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Jai Shri Mataji!

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*This body, Arjuna, is called the field.
He who knows this is called the knower of the field.*

*Know that I am the knower in all the fields of my
creation; and that the wisdom which sees the field
and the knower of the field is true wisdom.*

Shri Krishna
(Bhagavad Gita chapter 13, verses 1 & 2)

STATE NEWS

from Western Australia...

Large crowd gathers for Laxshmi Puja at the new Wembley Ashram

A bright new chapter on collective living has opened at 6 St Vincents Avenue, Wembley. Sorrento has closed, Beaconsfield is closing and some yogis from each have come together in between North and South. Wembley is about five minutes drive from Perth city and we can walk to the cafes in Subiaco. We are just down the road from Lake Monger which has many ducks, and other bird life, including the biggest black swan colony in Perth.

A Laxshmi Puja held on Wednesday 19th February had a great turnout from the Perth yogis. The house is a little smaller than Sorrento and the forty yogis spilled out into the kitchen and hall. It was great to have our house filled to overflowing. It's very joyful to provide for yogis. Some of us took over the kitchen for dancing. I could still feel the vibrations flowing from the altar the next day. Jai Shri Mataji! To think we were debating even whether to have one because we may only be here for six months! May we continue to grow and be blessed.

Wembley ashram "young ones" (Andre and Kusum Maynard, Leonard Reeves, Brett Johnson, Tyrone Mardesic and Lesley Larter) would like to thank again everyone one for coming and for their gifts, and repeat the invitation wonderfully said by Brett, "This is a collective house and please feel free to just drop in any time." Collective meditation is at 6am (in air conditioned comfort).

May we continue to grow and be blessed.

Bolo Adi Shakti Shri Mahalaxshmi Shi Mataji Ki Jai!

Lesley Larter, Perth

Ashram life, it's a good time
Lots of laughs and the occasional whine
Jumping around together like our washing machine,
Sometimes it's only the gunk that's seen

But when you share the thing of the collective life
The world reveals true enjoyment free of strife.
We know this is where we love to be –
Sharing the spirit, feeling free.

Andre Maynard

I'd like to be free,
Not fettered and unclean.
To be like the birds,
Fly away, happy and serene.

We should climb to the top of the great mountain
From where we see all paths,
Everyone is somewhere travelling.
May all find the great mother.

Karma travels with us,
The waves of fate can crush though not defeat.
The path to freedom exists for us,
Is at our Mother's feet.

Leonard Reeves

from New South Wales...

Shivaratri Puja arrangements for Mid North Coast collective

The collective of the Mid North Coast (Coffs Harbour, Forster and Wingham) are coming together to celebrate Shivaratri Puja at Sarah and Brendan's place, in Bobin (a village community 30kms outside of Wingham).

Any of our brothers and sisters from other areas would be most welcome to join us. Please contact Sarah Connell (02) 65 505181 for travel arrangements.

Jai Shri Mataji!

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

from the USA...

More insight into President Bush

As we know, Shri Mataji has often publicly praised Abraham Lincoln as a great realised soul. But we have to bear in mind that he decided to wage war against the South with the result that over 600,000 (mostly young) men died and countless others were injured. That is ten times the number of Americans killed in Vietnam! Definitely what we would describe today as a humanitarian disaster. No doubt that at the time there were people calling him a reckless warmonger and probably lobbying for a peaceful solution, campaigning that slavery would have 'worked itself out peacefully' over a period of time (and maybe they would have been right).

There were also people who questioned Lincoln (and the North's) motives and argued that it was a war fought for 'economic reasons' (cf Oil). Even Lincoln himself publicly stated that he would choose the preservation of the Union of the USA WITH slavery over dis-union of the USA without slavery. (Political pragmatism, maybe?) Why was the Union so important? After all: wasn't it just an aggregate of disparate people who had stolen land from the native Americans? He also said 'A house divided against itself cannot stand'. Critics could argue that it wasn't their house to begin with! I'm sure there were people who would have also said that 'the South isn't an immediate threat'—and maybe they were right. Who knows which way history would have gone? Only God knows why Lincoln, the sixteenth President of the US, was used as an instrument to wage that Civil War which killed more soldiers than all US military conflicts put together, and only God knows who Abraham Lincoln really was.

However, a visit to his memorial gives us some idea. As you approach his statue you feel the flow of cool vibrations and the Kundalini rising. Standing there reading the Gettysburg address is not only a powerfully vibrational but emotional experience as well. This text is now recognised not only as one of the most inspiring (and shortest) political speeches of all time but as a masterpiece of English literature. It is studied for its cadences and rhythms. I'm not saying that Bush's "Dead or Alive" Texan rhetoric compares to Lincoln's, but Shri Mataji used Lincoln as an instrument in a real conflict with real weapons where real people died to destroy the negativity of racism and slavery.

In the same way she is using Bush to destroy a different manifestation of the same underlying satanic forces. As in the American Civil War it is a real conflict with real weapons where real people will die. And, as with Lincoln over 150 years ago, the same questions of motive are now being asked about George W Bush. Is it for oil? Geo-

political manoeuvring? Why not punish Israel and support the Palestinians and win the hearts of minds of a billion Muslims (and reduce the motive for terrorism) in one mighty stroke? And most of all—why now? What are George W Bush's inner motivations and what is his divine purpose in the cosmic and earthly battle now being played out on this world stage? Only God (ie Shri Mataji Nirmala Devi) knows. May her will (whether it be war or peace) be done.

Jai Shri Mataji!

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from Australia...

Sahaj musicians invited to play at International Shivaratri Puja in Pune, India

This is a request mainly for Sahaja Yogis living outside Australia.

For Shivaratri Puja, we are looking for a number of instrumentalists for the play we are preparing. In particular, we are looking for a trumpeter, recorder or flute player and a cellist. Also, if there is anybody who can play sitar and sarod, although these would be more of a luxury than a necessity.

Also, can anyone supply me with the email address for Gerald Wirth, and Jean Louis Barbier (from Canada - I think this is the correct spelling of his name).

John Smiley
Sydney, Australia

Apology from the Editor

For personal logistical reasons this brief edition of the Australian Newsletter was prepared ahead of the weekly copy deadline. My apologies to anyone who has missed out on publication of an article as a result.

Peter Brownscombe