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INDIA TOUR NEWS:

Here is a list of the yogis and yoginis who are going on India Tour this year...

Howard Ainley	Bruno Aucello	Archana Aucello
Susan Batten	Janene Batten	Francoise Bernard
Peter Cavanagh	Greta Francis	Wayne French
Lorraine Griffith	Robert Henshaw	Lee Horry
Robert Hutcheon	Susie Hutchings	Helja Kalionen
Swaroop Kyriacou	Natalie Lenn	Manta Lim
Sue Litler	Rajen Maharaj	Tilda Manning
Ramesh Manocha	Ellen Marlow	Gabrielle Marlow
Meegan McLaughlin	John Miles	David Morgan
Sharon Nangle	Claire Nesdale	Prue Page
Jennine Patroni	Geoff Platford	Prasad Rao
Diana Reeves	Neil Riches	Andrew Rohowij
Todd Steinward	Luiz Toledo	Stephan Taylor
Roslyn Trompf	Mark Williams	Lisa Williams
Steven Hurst	Bridget Dexter	Sarita Chavan

Here is a list of the yogis and yoginis who WISH they were going to India this year..

Carole McNeill	Sue Raggatt	Susan Taylor
Russell Raggatt	Sandhya Sandford(insert your name here)

Here is the India Tour Itinerary.....



25th November -	Group starts to arrive in Delhi
2nd December -	Puja
3rd December -	Depart Delhi for Haryana (Jamnu Nagar)
8/9/10th December -	Hardwar/Rishikesh, return to Delhi
11th December -	Depart for Jaipur by train
12th December -	Public Programme Jaipur
14th December -	Abu Road (Visit Jain Temples Mt Abu)
15th December -	To Ahmedabad
17th December -	Leave Ahmedabad for Bombay
18/20th December -	? Bombay
21st December -	Depart for Ganapatipule by bus
30th December -	Depart Ganapatipule for ...

NAMASTE.. A MENAGERIE OF RECOLLECTIONS.
 (Nitish Mandal - 19 Oct. Los Angeles)

Dear brothers and sisters,

This is from Shri Mataji's recent visit to North America.

In L.A, before the public programme on the 16th, Shri Mataji granted an audience to some Iranians living in the L.A area. Some of them had already got their realization before, and had come with their friends. This was at the ashram, and the first time I got to sit so close to the Adi Shakti. Shri Mataji gave a strong talk about all the wrong things going on in the name of Islam. This was the first time I heard Shri Mataji speaking about Islam. Shri Mataji said that first of all we have to become Wali(i.e Atmasakshatkar). The Adi Shakti also told us that the shariats that the Islamic nations were trying to follow were not a part of Islam at all, and that they had been started by Moses, because of the way the society was at that time. The Prophet Mohammed married more than once, as he wanted the women to all get the sanctity of marriage, rather than allow immorality to prevail. Shri Mataji also told us that the "seal of the prophets" did not mean that Prophet Mohammed was the last prophet, but that He Had the authority of the Prophets; if he was, then why did he not do away with the last judgement and everything, instead of keeping it hanging.

Just before leaving, Shri Mataji asked Dr. Worlikar where the Indians were. Shri Mataji said that there are 2500 Indians and not a single one has shown up, and then She joked that if we were to bring a mango tree from India and plant it here, no mangoes will grow in it, and neither will apples. Shri Mataji said, "the air here is such that I don't know what happens to the Indians once they come here....now the Iranians will bring them". And true enough, the next

~~DAY ON THE PUBLIC PROGRAMME, THERE WERE SOME INDIANS,~~

~~AND SOME OF THEM HAD EVEN BROUGHT FLOWERS FOR THE ADI SHAKTI.~~ The L.A public programme talk was also very strong. Shri Mataji denounced the false gurus, and spoke about how they tell you that if you pay them so much of money, then they will teach you how to levitate 3 feet above the ground. Shri Mataji said that already there are such traffic jams, what will levitating 3 feet above the ground achieve. Then there are those who tell you that they will teach you how to go through walls.... why do we have doors then, Shri Mataji asked.

The day after the public programme, Shri Mataji left for N.Y. We all went to see Her off at the airport. Debu Chaudhuri and Somnath(the tabla player) were there too to see Shri Mataji off. As there was some time, we all sat down in the lounge. Just then, Debuji asked Shri Mataji to look behind and see what was written there. Behind Shri Mataji there was a fire extinguisher, and it was written fire extinguisher, and Shri Mataji said that that is what she has been doing, extinguishing all the fires.

This also reminds me of what Gregoire said before the Vishnumaya Puja, While explaining to us the difference between what happens in a public programme, where the Adi Shakti comes to our level to explain things to us, and in a puja, where we try to raise our attention so that we can understand at the level of vibrations. Gregoire said that in a public programme, Shri Mataji makes us do the affirmations just to make us feel that "we are also doing something". This reminds me of last year's public programme in NOIDA(near New Delhi), where after finishing Her talk, Shri Mataji just asked everyone to raise their hands and feel the Vibrations on their Sahastrara. The Vibrations were so strong that just like that everyone felt them on their Sahastrara. It was really a very powerful experience. Later, Shri Mataji explained that near NOIDA, a Devi had taken her birth, and that is why there are such strong Vibrations in NOIDA, and that NOIDA would become the next Ganapatipule(Shri Mataji's house is being constructed there; I think by now it must be ready). The next day there was a public programme in Ghaziabad(near NOIDA - actually NOIDA is in Ghaziabad district, also very near New Delhi, so, those on the India tour this time may get to go there), and there too, everyone felt the Vibrations by just putting their hands on their Sahastrara.

Here's a small story that I had read in India. It was on the evening of 12th of Sept., during the entertainment programme that this hit me again.

There was once a great devotee of the Lord in south India. He was a great singer, but the people used to dislike him, and thought they were greater devotees than him. So, once they challenged him to display his devotion; the challenge being that he should cause the doors of the temple to open on their own the next morning. The next morning, everyone gathers to see what happens. The devotee sings his compositions, but nothing happens, and every one starts ridiculing him. Later,

the Lord appears before him, and the devotee asks him dejectedly what was wrong in his devotion that he was so humiliated in front of everyone. The Lord answers sweetly saying that nothing was wrong, but that he sang so well that he put the Lord to sleep, and so He could not open the gates. Such is the way of the Lord, how He plays with His devotees.

During the entertainment that night also, one of our brothers played two songs on an acoustic piano, and Shri Mataji was in very deep meditation, and at the end Shri Mataji did not acknowledge the second song, and this story came back to my mind again. I felt very strong Vibrations; how strong an effect sincere devotion can have. Later, Shri Mataji said that the music was very meditative. There is a similar story of Beju Bawara, a contemporary of Tansen, who once, by his compositions causes tears to come into the eyes of a stone Idol of the Lord.

*****JAI SHRI MATAJI*****

Much Love,
-Nitish.

No famine for fat khats

THEY MAY be the only overweight people in Somalia. Hundreds of men and women stand on an airstrip 50 kilometres south of Mogadishu waiting to meet the *khat* planes that every day bring the twig-like drug chewed by Somalis.

In a country where virtually nothing functions, a regular supply of the drug flows into starving Somalia, though food flights remain sporadic and are cancelled at a moment's notice by the clans that control the airports.

"People are flying in *khat* while others are dying of hunger," says a UNICEF worker named Hassan.

Every morning six planes arrive from Nairobi filled with burlap-covered bundles of the drug and land on a rocky airstrip outside Mogadishu. Every day the same Somalis greet the planes, buy the *khat* and drive like maniacs back to town where they sell it at a huge outdoor market.

Only fresh *khat* produces the amphetamine-like stimulation followed by a period of languor that users seek so avidly, so it must be supplied every day. A bundle of the bitter-tasting twigs and leaves sells for \$4 or \$5 in town.

On the road out to the airstrip where the *khat* planes land, dead camels decompose by the side of the sandy road. Rickety vehicles fly past one another, leaving behind them a thick trail of dust. Each wants to reach the airstrip before the others. Small cars with guns protruding from their windows bounce along the potholed road that continues past the airstrip to the seaside town of Merca, on Somalia's southern coast.

Grass huts line the entrance to the airstrip. Women crouch in the blazing sun selling camel's milk from leather pouches and cooking oil in Coke bottles.

More than 50 cars and trucks await the planes. Each tiny car has at least five people crammed in the back seat. Women in brightly coloured veils wait on the windy apron. Everyone looks very well fed – even plump.

The planes arrive at precisely 9.30 am, unload hundreds of sacks – each the size of two bread loaves – and are off again by 10 am. Some of the sacks say "Wheat – Gift of the European Community." Each sack contains 32 bundles and each plane carries 120 sacks – a cargo worth more than \$15,000.

Most of the pilots are too busy to talk. They unload and return to Nairobi. None

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wants to be on the ground too long for fear that the planes might be hijacked.

"The looters sometimes come on to the tarmac and shoot," says Hussein Ahmed, a pilot who works for a company that charters planes to *khat* dealers.

In a country with no effective laws or police, it's not surprising that *khat* is legally bought and sold. Even before the civil war that ousted dictator Mohammed Siad Barre, the drug was legal.

A brief ban was placed on *khat* from 1982 to 1987. "When Siad Barre noticed that the people chewing *khat* were always talking about overthrowing him, he

decided to ban the *khat*," says Ali Ibrahim Mursal, an American-educated Somali who worked at the US embassy in Mogadishu before the civil war.

The widespread use of the drug and its numbing effects are causing Somalia to lose valuable productivity.

"The person who is chewing all the night is tired in the morning and doesn't want to attend work," says Mursal, who began chewing when he was 10 years old. "The person also doesn't want to work for a small salary. If he sells *khat*, he will make more money than if he works for the Government."

"No-one can chew more than three bundles alone," says Mursal, who chews only one bundle a day.

Somali men chew especially large amounts of *khat* on Friday – the Muslim equivalent of the Christian Sunday. "The appropriate time to start chewing is after lunch," says Mursal, who chews from 2 pm until sunset every day.

Despite the recent famine, *khat* remains the drug of choice throughout the region and is legal in many countries. In Yemen, across the Gulf of Aden, some office buildings have rooms filled with cushions where men go to chew in the afternoon.

Meanwhile, mountains of food sit in warehouses because they cannot be distributed safely to the Somali people. □

JENNIFER GRIFFIN

Dear Brothers and Sister,

I dont usually have the time to welcome and correspond with all you yogis just connected, and everyone else who have access to Sahaj Net. But I think of everybody often and enjoy the flow of Mothers Love across the wires.

I have some stories from the Aquarian Gospel to carry on the suggestion that these things be shared.

Chapter 60.

An address of Jesus to the Seven Sages.

The seven days of silence passed and Jesus, sitting with the sages said:

The history of life is well condensed in these immortal postulates. (previous chapter) These are the seven hills on which the holy city shall be built.

These are the seven stones upon which the Universal Church shall stand.

In taking up the work assigned for me to do I am fully conscious of the perils of the way; the cup will be a bitter one to drink and human nature might well shrink. But I have lost my will in that of Holy Breath, and so I go to speak and act as I am moved to speak and act by the Holy Breath.

These words I speak are not my own; they are the words of Him whose will I do.

Man is not far enough advanced in sacred thought to comprehend the Universal Church, and so the work that God has given me to do is not the building of that Church.

I am a model maker, sent to make a pattern of the Church that is to be- a pattern that the age may comprehend.

The Model Church will live. Though carnal man will prostitute its sacred laws, symbolic rites and forms, for selfish ends, and make it but an outward show, the few will find through it the kingdom of the soul. And when the better age shall come the Universal Church will stand upon the seven postulates, and will be built according to the pattern given.

Chapter 105

An honest evil man is more esteemed by guardians of the soul than is a dishonest pious man. If you would curse the son of man curse him out aloud. A curse is poison to the inner man, and if you hold and swallow down a curse it will never digest; lo it will poison ever atom of your soul. And if you sin against a son of man, you may be pardoned and your guilt cleansed by acts of kindness and of love.

But if you sin against the Holy Breath by disregarding her when she would open up the doors of life for you; By closing up the windows of the soul when she would pour the light of love into your hearts, and cleanse them with the fires of God; Your guilt shall not be blotted out in this life nor in the life to come. An opportunity has gone, to come no more, and you must wait till the ages roll again. Then will the Holy Breath again breathe on your fires of life, and fan them to a living flame. Then she will open up the doors again, and you may let her in to sup with you forever more, or you may slight her once again, and then again.

Chapter 161

And now I go my way, but I will pray my Father-God and he will send another Comforter to you, who will abide with you. Behold this Comforter of God, the Holy Breath, is one with God, but She is one the world cannot receive because it sees her not; it knows her not. But you know her and will know her, because she will abide within your soul.

Chapter 162

And Jesus spoke again unto the eleven and said:

Grieve not because I go away, for it is best that I should go away. If I go not the Comforter will not come to you. These things I speak while with you in the flesh, but when the Holy Breath shall come in power, lo, she will teach you more and more, and bring to your remembrance all the words I have said to you. There are a multitude of things yet to be said; things that this age can not comprehend. But, lo, I say, Before the great day of the Lord shall come, The Holy Breath will make all mysteries known- The mysteries of the soul, of life, of death, of immortality; the oneness of a man with every other man and with his God. Then the world will be led to truth and man will be the truth.

When She has come, The Comforter, she will convince the world of sin, and the truth of which I speak, and the rightness of the judgement of the just; and then the prince of carnal life will be cast out. And when the Comforter shall come I need not intercede for you; for you will stand approved, and God will know you then as he knows me. The hour has come when you will weep; the wicked will rejoice, because I go away; but I will come again, and all your sorrows shall be turned to Joy.

Chapter 182

The Christines all were met and were in perfect harmony. And as they sat in silent prayer they heard a sound a-like the distant murmur of a coming storm. The sound grew loud, and louder still, until, like thunder peals, it filled the room where the apostles sat. A brilliant light appeared, and many thought, the building is afire. Twelve balls, that seemed like balls of fire, fell from Heaven- A ball from every sign of all the circle of the heavens, and on the head of each apostle there appeared a flaming ball of fire. And every ball sent seven tongues of fire towards heaven.

And Peter said, This is the time that holy men of old desired to see; by faith they saw this hour, and now they stand with us in ecstasy. The prophet Joel in the olden times told of the things you see and hear. The Holy Breath spoke with his tongue and said:

And it shall come to pass in latter days, that I will breathe upon the sons of men, and fill them with the blessedness of holiness. Your sons and daughters will stand forth and prophesy; your young men will be seers; your old men will dream dreams. And I will show forth wonders in the heavens above and marvelous signs in earth.

I cannot find the words now but Jesus also said of Mother; She will rise from out of the east like the rising sun. To shed light on the world.

Jai Shri Mataji!!!!!!
Much Love, Howard

THE NEEM IN AUSTRALIA

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Several articles and papers have been written by Australian scientists and journalists (thanks Marlene for finding these articles) regarding the neem tree. Specifically in regard to a neem seed-oil extract that acts as an extremely effective insect control agent. Biochemists have dubbed the extract as azadirachtin (the neem's botanical name is Azadirachta). Azadirachtin occurs throughout the tree, but is especially concentrated in its seed kernels. Azadirachtin has been shown to be totally non-toxic to vertebrate animals, but potentially the most effective insecticide ever known. It is also harmless to beneficial and desirable insects such as bees and ladybirds. Several biochemists have concluded that azadirachtin is far too difficult to synthesise, therefore large plantations of neem trees would be required to meet the demand for it.

Australia has their own "guru" on the neem and its insecticidal potential. Since 1984, Dr Martin Rice an entomologist at the University of Queensland has led a team of neem researchers. Concurrently, other research teams have been working on the neem. Research efforts have been concentrating on selecting the most suitable varieties of trees, appropriate cultural practices and the best seed harvesting methods to use. Other researchers such as a Queensland Department of Primary Industries team at Ayr, have been working on trials of neem seed-oil on crops, (vegetables in their case). Orchardists, mainly of biodynamic or organic persuasion have been trialling neem insecticides.

In a June 1990 interview (with Australian Horticulture), Dr Rice stated that "...in about two years time sufficient development will have taken place, and sufficient data accumulated for the neem tree to become the basis for a sound industry". It's now 2 years and 4 months since that statement, there is no information available on the state of play of the neem industry in Australia (i.e. unearthed by the writer as yet). In all probability the research effort has reached its goal or very close to it. However, has private enterprise continued to build on the foundations of the research and development effort? Anyway, please bandhan to help advance the neem industry from whatever its status is exactly as of October, 1992.

Despite the neem insecticide industry being in an embryonic stage (in 1990) the Lismore based company Neemoil Australia put in a \$500000 extraction plant and commenced a small amount of processing and marketing. Government bodies in the last few years have been assisting in the establishment of plantations.

Where will neem trees grow in Australia? Given that they occur naturally in the more arid parts of India and Africa and don't like frost, persistent flooding or fire, generally they prefer the conditions provided in our hot, dry tropical northern regions. The published information at hand cites plantations in far northern Australia. That is, north Queensland, Katherine, Darwin, Elliott and Weipa in the Northern Territory and Kununurra in Western Australia.

It is not stated in the published information, but it would seem that the neem will also grow (and presumably yield a suitable quality and quantity of seed), in the more humid tropics and even sub-tropical regions of Australia. Neemoil Australia and the Neem Society are based in Lismore. Although it's not in the published information at hand it seems that neems have been grown quite successfully in northern NSW.

Caboolture yogis and/or any yogis with land in other parts of Queensland or northern NSW why not plant a few neems if you haven't already? It may not still be the case, but in 1990 Dr Rice and his team were selling neem seedlings at cost price and were very happy to advise in cultural practices and so on. Dr Rice stressed (in 1990) that people planting seedlings may be able to gain some future commercial benefit, but there was no guarantee of this.

On the basis of neems growing relatively to the south in the eastern states, it could be hypothesised that the neem will grow further to the south in WA than may have been initially thought possible. Let's say from Geraldton upwards, or to be a bit conservative from Carnarvon upwards?

Other benefits that the neem may provide where they are grown include conserving, enriching and stabilising soil, as well as making very good shade trees for stock.

Incidentally, the neem is in the same botanical family as the Australian red cedar and the white cedar (known as Cape Lilac in WA), in fact the neem and the white cedar share a marked resemblance.

JON KAUB

FAREWELL PARTY

Turramurra Ashram will be hosting a farewell party for Delwyn and Rebecca who will be leaving for India next Friday. The party will be this Sunday (1st Nov) and will start at 6 pm. Please bring a plate of food to share and don't forget your song books! Further details: Nat at East Lindfield.

A REMINDER....

ALL ALTERATIONS FOR THE NEW TELEPHONE LIST TO BE LODGED PRONTO WITH JOHN DOBBIE.

THE QUILTING BEE

The ladies' meeting to continue work on the quilt for Shri Mataji has been postponed until a later date. Further details from Pam Jones(Northmead).

Blessed are those who can laugh at themselves:
they will have no end of fun.

Blessed are those who can tell a mountain from a molehill: they will be saved a lot of bother.

Blessed are those who know how to relax without looking for excuses: they are on the way to becoming wise.

Blessed are those who know when to be quiet and listen: they will learn a lot of new things.