



***Topic:* The Purpose Behind *Gyan* (Knowledge) |**

ज्ञान का उद्देश्य

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Baba has shared various different analogies to explain *Gyan* and *Yog* at different times, and has drawn various parallels (between them) which one should always remember.

To explain them further, I would like to say that this is our *World Spiritual University*. Even if we look at it through the point of view of *Gyan* and *knowledge*, this is a university which offers higher (tertiary) education - *Spiritual*, which is delivered very methodologically and systematically through which we gain elevation. So this is a university which offers *Universal Knowledge*.



But Baba says: In reality this is a battlefield.

**If someone asks you “*Where are you going?*”,
and you say “*I am going to the university*”.
The response is likely to be “*OK! That’s good.
You are going for study.*”**



**But if you say “*I am going to the battlefield.*”
He will then ask “*Where is the war happening?
Are you heading to Kargil, Kashmir...but that’s
finished as well! So where are you heading off to
now?*”**

**But if you actually think of it, Baba has said:
“You are at war with Maya.”**

Your battle is with Maya. You are the *Shiv-Shakti Army* - the army which conquers over all vices.

So think of yourself as a *Soldier*'. Make sure to understand - “*I have to conquer over Maya.*”

As some people say “*Life is a struggle*”. So in one way this life of our's, in this Confluence Age, is *a battle as well as a study, elevation, source of income as well* - it is all these.



Just like someone climbs higher up on a mountain, we too *ascend* towards higher destinations. This is an *elevation* as well, a *study* as well, and a *battle* as well.

Our battle is with the vices. We do not have any enemy. Our enemy are the *five vices*. We do not hold any hatred, animosity, hostility or dislike against anyone.

So this battle, as I mentioned, is what Baba has frequently referred to as '*Pursharth*' (*Effort*), often saying "*You are putting in effort.*"



Many times Baba tells us: *This a race.* The one who will run the fastest will touch the target first, and will win the prize. So all of you are actually participating in ‘*a race*’.

When someone is studying, they just go about their own pace. They don’t tend to put in too much effort. But if one always keeps this in mind “*This is a race. I have to be in front of all in this race. Then I shall win a prize.*” Then he starts seeing from a different perspective.



Attitude is the key. When one develops such a perspective, such an attitude, it is then the *elevated (higher) status* is rewarded.

Among all different kinds of races, Baba says: *This is a Hurdle race, an Obstacle race.*

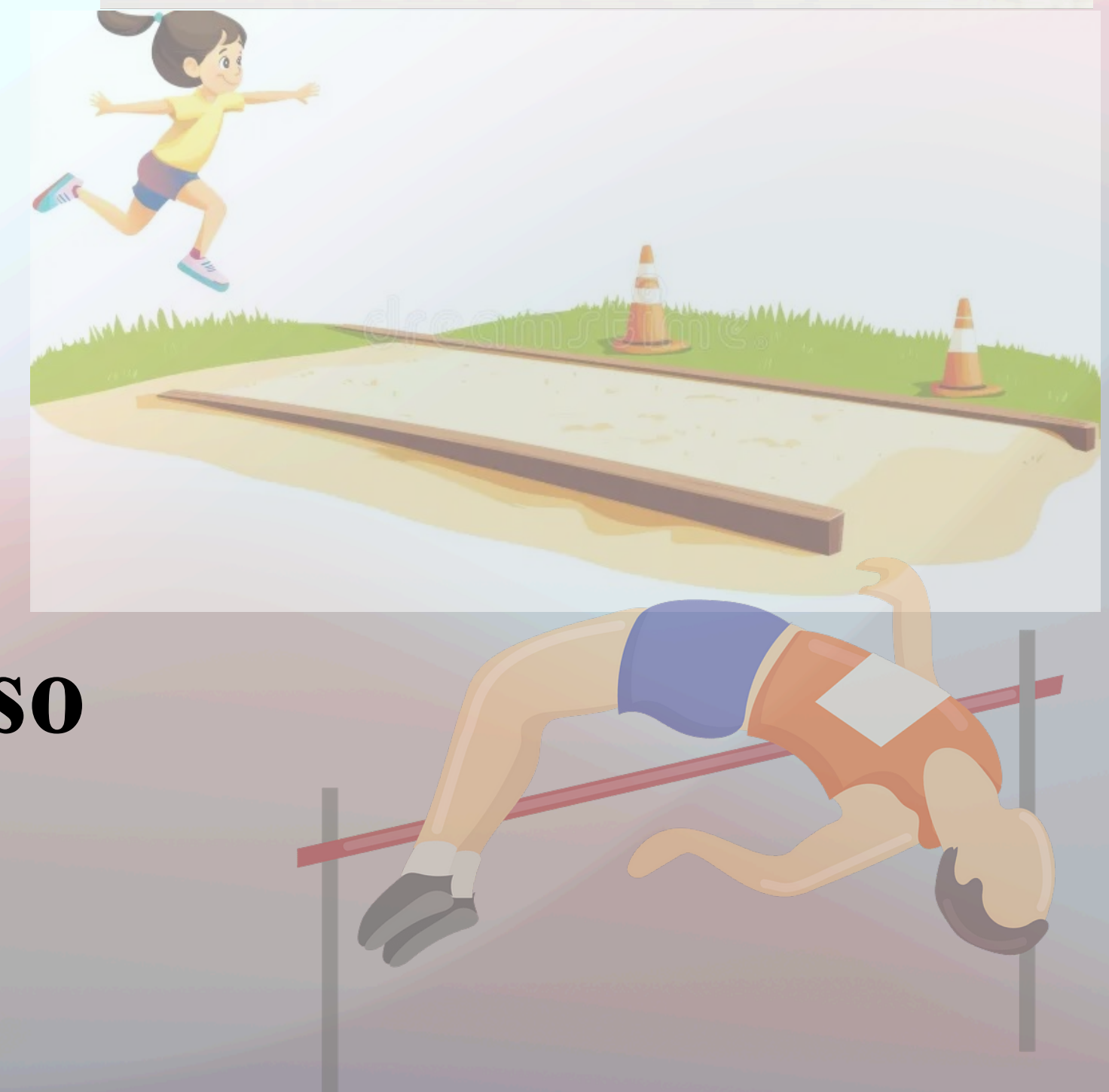
This race is not like any normal race - the one with two (marked) lines on some flat track where you have to run to a specific destination on a levelled ground. This race isn't as simple that someone (screams) “*Ready, 1, 2, 3...*”, and you run and soon arrive (at the finishing line).



In this race, one comes across obstacles. At some places one has to perform *high jump*, at some places *long jump* is required. One needs to be very adventurous.

This is an '*Obstacle race*'. For this Baba says "*Children, (you should) become destroyer of obstacles.*" This is where the point about *destroyer of obstacles* comes (into the picture).

This life of our's, in this confluence age, which we call '*a study*', '*a journey of remembrance*', also called '*a battle*' or '*a race*', Baba always tell us that there will always be *obstacles*.



These are your tests (or examinations). So in this study, what are your tests (examinations)?

Obstacles.

This is why someone has said “*All knowledge is problem-solving.*”

Regardless how much knowledge there is (in our physical world), it is always aimed at addressing some problem which exists, which someone has actually thoroughly thought through, and has conducted researched on it.



All this knowledge that exists in this (physical) world today in any field, is aimed at addressing specific problems which exists in a particular field, for which people have stretched their thinking to explore ways to solve those problems.



This is why Baba says “*Knowledge is problem solving.*” Through it, problems are resolved.

So if you are in the *University* and receiving (*Spiritual*) knowledge, then *Obstacles* are always meant to appear.

The sole purpose of *(spiritual) knowledge* is to solve these *obstacles*. Otherwise what's the use of receiving the *(spiritual) knowledge*? You must be facing certain problems or *obstacles* because of which you are being given this *(spiritual) knowledge*.



Say if you live in a family, some people are of very dominant nature. They assert their views on everyone and refuse to adjust. They do not adjust at all. Rather than “*First you...*”, their attitude is always “*First me...*” So how can you get along people? This is a problem. So Baba has showed us how we can solve such problems.

There are those who quickly lose their temper and begin shouting and insulting, causing irritation in our minds which further creates stress within us. Such problems will always be there, and Baba gives us this *(spiritual) knowledge* to solve (and work around) these very problems.



So simply loosing your heart and saying “*Here comes a new trouble! Here comes a new problem...*” and banging your head on it - this only shows lack of *(spiritual) knowledge* within us.

Infact we should rather be taking a deep look within ourselves to identify any specific areas in our own understanding of the (*spiritual*) knowledge which we may have missed or haven't yet fully understood. It might be due to this why we aren't being able to resolve certain problem(s).



