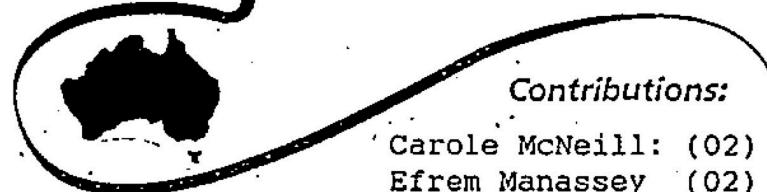


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Rationality can take one anywhere, can justify anything as it is not absolute. So one has to go beyond rationality, develop higher senses of Divinity by which one can understand the real problems and the actual solution of all these problems.



SYDNEY NEWS



WORKING BEE AT BURWOOD.

For Sri Mataji's
1995 Tour
This weekend 21st & 22nd
January,

Washing of Sri Mataji's linen
and other preparation for the
tour.

Phone Judy at Burwood for Details
02 747 4835



WAMURAN RAFFLE - Reminder!

Don't forget to get your ticket(s) for a chance to win a trip to Shri Mataji's property at Wamuran.

DRAWING OF THE RAFFLE HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL MARCH

The prize is one return air-fare to Brisbane from anywhere in Australia or New Zealand.
All funds raised are to be put towards completion of Shri Mother's house.

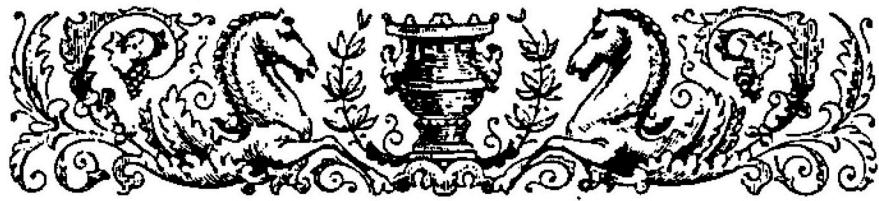
The winner can visit Brisbane/Wamuran at a time of their choosing (we recommend the cooler months of April to October).

You can see first-hand Shri Mataji's property at Wamuran, north of Brisbane, and Her house now being built there.

While you're with us you might like to do some bush-walking, swim at a local secluded waterhole or go surfing at Bribie or Caloundra. If you play an instrument, bring it for Bhajans! All this for 10 bucks...

Tickets are available in all major Sahaja Centres (just ask around), or from Kim Pearce and Ian Hamilton in Brisbane.

- GOOD LUCK! -



During her visit to Brasil last October, Sri Mataji was asked some questions about science.

First of all, She was asked about the current view of physicists that the protons and neutrons inside the nucleus are made out of cores and if that was the correct picture of them. She confirmed that it was the correct description of them, but She pointed out that there is another type of particle called mesosome, which according to Sri Mataji has the peculiar property of not having a definite valence. The valence of a particle determines the number of other particles to which it can bind.

For example, Hydrogen has a valence of one, oxygen has a valence of 2, carbon has a valence of 4 etc. So according to Sri Mataji, the property of these mesosomes is that they can bind to an arbitrary number of other particles meaning that they can adapt to any peculiar situation, therefore binding to the required number of other particles. According to Sri Mataji, this property makes these mesosomes responsible for the whole stability of matter.

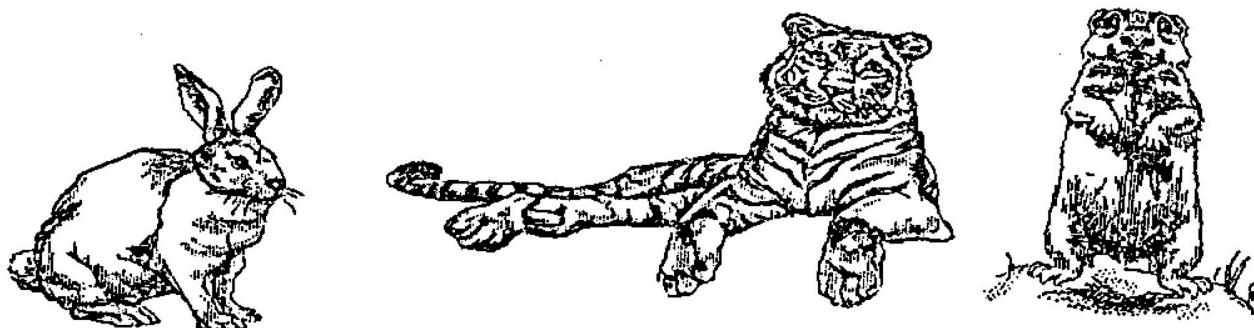
Another question was about the Big Bang theory, which according to the physicists, was the great explosion which gave birth to the universe. Sri Mataji said that this was also the correct picture and that She was writing a book about it. The third point was about the effect of consuming alcohol on the water molecules inside the human body. As you know, the water molecules contain 2 hydrogen & 1 oxygen atom, which form certain angles. Sri Mataji said that when one takes alcohol, the processing of alcohol changes the angles of these atoms. These water molecules are responsible for taking out the heat of the liver. They do this by oscillating in such a way that the heat of the liver is transferred during this oscillatory motion of the molecule. So when one drinks alcohol, this angle is changed and as a consequence, the molecule can no longer oscillate in the proper way to absorb heat from the liver. As a result, the whole organ becomes poisoned.

Sri Mataji also spoke about the origin of the elements. She said that the hydrogen came from the moon, oxygen from the sun, nitrogen from the green plants and carbon from the earth, through the lava which comes from volcanoes. Therefore, according to Sri Mataji, hydrogen is related to the left channel, oxygen to the right, nitrogen to the centre and carbon to the Mooladhara chakra. Sri Mataji spoke furthermore that matter usually has electro magnetic vibrations, but not spiritual vibrations. She said however, that matter can be vibrated, either by Herself or by a realised soul and the effect of this vibration can be felt, for example in pieces of art produced by great artists.

Sri Mataji spoke specifically about the great cathedrals and massive pieces of art. To finish, She said that the best thing which can be done with matter is to give it as a present to someone else.

JUAN VEGA





ART WORKSHOP
SAHAJA YOGA
CHILDREN



Classes in Sydney, by Brisbane Yogini, Beverley Budgen.

LESSON ONE & TWO

23-24 FEB (10am-12noon)

29 Neiche Pde, Burwood.

LESSON THREE

25 FEB (At Wiseman's Ferry campsite.)

An exhibition of the children's art will be mounted at the campsite, following these three lessons.

FEES:

1 child \$20, first three lessons.

2 children \$22, or 3 for \$25.

A further three lessons will be held at Neiche Pde for newcomers as well as children continuing.

28 FEB, 1 & 2 MARCH, (10-12noon)

Fees as above for three lessons and double for six lessons.

ALL MATERIALS SUPPLIED

**** BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL ****

**FOR BOOKINGS Esme Reynolds (02) 498 4906
Further enquiries, Beverley (07) 399 4662**

THE EXCOMMUNICATED OF MR. PAUL

At the end of 1992 a book was published titled, "The Dead Sea Scrolls Uncovered" by Robert Eisenman and Michael Wise (Element Books). This book offers fifty excerpts from long suppressed segments of these historic documents, placed in caves almost 2000 years ago and not discovered until 1947 and 1952.

In 1952 a team of scholars was appointed to piece together and decipher this wealth of material. But, instead of disseminating it to the world, these men withheld it, publishing only select portions.

In the autumn of 1991 this monopoly was broken by the Huntington's Library in California. The library announced that it would release photographs of the scrolls, which it had secured from authorities at the time of the 1967 six day war. They had argued that at such an unstable time the scrolls could be in jeopardy of destruction - photograph copies should be held in America for safe-keeping.

The series of scholars, Catholic and Jewish, who previously had held exclusive control over the scrolls, long maintained that there was nothing of interest in the unreleased materials. They said that no light would be shed on the early days of Christianity. They were wrong.

One portion, numbered 40266, is titled by Eisenman and Wise "The Foundation of Righteousness (The End of the Damascus Document: An excommunication Text)."

It appears to be the excommunication of Paul from the Christian Community. The document was prepared for a convocation of the followers of Christ at the time of Pentecost "to curse those who depart to the right or (to the left from the) Torah," that is, the law of Moses.

The scroll fragments praise God. "You are all, everything is in Your hand and (You are) the maker of everything, who established (the peoples according to their families and their national languages."

The words of the scroll fragments praise God and speak of the mariyadas or "boundary markers laid down for us." Those who over-step these boundaries are those whose "soul has rejected the Foundations of Righteousness."

Paul was such a man. Elsewhere he is described as "the Lying adversary," the "Lying Spouter" who "rejects the law in the midst of the whole congregation," "the Tongue" and the "Scoffer/ Comedian" who "poured over Israel the waters of lying."

The authors of the book believe that "the priest commanding the Many" who delivers this excommunication judgement was James, the apostle often referred to as James the Just, the bishop of Jerusalem and the brother of Jesus.

In twisted logic involving blessing and cursing, Paul defends himself in his letters to the Galatians (3:11-13). He is redeemed his transgressions against the teachings of Jesus, Paul argues, because Christ became cursed by the law. Paul is confusing the Law of Moses with the law of the Romans and his own law.

In the Acts of the Apostles Paul writes of hurrying off to Jerusalem to be on time for just such an annual Pentecostal meeting as described in the scrolls. Eisenman and Wise state that "Acts' picture of Pentecost can be seen as the mirror reversal of the depend-cost being pictured here." Rather than taking his contributions to Jerusalem Paul was actually about to face excommunication from the community he sought to control.

The following are two excerpts from an earlier book, "The Dead Sea Scrolls Deception" by Michael Baigent and Richard Leigh (Corgi Books, London, 1991):

".... Paul is, in effect, the first 'Christian' heretic, and his teachings - which become the foundation of later Christianity - are a flagrant deviation from the 'Original' or 'pure' form extolled by the leadership. Whether James, the 'Lord's brother,' was literally Jesus' blood kin or not (and everything suggests he was), it is clear that he knew Jesus.... personally. So did most of the other members of the community, or 'early Church,' in Jerusalem - including, of course, Peter. When they spoke, they did so with first hand authority. Paul had never had such personal acquaintance with the figure he'd begun to regard as his 'Saviour.' He had only his quasi-mystical experience in the desert and the sound of a disembodied voice. For him to arrogate authority to himself on this basis is, to say the least, presumptuous. It also leads him to distort Jesus' teachings beyond all recognition - to formulate, in fact, his own highly individual and idiosyncratic theology, and then to legitimise it by spuriously ascribing it to Jesus." (Pages 266-7).

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Wisdom of the

elders

IT TOOK the sculptor TOM BASS 68 years to make the major breakthrough of his life. Now 78, the grand old man of Australian sculpture remembers: "I was in my 60s before I realised I regarded myself as a victim. The day I got that, I was so embarrassed. I'm a raconteur, I had this beautiful collection of finely honed anecdotes that I'd been victimised."

Until a decade ago, Bass - who grew up in poverty during the Depression and left school at 15 - felt really hard done by. "Imagine the collection of stuff I had," he said.

Bass is one of a dozen people aged between 69 and 94 whom the *Herald* asked to share their wisdom to mark New Year's Eve. The answers were as varied as the people themselves - in some cases, about living well with yourself; in others, about external priorities.

Was wisdom about being optimistic and positive? the *Herald* asked Tom Bass, who nearly always wears white and lives at Annandale in Sydney's inner-west with his "superb" three-year-old son, Peter Hoekstra Bass, and his wife of 10 years, Dr Margo Hoekstra, 48.

No. Optimism, he said, was too naive a word in a world where we had tragedies such as Bosnia. Rather, wisdom was about trust; about trusting that whatever happens, good or bad, it is significant.

"When I was 68, I was full of incomprehension still. I was sitting at the table and I got a sudden flash of explanation. Everything that happens has meaning. There's no question of sorting out and saying this is dreadful, God shouldn't have allowed this to happen. As I got that thought, I got an image of a water-worn pebble which began existence as a jagged piece of stone, then had countless encounters with other objects - some could have been catastrophic - which finally shape it. And everything becomes the essence of the shape it is, or was."

"If I have a pearl of wisdom to give you, it is accept that change is the most important and sacred thing there is. Then you are flexible. You have to lie back in the arms of the universe in an attitude of divine nonchalance, because believe me, once you begin to trust, the whole universe changes. "You have to trust that happiness is an inevitable outcome of living in these terms. Trust the process. And there's no quick fix, so be patient... People get desperate because they are disappointed in their expectations. They've built up an image of where they should be, and when it doesn't work out, they are disappointed and they miss out on what is happening."

"Your wisdom is what you apply to each moment."

SYDNEY MORNING HERALD 31.12.94

Tonight is a time for taking stock, for thinking about our lives and their direction. But what wisdom can be offered by older Australians, who have seen 70 or 80 years come and go?

The BIG DAY OUT - Thurs 26th Jan., RAS Showground,

(only 1 week away...)

A FOOD STALL will be held to raise money for Shri Mataji's tour. On Wednesday night (25th) we will be cooking (at Burwood), as well as setting up the stall in preparation for the next day. All welcome to help cook!

For Thursday we need to know definitely who is coming beforehand. There will be three shifts (if your ears can stand it!) - 10am-3pm, 3-7pm, 7-11pm. Please arrange what time you will come so we will have enough people to cover the whole day. 40 000 tickets have already been sold to the event so hopefully we will be kept busy. The number of passes is limited, and they cannot be transferred. There is no inside parking.

There will be a mobile phone to ring on the day if you need to contact us (ph 018 - 673 870).

Also, does anybody have - a fire blanket
- an electric deep fryer,
they could lend us for the day?

Contact Ramsay St 798 4051 for further details.

