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Australian Newsletter

Jai Shri Mataji!

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*Oh Mother Thou art the saviour, Durga
and the Sacred Mother!*

Oh Mother Amba!

We pay our salutations to Thee

*Mother, Thou art the destroyer of all fears,
Thou art the Queen of Shiva
We bow at thy Lotus Feet.*

*The sun, moon, the stars, they all are enlightened
because of Thy glow and beauty
Because of all Thy powers, they exist in this world.
May all the world become full of joy.
Please give joy to all the sad people
because only Thou art the giver of joy.
We pay our salutations to Thee.*

*Oh Great Goddess, Thou art the benefactress
Please kill all the devils and evil people
Mother give us the auspicious blessings
Take us away from the illusions.
We have come to Thy Lotus Feet, and with our devotions
Please accept our prayers.
We pay our salutations to Thee.*

Durgati Har.ni Durga Ambe
(Hindi bhajan)



NATIONAL NEWS

Ganesha Puja 2001

It has been one of the most elevating pujas. After the world tragedy there were a lot of expectations and eagerness to understand the world through the subtle Sahaj eyes. None of us were disappointed. It seems to be the modern *Mahabharat* which is also being referred to as "the time of the final judgement". There is no place more safe, more peaceful and full of knowledge than being at the feet of our Divine Goddess and that's how it felt throughout.

Shri Mataji was very kind to make it a memorable weekend with a great passionate, emotional and spiritually uplifting Friday night programme. She stayed back to see and bless the couples for the engagement ceremony. The puja was very joyous. Robert Henshaw together with John Tedesco with the help of Jeremy and Sridhar helped conduct the puja. The marriage ceremony was extremely joyous. Shri Mataji asked us to do two maha havans. One was held on Saturday morning to awaken the powers of Virata and the other on Monday at Genova to awaken the powers of Maha Ganesha. We thank Shri Mataji for the divine experience. I have never attended such powerful havans before. The weekend was also packed with the meeting for Dharamsala parents and the leaders meeting with Shri Mataji.

My heartfelt gratitude goes to all the hosting countries and their special leaders who worked together like real brothers and sisters and helped make it a great success. The Malaysians and the Russians even missed the second havan due to their commitment to leave the whole place very clean. The Rumanians were great help and not to forget Thai yogis looking after the flowers. One of the miracles was the Indian brothers and sisters joining the Australians for cooking, serving and washing up on Friday. Before I forget, Shri Mataji asked me, "Why there are so few Australians for the puja?" Luckily, the car reached the Puja pendal which saved me from an awkward answer. But, all in all it was a great event which will resonate in our hearts for years to come.

Navaratri Puja National Seminar, Perth

Although it is a bit late, I request everyone to come to Giddegannup for the national seminar. Your attention, commitment to your spiritual growth will be earnestly tested by Golf, Gourmet Pizzas, Swimming, Laughter, Table Tennis and plenty of other traps of fun. So if you really want to test your mettle Giddegannup awaits you through some cheap deals from Ansett. See you there.

Mother's Love Childcare Centre

All the building work for our preschool is complete. It is a great accomplishment of our collectivity and commitment in terms of finance and labour. We all have stood up together in the face of adversity and the negativity and have won the battle. Everyone deserves to be congratulated. I am sure that there are many more who would be feeling hungry and greedy to grab more punyas and joy with the new projects on the horizon.

Lastly, Shri Mataji conveyed her blessings to all Australian Yogis when I did namaskar before leaving Cabella. Our national collectivity has grown recently and is growing very strongly. These are very special times when we all have to go even deeper, look after each other during these testing, uncertain and anxious times that the world is facing and help save the world with our Sahaj powers.

Jai Shri Mataji.

Avinash Nickkawde
Sydney

Birthdays!

Our very best wishes to all Sahaj yogis whose birthday falls in the coming week. May they all have many happy returns of their special day...

Mariana Guy
Allina Mathews
Liallyn Fitzpatrick
Christine Masal
Sue Ellen Monaghan
Malti Noyce
Priya Rapyal
Jayu Stott
Leanne Tyquin
Katharine Tolfree
Joseph Veitch

STATE NEWS

News from Western Australia

National Navaratri Puja 2001 Gidgegannup, Western Australia

An invitation has been extended to the East Coast Collectives on behalf of the Western Australian collective for an opportunity to share and enjoy and experience the newly-awakened national spirit through the celebration of the Navaratri Puja at Gidgegannup, Western Australia over the weekend of 19th-21st October.

This represents a rare opportunity to collectively travel to Western Australia to celebrate a National Puja. As Sahaja Yogis we are able to look forward to an eternal and joyful spiritual occasion where we may all come together from all over the country to worship the Devi.

Ansett Mark II have just announced a \$412 return airfare from the East Coast to Perth, the timing of which has been Divine planning to allow as many Yogis as possible to make the trip across our great brown land.

The Federal government is under-writing the tickets for 12 weeks which should see us there and back.

This fare is about half the price of the current Qantas airfare so if you have the desire to attend best take advantage of these airfares while they last.

What better way to re-live those unique National spiritual experiences together again, and for many of us to journey for the first time to the home of our brothers and sisters of the West Coast.

Anyone wishing to take advantage of these airfares will need to act immediately: seats at this price range are limited and will fill quickly.

Can everyone attending Navaratri Puja also let me know so that we can pass on numbers to our hosts.

Together again at the celebration of Navaratri Puja we will for a time be united with each other, and with Shri Mataji, and together again we shall experience Her splendour and power and joy and timelessness.

Jai Shri Mataji.

Sincerely, *Chris Kyriacou*

News from Victoria

Invitation to

Australian National Diwali Puja

The Melbourne Collective would like to invite all the Sahaja Yogis of Australia—and the world for that matter—to the inaugural Diwali Puja at the beautiful Hiawatha property to be held November 16-18.

Hiawatha is a very pleasant—and at times a spectacularly scenic—2½ - 3 hours drive from Melbourne, and comes equipped with luxuries that may be unfamiliar to many yogis, such as hot water and flushing toilets.

So for those who wish to attend we would appreciate your expressing your initial interest by emailing Christine Masal at christinemasal@rediffmail.com or phoning Chris Clear on 03 9585 7750 (between 9-5) or 0407 153318 after 5pm. This will help us with planning to provide you with a memorable weekend.

We will have an official invitation and registration forms with maps and suggested itinerary/routes ready for next week's newsletter.

Yours lovingly
The Melbourne Collective

News from NSW

Country Tour North

27th & 28th October 2001

(departing Friday 26th evening)

If you would like to join this tour or part of the tour, please contact Sue Williams at home (02) 9799-3418 or work (02) 9333-2423. We require a car & drivers

Friday 26th October

Overnight stay at Scone Camping Ground.

Saturday 27th October

Nundle - 10.00 am to 12.00 pm, CWA Hall, Jenkins St

Tamworth - 3.00 pm to 5.00 pm, "The Britten Room",
Cnr Peel & Darling Sts

Overnight at Kerri Clarke's home (02) 677-83300 - Uralla

Sunday 28th October

Armidale - 10.00am to 12.00 pm, Hughes House Meeting Room (behind Kent House), 141 Faulkner St

(Scone is 4 hrs from Sydney, Nundle is just over 5 hrs from Sydney, Tamworth is 6 hrs from Sydney and Armidale is just over 7 hrs from Sydney).

Sue Williams
Sydney

Navaratri Festival 13th to 21st October the Celebration of the Victory of the Goddesses

Navaratri celebrated the worship of the Primordial Goddess. During these nine days the holy book *Devi Mahatmayam* is read. This book contains the exploits of the Goddess.

In Sydney the nine-night celebration will culminate with the Collective Puja celebration, a day devoted to the worship of Shri Mataji as the Devi, to be held at Balmoral on Sunday October 21st commencing at 11:00am.

On each day of the nine-day celebration beginning on Saturday October 13th, a Puja or Havan will be celebrated in the Ashrams and centres spread from the Northern to Southern extents of Sydney, through from the East to the West.

It is hoped that through our pure desire expressed to invoke and worship the corresponding Divine aspects of the Goddess, we seek Her blessings to be bestowed upon the collective.

The nine nights of celebration is in honour of the Goddess Shri Mataji Nirmala Devi, the Great Mother of the Universe, beginning on the first day of *Ashvin*, and goes on for nine days.

Shri Mataji as the incarnation of the Primordial Goddess is the personification of Power, and Shakti, and expresses the different aspects and qualities of Shakti as Kali, Laxmi, Sarasvati, Durga, Bhavani, Ambika.

As the Devi She manifests to protect Her children and to punish the wicked by which She engages in martial combat, carrying all the weapons in Her hands, to inflict utter defeat to the evil-doers.

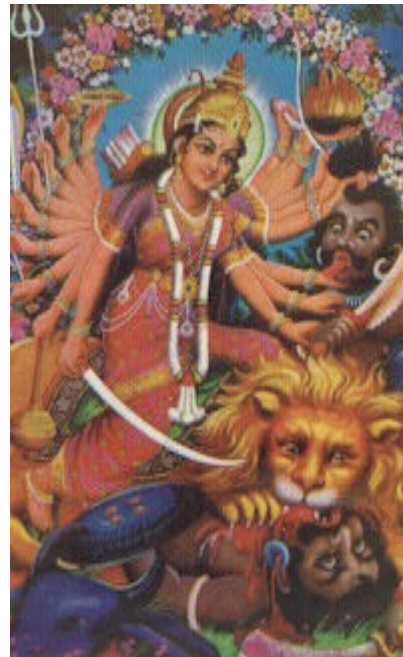
Navaratri

The great Devi is seated upon the lion. Her weapons are the "shul" (pike), "chakra" (wheel), "parshu" (axe) and "talvar" (sword).

Kali is known as "Mahisha-mardini", the slayer of the demon Mahishasur. The fight against the demon begins on the first day until he is defeated on the ninth day

Mahishasur

Rambh married a woman from the Mahish caste (Mahish means buffalo). Their son was named Mahishasur. He had to come before the Devi who pronounced that "*Only by a woman's hand will you know defeat, Here I am. I have come to kill you. If you want to save your life go immediately to Hell*".



The battle started. Mahishasur became a lion, then an elephant, a locust and a buffalo. The Goddess stood on the buffalo's back, and while Mahishasur was coming out of the buffalo's mouth, the Goddess chopped his head with her sword. With the death of Mahishasur all the demons fled to hell.

Shumbha and Nishumbha

Narrated within the *Devi-Mahatmayam* is the story of Shumbha and Nishumbha who were two demons who had made penance for 10,000 years, and they pleased Brahmadev.

Their boon was that they would not die by the hand of men. Of women they were not afraid. Shumbha was king and Nishumbha his prime minister. Chanda and Munda were two generals of the army. One day they came with their army to Shumbha. With them came Dhumralochan of the colour of smoke and soot ("Dhumra" = smoke, "lochan" = eye), and Raktabj (seed of blood) who was a reincarnation of Mahishasur.

Shumbha and Nishumbha became very strong. They defeated Indra, who with all the other gods escaped from heaven. Bruhaspati, the guru of the gods, suggested that they have recourse to the Goddess. All the gods gathered on the Himalayas and began to pray, "*O Goddess, protect us. Save us from the tyranny of the demons.*"

Kalika

At that time the Goddess had gone to take bath in the Ganges. She heard their prayers. From her body another Goddess was created. She was black and horrible to look at. So she was called "Kalika".

She smiled and promised to destroy Shumbha and Nishumbha. When King Shumbha heard about the new Goddess, he sent her the demon Sugreev with the invitation to become the queen of King Shumbha. She replied, "*I shall marry the one who defeats me in battle. Tell the king to come here and fight with me.*"

Hearing this Shumbha got angry and sent his general Dhumralochan to the Goddess. But the Goddess only saying "Hum" burnt him to death.

Chamunda

Then the army of the demons came to attack the Goddess, but they were put to flight by her lion. Then Chanda and Munda came with their armies. As they approached, a new Goddess was created from the forehead of Kalika. Of a terrible appearance was she, and she wore a tiger's skin. In her hands she held a sword, a noose. The newly created Goddess caught Chanda and Munda and kept them bound before Kalika. Then by Kalika's command she made their heads fly. Because she killed Chanda and Munda she is known as "Chamunda".

Shumbha sent another hero demon. His name was Raktabij, because Brahmadev had given him the boon, that when wounded, every drop of his blood falling on the ground would become a new demon.

When Kalika saw the number of demons multiplying from Raktabij's blood, she ordered Chamunda to spread her mouth (she had a huge jaw) and swallow every drop of the demon's blood. So Chamunda swallowed each and every drop of blood until Raktabij lost all his blood and died.

Final Battle: Kalika kills Shumbha

Finally Shumbha and Nishumbha in person reached the battlefield. With their army they surrounded the Goddess from all sides. Kalika began to fight biting on her lion, and Chamunda was helping her. The demon's army was very large, and the two brothers were experienced warriors. So all the gods sent all the power at their command to help the Goddess.

Brahmadev sent his power Branihani by a plane drawn by a swan. Maheshvari, the power of the great god Shankar came sitting on the bull. The virginal power of Kartikeya came sitting on the peacock. The Vaishnavi power came sitting on the eagle. Aindri power came sitting on the elephant Airavat. They all descended on the demons. They soon killed Nishumbha. Shumbha was furious. He said: *"Are you so proud of your power? Then why are you taking the help of all these gods and Goddesses? If you dare come and fight me single-handed."*

Kalika said smiling, *"All these deities are my own nature. If you wish they can all get again immersed in me."*

As she said this all the powers disappeared in her body, and Kalika was there alone. Then Shumbha lifted her up and flew into the sky. The Goddess fought in the sky. There was a fierce fight. At the end, the Goddess whirling Shumbha around hurled him down from the sky. Shumbha was at last dead. All the demons ran away to Hell.

Chris Kyriacou

Thanks from

the Hunter Valley/Central Coast

We wish to thank Katharine and Jacqueline, Colin and James from the Hunter Valley and Newcastle for their massive input into the preparation for the recent Ganesh Puja at Kariong. They, more than helped to make it a success. We hope that they will desire to co-host future Ganesh Pujas.

A special thanks to Rakesh and Balraj for the successful havan and to Mathew who performed pujari duties so well. Thank you to Robert for transport and to Lawrence for audio. The bhajan singers were much appreciated.

A debt of gratitude to all Central Coasters for their diligent and responsible work and together with all the others hosting for their unflagging pure desire to take care of our brothers and sisters in an auspicious way, as we are all bhaktas and devotees of Her Most Holy Shri Mataji Nirmaladevi

Bohdan Shehovych

Health Dimensions:

ABC Tuesday October 16th 6:30pm

Sahaja Yoga will be featured on the *Health Dimensions* show on Tuesday the 16th of October at 6:30pm. Sahaja Yoga will be given quite favourable treatment, so perhaps you can suggest this as recommended viewing to the people coming to your programs. Keeping in mind that the ABC is a National broadcaster - this will be shown across the country

Chris Kyriacou

Sahaja Yoga Radio Program News

The Garage Sale was a Great Success!

The Radio Program Garage Sale was a definite success due to the many generous contributions to the cause. The total amount raised isn't final as all payments are not yet in, but it's definitely over \$600!

For those who haven't yet paid for things taken, it would probably be easiest if you deposited directly to the radio account (Sahaja Yoga Radio, ANZ Bank, BSB 012245, Acct No. 5877 12524) – in this regard, be sure to ring or email Liallyn (9747 0470, liallyn@hotmail.com) with the amount you've deposited so it can be entered into the book.

There are a few quality items remaining which we've decided to hold onto until the next garage sale to be held in Woollahra in a few months' time. We will also be sending some of the funds raised, the amount yet to be determined, to Barbara in Canberra to assist with Canberra Radio Program expenses. Jai Shri Mataji!!

With love from the NSW and ACT Radio Team
Liallyn Fitzpatrick

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

News from Italy:

further accounts of Shri Ganesha Puja

The Protection of Innocence

It was rainy weather, but despite that, the attendance of Sahaja Yogis at Shri Ganesha Puja in Cabella surpassed the previous record, even at the programs previous to the puja day.

Shri Mataji started the speech with regards to all the Sahaja Yogis and by declaring the puja of Shri Ganesha. This time She gave more stress on innocence, which is an in-built quality within everybody and which is never destroyed, however cruel, crooked or the worst kind of a person one is.

The innocence is covered with the clouds of all this tricky, clever nature and character of human beings, but as soon as the kundalini is awakened these clouds are wiped apart and the sun of innocence starts shining again on the horizon of the human character, one starts becoming purer.

Innocence is one of the qualities of Shri Ganesha, as well as wisdom, purity, discipline, etc. In fact, they are inter-related and depend on each other. Evolution involves these collective qualities in human beings after the Self Realization and kundalini awakening.

She gave the reference of Abraham Lincoln by expressing a great respect in Her heart for the great president of America, who was tortured by his wife for being clumsy, but the reality today is that everybody remembers him and not his wife, who was torturing this great soul. So his essence was that of humility. He was humble and humility is a quality related to the innocence. Only an innocent person can be humble. It is not possible for a clever person or a crook to be humble.

Then She told us what is the point of Mr Lincoln being innocent if he was killed, which some say proves he was not smart enough to protect himself and was easily suppressed by his wife. But the truth is that, even so many years after his death, he is remembered with great respect in the whole world for his greatness, humility and simplicity and nobody remembers his wife as such. Even nobody knows her name. All those great qualities of Lincoln have made him immortal in the heart of people, even though he was killed.

She said that whenever there is a threat to innocence, there is collective attention from the whole world and all the positive forces get united to ward off that threat. She was giving reference to the recently tragedy at the World

Trade Center in New York and to the Pentagon, where thousands of innocent people lost their lives. She said all the countries, despite of their differences from America, have extended their support, which shows the collective concern of the whole world towards the protection of innocence from the devils. Those who will not stand to protect the innocence will be destroyed, no doubt. Innocence is a power which everybody has, and this power of Shri Ganesha can destroy all the evil in this world.

She said that in this world nobody remembers the crooks or clever people, but rather those who were innocent and humble. They are immortal and are remembered for ages. Nobody remembers those people who crucified Jesus Christ, but Lord Jesus Christ is remembered and worshipped by the whole world, as He was the incarnation of Shri Ganesha, the innocence personified.

Innocence is a quality which is very, very powerful and it is beyond our scope to understand. For that, it is to our advantage to protect our innocence and Mooladhara, from which we get the wisdom. In other words, the wisdom arises from innocence and they are all inter-related and interdependent.

The innocent children know how to protect themselves. Nature is innocent, as the flowers are innocent and beautiful and they give beautiful vibrations. Also the animals are innocent. She has also given us the importance of being responsible Sahaja Yogis.

These were some of the main points of the puja speech and I hope you will get the complete speech soon.

Shri Mataji also expressed again the importance of this year being a year of exposure. We Sahaja Yogis all over the world should increase our depth and strength, which will be very, very helpful for us in order to balance ourselves with the increasing speed and dynamism of Sahaja Yoga.

I wish you all a great success in your spiritual life and ventures for increasing and spreading yogis and Sahaja Yoga leaps and bounds in this small world.

Jai Shri Mataji and love,
Pawan Vishwakarma
London September 24

(Sahajnews 6 October 2001)

A Historic Puja

Just imagine, spending much of the past weekend in the physical presence of a seventy-eight year old woman, with something like twelve hundred others from all over this world and knowing Her as the living incarnation of the Great Mother, the Adi Shakti, the Holy Spirit and the Creator of this and all universes.

There have been very few human beings over the two million years or so that our species has been on this planet, who can have conceived, let alone experienced, being in the presence of the Divine and to be with such a large percentage of those who have was, as always, an awesome experience.

How can this, or any human mind cope with this? It can't - and one is reduced merely to the states of being, witnessing, in permanent meditation and ascent. And She knows every one of us.

This was a truly historic Ganesha Puja weekend and it will live in the memories of those who attended it. It is hard to describe the momentous events at all, let alone in a short space.

On the Friday night, a letter from our Holy Mother to the president of the USA, George W Bush, was read out to those present. It was historic and powerful and one sensed that this letter will be read and studied by generations of children to come. It is more important than the *Declaration of Independence*, the *UN Charter of Human Rights* and it is written by the Goddess Herself.

In Her puja talk, Shri Mataji spoke of why the world has, with almost one voice, recoiled from the horror of what happened at the World Trade Center. It was because the thousands of people who died there had done absolutely nothing wrong and they were entirely innocent. Innocence, She said, is the most powerful quality. She said you can be clever or aggressive, but none of these things will gain you any respect and, by comparison, a child who needs help, will immediately be given it by those around because we all are moved by the state of innocence.

She spoke of how we can improve our innocence by introspection and asking ourselves why it is we react in the way we do when we are aggressed, by worshipping our own innocence and by having faith in the power of innocence.

The tape of Her talk will be one to listen to, meditate on and introspect on and will pay the listener huge dividends in his or her ascent.

Then there is the experience of being with our brothers and sisters from around the world. We found ourselves sitting behind some extraordinary, gentle, loving and innocent brothers from Romania, one of whom had the night before been part of a tremendous bhajan group from that

country. Who will forget the astonishingly innocent and loving group of Sahaja Yogis from Malaysia, who sang and performed so beautifully that tears of joy came to our Mother's eyes? And it rained, the men's blue tent leaked and no one cared.

The marriages were, as always, a blissful, humorous and joyful experience for one and all. A number of people from North America were matched.

Before and during the marriages, Mother spoke of the time it takes for Her to go through the marriage forms and to match people up. She said that in future, forms must be submitted at least eight days before the puja, otherwise She will not physically be able to personally make the matches. She observed that this process takes a lot of time, so when people submit their form at the last minute, it is disruptive to the important work that must be done before puja.

As a yogi who has been worshipping Mother since 1975, Gregoire spoke to us about the protocols of marriage within Sahaja Yoga and encouraged us to enjoy and observe them. Surrendering the choice of spouse to the Adi Shakti is extremely important and, whilst no one will condemn or criticize those who make their own arrangements with a spouse from outside Sahaja Yoga, it is not a route to be recommended. He spoke especially well and lovingly about the responsibilities on Sahaja teenagers and how they need to be strong to stand up against the current values of these times and how, if they remain chaste, others will respect them and their marriages and, when the time comes, will be blessed in consequence.

This yogi came back to the USA inspired, uplifted, full of vibrations and with the clear message that these are indeed the days of the Last Judgement and that, in the words of Manoj Kumar, we have to now fight for our Sahaja culture.

With Shri Ganesha beside us, let our innocence and our love of Shri Mataji be our weapons.

Allan Wherry
New York, September 27

(Sahajnews 6 October 2001)

The Time has Come

It was one of the most emotionally and spiritually elevating puja weekends that I have been to.

The first official program was the entertainment evening on Friday night. The Romanian collective, along with Simple, charged the whole atmosphere with great joy, while everyone awaited the Great Goddess.

Everyone observed a standing two minutes of silence along with Shri Mataji as a mark of love and respect for all the innocent victims of this inhumane tragedy. Later, Shri Mataji's letter to George Bush, the President of the United States of America, was read aloud. She urged him to act against the cowardly acts of evil-doers as an act of redemption from evil. She blessed him with all courage and power to destroy the cowards who have perpetrated the most heinous crime.

All our heart goes out to all our brothers and sisters of America during these difficult times.

It is to be seen that only a handful of men fully blinded by hatred can destroy a vast number of innocent and good human beings. Sahaj Yoga has also been terrorized by a very small number of evil idiots who are spiritual drop-outs, who failed in their attempt to achieve divine. The global war against all terrorists has already begun.

The time has come for all Sahaj Yogis to take up arms of all their spiritual powers, courage, dedication and wisdom together with love, devotion and sincerity. The time has come where we have to stand up and say, "Yes - we are Sahaj Yogis, whose lives have been blessed by the Goddess Herself and fight with any negativity that is affecting Sahaj Yoga anywhere in the world."

Let us pray to our Divine Mother to grant us all the courage, wisdom, knowledge and powers to take part in this modern Mahabharat.

Jai Shri Mataji
Avinash Nickkawde
Sydney

(Sahajnews 6 October 2001)

News from Estonia

From Estonia with Love!

Dear brothers & sisters,

Some of you ask us where Estonia is situated and what it looks like. Estonia is a small but beautiful country on the Baltic Sea. Its history is connected with such countries as Germany, Denmark, Sweden and Russia. All these countries left some features in Estonian architecture, art and even in people's souls. The Estonian is closed for other people and doesn't let anybody come to his mind, to his heart. He prefers living alone or with family on his farm. This is the classic portrait of Estonian man.

Estonian language is very melodic like a song. Estonian music is like our nature, the mixture of wind and sea. (Estonian bhajans are not like that.) The population of Estonia is about 1.3 million people, about 65% are Estonians. The most of people live in the capital Tallinn (but not the most of yogis). Sahaja Yoga is spread only in 4 towns: Parnu (the summer capital of Estonia), Narva, Kohtla-Jarve and Tallinn.

Parnu is a town from which SY in Estonia started 8 years ago. We call our town the paradise because all are happening in such a sweet manner here. For example, Parnu is a seaside resort and there are many entertainments for tourists here, which take place all the night. This year we just made collective shoebeating on these entertainments which are really bad for people. And as a result every night during Parnu Summer there were thunderstorms in Parnu. All daytime the sun shone and from evening till morning there were thunderstorms. And instead of sitting in pubs or listening an awful music at the open stage, people went home to sleep. So Paramchaytania works in Estonia.

Another example, we had presidential elections in Estonia in the Aug. 2001. Before the elections we made Havan and asked Shri Mataji to give us dharmic president. During two tours nobody of candidates had the majority. The analysts said that Estonia would stay without President for next 5 years. But at last was chosen Arnold Ruutel. (whose surname is translated as "Knight"). He had no chance to be elected, nobody expected he could be President. But he was really the only dharmic person among the candidates. Is he a good President we'll see soon.

There are a lot of examples how Paramchaytania works here. We just enjoy watching this work. In November we are going to make Public Programmes in Tallinn and Parnu. Welcome to Estonia!

Much love,
Larissa.
Parnu, Estonia

GENERAL NEWS

A Grave Moment

Dear Manoj and friends,

I was in NYC few days before the 11th. No need to tell you how much we feel about this horror; we had tears in our eyes. We are gratified you all are safe but we were not really worried for yogis as we know the shield of Our Mother.

However I take the liberty to write a few lines for it is a grave moment. Indeed, as you say, let us pray that some wisdom can emerge from this chaos and some serious questions raised. The tradition of entertainment through catastrophes movies had entered our reality with a big bang and it is no longer entertainment.

It is about life and death and the potentially titanic and destructive clash between the so-called "Christian" and the "Muslim" worlds. This is new nonsense on old fault lines: it can be a detonating blend. As you know, this goes beyond violence from Jerusalem to Shrinagar, the Muslim fundamentalists want to topple the gulf regimes, stop oil delivery to the West and throw the world economy in a downwards spin.

In this context, let us hope that the American retaliations are focussed and well-targeted. For the demonic forces of terrorism count on a massive, indiscriminate US retaliation. (The logic of violence is the trap in which they got the indiscriminate leader of Israel, General Sharon.) Indeed, terrorists count on the "Raktabija syndrome"; Remember: when the gods fought this demon, whenever a drop of blood would hit the earth, new demons in his likeness would arise. (Kali had to intervene and lick his blood). For each drop of Arab blood that would flow because of USA retaliations, terrorists hope to see the emergence of hundreds of new terrorists. And NO security measures in the world can make any country terrorist-proof, even if we turn our countries into police states and war zones.

Let us hope the Bush Administration does not fall into the trap. General Powell seemed quite self-controlled but I was worried to hear Wolfowitz, the deputy of Rumsfeld. Please, American SY, keep this in your collective attention.

And kindly consider this. Out there, there is a world where billions of people are living with less than one dollar a day, where millions have no access to drinking water, where the Arab youth, squeezed in a shrinking natural resources environment, seem to have no jobs prospects nor real future. Many countries - including these - are fundamentally threatened by climate change and the warming of the planet caused by the greenhouse gas emissions, greatly

created by OUR factories and cars. We need clean energy but we need more.

The 90s were a decade where wealth was briefly created but not shared. The egoism of the wealthy has not endowed them with ethical credibility when they preach morality to the poor. I am afraid that, without a NEW foreign policy infused with REAL solidarity and applied compassion, the frustration that breeds despair and violence will not go away.

Finally let me share a quote from the predictions of Nostradamus that I got this morning in my office:

"In the year of the new century and nine monthes from the sky will come a great king of Terror.. the sky will burn at 45 degree latitude. Fire approaches the great new city"
He also said that this would be a third world war and it would be bigger than the two last wars. Hope he is wrong on this!

But on this E-Mail, I had a bit of numerology. I quote:

*"The date of the attack: 9/11-9+1+1=11
September eleventh is the 254th
day of the year: 2+5+4=11
After September 11th there are 111 days left
to the end of the year
119 is the area code of Iraq/Iran. 1+1+9=11
Twin Towers - standing side by side,
look like the number 11
The first plane to hit the towers was Flight 11
Flight 11- 92 on board. 9+2=11
Flight 77- 65 on board. 6+5=11
Afghanistan=11 letters
The Pentagon =11 letters
New York City =11 letters
State of New York: the 11th state added to the Union"*
(end of quote)

The author of this message does not know, as we do, that the number 11 relates to the Ekadesha Rudra. I feel this is quite serious.

We have quite a lot on our plate and must pray and pray. The good news is: we are connected. That's the important thing!

Love to all
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