

THE AUSTRALIAN STRATHFIELD

Sahaja Newsletter



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SHRI MATAJI'S ADVICE

(on the moon and its effects on our meditation)

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"First thing to note is that on the night of new moon and full moon, always there are dangers on your left and right sides. Specially on these two days....you should sleep early.....The night of new moon you should meditate on Shri Shiva.....and surrender yourself to Him. on the night of full moon you should meditate on Shri Rama and surrender yourself to Him for protection. The meaning of the word 'Ramachandra' is creativity. You should completely dedicate your creative powers to Him. Thus you have to take special care of yourself on these two days.

However on the seventh and ninth days of Lunar fortnights (according to the Indian calendar 'saptami' and 'navami' - count the full moon and new moon as the first day of each fortnight on the English calendar) you have My special blessings...Make some special arrangements so that you can have good meditation on these days. This is how you should protect yourself."

MOON DATES for the next two months:

July 12: Full moon (Guru Poornima)

July 18: saptami

July 20: navami

July 27: New moon

Aug 2: saptami

Aug 4: navami

Aug 10: Full moon

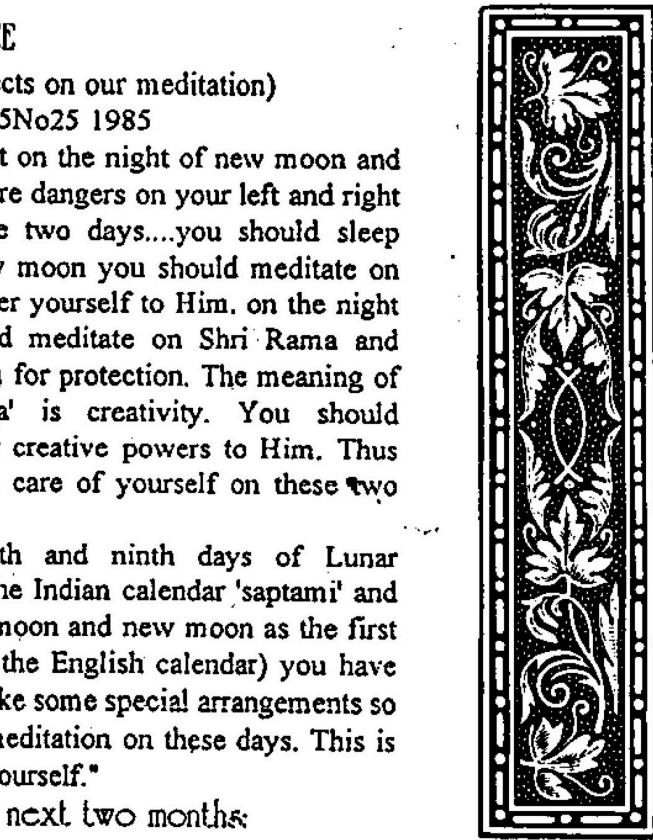
Aug 16: saptami

Aug 18: navami

Aug 26: New moon

Sept 1: saptami

Sept 3: navami



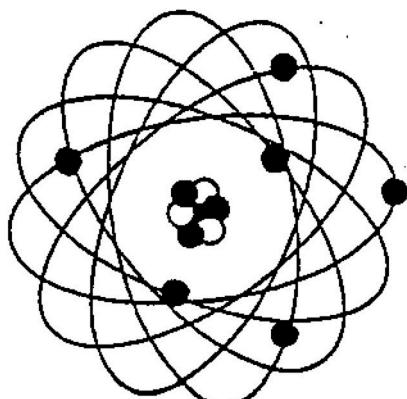
Resumption of French Nuclear Testing.

July 14th, traditionally Bastille Day, a day when France celebrates the introduction of democracy . A day hopefully which will see the French Government listen to the voices of the peoples of the world. This year saw a world-wide day of protest against the decision of the French government to resume nuclear testing at one of the last remnants of its colonialists past in the Pacific.

A few weeks ago, a number of Parisian Sahaja Yogis joined a march through the boulevards of Paris protesting the resumption of nuclear testing. In Sydney a number of Sahaja Yogis joined with 25,000 people in demonstrating their opposition to this decision. It was a wintry Friday afternoon, the atmosphere in Sydney was friendly and convivial as people joined together in peaceful opposition to this decision. The demonstrators listened to various speakers and were entertained by some of the leading performing artists of the country.

The main speaker was Peter Garret the leader of the prominent band Midnight Oil, who are at the forefront of environmental issues in Australia. Peter Garrett has become somewhat of a spokesman for the Green Movement. He said that it was inexcusable that a government could wilfully decide to destroy vast amounts of the Mother Earth to test weapons they know they will never use. He said that the Earth is our Mother, from which all life has come, and as Her children it was our duty to rise up in Her defence. He said the days when governments can arbitrarily decide to pollute and destroy the Earth and its environment without reference to the people are over. It is our obligation both to the Earth and to our self respect to impress this reality upon governments the world over. He encouraged us to demonstrate, to voice our opposition to the French government's decision, and to remove our buying power from the French network by observing a boycott of French products and services.

The atmosphere at the demonstration was peaceful and exultant due to the numbers of people who took possession of the streets of Sydney. As Sahaja Yogis many felt that it was important to take a stand and voice our opposition to the resumption of nuclear testing. Hopefully the addition of our attention will help aid the campaign to reverse this decision.



Boycott of French Products and Services.

Following the second world war Mahatma Gandhi commented on the advent of the nuclear age. He said that the use of the bomb and the ensuing arms race was a supreme tragedy because all parties were well aware of the fact that a bomb cannot be destroyed by counter-bombs, even as violence cannot be undone by counter-violence. Mankind has to get out of violence only through non-violence. Obviously this truth needs to be repeated as long as there are people and governments who continue to disbelieve it.

As part of the non-violent protest against the resumption of Nuclear Testing a world-wide boycott of French Goods and Services has begun. There is more to this than just not buying French goods. The boycott is targeted at the French government, not the French people. A major component of the French Government's revenue comes from business. If business revenue is down - and they know the reason - then they will complain to their government. Consequently, the French government's revenue will also be down and they will know the reason for the decrease in revenue.

So avoid products or services made by French companies, such as Alcatel which provide telephones and photocopier services. Hotel chains such as Novotel and Club Med. French Clothing and Perfumes. BIC pens. Pharmaceuticals such as Aspro and Aspro Clear. Airlines - Air France. French Banking Services and Life Insurance such as BNP and National Mutual Life.

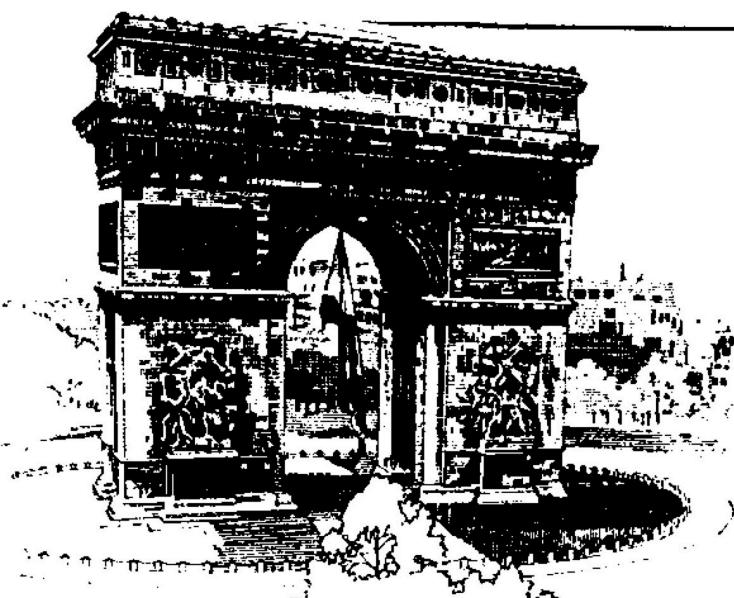
This boycott is receiving wide support the world over. The effects of boycotts such as this are cumulative. The longer they are in place the more pressure is applied. Within capitalist societies such as our own boycotts are one of the best forms of protest possible as they remove ones buying power from the Government's network of power.

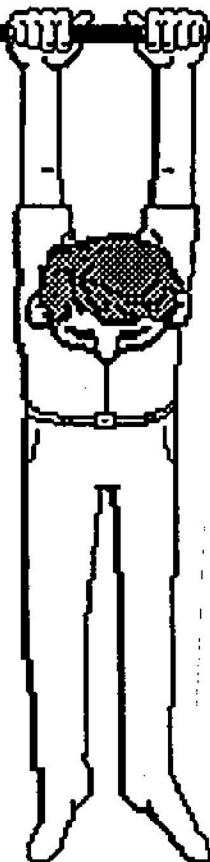
Write, phone, fax or Email to France and politely state your objection at this decision.

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Great Spirit Energy Festival

*Dates : Saturday July 22nd 10am-7pm
Sunday July 23rd 10am-5pm*

*Venue: Willoughby Town Hall
Victoria Ave Chatswood*

Please come and help out at our Meditation Stall (No.36): A schedule of times for which we require volunteers is on the sideboard at Burwood Ashram. If you are able to assist then jot down your name and you will be able to avoid the entrance fee which would otherwise be charged (ie \$8). Only registered stall attendants will be allowed in without charge.



HER HOLINESS SHRI MATAJIS WAMURAN PROJECT

During Her 1994 visit to Brisbane, Shri Mataji oversaw and modified the plans for the Wamuran ashram, the result being a very practical, spacious, passive solar design. Materials used in construction are mud bricks made from clay off the property and most of the timber used in the framework and roof is from trees felled on the property.

During the last few months there has been considerable progress towards completion. The projected move in date at this stage is late July/ early August. However, the house will not be finished to the last stroke of the brush and there will be various projects to finish off. At the present time, there are two vacant rooms.

If you would like to live in a brand new, purpose designed, natural, earthy, rustic, brimming with vibrations, beautiful ashram, away from the madding crowd, surrounded by orchards, pineapple fields, strawberry farms and natural bush with dynamic committed yogis, please contact us at Wamuran on 074 966716.