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Australian Newsletter

Jai Shri Mataji!

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*The Spirit that is in all beings is immortal in them all:
for the death of what cannot die, cease thou to sorrow.*

*Think thou also of thy duty and do not waver. There is no
greater good for a warrior than to fight in a righteous war.*

*There is a war that opens the doors of heaven, Arjuna!
Happy the warriors whose fate is to fight such a war.*

*But to forgo this fight for righteousness is to forgo thy duty
and honour: is to fall into transgression.*

*Men will tell of thy dishonour both now and in times to come.
And to a man who is in honour, dishonour is more than death.*

*The great warriors will say that thou hast run from the battle
through fear; and those who thought great things of thee will
speak of thee in scorn.*

*And thine enemies will speak of thee in contemptuous words
of ill-will and derision, pouring scorn upon thy courage.
Can there be for a warrior a more shameful fate?*

*In death thy glory in heaven, in victory thy glory on earth.
Arise therefore, Arjuna, with thy soul ready to fight.*

*Prepare for war with peace in thy soul.
Be in peace in pleasure and pain, in gain and in loss,
in victory or in the loss of a battle.
In this peace there is no sin.*

Shri Krishna to Arjuna
(Bhagavad Gita chapter 2, verses 30-38)



NATIONAL NEWS

Call for expressions of our vision for the future

Dear Yogis

At this time in the greater scheme of the Universe and with all the dramas unfolding in the world and with the Adi Shakti alive on this Earth now celebrating the 80 anniversary of Her birth, we thought it appropriate to ask for your involvement in collective initiative to reaffirm through introspection what Shri Mataji, Sahaja Yoga, the collective, and Self-Realisation means to each of us.

We, the coordinators of the Australian collective ask for your insights and assistance.

As part of this initiative please introspect and let us know what you personally want to do this year in and for yourself Spiritually and for Sahaja Yoga in this of the celebration of Shri Mataji's 80th birthday.

We are keen to support the growth of each and every Sahaja Yogi and Yogini in our collective. This exercise of verbalising and expressing our dreams, aspirations and goals may somehow crystallise these matters in our minds. Your being able to articulate these desires will help strengthen, solidify and identify them for yourself as well as reaffirm these principles for the greater collective consciousness and offer them to the Atma for divine assistance, intervention, support and nurturing. Perhaps reflect upon those members of the collective who humble us with their courage and commitment, inspiring each of us to do more.

So please this next week, or right now, if you haven't already gone through the exercise, do it. Put your attention on what it is that you want to accomplish this year in Sahaja Yoga. If we all have similar goals perhaps collectivity can play a larger part.

This is a very important, genuine and serious request. Everyone's privacy will of course be respected. We are sincerely requesting an e-mail from each and every one of Mother's Children in Australia because we value and wish to listen to everyone's aspirations. If you wish send us an e-mail with what you want to express, as soon as possible and we will strategise together on how we can accomplish these, which are more than likely collective goals.

Don't forget to ask the children what they want as well. These e-mails will remain private unless you indicate that you do mind if we are allowed to share the inspiration contained with the collective. We will not publish names, but inspiration shared can be of great help to the collective. This initiative is for introspection, inspiration, and purposes and possible support only.

Jai Shri Mataji Nirmala Devi.

*Chris Kyriacou on behalf of
all the Coordinators of the Australian Collective*

STATE NEWS

from New South Wales...

Request for contribution of tools for the carpentry/crafts shop at ISPS Dharamshala

The boys' facilities at the school are pretty meagre.

Oleg, their teacher, has asked for second-hand or no-longer-used-hand tools. Also needed are screws, panel pins, glues, etc.

If anyone would like to contribute or donate money to buy some of the things needed before we leave next month, would they please contact Mike Merritt on 9706 7066, or mob 0402301288.

Request for Transcript to aid *Footsteps of God* project

John Smiley is looking for a transcript of Shri Mataji's Birthday Puja talk.

Please either email to jsmiley@vtown.com.au or mail to 213a Burwood Rd, Burwood, NSW 2134 Australia.

Bhajan evening this Saturday at the new Strathfield Ashram

Dear all

Bhajans this week will be at Strathfield Ashram (residence of Bhasales, Jones, Merritts and Shetes).

Time: 7pm.

Address: 156 Albert Rd, Strathfield Ph: 9746 5161.

See you all there.

Regards,

*John Smiley
Sydney*

from the Northern Territory...

Inspired proposal for widespread public programs in Northern Australia

Jai Shri Mataji

Dear brothers and sisters from afar, I was recently at the leaders' meeting in Sydney and I suggested that we do programs in other cities as we did in Singapore, only here in Australia to boost things along for small collectives.

Before I got home the Cairns collective had decided to visit Darwin to give it a boost in the form of a big public program and hand billing etc. (You only need ask!) Apparently they had decided to do this *before* the leaders even sat down for the first session. I was both amazed and delighted. The plans are in the beginning stage of course but the dates will be during the Queensland school holidays (just when? - I must say I'm not sure at this point).

The main objective of this letter is to get the ball rolling for anyone who may feel they'd like to join in. If, for instance, you are coming from SA for WA, you could do programs on the way. If from Brisbane or Sydney there is a huge gap in our Australian circuit that has yet to be filled. No one has done programs between NT border and the east coast. The idea is to maybe meet up in Mt Isa from the east coast. Some may come from south east and so could do the Townsville, Winton, Charleville to Mt Isa route, while Cairns will do Normanton, Cloncurry to Mt Isa etc. SA could do far northern towns, Coober Pedy, Alice Springs etc and meet up at Tennant Creek.

There's no end to the possibilities of course: these are just a few ideas to look at. There may be someone out there who can also see the whole picture coming together who has some ideas, so please don't hold back. I can feel Shri Hanuman swishing His tail and clearing the way for us.

Look forward to hearing from you all.

Love,

*Linda & Kevin Pauling
Darwin*

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Sahaj insight into George W Bush and the USA-Iraq conflict

At the seminar in Czech at the end of January Gregoire told us some personal experiences he had with Mother regarding this conflict. During the time of the first Gulf War Shri Mataji said personally to Gregoire: "*I am protecting the US Army*". A few hours later Gregoire saw a CNN report about some missile hitting an US Jeep. Normally there wouldn't have been any chance of surviving this attack, but all US Soldiers were somehow saved. The commentary of these soldiers on TV was: "This was a miracle!" Shri Mataji also said: "*The Americans have been tricked!*" as the peace contract between US/UN and Iraq was signed. Mother was obviously not happy about it.

Some years later: The election of the President of the United States turns out to be a big, big Leela. Finally George W Bush wins. Was Shri Krishna playing his tricks there?

Summer 2001: During Her *The World Saviour Tour* Shri Mataji meets George W Bush, gives Her book *Meta Modern Era* to him and prophesies to him that he is the one chosen to annihilate International Terrorism. A few days after September 11 Shri Mataji was writing personally what is now to us the well-known letter to George W Bush quoting the Bhagavadgeeta and saying that a devil cannot be forgiven, and that the most important is the fulfilling of one's Dharma. I was personally very surprised by the crystal-clear battle-cry of the Devi against all this negativity of Fundamentalism and Terrorism. Some of us may have expected a very soft and forgiving Mother saying: 'Oh, just forgive it. It's all in the past', but no!, a Mother's quality is most of all to protect Her children. For that She has sometimes to smash the forces trying to smash Her children. Mother said clearly that all the persons who died on September 11 were absolutely innocent. And that those are satanic forces which try to absolutely destroy innocence.

Maybe some of us can also remember some CNN pictures used in the Italian masterpiece theatre play *The Betrayed Prophet* showing clearly the face of the devil in the smoke above the ruins of the Twin Towers. Shri Mataji said very clearly that Saddam Hussein is a devil. Okay, most of us could probably have figured that out by themselves. But it's much more difficult to recognize who George W Bush is. As with probably most of us I didn't feel a great sympathy for him in the beginning, I mean, after all, he is the American President, right?! But the way Mother talked about him and through many other incidents over the last one-and-a-half years a completely different picture was created in my heart. Shri Mataji said that he is a good Instrument for Her. I think she also used the term 'good sol-

dier'. Mother's letter to George W Bush was read aloud over the mike at Cabella during the weekend of Ganesha Puja 2001, to be exact on the evening of Friday 21 Sept 2001. As I was getting married at this weekend I have the whole weekend in vivid memory. The letter touched my heart very deeply. I remember thinking that Bush must be really a very very deep soul if Shri Mataji is addressing him on that frequency, level. In her letter She is actually writing to him as if he is a Sahaja Yogi (I mean, quotations of the Bhagavadgeeta in a letter to a US American President???!! It's not such a common thing, is it?) This whole situation of Mother writing letters to Bush is comparable to Mother's letters to Gorbatschow (and the effect they had). After that Bush invaded Afghanistan as we all know. During Diwali Puja 2001 in Los Angeles all the Yogis had to give themselves Kundalini-Bandhan like all the time, because it was a big workout weekend. Shri Mataji was killing a Rakshasa at this weekend and the news were announcing soon after that the right-hand man of Osama Bin Laden had had a lethal car accident.

Shri Mataji always praised Abraham Lincoln as a great realized soul, as a fighter against slavery and injustice and as fighter for human rights and dignity. But She also said that the work George W Bush will fulfil is even greater!!

We are all are opponents of so-called Islamic Fundamentalism, of the evil of Terrorism, of the inhuman suppression of women in Arabic countries, aren't we? My suggestion: Let's bury the antipathies against the United States that we all might have and let's support Bush in his campaign against negativity on a vibrational level. Shri Mataji was quoting in Her letter the words of Shri Krishna to Arjuna where Shri Krishna is destroying the doubts of Arjuna regarding the necessity of the battle against evil. So, Shri Mataji is Shri Krishna, maybe George W Bush is really... Arjuna, and we are just to blind to see it. My personal opinion: Whoever he is: Support him!

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(In saying to support Bush I am not saying that we should desire war by any means, but that we desire the fulfilment of Mother's prophecy regarding Bush: The elimination of International Terrorism. Jai Shri Mataji!)

Suggestion for Sahaja Yogis to send letters of support

Dear Everyone,

This is both a reminder and a caution. Hopefully most of us were either at the Mahakali Puja on Sunday and heard Shri Mataji's Navaratri Puja talk in Loutraki and heard Her letter about the war on terrorism or have heard about the intensity and feeling of great moment that was generated at the Puja.

As has become clear through the numerous messages I have already received from Sahaja Yogis, it was collectively felt that we should all—indeed to the full extent of our ability—show and declare solidarity with the efforts of those She has named as the leaders of this the final battle against hatred, cruelty and contempt for life. These are indeed the essence of the false and twisted ideology of both the terrorists themselves and those who harbour them and supply them with the weapons to do their hideous work. If you also understand the need for solidarity at this grave moment with our leaders, please do write NOW expressing your support for our government and our prime minister in their courageous policy of supporting the Americans in confronting and dealing with an evil that actually directly and imminently also threatens the lives of our own people. The address is known to us all: The Prime Minister, 10, Downing Street, Westminster, London.

In the Loutraki talk Shri Mataji reminded us once again of the incredible power of the expressed desire of Sahaja Yogis in order to work change in the world. Many of us have realised the importance of the stance of solidarity that our government has taken alongside President Bush. I believe that now is the moment that we should also write to him expressing our support on this specific issue. His address - also well known of course - is: President George W Bush, The White House, Washington DC, USA.

And now the caution. VITAL - though I am sure that 99% of us know this already: Please remember that we are not asked to take sole responsibility for introducing these eminent and intelligent men to Sahaja Yoga. That is part of Shri Mataji's own Divine plan. Please write simply and directly, offering your personal support, together (WITH DUE MODESTY) with any specific recommendations or insights that you may have. But, please do not give the impression that we are cashing in on the situation in order to make propaganda for ourselves. Please mention - IN PASSING - that you practise Sahaja Yoga and (if you like) that we are a multi-cultural group which includes many Muslims. It would NOT be appropriate for us to make ourselves big by offering to give them Self Realisation or making ourselves look like a sect. If you understand the importance of all this, please act soon and get every adult in your household to write. The simplest of letters will do. In fact they will be the best ones.

Lots of love to you all

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