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The Sixth Man to step on the Moon Capt. Edger Michiel of NASA (USA) wih Shri Dattabal sharing the experiences of Space and ESP at World Conference on Religeon at Bangalore (India)



Capt. Edger Michiel, Mrs. Roselin & Shri Dattabal discussing on Psychiac Powers whilst in Bangalore

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(Brief account of life, literature,
philosophy and participation
in various conference of
World Peace and Religion)

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Preface to the 6th Edition.

I am very happy to publish the 6th edition of this small book-Messenger of Divine Love in the new form and as part I of this new volume. All the earlier editions were already marketed and all the copies thereof have been exhausted. There are still increasing demand for this book by the readers. I do not claim that this book gives the complete picture of life, literature and philosophy of Shri Dattabai. However this is an humble attempt to narrate in brief the essential high lights of his achievements, his scientific approach towards Adhyatma and the new mantra "projection of love" which is the positive action for "Sadhak" to be practised for spiritual as well as material progress.

In this edition as part II I have appended some poems and articles written by Shri Dattabai and an interview with Shri Dattabai by press correspondents of NAVHIND TIMES in order to through more light on the spiritual & multidimensional intellectual personality of Shri Dattabai. I have also included in this part II the reporting of Shri Dattabai's tour to USA in May 1981 in his own words. I hope the readers will find them also interesting and useful. Lastly I cannot help mentioning the contribution of Smt. Kumud Chavan in brining this book in the present form. Smt. Kumud Chavan is the daughter of Late Shashikishor Chavan well known artist in painting & embroidery

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who had won several awards in the Art Exhibition. Smt. Kumud Chavan is also refined artist in this field. She is the nice of Late Dr. Mai Chavan well known gynaecologist in Kolhapur who had taught Smt. Kumud the basic principles and practice of nursing. So also Smt. Kumud Chavan was brought up in the convent atmosphere which had enriched her with English Language. Both these aspects have helped her in taking care of Shri Dattabal in food as well as for taking dictations at any time either in English or in Marathi. Shri Dattabal was used to call her for dictation at any time in day or night-whenever some idea or thought Struck him. Smt. Kumud had to leave her work in hand there only and to run to Shri Dattabal for dictation. In fact Smt. Kumud was the first listener of what Shri Dattabal spoke and nearly all the speeches, articles, notes, poems, long essays etc. are in the script of Smt. Kumud Chavan. Because of her twentyfour hours attendance to Shri Dattabal in India as well as in abroad, the literary and philosophical wealth of Shri Dattabal was preserved till it found place in printing. This is an unique example of such a dedication and sacrifice. I am too much obliged to her. I also sincerely thank Shri Datta Kulkarni of Rajhuns Printing Press and Kalingrao Tahasildar, Ex-Dvisional Manager of The New India Assuance Co. Ltd., who is also the mission member. These friends have helped me lot for this revised edition.

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"He is greater than Khalil Gibran" Senapati Bapat, a revolutionary and philosopher said of Shri Dattabal - a young mystic and philosopher. Bapat was contemporary of Gandhiji and Veer Savarkar. When he read Shri Dattabal's literature, he wrote in a famous marathi daily the above mentioned remark. Probably he is the youngest of the present day saints, having a large number of followers. When one studies Shri Dattabal's views on life, love and human personality, one is struck by uniqueness and subtlety of the approach. While commenting on life he once said to me, 'Life is an origin seeking Love Divine'. His entire approach towards life is approach of love.

Gibran's philosophical depth, Ravindranath's aesthetic intuition and vision of Vivekanand are synthesized in Shri Dattabal's philosophy of life.

Let us see how his life was shaped by an inmost urge to peep into the unknown Infinite.

"Those were the days of soul's intimate musing with the divine." rarely speaking about his childhood he once revealed, "I used to sit on my grandfather's shoulder and look at the stars twinkling far off in the unfathomable space and that used to awaken in me a profound sense of inner unity."

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He further says about his musings with the Divine, "While spontaneously looking within myself, I used to feel a different space-dimension in my heart and it is that dimension which used to awaken in me a sense of non-materiality of the material world." He used to speak intimately with roots of trees and inanimate objects. "Every thing in this universe is surcharged with the creative impulse to evolve back to the origin and it is a sort of mute prayer of matter to the Divine." He used to feel and sense this mute prayer of the matter. If asked about the details he says, "That can be felt by every one, provided one can peep deep within oneself, and cross the threshold of sense data, often mentioned by Russell.

Once in his younger days he felt like looking into a stone. He broke the stone and found practically nothing. He exclaimed, "No, I don't want to see the stone in this way, but I want to look *into* a stone." Now he says about it, "I wanted to see the very core of life and spirit in the stone. My mind couldn't see it. Then I realised that it is not the mind but the heart that can look *into* an object." This very looking *into* an object by heart has become a special feature of his philosophy and the mission of his life. It is looking into an object and its varied experiences, that have shaped Shri Dattabai's approach.

He says, "Feel an object deeply with calm and receptive mind, you will find a luminous core of divine

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spirit in it." As a teenager he used to feel within him a tremendous and an over-whelming force of love and also he knew that it could be transmitted. While narrating his experience, very beautifully he said, "Love was manifesting through pores of my skin. Living and vibrant force of love used to manifest through me. It was Universal Love. Torrent of that Divine love was so intense that I used to feel that I could transmit it to trees, flowers, men and even walls of the building. It is the transmission of the love force that taught Shri Dattabai the art of spiritual healing. From his early age he has healed thousands. He says about his healings, "My healing services are only meant to demonstrate the validity of spiritual force and Love Divine." His foreign returned father, a sceptic turned into his ardent admirer when he witnessed his son's healing performance. Apart from healing, Shri Dattabai also demonstrated his telekinetic abilities and other psychic powers. Personally I have myself witnessed his telekinetic abilities such as moving a hanging brick and making a cigarette vibrate.

Very recently, when I read about a Russian woman performing these feats I asked Shri Dattabai inquisitively, "What is the secret of it?" He said to me emphatically, "It is done through the aid of Pranic force. Prana is an all inclusive force but, is not an electric current transmitted through brain, as some Russians explain Mikhilov's telekinetic feats." He further added, 'Of course, Prana which is the very breath of life is

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having certain electrical properties." I humbly accepted his version because I knew from my personal experience that he was an adept in that art. But he says emphatically about his powers that he is merely an humble instrument of the Divine and it is the deepest love in him that translates and transforms into different powers. So he says, "Only intense practice of projection of the Love Divine will automatically develop other spiritual powers in you."

Never had I heard such a strange and wonderful explanation. Proverbial practices such as meditation and other austerities could be understood but to project love is something unimaginable. But often the unimaginable is the most real. To elucidate his approach let us study his views on love carefully.

"In the primal mass of spirit's light, you all were the flames with no covers of any conditioning or dimensions, you were linked with one another and with the parent Divine. As if in the ocean of light, you were the shining dew drops. There were neither space nor time dimensions, everything was interlinked. This interlinking primal relation is love, so feel and act as if you all are flames."

Sometimes he says on love, "Love is of three kinds : one carnal, second platonic and third the Divine. Procreation is the sole purpose of sex love. It is physical attraction in two persons but when it is sublimated it becomes a finer and wider force, stimulating creative

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faculties in man and regenerating his personality. This is something like water converting into vapour. If this vapour is rightly utilised, it becomes a great force. Similarly, if you sublimate carnal love you will be a new creative man.

Shri Dattabal further says, "But here is a danger. If your values and motives are not genuinely humanitarian, your sublimated energy may take the form of power motive, either on mundane plane or supra-mundane plane. So take care to expand that creative force into still deeper and sublime recess of consciousness. Platonic love is in the realm of duality. It is between two persons, even though pure. It is the purest possible attraction between the two living persons, but when the final metamorphosis takes place, it becomes one with the whole creation as its part and parcel. This metamorphosed love experiences its centre everywhere and circumference nowhere." Shri Dattabal further adds, "Journey from carnal instinct upto creative primal urge is like a process of water becoming one with all pervasive air."

Shri Dattabal is born on 3rd April 1941, in Kolhapur. His father, Principal Mr. M. R. Desai, is a renowned educationist and founder of educational institutions. Shri Dattabal has spent 18 years of his early life with his grandfather, who was a civil judge.

A Kannad lady saint with a rare gift of clairvoyance

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once visited Desai family, and prophesied about a child having a black spot on right foot and a birthmark on right shoulder. She said that this child will be a 'Mahapurush' (Great man). Today we see that the prophecy is fulfilled. Thousands of people come to him for guidance and spiritual help and with a smiling face he imparts it. He delivers his speeches in English, Hindi and Marathi. With his lucid speech he exposes the secrets of his heart, and these secrets are received by the audiences which includes villagers, doctors, professors and also high ranked ministers.

The gospel of Divine Love is not new but the manner in which Shri Dattabal makes it practical and dynamic is not only unique but I can humbly say, it is the special feature of his divinely ordained mission. To make your soul's creative urge more expressive in you, he teaches you altogether a different way of mediation. He says, "For a modern man old ways of meditation are not useful, because his circumstances are such that he is continuously dynamic. Thought is a dynamic impulse of your inmost soul expressing itself in name and form or in an idea. So instead of controlling thoughts forcibly, utilize the very activity of thoughts for the purpose of projecting your love."

After giving you this new gospel. He will tell you to practice it. He will tell you to sow two plants in two different saucers. He will instruct you to nourish both the plants in an equal way, water and sunlight should

be provided equally and evenly. After this procedure, he will tell you to take a plant and then project your goodwill and love towards it. To your sweet surprise you will find the growth of the chosen plant is accelerated even though you have materially treated both the plants equally. Similarly he will tell you to project your love on flowers and notice its effects. To our surprise you will again find those particular flowers lasting longer than the others upon which you have not projected your love. "Your love enters into them and becomes a needed life-giving energy." He says, "Love is the only energy that can assume different forms of help."

I remember one anecdote which proves his above mentioned statement. A middle-aged man who lost his wife came to Shri Dattabai. He was filled with pain and sorrow, Shri Dattabai wanted to console him but he realised his words could not heal the wound. It was a silent evening, he did not know how to console the bereaved husband. Then he became indrawn and immediately he realised a powerful current urging him intuitively to touch the chest of the anguished gentleman. He did it softly. The gentleman felt immediately a cool current entering into him and relieving his burden of sorrow.

After somedays the gentleman said, "It is the touch that relieved and saved me." No word, no philosophy, merely a touch ! When asked about the incident Shri

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Dattabai with very objectivity said, "It is love in me that became vibratory, as if it transformed itself into a current which could be communicated. Love can be transformed into needed force." Projection of love is the keyword of his personality and philosophy.

"Everything in the world is continuously projecting and transmitting certain waves," he says. He further adds, "It is the very nature of every object in the world to radiate. Present scientists are just getting an inkling of this projecting side of the universe. These radiations are etheric in their true nature. But here we have to realise and know well that the ether which is the interpenetrating substance through atoms is quite different from the ether which is disproved by the present theory of relativity. It is an urge to manifest the true spiritual nature that gives the mundane universe an ability of projection, because an inherent spiritual urge to manifest its own Divine nature is eternally present even in an atom. Rate of vibrations in the primordial substance of matter is accelerated by the pressure of the Divine urge to manifest and that gives birth to life, mind and the individualized Divine in the form of human race.'

Once Shri Dattabai said on the double capacity of matter very significantly - 'As matter is continuously in a state of projecting, it is also in the state the receiving. Matter is also impressionable. Whatever we do is also recorded on the matter. Matter or to be precise

evolutionary urge in matter, practically utilizes these impressions with an intention to get itself more individualized. It is a remarkable phenomenon. In nature nothing is wasted. Our subconscious thoughts and radiations are recorded on matter. And nature practically uses these impressions as moulds in which life can form itself into an individualized entity. Thus impressionable nature of matter is also very significant.

Through projection, it is the Divine that is trying to express and through reception it is life that is trying to get itself individualized. Every object in the world is a small vortex in the ocean of Love Divine. In fact the bigger vortex is composed of smaller vortices, our physics calls them 'atoms'. But an upward pressure of self-manifestation makes an apparently dead matter, the cradle of living being.'

This path of projection of love, teaches us that everything in nature is evolving and this evolution is accomplished by mutual cooperation of different species. A tree or a domestic animal is brought in human contact by great nature not with the view of mutual utility but with the view of helping each other's evolution, so he says with rare vision that, so called the world of non-living is also given under your responsibility. So projection of love upon a tree, animal and human being is only the relationship expected of us by the Divine.

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"Love will not only help the individual but also the universal evolutionary ascent. The super-vibration of love will accelerate the lower frequencies of vibrations in animate and inanimate and help them to come to supreme God-head, our primal place of birth."

Thus he describes the effects of projection upon the universe.

"Only love in you can respond to mind and life in so called dead matter." He says often.

Once very beautifully he said to one of his followers, "Do you know what is at the root of a Sun ray ? Hydrogen explosions ? Electromagnetic waves ? Or any other such stuff ? It all may be there, but at its source there is tremendous force of love that is trying to manifest through the sun the love of the divine towards His creation. And it is that love that gets transformed into the life giving energies. Sometimes he will touch a tree or a flower and say, "Oh, do you know, it is sending me vibrations of love." As Einstein found energy in matter in its molecules and atoms, Shri Dattabai finds only crystallization of Love Divine. So often he says, "Life is an origin-seeking Love Divine."

Shri Dattabai is not only a contemplative seer. He is well aware of the miseries of the world. He considers miseries as the facts. He says about them, "These are the products of your negative projections. A thought originates from the centre of your soul-the

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dimensionless reality and expresses itself in the three-dimensional world. Again the thought returns back to the centre. Thoughts of hatred and malice certainly bring similar reactions, these result in miseries. But there is also a definite purpose behind sufferings. Miseries are meant for your evolution. The inmost upward urge in you seeks its manifestation, but your choices and negative projections, distort that urge. So there is a conflict. The upward urge in your soul is trying to expand and release itself from the clutches of matter. And your outer being hinders its expansion through, limited choices and preferences. So this inevitable conflict produces all sorts of complexes and problems : conscious and subconscious.

"Only possible cure is allowing the expansion of your being through the projection of love."

Thus he sums up his lucid analysis of miseries.

As a teen-ager he used to meditate on Lord Kirshna. He used to love the Lord from the bottom of his heart. Once his entire family was out for a picnic. There is a village near Kolhapur, known as Kagal. A small picturesque lake is in front of the building where they all were picnicking.

It was a moonlit night. Every thing was quiet and calm. Fortunately there was an image of Krishna in the hall were Shree Dattabal slept along with his brothers, sisters and parents. He meditated upon the image and

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went to sleep. At night he was awokened suddenly, to view two luminous bluish flames hovering in space. One was near his right toe another near Krishna's image.

He thought it to be a good dream and slept. In the morning his younger sister came and told him, "I saw one beautiful flame near your right toe and one near Krishna. I also saw in the fluorescent light of the flame your feet uncovered." Shri Dattabal's father had got up that night early and had put the blanket on his uncovered feet. As it was all dark there was no possibility of seeing his feet uncovered by his sister. So all were surprised. It was an objectively valid experience, because his younger sister also could see the materialized flames and his feet uncovered in stark darkness.

That experience proved to be a revolutionary one in young Shri Dattabal's life. He started devoting himself to the spiritual path more and more. Today he says, "It is the Lord Kirhsna that taught me the Sunlit path of Love." He treats Lord Kirhsna as the supreme master of Love Divine and his life as the practical demonstration of it. While commenting on love, he once said, "Dr. Freud, no doubt entered into the dark cave of subconscious mind but he only saw the snakes. He did not realise that the snakes are the guardians protecting treasures under the subconscious mind. Treasures of infinite love were not seen by him."

He further comments, "Sex is not an instinct that is perverted but it is refracted. While passing through a denser medium, a sun ray refracts. Similarly the primal self-expressive urge in your infinite soul refracts when it crosses the self-assumed denser media of subconscious mind and it becomes an urge to procreate. His analysis of human instincts is profound and deep. He says, "The outer personality is no illusory but refracted, it is not darkness but twilight." Thus while emphasising on sublimation he says, "Give attention to the original and primal urge of love and radiate it. That is the best way to sublimate your lower instincts. Instinct, in fact is refracted intuition. Dr. Freud ought to have gone deeper to realise this."

Shri Dattabai looks at the universe as the unitary whole. He says, "Don't look at the universe as divided in to fragments but look at it and life as the whole. Intellect conditioned by space and time is habitual to view the universe in fragments, so it fails to understand its true significance. This three-dimensional universe is actually a section or visible part of the fourth-dimensional universe. Intellect is too puny to grasp the whole. So feel the universe through the deepest centre in you, as this centre is everywhere with no circumference. You will be able to realise, how different parts are composed in the unitary whole of the absolute."

Shri Dattabai often tells us that everything that is coming in our contact is brought with a definite motive,

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let it be an inanimate object like a stone or a tree. An inner motive of the Divine is to help each other's evolutionary ascent. So he says, "Never neglect any thing in your daily life. When you pass by a lonely tree on your way, radiate your love towards it and also feel its nourishing compassion."

I remember one incident in Benaras. Along with Shri Dattabal we all visited the senior most famous and learned philosopher, saint Shri Gopinath Kaviraj who gave us a warm welcome. We had with him lively discussions for a long time covering almost all the topics which are undergoing evolution in the new era and while returning to our campus we stepped in the garden in front of his house. It was late evening. Suddenly Shri Dattabal stopped and became quiet. When I asked about it, he said, "Have you noticed those two plants ?" I said, 'Yes'. He solemnly said further, "There is a rainbow bridge of vibrations between the two plants and through it they are communicating with each other. So I did not cross and disturb them."

I was struck by his vision. Was not Sir Jagdishchandra Bose similarly sensitive to the feelings of plants ? It is his sensitivity that gave the world a new vision towards plant-life.

Luther Burbank also told Swami Yoganand that he suggested to a thorny shrub not to have its protective aids as he was not its enemy. After few days of such constant mental radiations, the shrub gradually

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widrew the thorns. Shri Dattabal boldly declares, "Love alone can save the nations. Basically wars are the materializations of your negative thoughts and projections. Real remedy to stop wars is to radiate your inmost love."

Constructive programmes of mass-prayers are practically absent in Hindus. So Shri Dattabal has started orgainising them vigourously. These programmes can be attended by a man of any faith. Actually his programmes of mass prayers are completely secular. Thousands of people attend his sermons. Even in villages such programmes are attended in large numbers.

Mangoor is a village near Kagal. It had a local feud which would have resulted in murders of many people. After the mass prayers programme, people decided to change their ways and actually the conflict was averted. He says, "These mass prayers will also help in quieting the student unrest."

Shri Dattabal rightly acknowledges the debt of science and he has very aptly remarked, "Science in future will be the practical demonstration of metaphysical truths." So he never feels the growth of science as something detrimental to spirituality, but he fears scientific superstition. He does not want science to be the iron framework of sense-data, instead he wants it to be the progressive peep into the unknown. But he prophetically assures us that science will be the

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best friend of metaphysics. He says, "The field theory of Einstein is an unconscious effort to synthesize the material and the non material. The very effort indicates inclination of physics towards metaphysics." But at the same time he solemnly warns us not to jump at conclusions and immediately draw inference such as, 'Present physics justifies metaphysics.' He says, "Yet that period has to come" To Shri Dattabai all the researches in present scientific domain is only a study of effect and not of the cause.

As an advocate of the spiritual evolution he firmly believes that, never in the history of the world such a period has ever come when humanity prepares integrally for spiritualization. Of course, here we must remember, Shri Dattabai distinctly separate the ethical, the moral and the religious evolutions, though he believes that ultimately all these evolutions must go hand in hand.

So he certainly asserts the possibilities of other evolutions reaching high peaks in the past. But he says, "It is now only a grand synthesis and perfect balance to be experienced and acquired."

"Religions are the different pathways towards the ultimate reality" Shri Dattabai asserts. He says further, "Every religion tried to express a definite aspect of the Divine and every aspect which every religion expressed was a needed one during that patch of space and time."

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But he also emphatically says that the true spirit of religion lies in liberality and love. He does not approve of any rigidity in religion.

Shri Dattabai often stressed on sensitivity of consciousness. But he means by sensitivity a kind of receptivity in your being. "True sensitivity," he says, "dawns upon your being when you cross the cloudy region of outer sense, which operate in the phenomenal world. When you develop true sensitivity, the world will be an open book to you, revealing on each page new secrets and wonderful knowledge."

Though he is known as a saint and a mystic, he takes dynamic interest in art. He says about art, "Art is essentially an expression of the deepest soul in you. I disagree with those who say that art is meant either for society or for oneself. Art is a motiveless, spontaneous expressions of soul in you. Modern art is an effort to diverge from the form. So it is essentially a spiritual efforts, not yet fulfilled, because unconsciously they are replacing a deformed form in place of the original form. To try to express a thought behind the three-dimensional object, it should be the aim of modern artists. If they want really to go beyond form and feel a true thought or an idea they must sincerely prepare themselves. Only skill will not help them but they are required to be spiritually sensitive. To paint a tree, one needs to feel and sense the tree. This true sensitive learning will open a new vista of consciousness before an artist." Shri Dattabai advises

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modern artists to study William Blake, Gibran, Plato and Tagore.

He often says, "Art and life are inseparable, because both are expressions of the same soul. So, as science at present talks on space-time continuum we must realise art-life continuum."

Shri Dattabai is a modern seer and a saint with rare insight into present day problems and challenges of modern human race. His gospel is based on his intuitive perceptions. The contrast between his age and his enriched knowledge adds to the beauty of his personality. "His thoughts are golden" ex-governor of the State Shri Mangaldas Pakwasa said after listening to his discourse. He further added humorously. "Being a bania I know their value, so they must be spread."

I think Mr. Pakwasa is quite justified when one really knows the central message of Shri Dattabai.

Let me sum up his entire philosophical approach in his own words.

"Life is an origin-seeking love divine."

His consciousness is an ever expanding horizon of truth, beauty and love. Whenever I enjoy the delight of his presence, I feel like saying in Shri Aurobindo's words-

"Spirit's conscious representative
God's delegate in our humanity'
comrade of the universe
the Transcendental's ray" (Savitri)

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Shree Dattabal in Japan

For World Conference

(16th to 22nd Octo. 1970)

Japan is a country of dreams and colours. It is one of the first rate countries or nations as far as the technological advancement is concerned. At the same time it is the country which had suffered from atombomb, the product of technological advancement. So it was decided to arrange a world conference on religion and peace in this mortified country. Kyoto, where this conference was held, is the cultural centre of Japan and the sessions of the conference were held in a massive, beautiful building of 'The International conference hall.'

Shri Dattabal was invited to participate in this conference. He flew from Mumbai Airport alongwith his secretary Shri M. N. Desai via Hongkong, Bangkok, Taipeh and Osaka. Since he received the invitation very late, he had not prepared any of his speeches. But he entrusted the entire responsibility to the Divine and its guidance. He was accommodated by the sponsors in a beautiful hotel named, 'Grand Hotel' in Kyoto. While looking at the scene and beautiful garden through the window of the dining hall he exclaimed, "I have foreseen this garden some years before on the astral plane."

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Nearly 300 delegates attended this conference from all parts of the globe.

The first day of the conference was mainly meant for the discussion on 'Hope for world conference on religion and Peace.' Shri Dattabal took an active part in the discussions. The discussions were arranged in different work-shop sessions. Shri Dattabal said, "An individual should be trained to realise the inmost fundamental unity. This realisation will make the individual realise that he is a wavelet on the infinite ocean of light and bliss. This realisation should be channelised towards the outermost layer of society then it should be percolated into psychological, economical dimensions of society. This process alone can effectuate the complete and integral transformation of society. The absolute influx is Divine Love, constant and ceaseless radiation of this love can affect the structure of this universe. Methods such as discussions, gathering together and speaking around cannot solve the intrinsic problems of an individual. The modern individual is a victim of problems in the realm of conscious and subconscious mind." He further continued, "All the great prophets and founders of all religions have experienced the fundamental unity behind the universe but according to space and time they revealed their special message because they had to adjust their inner realisation according to the need of time. Apparent difference in their teachings is due

to environment. There is one more aspect i. e. the station of the prophets in the evolutionary scheme. But the eternal human values have remained undisturbed. If this conference of religionists desire to build perfect unity amongst different human groups it should provide conspicuous scope to each other's innate problems such as racial crisis, colour problems and conflict and then an urgent effort should be undertaken to unite all these groups together under one banner on the basis of realisation and the fundamental unity behind the universe." The first speech of shri Dattabai was studded with the references of many psychologists and mystics also. So it created a deep impact on the listeners. A priest from Singapore exclaimed, "It is a new light on religion."

The most sensational speech was on the capital punishment. While discussing on human rights he said, "Criminals are the products of wrong economical, social and spiritual structure of society. As long as human beings do not improve these wrong structures, they have no right to give capital punishment. Capital punishment is a legalised brutality of governments. So it should be completely abolished from human society. The gospel of capital punishment takes for granted that human beings cannot improve and progress."

The small speech by Shri Dattabai created a vital stir in the listeners. A Moslem delegate from Pakistan opposed Shri Dattabai vehemently quoting his book

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of religion. Shri Dattabal while answering him said, "No religious book is an absolute authority. It is a question of fundamental right. If the religious books do the aggression on the fundamental human rights they are to be abhorred." Mr. Macbride was the president of this workshop session, he personally agreed with Shri Dattabal's statement.

While speaking on human rights, he divided this aspect into three categories, first the biological, second the psychological and the third spiritual.

To exist and lead a healthy life is a biological right of human beings : air and water pollution in technologically advanced countries is an aggression on the biological rights of human beings.

To be able to think freely and to evolve is the psychological right of human beings. The suggestibility of televisions, cinemas and posters is tremendous. This suggestibility is itself another aggression on the psychological right.

To grow in spirit is the spiritual right of human beings. Political, religious dogmas and social systems come in the way of this fundamental spiritual growth. This is an aggression on the spiritual right of human beings.

All these aggressions on human rights snatch away the intuitive freedom from human beings and make

them robots acting according to the stimuli of suggestibility.

One of the interesting episodes in this conference took place when the discussion on human rights was in progress. A gentleman from Dehli attacked vehemently, "Hindusim is the cradle of superstition, it is Hinduism that has given birth to untouchability, the most vicious crime against humanity". Practically all the stalwarts of Hindusim present at this session were silent over this issue as the oration of this gentleman was quite effective; but Shri Dattabal, with his fiery zeal to protect the eternal values in Hinduism, spoke forcibly and turned the tables against the above mentioned gentleman. He said, "Sir, you are making a mistake. It is Hindu religion that speaks of the fundamental unity behind the organic and the inorganic structure of this universe. The realisation of this fundamental cosmic unity is taught by the prophets of Hindus. The religion has never preached the untouchability and I challenge you, sir, to disprove my point. It is the superstition which has given birth to this problem of untouchability. Superiority complex is innate in every human being and it is this complex that gives birth to untouchability and colour differences. Superiority is nothing but the refraction of the innermost being which is beyond the region of space and time. There is an urge of expression in the being. The moment you dive deep within yourself and act

according to this urge, all the complexes will cease and you will realise that your fellow beings are part and parcel of the Divine. This realisation alone can sublimate superiority complex, otherwise if you try to operate upon this complex with social measures it will take another form and still linger. The problem is more psychological than social." He further said, "There are two sorts of struggles; one struggle for existence and the other struggle for living. These are to be overcome, by constant realization." Turning to the assembly Shri Dattabai questioned, "Show me a single race or nation which is not victimised by superiority complex, hence untouchability ?" No one answered Shri Dattabai. The delegates were stupefied.

While speaking on the cause of suffering Shri Dattabai stated, "The cause lies in a peculiar spiritual phenomenon-Whenever men go against the urge of evolution which is helplessly carrying everything in this universe back to the Divine, the friction is caused. The friction is between evolutionary urge and your prejudices and preferences. The result is suffering. Only by tuning oneself integrally with the evolutionary process one can get rid of suffering." He further said that every atom of this universe is subjected to the pressure of evolution. There is a mute pressure. The pressure gives everything in the universe an ability of transmission. Everything transmits out waves due to this pressure. It is the evolutionary pressure that makes

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a thing vibrate and transmit. So if the human beings transmit and project their love towards the universe they will reveal through them more of evolutionary urge. Frequency of Divine Love is the highest. If this frequency or highest rate of vibrations is infused in everything, the evolutionary ascent will be accelerated. According to modern scientists very batting of the eyelids has effect on the interstellar system. "Vibrations of Love certainly will affect the cosmos. These supervibrations of Love alone can make the Divine manifest. The fundamentals of this cosmos can be affected by love alone."

In one of his valuable luminous speeches he said, "Human beings are cells in the organic body of the divine. They interaffect each other. But the past primitive generation was more guided by instinct. The modern generation is more guided by intelligence and the future generation will be more guided by intuition. We are undergoing a psychological revolution. At present we are changing the rung of intelligence and entering into the realm of intuition. Instinct and intelligence are more guided by memories but not intuition. So we should dive deep within overselves and derive the guidance from intuition."

At the nick of the moment it was decided that young religionists should meet together and discuss their problems. Addressing young religionists Shri Dattabai said, "Young religionists need not be stupified

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by the sway of science. If the spirituality is the subjective discovery of truth through subjective experimentation, science is the objective discovery of the truth through objective experimentation, though the goal is the same. Great scientist like Dr. Einstein believed in the cosmic intelligence, so called atoms, neutrons and protons are nothing but the crystallised thought vibrations of this cosmic intelligence. So we are the culminating of thought products of the Divine. Even Dr. Eddington believed in the concept of the universal mind. The duty of the young generation is to take the cognisance of the psychological revolution in them. To be a youth is the rarest opportunity. So without wasting your creative energy through sex and the other pursuits of pleasure, store up these energies and sublimate and ultimately divinise. At present the aspect of divinisation is completely forgotten but it is to be revived and re-established. Such divinised youth alone can bridge the hiatus between science and spirituality. The challenge to the youngsters should be solved by youngsters alone and not by older generation. Instead of spending the energy on the futile discussion on the problem of violence and nonviolence youngsters should build up their positive personality."

This speech of Shri Dattabai before the young religionists, was forceful and dynamic display of his luminous personality. His was the only speech which infused in the youth new light and vigour. Of course, all the speeches of Shri Dattabai which I have quoted

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above are nothing but merely faint and meagre replicas of his original speeches. The reason is the speed of his oration which was tremendous. The speeches were utterly inspiring with long lasting effects.

Shri Dattabai spoke twice in plenary session in the form of interruption. In one of the plenary session some one suggested that India has not signed on 'Ban atomic weapons pact.' Shri Dattabai got up and forcefully interrupted, "Do you expect a nations, which is miserably deceived by other nations, should be blockheaded enough to sign such a pact?" and he further illucidated his point by quoting the several incidents of foreign intrusions.

Shri Dattabai was deeply impressed by Japan's culture and art but he was terribly disappointed with socio-political nature of the religious conference. He said to me that such conference will have no effect on the world opinion. While returning from Japan I met a gentleman from Singapore who was also delegate and his words still ring in my ears, he said, "I have listened very carefully to Shri Dattabai. And his speeches have created a deep impact on me."



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Shree Dattabai in Pandharpur

For 'Vishwa Hindu Parishad.'

(5th to 6th Dec. 1970)

Vishwa Hindu Parishad was one of the outstanding victories of Shri Dattabai. Nearly 20 to 25 thousand people had participated in this conference.

Shri Dattabai was introduced to the Parishad as the spiritual leader of the young generation. This statement was applauded with thunderous roar by the audience. Shri Dattabai mainly spoke on the revival of Hinduism and Indian culture. Here one witnessed Shri Dattabai's profound understanding of the hierarchy of the saints and their significance in the modern world. Hundreds of people flocked around Shri Dattabai to have a holy glimpse of this lion amongst exponents of spiritual lore of India.



**Shree Dattabål in Quilon
For World Conference.**

(24th to 29th March 1971)

All India Ayyappa Seva Sangham, Quilon is one of the religious bodies of Kerala, had sponsored one "world parliament of Religion" at Sastamkotah near Quilon in Kerala between 24th & 29th March 1971. Sastamkotah is one of the most beautiful spots in Kerala. Shri Dattabål was earnestly invited to this conference. After listening to Shri Dattabål's first speech which surcharged the atmosphere of the conference, the sponsors of the conference made him the inaugurator of their 'Silver Jubilee' function of their above mentioned institution. He was the youngest to get this honour. He was also made the president of the plenary session of the conference. He declined this offer due to his ill health. It is not surprising if people of Kerala called him as second Vivekanand after listening to his torrential oratory. The impact, which Shri Swami Vivekanand created at Chicago World Parliament of Religion, the same impact was created by Shri Dattabål in this Parliament. One of the eminent professors of Kerala university said, "Shri Dattabål is a store-house of Spiritual energy and I glimpse into him second Swami Vivekanand."

In his first speech Shri Dattabål said, "The universe is undergoing a process of evolution. This word

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evolution has sprung up from the root Latin word 'evolutes' and evolution is successive manifestation of the Divine. Science is an objective discovery of truth through objective experimentation, spirituality is subjective discovery of truth through subjective means. Projection of Divine love is a path to accelerate the evolutionary process. Everything in this universe is trying to go back to its origin. So I feel, life is an origin-seeking love Divine. As human being is a part and parcel of nature, he is also subjected to evolution. He is not merely a culminating product of biological evolution but an active agent who is destined to accelerate the process of evolution."

He further continued, "It is only by positively utilising the very activity of thought and mind for the sake of evolution, a human being can evolve to more elevated state of existence. Our thoughts are the stimuli to set motion in human beings to grow to a more evolved state of consciousness. The negative thoughts retard the evolution in nature. Hence it is primal necessity of a human being to help and co-operate with the evolutionary urge in nature by projecting thought of love. It will ultimately build up a healthy personality and a healthy society.

Present day scientists are prophets of the mundane world. They tell us that even batting of an eyelid is affecting the interstellar system of stars. In this statement of theirs is a solid proof of the wisdom of

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Indian yogis, who proclaim that the thoughts create destiny. Thought is a creator of destiny. So if you want to create the kingdom of God the primal necessity is to project the thoughts of love and harmony. Projection of love brings about the revolution in the field of consciousness. Thus projection of love is not a technic but a genuine poetry of life. But people crucify love by giving it a form and name...

The present human race is undergoing psychological and spiritual change. Firstly human beings were guided by instincts then by intelligence. Now the time has come for human beings to derive guidance from intuition. Instinct is blind, intelligence is cerebral and intuition is fundamental. Actually in the modern era the centre of consciousness is shifting from intelligence to intuition. Due to this change there is a lot of psychological crisis in the present generation. Man need not be afraid of it, it will settle down by itself.

Present scientist like Dr. Eddington says, 'The only plausible conclusion of the present discoveries of science is the concept of Universal Mind.' This universal mind is not myth, not superstition. It is the universal mind that is evolving from matter to consciousness. Every atom in the cosmos is practically crying for the Divine. Nature does not want a superman of Nitzche. Because this superman though biologically perfect is ultimately a man of muscle without love. Real supermen are those who radiate love towards the

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whole creation. Divine love alone is having the highest rate of vibrations. So it alone can accelerate the process of evolution in animate and inanimate, in organic and inorganic. Luther Burbank was a great horticulturist. His experiments on Cactus showed that the thorny bush became thornless by the projection of love.

In our mission, (Shri Dattabai Mission Divine, Kolhapur, Maharashtra) we undertook an experiment. We selected two small plants of the same variety and of the same size. We gave them equal amount of nourishment, open air and sunlight. One of these was selected on which projection of love was done. First we conveyed to the plant telepathically our love and affection, then we in friendliness suggested to the plant to grow vigorously and rapidly and to accelerate its evolution. We ultimately found that the plant upon which we were projecting our love had actually grown three inches taller than the other inspite of the equal nourishment, open air and sunlight. This is a valid proof of thought's capacity in affecting the plants.

In your depth you are like a starlet, and intermixing light of all these starlets is the light of Love. Only by releasing this shall every man transcend his petty little differences, complexes and all other mundane problems. Then alone the harmonious feeling between man and man could be felt and the fundamentals of brotherhood be established." When Shri Dattabai took his seat thunderous clapping went on for a long time.

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Shree Dattabai in Bombay For World Conference

(27th, 28th to 29th Nov. 1971)

At "Birla Kreeda Bhawan" Mumbai, third world Parliament was sponsored by 'The Spiritual unity of Nations' an organisation of England on 27th, 28th and 29th November 1971. Shri Dattabai was the main speaker on the very first day of this conference. Swami Chidanand of Hrishikesh a disciple of Sage Shivanand, introduced Shri Dattabai as the Meridian Sun of spirituality.

After scientifically putting forth his new gospel of Love Divine, Shri Dattabai summed up his speech. Many representatives from foreign countries congratulated him for his fiery speech. Some one said rather enthusiastically, "All others are the stars and you are the Sun amongst these stars." The other said, "Throughout my life I have never heard such a scientific exposition of spiritual laws."



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Shree Dattabal in Bangkok For "Hindu Dharma Sabha"

(24th March to 1st April 1974)

Bangkok, 24th March 1974

On the opening day of the one week's conference held on behalf of Hindu Dharma Sabha on the eve of 4th centenary celebration of "Ramcharita Manas" in Vishnu Mandir, Bangkok, Thailand. The venue was beautifully decorated with fragrant and rainbow coloured flowers. The elite dignitaries from Thailand and the invited guests from India, Nepal and Srilanka had seated on the dias to inaugurate the conference. H. E. Dr. Sukich Nimman Haemindo, Dy. Prime Minister of Thailand was the chief guest of the conference.

Shri Dattabal in his speech said to the house-packed audience—"In Latin 'Persona' means outer mask. The word personality has come from this root word. Prabhu Ramchandra was not merely a personality nor merely social reformer nor religious concept but he was the hero of evolution. He accelerated the evolutionary process into sub-humans and transformed them into humans. He turned human beings into God-Heads. Prabhu Ramchandra was the materialised force of love

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which is primordial. Force of love is not merely individual force but cosmic. As experiments of American Horticulturist Luther Burbank showed that love can remove thorns and spikes. So also Prabhu Ramchandra demonstrated that love can accelerate human evolution. Lord Buddha represented compassion through his personality, Prabhu Ramchandra represented purity. Every spiritual gaint represents different aspects of divinity. Since time immemorial India and Thailand have not only culturally linked but spiritually united. If the spiritual unity is to be maintained it can be done on the basis of teachings of stalwarts like Shri Krishna, Prabhu Ramchandra and Lord Buddha." Amongst audience were Shri S. S. Apte of Vishwa Hindu Parishad, Shri Rajguru Bomdev Muni, H. L. Ramesh Bhandari, ambassador of India and many eminent people from India and Thailand. The sponsor Shri Chintamani Tripathi said after hearing Shri Dattabai that the whole gathering was very highly talking about the magnetic, illumining and soulstirring speech by Shri Dattabai, on 29th.

He delivered scholarly discourse on 'Yoga' before a gathering of 300 Budhistic Monks in a Budhistic Monastery with demonstration. On 28th the National Library of Bangkok had arranged a speech on "Yoga and Indian spiritualism". The venue was overpacked beyond capacity by ladies and gents and students. He

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said that the purpose of Yoga is not limited only the disciplining of Body and mind but should be the science to locate the origin of life. The aim of Yoga is the ceaseless search for knowledge. The practice of 'Pranayama' does not aim at concentration of mind but it rejuvenates the cellular structure in the body & increases the longevity of life. A youth posed a question, "Whether practice of Yoga-Sadhna helps to conquer, the sexual passions ?" Shri Dattabal said the aim is certainly to transform but not to conquer. The transformed energy becomes capable to be cosmic. 'Shava-asana' and 'Deep breathing' are certainly immensely helpful than L. S. D. and Marijuana."

The famous news papers of Bangkok, "Bangkok-Post" and "The Nation" specifically interviewed him, and wrote about his versatile style, fabulous knowledge and fantastic capacity to interpret it. Shri Dattabal not only illuminated the Thai people with the precious spiritual Indian philosophy but enriched the glory of the Mother Country by his magnetic and eloquent oratory. He returned to India on 30th March 1974.



PART II

The spiritualist who wants the a-bomb

By J. K. Wagh & K. Balakrishnan
(Press Correspondents)

It sounded strange coming from a man who preached 'divine love' as the most vital spiritual concept.

"India must make an atom bomb. To say that we will not for the sake of peace is absolute cowardice and hypocrisy," said Shri Dattabal as we talked to him in his room, which looked the most unlikely place to discuss the ethics of war. The young spiritualist from Kolhapur, who is in Goa to give discourses on Divine Love' looked appealingly young in his robes of a 'Sanyasin'. His handsome face creased with a confident smile, he told us, "If India believes so passionately in peace, she should disband her army. There is no point in keeping a bow without arrows. One aspect of India's rich spiritual heritage which all of us forget-the vital concept of 'Samhara' (destruction) for the sake of upholding 'dharma'. The Indian concept of spiritual philosophy is essentially dualistic. While it stresses 'shrishti' (creation) it also emphasizes 'samhara' (destruction) as an absolute necessity for maintaining moral and spiritual purity."

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We were a bit taken aback for, the young philosopher sounded sincere-dangerously sincere, in demolishing some pet concepts that had been tossed about in the country since independence.

Since he had put his cards on the table, we too did the same. The questions were straight, there were no holds barred...

Q : If India has such a rich spiritual heritage, then why are not we able to stem the spread of Communism ? Do you believe that all our spiritual might will be able to meet the challenge posed by it ?

Ans. : Communism is the most corroding factor in the spiritual life of India today. Communism, apart from its totally materialistic philosophy, does not recognize the individual's identity as a unit of creation with a mind, heart and soul of its own. It collectivises thought and emotions, thereby destroying even the soul's urge for spiritual liberation. The only answer to Communism with its all-pervading wickedness is force backed by spiritual recognition.

Q : Can spiritualism grow more food or increase the income of the common man ?

Ans. : Apparently no. But this narrow objective of spiritualism, as expected by ordinary man, is absurd. To answer this, one must understand the basic sense of the term 'spirituality'. The concept means essentially

arriving at an^{*} assessment of one's role in the circumstances available. When the ultimate truth of existence-its aim, purpose and end-is understood, the circumstances change, for your own view of things will change.

Q : Is not spirituality or interest in it, a sort of escape from reality ?

Ans. : No. Definitely not. Spiritualism is an active, day-to-day affair, without need for solitude, silence or escape. Even religion and God-in the orthodox sense are not necessary. My concept of God is an all-pervading storehouse of energy-positive, sustaining and warm-which send out vibrations through ether to receptive minds which react positively to attain a blissful state of mind full of divine love. This need not involve God or rituals in the traditional sense. Any man in the street can be made to understand that the vibrations that generate in his soul is the 'Viswachetana', Cosmic Energy that is God. This realization immediately nullifies all religions, all workshops and all rituals, and take spirituality from the traditional repositories in temples, mosques and churches to the ordinary man struggling for survival, giving him a sense of balance and rhythm with the universe. And does this attainment mean escape ? No, according to me this means further and total involvement in life-both corporal and spiritual.

Q : If according to you spiritually is a search for the reality of existence, then how do you differentiate it from Science, the aim of which is to unlock the secrets of the Cosmos and find out what makes nature and man to struggle ?

Ans. : A difficult question the answer to which becomes increasingly elusive as science breaks more veils and peers beyond into space and time. According to me the view of Einstein and other famous scientists make sense—that is, when science reaches that stage when it can penetrate the heart of existence and pick up answers, it ceases to be science and emerges as metaphysics-spirituality that is a moral and without the help of religion. But spiritualism means a little more than this. It may take a scientific shape for a while and while science explains the meaning of nature, spiritualism will explain the role of nature and man's existence in relation to the innermost hopes and aspirations of the individual to lead a life that is free from parapsychological imbalances. In fact, I do not believe that science alone will ever be able to discover the reality of 'soul' and 'spirit' unless it takes the help of spiritualism. A synthesis of science and spiritualism may well prove to be the final path for man's liberation.

Q : What is the role of miracles in spiritualism ? Do you believe in them ? Are they a product of super powers obtained by the performer ?

Ans. : Let me make it clear in the beginning of the answer that miracles have no role to play in spiritualism. I cannot say miracles do not happen. They are often performed more as an advertising gimmick for a particular ideology or philosophy or cult than as an attainment of that concept or cult. It is a cheap way of selling spirituality.

I believe that miracles are performed by certain people because of their liaison with certain spirits that are always present in the ether and always are ready to react to certain vibrations in those who seek their help. But it is better to leave them alone or they will definitely conquer the person who commands them in the beginning. About the form of visitations and visions, I cannot say anything definite except that they do happen in very rare cases where the medium is extraordinary receptive to etherial vibrations. But ninety % of all this "phenomena are racketeering.

Q : Is not spiritualism selfish ? Is not the man who 'seeks' god, more worried about his soul and his own nihilism in heaven rather than the society as a whole and its redemption ?

Ans. : No. The Streets may be on T in the beginning but gradually you grow towards the light and realise that

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the entire Cosmos is powered by the same vibrations that lead you towards knowledge. And this will expand 'T to include the entire Cosmos-an act that merges the self with the Universal Energy.

Q : Would you equate spiritual attainment's with mental peace ? If so why should an ordinary man with reasonable income, health and happy family, worry about God ?

Ans. : Spiritualism means more than attainment of mental peace. The term 'mental peace' as understood today is highly subjective. The mental peace of an ordinary man is created by the tranquility of circumstances and the moment this is shaken his mental peace is lost. On the other hand, spiritual peace if firm-it cannot be affected whatever cataclysmic changes take place in the surroundings - physical and emotional.

Q : The common tendency is to pass on tough problems in day-to-day life to God expecting miraculous solutions. For example, students, at the time of examinations, pledge to offer so many things to God, if they pass. Does not this amount to absolute lack of confidence in oneself and an urge to do less work ?

Ans. : Yes. It is an absolute negation of your powers. Students must study very hard to pass examinations. They have vast energy and if this is sublimated and

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translated into action, they can change their destinies even. To have faith in your own self is the highest form of worship.

Q : Do you believe in miraculous healing ? Can you do it ?

Ans. : I have done it but in a different way. I believe in healing through vibrations-where the imbalances and disabilities are corrected by the power of 'love thoughts'. Faith healing is more psychological while miracle healing is more than often sheer nonsense. But I believe that these sort of demonstrations have no place in the field of spiritualism.

The afternoon sun hand become vicious and Shri Dattabal was visibly tired after the 90-minute session with us "the last question", we said.

He smiled and nodded.

Q : Do you think that by your lecturing to select and affluent audiences in metropolitan cities, you will be able to begin a spiritual regeneration in this country ?

Ans. : No. I know that any renaissances will have to begin in the Villages-where millions still live in the darkness of poverty and superstition. But I do not have the resources to spread my message so far and also I do not have at present the infra structure of my organisation to propogate spiritual awareness as I mean amongst my countrymen. If I had been in the

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Government... well".

When we came out a long string of people were waiting for interviews with the young spiritualist who is still seeking answers to his questions but with a modesty that makes one wish his search must succeed.

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The Eternal Cygni (Cygnet)

Swans of your eyes
Float upon the lake of my mind,
I become serene.
If the same eyes
Dive into the sea of my heart,
They become volcanoes.
The volcanoes burn all my body;
Then I kneel down and say, "Enough."
When I sincerely say so,
Pores of my body open
And I find the glistening eyes
Of the swan
Looking at the large infinite
With wonder and love.



About the Author

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He is born on 9th May 1929 and completed his metriculation examination in 1948 held by former Bombay State Education Board. During his school life he was all-round athlete and well-known football player. He preferred employment to further education for the need of the family. He was appointed at Miraj Railway Station on 15th Nov. 1948. During early period of his service he worked at various railway stations lying on Pune-Hubli-Gadag-Bijapur Routs. Since childhood he was good listener of stories from Ramayan and Mahabharat. He was very much impressed and taken by Shri Hanuman and to whom he had cherished in his heart. He had also special aptitude for reading spiritual and philosophical books. He had lot of spare time after duty period which he utilized for understanding and studying Adhyatm. To satiate his craze for spiritual knowledge he purchased all the volumes of Swami Vivekanand and read them several times as if they were prescribed Text Books for some examinations. He used to attend 'Satsang meetings' held in the Towns of his posting places. He

realized the need for guru for evolution of the soul in any individual. He was very much taken by this thought and on one night he had all of a sudden premonition that he was to be transferred to Kolhapur Station. And to his surprise within a week he got transfer order for Kolhapur station. He joined Kolhapur station in the year 1959. At Kolhapur he used to wake-up very early morning at 03.00 O' clock and after cold-water bath he used to sit for meditation for about-one to two hours. Once through his colleagues he heard the name of Shri Dattabai the young yogi of Kolhapur. After many requests to his friends, he got only address of the place where prayers and preaching were conducted by Shri Dattabai. On one Sunday evening, he attended the meeting and thereafter he regularly went to that place and calmly heard what Shri Dattabai preached. When Shri Dattabai noticed his regular attendance, he called Shri Desai and enquired about him and also asked whether he knew Marathi. At that time Mr. Desai was knowing little or no Marathi. However he heard and interpreted the vibrations at heart rather than the Marathi words coming from Shri Dattabai. Later on Shri Dattabai assured him that for him and only for him he would talk in English for 10 to 15 minutes in the beginning of his discourse. Within few days of his attending meetings, he realised that Shri Dattabai was his 'Ram' and he has to prove himself to be 'Hanumana' for acceptance. He also saw in him the incarnation of Swamiji. Shri Dattabai stated

the same philosophy which contained in Vedas and Upnishadas but in new form with new methods and on modern scientific basis. Shri Desai from that day became the member of inner circle. Within few days he succeeded also the tests and trials which he was put to by Shri Dattabal. Day-by day he was given more responsibilities as he proved to be the most honest and sincere worker. Mr. Desai being hard worker and intelligent in a short span of time he was entrusted the responsibility of the post of General Secretary of Shri Dattabal Mission Divine, Kolhapur which is registered under Bombay State Public Charitable Trust Act 1950.

As time went on Mr. Desai has to forgo the promotions offered to him due to his meritorious performance in the Service Career. Because of his helping nature and knowledge of Labour Laws he had to get involved in solving the grievances of the railwaymen. As a result of which he was unanimously elected as the Secretary of South Central Railway Employees Sangh Kolhapur Branch. He held the said post till his retirement in 1987.

By virtue of his knowledge, sincerity and politeness he was successful in all the activites of Shri Dattabal Mission Divine, Kolhapur. During the decades of Sixty and Seventy Shri Dattabal was like a storm. He moved nearly in all the districts and talukas of Maharashtra. He also visited all parts of India. He was oftenly invited as the chief guest or main spokesman in numerous

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functions of the various institutions. The travels, the accommodations, the press conference and for the various appointments Shri Dattabal has to rely on Shri Desai. Shri Dattabal had friendship with so many dignitaries like, Acharya Atre, Khushwatsingh, G. N. Dandekar, P. B. Bhave, R. K. Karanjia, Editor Blitz. Gopinath Talwalkar, Vijay Tendulkar, Frank Morries i. e. almost all the stalwarts in Literature & spiritualism. Alongwith Shri Dattabal, Mr. Desai has participated in five world religious conferences, including the First World Conference on 'Religion and Piece' held in KYOTO, then capital city of Japan in 1970, Second-Bangkok-Thailand 1973, Third-Chicago U. S. A. 1980, Fourth-New York & Los Angeles USA 1981, Fifth-London U. K., New York U. S. A. 1982. So to say, this was the golden Period of Shri Dattabal Mission Divine. But Shri Dattabal mystic, philosopher, saint, advocate of Projection of Divine love for evolution of the soul, departed his stay from this globe on 3rd Sept. 1982. This was tremendous shock to the Mission and its Members. It took years for the members of the Mission to come out of this setback. At the same time the Govt. of Maharashtra was threatening the mission for development of the land which was given to the mission for the definite objects and purposes as enumerated in the Registration Documents of the mission. The mission had not sufficient funds at hand at that time to construct the buildings on the said land and start the activities of the mission. The efforts for

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loan and donations were in vain. At this critical juncture of time Shri Desai retired from the active services of Railway. The money received by him from P. F. contribution, gratuity etc. on his retirement was poured on the land and the buildings were erected on that land to start Montessory & primary School. Shri Desai did not care for his livelihood for old age. But for this sacrifice, the land would not have been developed. As on today there are more than 500 students taking education in the said School. The mission's other activities are also in progress. During above crucial period Mr. Ramesh Kurane, Civil Engineer & Contractor, Mr. Ravindra V. Pataskar, Mr. Suresh Tashildar, Mr. Kalingrao Tashildar, Inamdar Family of Miraj, Smt. Uttara Joshi, Smt. Kumud Chavan and so many others have shared the task of Development of the land and starting school which was one of the main objectives of Shri Dattabai Mission. Now Mr. Desai & Shri Dattabai Mission are not separate entities. Mr. Desai though from Karnatak State has fused with Maharashtra culture and Maharashtra Saints. This is an unique example of devotion and dedication.

(Mission-Member)



Smt. Kumudtai, Shri Dattabal and Shri M. N. Desai
On Indira Gandhi International Air Port, Mumbai
before proceeding to USA in May 1982



The Unconventional mystic Saint Shri Dattabal with his
disciple and secretary Shri. M. N. Desai in KYOTO, Japan
for World Conference, 22nd October 1970