their physical ones. This helped them achieve much more productivity than using only their physical forms. As this is theory and only found in yoga manuals, I am trying to connect the dots and conjecture that Gurudev’s bilocation may have been something similar.

Many of his disciples have also been seen where they were not. The fact that this is a statement that describes multiple experiences shows that the skill and science is known to many even if they are not conscious of it at a physical level.

I do have a *nirman kaya*, but I have no conscious awareness of it. It appears in people's dreams and visions and solves their issues. It has also given them mantras which I have never heard of. We are fast friends for sure, but I guess invisible ones.

Ashish ji, who does seva at the sthan in Gopigunj, saw his Guru, one of Gurudev’s disciples, at a restaurant in Goa while his Guru was physically present in another city.

Ashish ji: I had gone for a holiday with my brother to Goa. This was about 3 or 4 months after I had started coming to the sthan. There we were at a hotel called Lemon Tree. We

came to have lunch, and while sitting at the table, my brother asked me, “What do you want to order?” I said, “What do you say?” He said, “Take the advice from the waiter.” We asked him and he advised us to take prawns. So, while ordering the prawns, my brother said, “I don’t know why I am getting a stomach-ache. I’ll use the restroom. I’ll go and come back in 10 minutes. In the meantime, you order.” So, he left, and I was ordering prawns and was going through the menu. The minute I kept the menu down on the table, I see my Guru sitting right across. So, it was a shock to me. Obviously, I greeted him, and he said, “How come you are here?” I explained “I came for some work with my brother. It was both work as well as holiday.” So, he said, “Ok. You are ordering food and I believe the food is very good here.” So, I said “*Ji*, we just ordered some prawns.” He smiled at me, and there and then we just had two other words to speak and he said, “Ok, I have to take your leave.” And he left. Obviously, in excitement I called up a Guru *bhai* of mine in Bombay. So, I shared with him, “You know what? I just met our Guru. He was right here.” He laughed. I asked, “Why are you laughing?” He said, “Ashish, I have just come out from his office two minutes back. He’s in Bombay.” I said, “What are you talking? I just met him. We spoke and he just left.” So, by the time I’m talking, obviously I got up again in shock from my chair. I tried to go out to see where he went. Obviously, I could not find him. And that whole incident just made me cold for ten minutes, and I just couldn’t get myself back to understand what just happened. So, I learned 2 or 3 things in this which I would love to share. First, that obviously as we said that he was at two different places at the same time. Second, about those prawns and why I’m mentioning that, it just happened that I had given up eating prawns. I had decided that I would quit seafood and that was the reminder maybe that I had quit seafood. And third, that was the day I totally realized and decided that I was going to completely surrender to my Guru. It was my complete surrender to my Guru.

Many of my guru *bhais* have also been seen by their disciples at two different locations.

Raj Kapoor ji, who was witness to Shambhu ji’s experience of seeing Gurudev’s five-headed form, and his brother, Nanak Chand ji, have been associated with the sthan for decades. Do listen to one more story of bilocation.

Raj Kapoor ji: In fact, the thing was that, sometimes, he used to appear in the form of his disciples in two places at the same time.

Q: Ok

Raj Kapoor ji: One of them was my Nanak *bhaisaheb* (elder brother) who has passed on. He would say, “I did not go to that person’s house.” Once, it happened with me too. A

lady from Vasant Vihar said, “You had come to my house” But I never visited her house. All this was done by Guruji. He went in the form of his disciples and he did this. So, Nanak *Bhaisaheb* and I, we both, had a similar experience.

Though Raj Kapoor ji is a person who justifies the phrase of still waters run deep, he is also soft spoken and that’s not a great quality to have for an audio recording. So, I just wanted to explain what he said. He was talking about how some of the people whom he had done seva for, saw him and his elder brother, Nanak Chand ji, at places where they were not.

Virender ji is a retired judge from Haryana who is mentioned in the Brighu Samhita which was written thousands and thousands of years ago by Rishi Brighu. To put it in humour- can fame have such longevity?

His experiences are many and well-articulated. Almost like the dictation of a judge’s order.

Q: You had some interesting experiences about *nirman kaya*. What were the kind of experiences along with names if you can share that actually verified *nirman kaya* to you?

Virender ji: When I met guruji for the first time in 1984, to be precise on 16th of April 1984, he instantly took me as a disciple and he started calling me that, “You are a Guru.” Something which I didn’t understand at that time and he asked me to do seva. And as I kept on meeting him on a very regular basis, say within a weeks’ time or ten days’ time, I would go and meet him. He was so gracious and so kind to me. So, one day he told me “I’m going to create two of you. One will be working at the court,” I was a judicial officer, I was a judge at that time, “and the other will stay with me. He will work with me”. I would hear these things, feel very happy about these things but I would not understand them. They were beyond my comprehension at that time. Then one day, Dr Jaising Kharap and his wife Krishna--I was in Rohtak at that time, it was 1988 to be precise--they walked down and said, “Why were you walking so fast in the morning? Where were you going? We called you but you didn’t respond.” I asked, “What time?” They said, “6 am.” I said, “I was doing my prayers at the time in my house. Must be somebody else.” They said, “No, it was you. You crossed in front of our gate when we were standing outside.” I had the habit of trying to push these experiences to the back of my head. After a month or so, another incident happened. In the morning, at my residence, was this person called Bhan Singh, to share a cup of tea with me at about 8 am. So, I said, “Choudhary *Saab*, how are you here?” He asked, “You told me to come over to your residence and have a cup of tea with you at around 8 am.” I asked, “Then,

what time did I come?” He said, “It was about 6 am.” Then, I went to Guruji and asked him about this. He said, “I have already told you that I’ll create two out of you.” Those are the two experiences which I vividly remember.

Being present at two places but receiving only one salary - can we call that fair to the judge? I guess the good news is that Virender ji did not have to pay taxes for his #2.

The story next is one of bilocation not by presence but by absence. Shri Krishna Deolekar, a resident of Mumbai, shares his story.

Shri Krishna ji: One day, Guruji called me from my house and I reached Gurgaon. Once I reached Gurgaon, Guruji called me to his room. This was around 2 p.m. in the afternoon. “Son, do seva.” I didn’t even know. After 14 days, Guruji told me, “Son, now you can return to Bombay.” I said “Guruji, I didn’t inform anyone in my office. I came in hurriedly to meet you here.” He said “Oh! Don’t worry. I’m here so you don’t have to worry about anything.” After that, I completely forgot about it.

Q: And when you came back?

Shri Krishna ji: When I came back, I fearfully returned to office and saw that no one spoke to me about my absence in the office. Even when I went to the canteen, no one asked me anything which was strange because the canteen people would be around us at work. And the card was at my desk. Normally, if someone comes late, then they don’t give the card to them. The person must go and collect it from the personnel department. But my card was there. When I punched in and went inside, no one from the personal department asked me anything and they always come to know if the person is present or absent for 2 to 3 days. Later, they didn’t ask me anything nor did I fill any form. Even, I kept quiet. I didn’t talk to anyone about it. I was surprised to see that no one is talking to me about my absence. Nor the personal department neither anyone else from the office. It was like, I was in Gurgaon and here too. Later, I even got my salary. No one came to know what had happened.

Being absent in a well-structured organisation like Burroughs Wellcome, an international giant, and not being found out was possibly because, either, people saw him a few times as they normally did at their job, or their minds were blanked out to his absence.

Whichever. It is a story of interest.

I’m not sure which is more difficult to swallow-Bilocation or Invisibility?

Gurudev practiced both, and blatantly.

Yoga accepts the fact that advanced yogis can make themselves invisible by creating an energy circle around themselves that will not allow normal people to see them.

Though Gurudev never taught us how to do this, I noticed that when he had taken me to a famous temple called Badrinath, he waited outside and asked me to go and give a hug to the temple's deity. I was new and inexperienced, so felt it was blasphemous, and therefore forced him to accompany me. There were huge lines which were being controlled by the temple priests. Both of us walked right through and no one looked at us or stopped us. We entered and exited unnoticed.

Bindu Lalwani took up seva as a very sincere part of her spiritual curriculum. She recalls two experiences her father shared with her.

Bindu ji: So, once what happened is that Papaji and Guruji went from Guruji's office at Connaught place to Sector 7 in Gurgaon. There was a huge crowd of people waiting to meet Guruji. So, my father said, "Guruji, it will take us a couple of hours to reach your room, there are so many people waiting". Guruji said, "Son, they will stop me only if they recognize me." Papaji said, "Guruji, how will they not recognise you? You will pass in front of them, then they will recognise you. They are waiting for you." Then, Guruji got out of the car and he started walking towards the gate and he entered their house in front of all those people with Papaji in tow and no one recognised him. Not one person, and they went straight to his room. So, not only could he make himself invisible, like completely invisible, but he also did the same thing for anybody who accompanied him. This was way back in 80's.

And a very similar thing happened when Guruji and Papaji were in Srinagar and their car broke down, and they needed an auto part. They went to the spare parts shop close by. There was a big *roop* (image) of Guruji and the owner of the shop was lighting *dhoop*. My dad whispered to Guruji, "Guruji he is lighting *dhoop* in front of your *roop*. He won't let you pay for your auto parts," knowing that Guruji won't buy anything if he can't pay for it.

Guruji said, "Don't worry about it," with the same simplicity. And would you believe, this man turned around and he asked, "What do you want? How can I help you?" And Guruji actually bought the auto parts, paid him and they left. The man did not recognise papa and Guruji.

Some of the supernatural acts that happened through him were with his full knowledge. Sometimes, similar experiences happened to downlines but without their conscious awareness. I do not know why but here is an incident that proves the point.

Ashish ji goes to an uncommon place in Kazakhstan and has an experience uncommon to logic. May be not easy to believe but then spiritual power is not a common man's meal to digest. To believe or not to believe, that is the question.

Your question!

Q: So, Ashish ji, you had once mentioned to me that you were in Kazakhstan, people could not capture you in photographs and while they could see you but were not captured in photographs. It sounds very dramatic. Did it really happen?

Ashish ji: Yes, there's a place in Kazakhstan, it's an hour drive from the main city. There's a lake there. We had gone with few friends and when we stopped the car at the top of the mountain and we got out...After I got out, in just about 4, 5 minutes, I felt double, triple, my size, in my gut, in my feelings. I became huge and powerful and my behaviour and my talk was, obviously, much funnier to my friends and my wife, she was with me and all of us there. And I started behaving as if I was the most powerful person all around, and I felt these were just, you know, just small people all around. They were clicking pictures and I told my friend in a very funny way, in a giant way, that, "Please don't!" like that. That "Don't click me". And then when he clicked me, and later when we saw that picture, it was only below my waist. Nothing above my waist could be seen. It was blank. The picture did not come above my waist, it's very difficult to explain the power and what I felt there.

Q: So, this place, now was this a very significant place where you had gone to or was it somewhere in the middle of a street?

Ashish ji: The interpreter who was with us, I asked a few questions about the place, what's so great about the place? So, she explained to us that there were many people who come there to meditate. She said, "I don't know why, but many spiritual people try to come here to feel this air". So, which maybe I also felt -- there was some energy or there was something in the air. And why I don't know because I just wanted to be alone, and not to be around...that was another funny part, I wanted to be left alone. As if, when you breathe air, I wanted to breathe more and more of that energy. I was enjoying it. It didn't happen once. There was another picture, where a friend of mine was with me and trying to click and, in that picture again, I was invisible.

Kanika Khanna, Ashish ji's wife adds testimony to his experience.

Q: Kanika, I was told by your husband, Ashish, that there was a very interesting experience at Almaty, Kazakhstan, when he almost disappeared from view, now is this correct?

Kanika ji: Yes, it is correct. And this was around, as far as I could recall, around 3 or 4 years back. We were visiting Almaty with couple of friends. One of the days, we had gone sightseeing to this frozen lake. We were getting a lot of pictures clicked, and towards the end of it, we happened to sit on a rock. Ashish was sitting there, and he seemed to be – actually, yes, now I can remember--he seemed to be thinking about something as well. He seemed a little lost. And I insisted we get a picture clicked, the last of the lot before we left the place, and he didn't seem too keen on getting clicked. When I clicked the picture, and we sat back in our car and drove back to the hotel, and later on when I was going through the photo library on my phone, this one particular picture Ashish, his body, shoulder above, wasn't there. It was a headless picture.

Q: So, he was visible to you but not in the picture?

Kanika ji: Yes, while getting clicked, he was sitting right next to me. So, he was very much visible.

Asha Sekhri is a lady who has had great faith in Gurudev for over 40 years. The story next is of her daughter's wedding in the 80's.

One bride and two miracles?

That was his contribution.

- 1) He visits the bride at her wedding home on the wedding day, and no one finds out.**
- 2) He shows up in Oslo, Norway in astral form years later to ensure her protection.**

Believable? Unbelievable?

Hang in there!

Asha Sekhri ji: It was my daughter's wedding. Her in-laws were from Norway and this match was finalized by Guruji himself. I had already said that till the time Guruji doesn't approve, we won't go ahead with solemnizing this relationship. Guruji had said this boy is suitable for us and that the marriage was destined. So, we approved of this match and the wedding date was fixed. The date fixed was 16th July and we started the wedding preparations. On the wedding day, my daughter telephoned Guruji and told him, "Guruji if you won't come to the wedding then I will not put the garland around the boy's neck and will wait for you on the stage." So Guruji said, "Child, your mother (Mataji, Gurudev's

wife) will come, and other kids, will also be there. But coming there, amid the public, is difficult for me.” Now everyone knew that Guruji will surely come to this wedding. My daughter was getting ready on the second floor. She had returned from the parlour. At the back, we had a wooden door which was locked but would open at the back side. Even I didn't know, I was downstairs. When the *baarat* (the groom's entourage) arrived, I went upstairs to call my daughter and at that time, she told me, “Mummy, Guruji had come to meet me.” I said, “From where did he come? We were all there at the gate.” No one saw Guruji arrive. Not even my husband or me. So, my daughter said, “Guruji, now I'll be going far away from you, so, I want to make a cup of tea for you.” Guruji said, “Daughter, you have worn a wedding skirt that weighs 20 kg. How will you make the tea? Do one thing, give me a glass of water.” She gave him a glass of water. She held his hand, cried, and said, “Guruji, you are sending me so far away. Please give me something as a token to remember you by.” So, Guruji removed the ring he had been wearing for the last 40 years and gave it to my daughter. And then, he left. When I went upstairs to call her, she said, “Mummy, Guruji had come to meet me and gave me this ring. He told me that whenever you think of me, just see the ring, and I'll be there.”

I think Aladdin's lamp was quite technologically challenged when compared to Gurudev's supernatural capabilities.

People who leave their bodies do not normally appear with them but then sometimes logic just fails. Keeping his word and performing a miracle at the same time? Do hear the story.

Asha Sekhri ji: Later, when she went to Norway, she had to learn the local language to run her family business. So, she joined classes there. And the place where she stays is a hilly area, a very quiet place, and a bit deserted. She told me that when she was returning from her class, one evening at around 6.30 pm, three boys started following me. She was walking ahead, and they were behind her. As she quickened her pace, so did the men who were following her. So, she placed Guruji's ring on her forehead and said, “Guruji please protect me.” After she said this, she said she sensed that the sounds from behind were louder. When she looked back, she saw Guruji walking behind her. The boys were behind him. He walked with her till she reached her house. As soon as she opened the door and turned around to ask Guruji to come inside, she saw that he was not there.

Rajneesh Sharma, husband of Gurudev's youngest daughter Alka, was left bewildered that he had a late father-in-law with capabilities of omnipresence. Let's hear what he has to say.

Q: Rajneesh ji, you've had some experiences before your marriage to Alka ji which gave you an impression that there was Gurudev's presence in your house. Can you tell us what that was about?

Rajneesh ji: You know, one of the ladies who used to live on the first floor, came to our house and was chatting with my mom about the wedding preparations. While chatting, she saw Guruji's photo on the wall and asked, "Is he your relative?" My mom said her, "No. He is our Guruji." So that lady asked, "Has he come visiting for a few days?" My mom replied, "No, he has not because he is not in this world. He has already passed away". And, the lady said, "How is it possible? I see him walking around your house daily for the last few days. So why are you are saying that he has passed away?" My mom said, "No, it is not possible. You must have seen someone else because he passed away in 1991, around 5 years back". That lady did not accept that. She said, "No, I cannot accept this because I see him every day. I saw him last evening as well. Then, why are you saying this?" Then they haggled about this for a few minutes, and finally my mom said, "You must be mistaken!" That lady said, "No. I am not. I saw this person. I clearly remember because I have been seeing him for the last 3 or 4 days so I cannot be mistaken." Then they realised that this must have been a miracle of Gurudev because we were also experiencing few other miracles at that point of time. So that happened. And we were all very amused and happy that Guruji was around us and looking after us.

There have been several sightings of Gurudev after he left his body. Critics may call this wishful thinking or an overactive imagination, but the truth is that you could not put anything past his capabilities. What to most human beings would seem hard to swallow, was normal in his world.

Here are a few glimpses unbelievable.

Saroj ji and her husband Narendra ji who are mentioned in the Brighu Samhita, and whose stories feature in other podcasts, are two amongst many who were exposed to these glimpses.

Saroj ji: We did *Maharudra yagya* in July of 1992. We had read about it in the Brighu Samhita and this *Maharudra yagya* is very important for the earth.

Narender ji: It was mentioned often in the Brighu Samhita that, "Son, I want the *Lagu Rudra yagya*, the *Maharudra yagya* and the more expansive *Maharudra yagya* performed." We did not know about these *yagyas* (rituals). Later, we were so happy that these were Gurudev's words that he wanted these *yagyas*. So, to perform a *Maharudra yagya*, we created a *yagshaala* (a sacrificial altar) where 15 to 16 Brahmans had

performed rituals. So, a day prior to when this *yagya* was to be performed, may be around 7.30 pm in the evening, we saw Guruji in his physical form for a brief second at the sthan in our home. As soon as we saw him, we said, “Guruji!” and then he vanished. One day, after the *yagya* got over, we all were sitting at the dining table, in the drawing room, and were ready to have our dinner at around 7.30 pm or quarter to 8 in the evening, and suddenly we saw someone dressed in white clothes going through the *yagshaala*. We all said in unison that it is Guruji. After that we saw Guruji going down the stairs in white clothes and wearing white chappals. This was seen by me, my wife, and my kids who were little. A few years later, in Karnal where we have our house, there is a sthan of Guruji. My daughter, who is now doing PhD, saw Guruji standing for a few seconds there. By the time she could gather what was happening, he disappeared. Once, even I had to good fortune of seeing Guruji in his physical form in Karnal.

I have known Sudhir since we were kids. Life for him has been a roller coaster ride. Super success and international living to alcoholism. Destiny has taken him on a seesaw. Though he gave up alcohol with great difficulty and became clean, he still had problems galore.

Solutions came to him as a sighting of Gurudev years after he had left his body. And that’s when the Mahaguru took him under his wing. Listen on.

Sudhir ji: One morning, I got up. I was lying in bed, eyes wide open and suddenly the hush fell, silence, my eyes were made to close and there I see a gentleman, larger than life, about 7- 8 ft tall, shirt sleeves folded up, in white, looking at me, very kindly eyes, and he put his hand out and he looks at me and says, “Come, son.” And he holds my hand and all my senses have shut down and only my awareness of this person who I have never seen before. From the back of my head, as if it were, there is a sound, a voice saying loudly, “Guruji of Gurgaon.” Everything returns. The outwardly awareness returns, the sights and sounds and normal life in my room returns, and I go to the computer and I look for Guruji of Gurgaon... few, few hits and misses, I do get it and I get to Sector 10 and there lo and behold there is Guruji and his images.

And this was not a vision or a dream. This has also happened a number of times, thereafter. Whenever Guruji has appeared, it has always been, I have been in my senses fully. It was very clear dimension or clear dimension of here and now as if he and me were here and something a great power and peace made you close your senses.

Ravi Trehan ji believes Gurudev now practices as a part-time travel agent in the afterlife. Listen to his accusations.

Ravi ji: Once there was this family from Faridabad. They had several problems and that is when Gurudev met them in Faridabad and recommended, “Go to Gurgaon, visit the sthan, and all your problems will be solved.” They said, “We have never been to that place.” He said, “No worries”. He accompanied that family uptil Gurgaon and left them at Jai Cinema. The sthan is just at the back of Jai Cinema. I am talking about how earlier it used to be called Jai Cinema – it is the place where you have the Haldiram’s outlet now. Having dropped them there, once they entered the sthan at Sector 7 and they saw Gurudev’s photograph, the family asked the people around there, “Who is this person?” they were told this is Gurudev’s photograph and he is no more. They said, “What are you talking? He just dropped us till Jai Cinema and asked to visit the sthan and state our troubles and problems there, and our problems would get solved.” There have been many such instances where people have seen or had glimpses of Gurudev, either at Gurgaon and very frequently at Neelkanth Dham.

As if these stories were not enough, we still felt like adding a few more tales of the innocents who saw him in his physical form long after he had passed on, even though they never knew him.

We now introduce you to Bittu ji who came to Gurudev as a young boy in his half pants. He was a classmate of Gaggu ji, Gurudev’s nephew. He was suffering from a serious illness. Once Gurudev had cured him, he hung in there and became a part of Gurudev’s coterie -- one of the four musketeers. He spent a lot of time in handling the operations of the sthan and dealing with visitors. Something he does to this day. Over to him.

Bittu ji: There was construction happening here. A labourer, a daily wage earner, who had no connection to us asked, “Where is Guruji?” Someone pointed to a photo of Gurudev. Looking at it, the labourer asked, “Where can I meet him?” He was told, “Guruji has left his physical form a long time ago.” Someone was telling the labourer about all this. He said, “What are you talking about, sir?”. He asked, “What do you mean?” The labourer said, “I see this man standing here wearing white clothes and smoking every day. He walks around the area where the langar is served and smokes there.”

So, the labourer who would see him during the construction period at Najafgarh was too innocent to know that Gurudev did not have a physical body and what he was seeing was an apparition. But what makes this incident very quirky is possibly that Gurudev never read the small print at the bottom of the cigarette packet that said Cigarette smoking is dangerous for health. Maybe the fact that he was seen smoking around at a non – physical level might give the cigarette companies an additional market-an ethereal one.

Devraj has been involved with the sthan ever since he was a young kid. Today, he does seva at both the Mumbai and Lonavala sthans. He has had many experiences and shares one that he himself found hard to believe.

Again, it's not a tale of two cities but this time, a tale of two babies.

Devraj ji: So, this incident is more than a decade old. Around the time, Preeti and I had just got married. We were beginning our lives together, settling into our careers. And interestingly, at this very juncture there was a sort of a subtle request from both our families that we should consider starting our own family especially given my mum's indifferent health. And her hope that she gets to spend some time with her grandchildren or grandchild. Preeti and I discussed this, and we felt that it was something that we were necessarily not averse to. So, we are going to try and fulfil this wish for our families. But we took it too seriously I feel, and it became something like a task, or a project or an assignment. And the stress of achieving results actually started turning out to be counterproductive which then caused discomfort in our own lives.

I went to the sthan and I approached Gurudev mentally. And I shared with him what my predicament was. And why we are trying to do what we are trying to do and how's it causing havoc in our lives mentally. I ended it with a very strange request to him, I said "Gurudev, I have heard that you are omnipresent. And if that is true, then I request you to bless us with twins." So, for the next month or month and a half, every Thursday I went to the sthan, I repeated the same request to Gurudev. And I think it sounded more like a challenge to his omnipresence. Until one fine Thursday, as I bent down and *matha tekooed* (bowed) at the sthan, I heard a voice that said to me in Hindi "*Tujhe judwa honge aur dono bete honge* (You will have twin boys)". I was shocked. I don't know how I reacted to that stage, but it was the first time that I had heard a voice. I didn't know how to react. I just moved out of the sthan. We were supposed to go out on a trip immediately later and we came back from that trip and we came to know that Preeti was expecting. When we did the sonography, we realized that she was expecting since a month. They gave the news that we were expecting twins. We were shocked, completely shocked. More often than not, in most 99% cases of the fraternal twins are always one boy and one girl. And Preeti insisted on buying half of all the wrap arounds in pink. She asked me for my opinion, and I said "What if they are two boys? And one of them is always going to ask you why was I wrapped in pink?" I told her I am completely confidently that we have two boys. To be very honest I wasn't, but I heard what Gurudev said. And lo behold when we got into that surgery room, the twins, were both boys. We had tears rolling down our eyes, but I guess it was for different reasons. It was the first

time that I realized the omnipresence of Gurudev. The fact that he could manifest what's going to happen possibly before it has already happened.

Ridhim ji who does seva at Dehradun shares an experience with the moorti or statue of Gurudev at Asthal. There have been more than a few experiences people have had with this statue.

For Ridhim, it turns its head.

For Alpana, a regular visitor and an ardent devotee, it turns blue.

And for others, it provides answers to their prayers.

Asthal is a place that was bought to extend the deaf school Gurudev had inspired decades ago at Dehradun. It had the shell of a Shivalay that had waited for 16 years to be started. Gurudev appeared in a dream and asked for it to be completed.

The *moorti* of the Shiv Parivaar was bought from Jaipur and had waited for acquisition for 22 years. Asthal has one of the best look-alike statues of Gurudev, and there is a magic to the place.

Karamjit ji who is a devotee of vintage, shares a strange story of how Gurudev mentioned to him the making of the Asthal sthan at Dehradun, 35 years before its acquisition. He topped that up by showing him a vision of the place to come.

Q: Karamjit, you told me a year and a half ago that Gurudev had told you that there will be a sthan made here at Asthal, Dehradun. What can you tell us about it of when did he tell you about this and what did he tell you?

Karamjit ji: Guruji had said, "Son, there will be a sthan constructed at this place which many people will visit and benefit from".

Q: Where?

Karamjit ji: In Dehradun.

Q: Did he describe of where it will be made, how and when?

Karamjit ji: He didn't say all this. He just mentioned Dehradun but didn't specify the exact location in Dehradun. He didn't tell me, nor did I ask him. But he did mention the name of the place as Dehradun and he showed me its location.

Q: What did he show you?

Karamjit ji: He showed me that there were mountains on all four sides and in the middle was the sthan.

Q: So, when you came to Asthal, did you see the same thing as you saw in your vision or ...?

Karamjit ji: Yes absolutely. I felt it was the same thing and to confirm that I went to Asthal. That is why I went there. And this was the location that Guruji had showed me few years back in my dream.

Q: In your dream?

Karamjit ji: Dream means like you go into *Arth Chetana* (deep meditative state) where you are awake and asleep.

Q: Yes, I do understand

Karamjit ji: This is that *dhyaan awastha* state that I am describing.

[Let's take a virtual audio tour of the place with Ridhim ji.](#)

Q: Have you had any experience at the Shivalay that you would like to share with us?

Ridhim ji: There is one experience that comes to my mind. Guruji always tells us that one should sit in the *mandir* and do their *paath*. So, one time, I was alone. I go there to the sthan to light a *diya* practically every day and I was sitting there in the *mandir* and not in the sthan. I was sitting in the *mandir*. I was sitting facing the *moorti* but not straight opposite me but towards my left, and my back was resting on a pillar. I was doing my *paath*. I don't remember if the *paath* lasted for what amount of time, but it was for more than 10 to 15 mins. I looked up at the *moorti* and I can clearly see Gurudev's face facing me. And there was a slight smile on the *moorti*. The current *moorti* that is there has a smile but the smile, the way he was looking at me, was very, very, different. To the extent, where I can safely say, that the neck had shifted, and it was looking at me.

Q: Are you sure this wasn't your imagination?

Ridhim ji: Yes, I'm very sure this was not my imagination. Because I don't tend to agree to these things very fast. So, I sat there for a good 10, 15 secs and relooked at it. When I relooked at it, there was definite smile on the face, on the marble *moorti*. There was some life in that, that much I'm very confident of. This was in my mind, a way of him showing me his presence. So, I bowed down to the *moorti*, lit a *dhoop* and walked out.

A dozen of Gurudev's disciples were involved in the making of this *moorti*. 65 or more disciples and their downlines did the *sthaapna* and performed the *Pran Pratistha* or the rituals to bring this *moorti* to life, a practice followed in the establishment of most temples.

The more powerful the people involved in the *sthaapna*, the more powerful the temple.

During the *sthaapna* of this *moorti*, Nitin Gadekar from Mumbai had gazed at the sky and was surprised to see a perfectly formed Om in the clouds. It wasn't psychological. The whole cloud was shaped like an Om and he showed it to me.

In keeping with the subject, it is interesting to note that Gurudev's statue at Asthal in Dehradun has developed a consciousness of its own. Many have experienced several amazements.

Alpana, who is a new entrant to Gurudev's flock, has stories that we felt should be shared.

Alpana ji: I went to Asthal because I was having lot of financial problems and it was the worst period of my life. I went to Asthal and it was a beautiful experience. Since, I am in Dehradun, I would drive, and I would go there and sit there for a while in the temple. Once when I was sitting, I started communicating to Gurudev's *moorti*. I used to feel so heavy that I used to speak to him as if he was my father. Once when I was speaking to him, and you won't believe it but, he smiled back at me. My son had lost his job in Canada. I was very disturbed. So, I went to the temple that day and I just started howling in a way, and I was speaking to him, I said, "You will have to give him a job, I don't know what you are going to do." I felt he was listening to me. In the morning, my son called me up and said, "Mumma, I have got a call from Hilton and they have called me for an interview." And you won't believe it, he got the job. And one more beautiful experience I had --I had gone to the temple and I felt it was not Gurudev you know, Shiv was sitting there with folded hands and I could see the light around him, that aura, that light, and you know he is meditating there.

Q: When you say you saw Shiv sitting there, did you see a form of Shankar--the one that we see in photographs?

Alpana ji: Yes, something like that. And I could see light emitting around his head also. But the day I got his darshan, I saw him in blue, like we see in photographs. He is sitting in a meditative pose and the *moorti* is blue and the hair on the head was the same as in

the photos and light emitting from top to bottom like an aura. Not once but twice. I thought maybe my eyes were tricking me. But when I saw him again, I saw the same form.

Q: So, besides seeing Gurudev's statue in blue, you have seen that statue smile back at you. And you are sure this was not imagination?

Alpana ji: No, it was not my imagination, but my life has changed. In Punjabi, we say, "*Thandak pad gayi dil mein* (I've found peace)." I have got that. I'm so happy and so thankful.

We live lives on earth in delusion. Our perceptions are limited to the senses. Our eyes can only see the seven colours of the ray of light. That is one seventh of the division of a light ray. Because of these limitations we are able to look, but not see.

Most people cannot even connect to their own unconscious minds and are therefore stuck with the limitations of the conscious.

We can't even see spirits. How would we see the advanced forms like Shiv?

Divine beings come with their set of competencies. They have forms of self-recognition. While some may manifest with Shiv consciousness, others would have forms of *asooras* and beings from lower planes.

The conscious eye can see neither.

So, the confusion. So, the disbelief. And so, this biography.

*Dekh, Dekh kar,
dekh kar teri tasveer,
dekh kar teri tasveer ko
Aaina hum reh gaye.
Aaina hum reh gaye.*