



Australian Sahaja Newsletter

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First of all you have to become wise enough to understand that you are a part and parcel of Paramchaitanya. Everything will work out by that..and it works out so beautifully. Of course some people have a hard time, I don't say they don't have. But it is not hard because if you are one with Paramchaitanya and you know that it is doing the job, you are not feeling that hardness, or that sickness. All the people who write to me about their problems, I don't know what to say. I have to just say that.

Do you believe in Paramchaitanya? Alright, It knows. It knows what has to be done, it knows what has to be corrected, it knows what has to be said. See it can create poetry, it can create music, it can create everything.

But do you leave everything to the Paramchaitanya? This is the second point of wisdom. Do you have wisdom to leave everything to Paramchaitnya?.....

H.H. Shri Mataji Nirmala Devi.

Excerpt from Navaratri Puja talk, 1998, Cabella Ligure

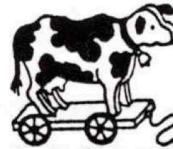


FASHION NEWS

Marguerite Fashion Store will be opening **most Saturday nights after the program**. Everybody is welcome (women and men) to come and look, buy, layby or buy a gift voucher. (Great Christmas gift....)

We also still have some of those Italian original suitcases available for \$20 - \$25 ono.

**ANYONE GOING TO WOODFORD FESTIVAL
with an empty seat...**

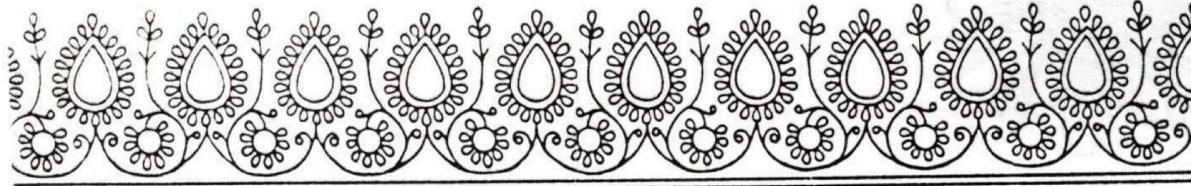


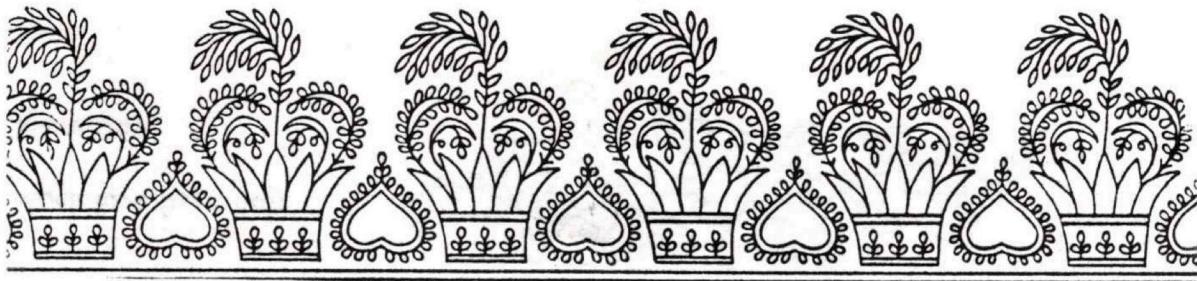
Please contact Caroline Henwood at Lewisham ph 9560 0029

TALNOO, INDIA

The International Sahaja Public School has now been completely affiliated with the International Baccalaureate Organisation, only one of four IBO schools in India, and this now allows international recognition for graduating students who wish to enrol at Universities or other post-secondary schools. On October 29th the Indian Minister of Transportation and 30 other VIPs including various Ministers of government came to visit the school. The Minister for Transportation gave a long speech praising the school and gave a donation, as well as giving immediate approval for new road construction from the school to the main road below.

He also took a video recording of the whole program (cultural entertainment and a tour of the school) to show the Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh. He said he would tell them of the school and said it is such a great asset to India who is forgetting her culture and spiritual ways.





**WORKING BEE & PICNIC AT COUNTRY PROPERTY
NEXT SATURDAY
SATURDAY 28th November**

There will be a picnic and working bee at the country property next Saturday.
All workers and country property enthusiasts welcome!

Bring meat for BBQ and salads, breads etc.



LAKSHMI PUJA - THIS SUNDAY

SUNDAY 22nd November, 10:30 am

Kingsgrove Ashram

31 Moreton Ave, Kingsgrove

All Sahaja Yogis are invited to attend Lakshmi puja at Kingsgrove Ashram,
followed by lunch. Please RSVP if possible. ph. 9150 7402

CONGRATULATIONS on the birth

of a baby boy to Hugh and Janie Frith, of Auckland.

Isaac a baby brother for Ruben, was born 20/11, 7lb 6oz



DON'T FORGET....

ATTENTION - ATTENTION - ATTENTION

Come all and celebrate. Please make a note in your diary for the....

SAHAJA CHRISTMAS BBQ LUNCH.

WHEN:

Sunday, December 6th

WHERE:

20 Strathmore Pde, Chatswood (Dochertys')

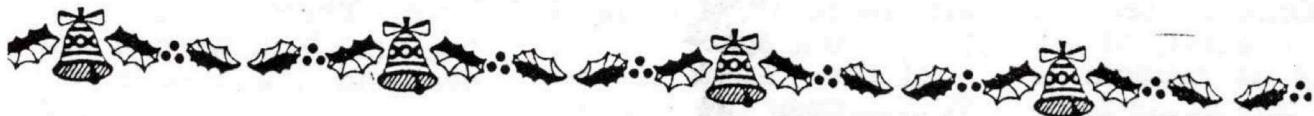
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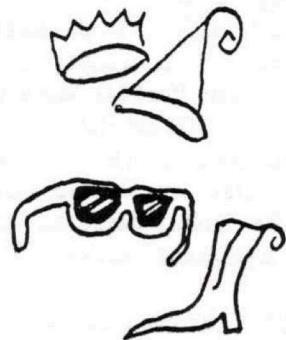
Please bring:

Your own meat to BBQ

A plate of food to share.



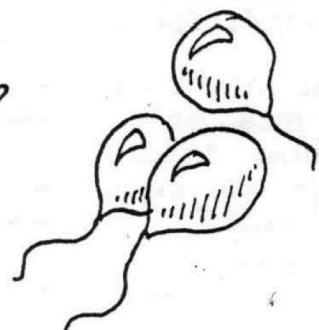
ARE you READY to DANCE?
SOMERSBY FANCY DRESS
DANCE PARTY
for
Family and Friends



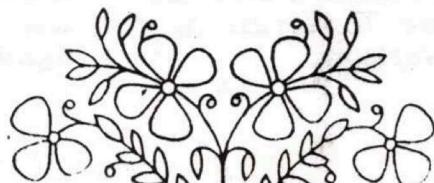
Come join the fun!!!!
on November 28th

29 Vitasolos Rd, Somersby
(02) 4372 1546

Cost \$3 - Adults
Kids - FREE (Ages 0 - 12)
RSVP 27th November



Refreshments will be sold



MORE VIDEO/TAPE LIBRARY NEWS

Just a reminder... there are 3 NEW talks available now at Burwood,
KRISHNA PUJA 1998
GANESHA PUJA 1998
NAVARATRI PUJA 1998
\$11.00 each.



Also, there are a large number of tapes left from previous years (from 1992 onwards) available to buy right now (without having to order). A tape list is also available to take home and check your collection, if you have these talks or not. Tapes prior to 1996 are still \$8.00

Photographs of Shri Mataji.

We now have photographs of Shri Mataji - Puja and non Puja (suitable for new people). There are a few available now and orders can be placed.

Music tapes

In the next few weeks, we hope to get a small collection of some music tapes (say approximately 10) which will be available to order. Music performed before Shri Mataji at India Tour etc. If you have any suggestions please let us know.

List of talks for programs

Finally ... we would like to compile a list of talks suitable for new people (video or audio). This will be displayed in the library for everyone, so if you know of any please come forward, let us all know.

And finally finally ... the library is not yet looking its best, so if you can't find what you're looking for (listed here) or you're not sure if you are in the right room please ask someone who looks like they know ... or see Marcus Rorne or Kim Balkovic ... Saturday night after the program...



THERE wasn't much to agree on when two of Britain's most eminent scientists began researching the origin of life.

But on one point they were both quite clear — that the notion of a "creator" is inconsistent with science.

Now, Professor Sir Fred Hoyle, an agnostic of Christian background, and Professor Chandra Wickramasinghe, an atheist Buddhist, are changed men.

They believe!

"It is quite a shock," says Wickramasinghe, Sri Lankan-born Professor of applied mathematics and astronomy at the University College, Cardiff.

"From my earliest training as a scientist, I was very strongly brainwashed to believe that science cannot be consistent with any kind of deliberate creation."

"That notion has had to be very painfully shed. I am quite uncomfortable in the situation, the state of mind I now find myself in. But there is no logical way out of it."

What convinced both men? "We did calculations they each did independently into the mathematical chances of life starting spontaneously."

DISBELIEF

When each had finished, they looked at the answer almost in disbelief. Each found that the odds against the spark of life igniting accidentally on Earth were staggering — in mathematical jargon "10 to the power of 40,000."

From GEOFFREY LEVY in London

If you write down the figure "1" and add 40,000 noughts after it, you have the figure.

"That number is such an imponderable in the universe that I am 100 per cent certain that life could not have started spontaneously on Earth," says Wickramasinghe, who has worked with Hoyle since 1962.

Those odds proved, to both men's satisfaction, the point they were researching for their latest book — that life on Earth began when life spores from space landed in the primordial soup.

And they claim that, contrary to Darwin's theory of gradual evolution by natural selection, evolution on Earth was a series of leaps brought about by the arrival of new spores from space ... life

spores that were not created by accident.

They did calculations based on the size and age of the universe (15 billion years) and found that the odds against life beginning spontaneously anywhere in space were "10 to the power of 30."

Says Wickramasinghe, 42: "For life to have been a chemical accident on earth is like looking for a particular grain of sand on all the beaches in all the planets in the universe — and finding it."

UNIVERSAL SILENCE

VISHWA SHANTI

~ CD from Nagpur Academy

We have a new CD available called -UNIVERSAL SILENCE- recorded in India by students of the Nagpur Academy. Cost is \$20.00. If you don't have a CD player, by purchasing the CD we can record it for you onto a tape, which would be approx \$24. (or \$20 if tape supplied by you).

Please note the advice below from Steve Day about playing this CD on computers for the visuals.

Dear Michael

Thanks for your email letter. It was good to hear from you. Sorry it has taken me so long to respond. I have been 'on the road' here in Europe since Ganesha Puja playing sarod and giving music and meditation workshops at different centers. Integrating different types of music (including classical Indian, classical western, popular, bhajan, Universal Silence songs etc.), has proven to be a very effective way of reaching seekers. Things have 'taken off' and I have been extremely busy. So far have gone to centers in Belgium, Germany, Holland, Austria and Italy and am soon to go to Spain, France, Switzerland and, possibly, Turkey. We'll see. During this time we managed to contact Amjid Ali Khan who has accepted me as his student. I imagine I will therefore be in India sometime next year.

How are things in Australia? I enjoyed meeting you and being part of the wonderful weekend of Ganesha Puja in September. Hopefully someday I'll be able to visit you all in Australia. As of yet, I have never been there. I trust that everyone is enjoying the C.D. There have been a few glitches on computers here in running the videos. They work fine on most computers but... P.C.'s can be quite peculiar. Anyway, one solution is to make sure everybody has 'Quicktime'. This program can be installed from the C.D. through Microsoft Explorer. I imagine everybody has figured this out by now but you might want to spread the word just in case they haven't.

Much love from Italy

Steve Day



THERE MUST BE A GOD

"My being a Buddhist—albeit not an ardent one—was never a problem, because it is an atheistic religion which doesn't profess to know anything about creation and doesn't have a creator built into it.

LOGIC

"But I now find myself driven to this position by logic. There is no other way in which we can understand the precise ordering of the chemicals of life except to invoke the creation on a cosmic scale."

The two argue that man's understanding is limited by intellect, not by a failure to reason correctly.

The ability to understand the behavioral properties of an enzyme, for instance, could only have been worked out by a superior intelligence.

They also believe that cellular life had already evolved to a high degree before the Earth was born, about three-and-a-half billion years ago. "We received life with the fundamental biochemical problems already solved," they say.

Says Wickramasinghe: "We were hoping, as scientists, that here would be a way round our conclusion—but there isn't. Logic is still hopelessly against that."

"For it to have happened anywhere in the universe is like looking for a grain on a single beach—still quite unacceptable."

And as they say in their book, "Evolution from Space": "Once we see ... that the probability of life originating at random is so utterly minuscule as to make it absurd, it becomes sensible to think that the favorable properties of physics, on which life depends, are in every respect deliberate."

"It is almost inevitable that our own measure of intelligence must reflect higher intelligences, even to the limit of God."

And what is God? God, they suggest, IS the universe.

At home in Cardiff, Professor Wickramasinghe, married with three children, was saying: "My wife doesn't know what to make of it." There has been many a hot debate around their dinner table. Fred Hoyle, with whom he has collaborated on three books, is a frequent guest.

Hoyle, 66, one of the most controversial cosmic prophets of the age, has been rocking the world for years with his theories.

Earlier this year, in another book with Wickramasinghe, he claimed that Earth was certain to be thrown into a new Ice Age unless we took steps to prevent it.

They also have jointly claimed that flu epidemics are the result of virus attacks from space.

Of their latest theories Wickramasinghe says: "Fred was tending much more than I towards the

higher intelligence Creator. I used to argue against it, but I found myself losing every argument."

"At the moment, I can't find any rational argument to knock down the view which argues for conversion to God."

"If I could have found an argument — even a flimsy one — I wouldn't have been party to what we wrote in the book."

"We used to have open minds; now we realise that the only logical answer to life is creation—and not accidental random shuffling."

"I still have a hope that one day I may go back to favoring a purely mechanistic explanation — I say 'hope', because I still cannot come to terms with my conversion."