



Let's make it a traditional Christmas Eve! Christmas Tree! Father Christmas! Presents! and of course lots of children! Please bring a plate, and a present for a child, try and pick presents that cover a wide range of ages and wrap with a Blue or Pink ribbon to identify whether it is for a girl or a boy!

To eliminate cooking and washing up, can everyone bring a plate - we should expect Father Xmas to arrive at 5.00 p.m. that should give us plenty of time for the HOI HOI HOI!

and then we can have the Puja at 6.00p.m. Set-up could be a collective effort. Would those interested in making this a special Christmas set-up, please contact me at Burwood well in advance.

Stephen

XMAS PUJA... CHRISTMAS EVE!... 4.30 P.M.

Around 7.30 p.m.
(Yes Asmitra will be attending!!!)

Prue & Asmitra invite their brothers and sisters to their home - 218 St. John's Rd., GLEBE for celebrations on the 23rd of December, 1994

CELEBRATION TIME PARTY TIME

Also on the same programme
Berkeley Sonata
Bach Sonata in B Minor
2 Solos: Flute (Prue Page) & Piano

SUNSET CONCERT AT WOODSTOCK
5pm Saturday 10th December, 1994
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NEWS FROM INDIA

On Saturday last (3rd Dec), Sir CP's Book was officially launched. He dedicated it to Sri Mataji, and all the family were present. Sri Mataji spoke at the launch, and six representatives from around the world were asked to speak in honor of Sir CP. Chris Kyriacou represented Australia. There will be a number of copies brought back for sale here in Australia.

Afterwards, there was a music evening and the Kavali musicians from the Nizamuddin Mosque performed from 11pm until 4am!!

On Sunday 4th December, a Raja Laxmi Puja was held and it was a first for Delhi. They started at 9pm and it continued until 12.30am.

Sri Mataji spoke for one and a quarter hours. She said that it was not necessary to make meals for after Pujas on India tour and that everyone could have Prasaad instead...to which end each centre in Delhi provided 10kg's of Prasaad.

HANDY HINT:

A common mop head at three dollars or so is a source of nearly a lifetime supply of oil-lamp wicks! The pure cotton thread is loosely woven for a good healthy flame. And with no synthetics, you do not grow an awful black tree.



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A
MERRY CHRISTMAS
TO ALL FROM
THE
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Following the success of the Women's Gathering at BOMBALA, we arranged to have a 2 day Sahaja Yoga seminar at the Tembe Relaxation Centre at Merimbula. The venue for the seminar was very pleasantly situated a few kilometres outside of Merimbula, and the mud brick dwelling was a "duo-decagon (12 sided) yurt", very serene and peaceful atmosphere to spread Our Divine Mother's message. The first day we started at the advertised time of 11.00am, but most of the seekers arrived earlier than that, commenting that they thought it started at 10.00am! Eight seekers attended the first day (6 women and 2 men, and one 6 month old angel!) After a very full on day of Sahaja Yoga, we ended up having a footsoak at the beach and they all wanted to experience as much as possible, so we finished with 16 allah-hu-akbar's, on the fairly deserted beach!! We decided to start at 10.00am the next day and finish at 3.00pm, (rather than the advertised time of 11am - 5pm), well again, there was one new lady who came on Sunday at 10am, because she was also sure that the poster's said 10.00!! (who needs time anyway? It always just works out when doing Sahaja!!) So Sunday was another superb day, with the depth of the seekers surprising us again & again. Those of us that had to drive to Sydney, left at 3pm, and you guessed it - the rest of us (only travelling as far as Wollongong), stayed until exactly 5.00pm!! The people from this area are such keen seekers and they were very interested in coming to Sydney next year for Sri Mataji's visit to Australia. JAI SHRI MATAJI!!!!!!

MERIMBULA SEMINAR DECEMBER 3RD & 4TH

This is the last Australian Newsletter for 1994, we will return late January or early February 1995. Thankyou to all who sent us news from all over the world, we could not manage without you.

THE NEWSLETTER

Anyone interested at all in coming down to support these lovely seekers in the future please contact either Debra Kellely in Wollongong (042 671 357) Susi Hutchings (747 4835) at Burwood, Dale Simpson at Croydon (745 4562), or Santa Chavan at Croydon (745 2393)

CHAPTER 5

AND seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him:

2 And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying,
3 Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

5 Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

6 Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

7 Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

8 Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

9 Blessed are the peace-makers: for they shall be called the children of God.

10 Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

13 Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.

14 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

17 Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.

18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

19 Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

20 For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.

21 Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment:

22 But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Rā-cā, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.

23 Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee;

24 Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.

25 Agree with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison.

26 Verily I say unto thee, Thou shalt by no means come out thence, till thou hast paid the uttermost farthing.

27 Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery;

28 But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

29 And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.

30 And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.

31 It hath been said, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement:

32 But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery.

33 Again, ye have heard that it hath been said by them of old time, Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths:

34 But I say unto you, Swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God's throne:

35 Nor by the earth; for it is his footstool: neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King.

36 Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black.

37 But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.

38 Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth:

39 But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.

40 And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloke also.

41 And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain.

42 Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away.

43 Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy.

44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

46 For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same?

47 And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so?

48 Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

935 CHAPTER 6

TAKE heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven.

2 Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

3 But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth:

4 That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly.

5 And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

6 But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

7 But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.

8 Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.

9 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

11 Give us this day our daily bread.

12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

14 For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you:

15 But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

16 Moreover when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

17 But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face:

18 That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.

19 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:

21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

22 The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.

23 But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!

24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

25 Therefore I say unto you; Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

26 Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?

27 Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?

28 And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:

29 And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

30 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?

31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.



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THE NIGHT OF THE STAR



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He was old and grizzled, as men who spend their lives out of doors tend to become. And as men who spend their lives out of doors also tend to become, he displayed the confidence of being one with nature; and though he was at least eighty years of age, his step was sprightly, and in his eye, there shone the fire of self-knowledge and contentment!

"The night of the star?" he said. "I remember it well. I'd only been with the flock for a month: I was still pretty green - learning the ropes, you might say, before being sent up into the hills with a flock of my own to manage."

He paused, looking into the distance, as if scanning some invisible slope for a lost or straying sheep.

"It were a clear night - not a cloud in the sky. The flock were near a dry waddi and we had our camp fire just above them."

"I suppose we were about a furlong from the southern side of Bethlehem. I remember, we had had to move them down that evening, because of all the comings and goings due to the census."

"Noisy lot they were! Disturbing the sheep and roistering on well into the night. Soldiers - a chariot or two - camels.... You wouldn't of thought there were that many people come out of Bethlehem in a hundred years!! But that seemed to have all settled down; and old Laban was taking first watch and Daniel and I were lying back discussing the stars and wondering about what appeared to us, to be a new one - low on the horizon over the town it were. I must have drifted off to sleep then. I don't know what hour it were, but all of a sudden, I was wide awake and Daniel jumped up and grabbed his staff as if to ward off attackers."

"I cautiously looked around and it came to me that it was as if the night had become day. And there was old Laban on his knees, looking up at a man.... Well...he were not rightly a man. All white he were - and kind of glowing! And I remember getting to my feet and Daniel lowering his staff and letting it drop to earth...."

"And I can tell ee, I was rooted to the spot. My heart beat like the thudding of hooves of a horse and the hair on the back of my neck was standing up of its own accord!!"

"And this white being spoke to us. Somehow, we heard it, not with our ears at all! It seemed to ring inside our heads; whilst outside, all was still. So still, the flock moved not one jot! In fact, now I come to think of it, they seemed not to notice what was going on at all!"

"And the white one said. 'Fear not. For behold, I bring ee tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people!'"

"For unto you, is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour which is Christ the Lord."

"And this shall be a sign unto ee. Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger!"

"And my mind seemed to expand into a great place - the like of which I've never seen; and I heard as if there were at least a thousand other white ones, all singing. And they sang...."

"Glory to God in the highest and on earth, peace and goodwill towards men."

"And the white one started to fade before our very eyes; and in the time it

takes to snuff out a candle, he were gone! I stood there shivering; and it were not all from the cold, I can tell ee...."

"Then, if I remember right, old Laban got to his feet and he looked at us and he says: 'Well lads' he says. 'There's only one manger round these parts and that's at back of inn.'"

"And Daniel says. 'Glory. Look at that!'"

"And he points at the star we'd been watching earlier in the night. And as I stand here, sir, that dang star was movin'! It must have moved a league across the sky before it stopped and I remember shouting 'It's over the inn.'"

"And we all started to run up the hill - never a thought of the sheep nor nothin'!"

"When we come to the inn, we found our way round to the back where the stable was and there was a light shining and a bit of coming and going and we peeped in: and there, do you mind, was exactly what the white one had said! A babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in the manger; and on the hay beside him, was his mother."

"And old Laban tells them all that the white one has said: and she smiles and looks at her husband and they thanked us for coming. And then and there, old Laban - he rushes out and starts telling anyone he can find. And Daniel follows him to do likewise."

"But I thought to myself that this whole business was passing strange! And so I hid myself behind the stable door to see what else might happen."

"And do you know, I'd not been there the time it takes to milk a goat, before three gentlemen arrived. Kings, they might have been, the way they was dressed."

"And yet sir, when they went into that stable, they fell on their knees, caring not where they knelt and bowed down to this babe - not yet one day old!!"

"And they offered presents! Ah! Fine things, sir - beyond imaginings! And I was so desirous of seeing what they were, that I leant against the door and it moved with a great noise and I was that scared, I didn't know what to do sir!"

"But the father of the babe showed no anger and bid me stay: and when the fine gentlemen had departed he asked me if I knew the road to Egypt. And I said indeed I did. And he bade me return two nights later to guide them through the hills."

"And this I did, sir. She and the child rode on a donkey, sir, and he and I walked beside the beast until they crossed over to the Egyptian side...."

"I never saw them again. But I heard tales many years later, which made me wonder! Things I find it hard to believe, if it were not for the white one and the light and the star and those three gentlemen, who were most likely kings!"

But I was far away in the hills and saw nothing and heard little of what was going on; except now and again, my path crossed that of a man named John.... A fiery, & holy one, that! But as I say, now and again, he shared my fire on a cold night and told me tales of the Messiah, Jesus, and how he was stirring up the nation and how the elders were set against him...."

"And I must say, I wondered in my heart, whether the babe in the manger was this same Jesus, and if by some strange workings of fate, it was I that had led them across the hills to Egypt all those years before."

"And I resolved to ask this John if this could be so. But I never saw him again neither. They told me Herod's men came and took him and that was that!!! They were vicious times, sir...."

"Ah yes. I remember the night of the star sir. There's no way I could ever forget it!"

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