

Balmoral Puja

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Balmoral Village

11am Sunday 29th June 1997

You are cordially invited to join us for an informal puja and picnic next Sunday to celebrate the long awaited ownership of our National Country Property.

To reach the property from Sydney you should head south along the Hume Highway and take the Colovale-Hilltop turn off (just this side of Mittagong). Turn right at the roundabout at the top of the exist ramp to take you over the highway. Drive for approx 1.5 km and turn right at the road to Hilltop. Drive along this road for about 12km and you will see the Balmoral Village Hall on your left. Continue for roughly 1.5km until you reach a white and rail fence on your left (number 9 on the mail box) which is opposite a dirt railway crossing. Cross over the railway line and turn right. Our property is the second drive on the left.

Please bring a BBQ lunch.

MUSIC OF JOY CONCERT

There will be a Music of Joy concert held at Petersham Town hall on Friday 1st August 1997 at 8pm. For details please see Kim Pearce tel: 02 9799 7580

BHAJAN PRACTICE

There will be a bhajan practice next Friday 27th June. The venue will be announced later. Everyone, as usual is always welcome.

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META MODERN ERA

This is the book written by Shri Mataji about the times we live in and her vision for the future. This book can be obtained from Sue Williams tel: 02 9799 3418 for \$50.

HER HANDS SHALL SPEAK

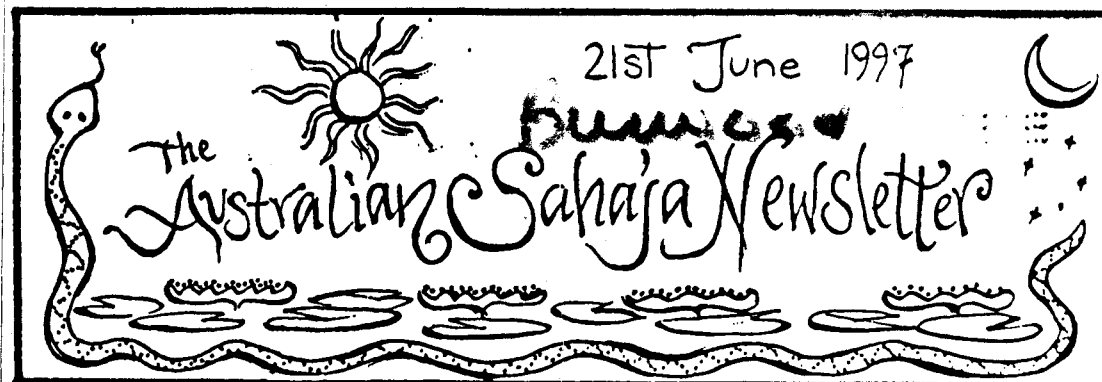
When Shri Mataji left Italy last year for India She stayed for half an hour with those who had come to say good bye. She wanted all the children at Her Feet. There they sang a Shri Ganesha song which enraptured the whole crowd. After that one of the children exclaimed "Shri Mataji You've got three hands!" immediately another responded "how can you know? Shri Mataji has hundreds of hands!" not to be outdone a third joined in and said "no She has got 1,000!"

THE RUSSIAN MIRACLE

There is one story which took place in Voronezh in Russia. There is a very beautiful railway station in the center of the town. Recently some terrorists announced they had put a bomb in this station. when it was supposed to explode, by chance, there were about 15 Yogis in the station. They heard an explosion but it was only the detonator which had gone off and not the bomb. Nobody knows why the bomb didn't explode. It was really a miraculous event for everybody in the town.

RUSSIA REGISTERS

Early this year it was confirmed that Sahaja Yoga was registered as an official national organisation in Russia. It is classed as a "Religious Society".



NATIONAL GURU PUJA BRISBANE

GURU PUJA

It is with great pleasure that we announce that a National Guru Puja will be held in Brisbane during the weekend of July 18th, 19th and 20th July.

At Shivatri Puja this year it was suggested that we have our major Pujas of the year in other collectives around Australia. To this end Easter Puja was very successfully held in New Zealand along with a Medical Conference and Public Program.

Guru Puja is a significant event in our spiritual calendar when we worship Shri Mataji as our Guru, and manifest our own Guru tatwa. However, it cannot work out if we think we are all Sahaja yogis and want to offer our individual and collective support, then do nothing, we all need to get involved, to be active and support collective events such as this. It will be our effort, and our dedication to the collective which will be a fitting tribute to the greatness of our Guru Shri Adi Shakti Nirmala Devi.

Guru Puja will be hosted by the Queensland collective and a coach will be organised from Sydney departing the afternoon of Friday July 18th. If numbers permit a first bus may depart on Thursday 17th July in the afternoon. Both would return Monday (21st) in the early hours of the morning. Seats on the coach will be on a first come first serve basis.

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Friday -Saturday Morning
Arrive Wamuran

Saturday midday
Lunch

Saturday pm
Handbilling in Brisbane

Saturday 7pm
Public Program

Sunday early
Breakfast

Sunday morning
Havan

Sunday 11am
Guru Puja

GURU PUJA FLIGHTS

Please see Bryan Fitzpatrick tel: 02 9416 2373 (wk 02 9396 2993, mob: 0418 675100) before Tuesday 22nd June if you are interested in a special discount airfare of \$250 return from Sydney to Guru Puja at Wamuran.

SHRI GANESHA PUJA RAFFLE-

Please see Asha Brownscombe or Sue Williams if you wish to purchase tickets for the airfare raffle. Tickets are \$15 each or \$25 for two.



AWAKENING THE GURU PRINCIPLE

LODGE HILL SEMINAR, ENGLAND

Today we all have gathered here to do the Guru Puja. *Your Guru is a Mother first, and then a Guru; And that has given me a greater help.*

We have had before also many Guru Pujas, mostly in England, and you should wonder why Mother always somehow is doing Guru Puja in London.

The time falls in such a way that it is in Guru Puja, I'm here. During that time, I have to be in London. So many years you have been doing Guru Puja in England. All things happen if according to Ritambharā Pragnyā, then there must be some reason why Mother is here, in England, for a Guru Puja.

It is stated in the Purānas that the Ādi Guru Dattātrēya worshipped Mother along the banks of the River Tamasa. Tamasa is the same as your Thames. And He himself came and worshipped here. And the Druids, those who had the manifestation of the Stonehenge and all that, are originated from that time, in this great country of Shiva, or the Spirit.

So the Spirit resides here, as in the heart of human beings, and the Sahasrāra is in the Himālayas, where Sadāshiva exists at the Kailāsha. This is the great secret of we having so many Guru Pujas here. To culminate it today into this special type of Guru Puja, in

the year of the 60th Birthday of your Mother, which has a special, very very special significance, because is the Guru Sashti, is the sixty years of your Guru has been celebrated today; and that's how it's a very big occasion that you all have gathered under the influence of again Ritambharā Pragnyā.

So all that has happened, has happened by the Nature's own gift to you, and everything has worked out so well because that was the Desire of the Divine, and the Design of the Divine.

So the River Thames, which we call Her as Thames, you see, English have a method of making everything English. Like Bombay they made it...Mumbai was Bombay, you see, like Calcutta, like all other words like that; like Vārānasi was made into Benaras; River Thames which was really 'Tamasa' was called as 'Thames'. Now from the name Tamasa one should know that is a place of Tamo Guna. Is a place where left-sided resided, since long.

So people were very worshipful, left-sided people, emotional type, and they worshipped God more than that they went into Yagnyas, and all that. And Dattātrēya lived here, and meditated, on the banks of river Thames; that's why Guru Puja here has to give us the great background for your awakening of the Guru principle.

We have to go to the roots of everything so that we understand the importance of it. Unless and until you know the roots and the traditions behind, you can not understand the depth, the gravity, the intensity of any Puja. Today we have gathered here to do the Guru Puja. Again, the reason is, we have got a Guru Principle within ourselves as I told you last time, and also I've given elaborately, ten commandments as expressed within us, which are describing the different types of essences within us. The essence of Guru Puja has to be awakened within us, that's how we are having this programme here.

Now it is 'important' that we have to establish the 'Dharma' within us. Without the Dharma you cannot have the ascent. And as I've told you before, that the cleanliness of your being depends on how much Dharma you follow, religiously.

At the time of Moses it was worked out, and all the rules and regulations were created for realized souls. But as I read in one of the books—is very good, because if I had said this, people would not have believed—that it had to be changed. (I think during the speech the children should not be here. It's better to take them out. After the speech you can bring them along. Those who are quiet is alright, but those who are making noises better to go. If they are going to make noises better to be out or near the door, so that if they make noises you can get out, so there is no disturbances. During the Puja is alright, you could be at the gate-way door or someplace from where you can go.)

So the laws and regulations that were given to human beings were actually for the realized souls who would understand. But when Moses must have discovered the way human beings are, he must have changed them, to very 'strict' rules, because with human beings, as they are, one has to be

extremely strict. They can't understand anything but fear. If you have a stick in your hand, you can put them right. Without that stick human beings won't listen. They are 'only' alright if there's a fear. Now if you see today the condition of all the Nations, those who are having leaders or prime-ministers or presidents, they are all people extremely strict, very dominating, and very dry—and normally people like such people. Even Hitler succeeded because of that nature.

So the character of a Guru, so far, has been of a very strict nature for people who are not realized. Normally a Guru doesn't—a good Guru, Sat Guru—he doesn't like to talk to people much; they throw stones, or they don't like to talk to people who are not realized. But if they are realized, then these Gurus change their attitude towards the people who want to see them. There's a tremendous difference between a person who is a realized and non-realized in the protocol of God. The man may be the king or anything, he'll be asked to sit outside. It has nothing to do with what position you enjoy; as long as he's a realized soul and not possessed, he is given the highest position. But if you're possessed, then also the Guru will tell him that you get out from here, first get rid of your possession and then come.

And all these strict rules were there; that such and such person must be killed, such and such person must be given a punishment of cutting the hands, cutting the feet, even, 'even' absolutely destroying the eyes!

This was done because they were not realized souls. It was a great realization of Moses I think, that he took to the another kind of law which is known as "Shariat" now—and that's what the Muslims are following. In a way it's good I think, because people who are now normal people 'really deserve' such a rule; but it should not be so fanatical

that you can not discriminate between a realized soul and a non-realized soul. . .