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THERE THEY GO!

ATTENTION TO THE PARENTS OF
CHILDREN RETURNING FROM INDIA SCHOOL

Parents need to be aware that you have to pay \$50-00 per child travelling back from India, with the group. This money can be given to Pam Jones or Caroline Henwood, before 15th of December.

GLEBE STREET FAIR

Sahaja Yoga stall will be in "Glebe Place" (a new Shopping centre), in Glebe Point Road. The stall is in shop No. 4 in the Glebe Place. This Sunday 20th November 1994, from 10am - 5pm All Helpers Welcome.

EASTERN SUBURBS WEEKLY PROGRAMS

Woollhara will cease their programs for new people during IndiaTour. The programs will resume mid - January, 1995.

In the meantime, please direct any enquiries or Eastern Suburbs seekers to Coogee Ashram (ph:665 8210), who will continue to hold Sunday programs at King's Cross & Newtown.

"WELCOME TO SAHAJA YOGA PAMPHLETT'S"

The "Welcome to Sahaja Yoga Pamphletts", have been reproduced/reprinted, and are now available. This pamphlett is the one with the large Black & White photo of Sri Mataji on the inside cover. Pamphletts can be collected on Friday nights, from the tape (audio) sales area.

A VERY BIG THANK YOU TO UNCLE STEPHAN FOR ALL THE EXTRA TIME AND EFFORT HE PUTS IN FOR THE INDIA TOUR. WE ALL APPRECIATE IT VERY MUCH AND THANK YOU HEAPS.

NEWS FROM PERTH November 1994.

Last weekend's Conscious Living Expo was the collective's most successful venture of this kind to date with approx 350 seekers getting realisation very easily. We feel that having a food stall as well made a big difference to the vibrations as there were yogis at each end of the large indoor venue for the full period of four days. At the end of the Expo the cool vibrations were pouring out of the realisation stall in a continuous stream. The acoustics were poor so those of us giving realisation were not able to hear the bhajans being sung on the stage near the food stall, but we experienced increased numbers queing for realisation during the time the musicians were performing. Several people congratulated the singers including one man from the Hare Krishna stall, who also appreciated our food very much! Some of his colleagues also took leaflets on meditation.

The realisation stand looked very beautiful (and professional) with an enormous photograph (approx 1.5m x 900cm) framed in gold of Shri Mataji high on the back wall facing a corridor along which people could see Her for several metres, and some exquisite flowers grown and arranged by yogis. The one side wall displayed phrases in large calligraphy easily read from a distance relating to the benefits of gaining realisation, a quote from Shri Mataji referring to the joy of being connected to the vibrations and a pastel painting of the Virata diagram. The simple altar ran almost the length of the back wall so the main space was available for seekers to sit in chairs or on the floor.

Cakes baked by members of the collective rose to meet the very 'high' standards set by our (French) co-ordinator of food and many compliments were received from the public on all the snacks available. Towards the end of each day people were asking 'Where is your food stall - we've heard it's the best...' but they couldn't find the place because there were always so many customers in front of the counter! One lady from another type of yoga wouldn't take her realisation but was very anxious to get some of 'your food' before it all went!

There were the usual varieties of experiences on offer at other stands. A mother with a very noisy unsettled child got her realisation easily in spite of the distraction, then went off to have her chakras 'balanced' at another place! She returned shortly afterwards to check Shri Mataji's photo because the stand owner had asked her if she was meditating because all her chakras were very well balanced and that there was an Indian lady with dark hair 'all around' the mother's aura! The lady is coming to the Ashram to learn more. Another seeker, after realisation, when told by the yogis that she was now nicely in balance and all her energy centres were connected to the whole, reported that she had just been told at an 'aura reading' that she needed to have her base chakra brought into alignment with the universal energy. A gentleman who asked many questions and was very interested in Sahaja Yoga had a photo taken of his aura before getting realisation. The picture showed red and indigo areas. Out of curiosity he went back two hours after the first photo and had another taken. He brought them both to the Ashram for the programme later in the week to show us. The second photograph revealed a white area on his forehead and the rest of him showered in golden light.

One of the regular programme goers brought a friend to have his realisation. He had been pestering her for some time to bring him. When he asked the first time 'Mother, please give me my self-realisation!' Mother came down out of the photograph and held his hands. Yogis nearby felt very strong vibrations in shushunna.

The visitors' book makes interesting reading. In it there are a number of names of country people from all along the coast- Karratha, Carnarvon, Geraldton, South Hedland, places where yogis have been passing through on holiday this year. We hope to link some of them if they wish so they can meditate together and perhaps we can fundraise for at least one north-west seminar next year. Jai Shri Mataji!

COLUMN 8 S.M.H.

A HAPPY wedding next year to Nora Van den Camp and Andrew Bone, of Simpson, Victoria. She will, of course, be Nora Bone.

THE BAPTIST Church at Scaforth has a nice line in signs on its noticeboard. The latest:
DON'T LET WORRY KILL YOU -
LET THE CHURCH HELP

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE BY DIK BROWNE



SOME FOLKS SMILE AND SOME FOLKS FROWN
YOU NEVER NEED TO MIND THEM.
JUST KEEP A QUIET, CONTENTED MIND
AND TAKE FOLKS AS YOU FIND THEM.



all flew out to Istanbul from Amsterdam and when we arrived in the evening the music program had already started. There was a presentation of Turkish music and dancing, followed by Qyuawwoalis (Russian spelling) from the Romanian Sahaja Yogis. The evening was completed by Indian Sufis who played til dawn. By the time they had finished the night was definitely over, I would even say completely finished.

After only 3 hours sleep all the yogis were out of bed and ready for their sight seeing tour. Only the buses didn't come until 2.00pm. Very Sahaj. But it was great because everyone was gathered outside the building and there was lots of time for making new acquaintances, that is, if you could speak Russian or Romanian or were lucky enough to find someone who could speak English. Actually there were a lot of very graphic miming demonstrations going on and much laughing. Eventually the cry was heard "All on the buses. The buses are leaving." We went into the centre to the Bazaar. Lots of people in the market were seeing the badges of Shri Mataji and asking who she was. Over and over we were stopping to explain who she was and about Sahaja Yoga. Puja started quite early in the evening. Shri Mataji talked for a very long time, and it was translated in both Russian and Romanian. She was laughing at the translators because the translation in Russian would be short and in Romanian very long, and the Russian translation would be very long the the Romanian very short. She was saying that before words are formed there is first an abstract thought, which she could understand, although she could not understand the actual translation.

After Puja Yogis started giving presents. It is normal in the Eastern block that they have small presents for their brothers and sisters, and as it was Diwali, it seemed that everyone was giving and receiving presents. A yogini would walk up to you, not speaking a word of English and put into your hand a small gift. It gives such a sweet feeling inside. As a special gift from the Turkish yogis they had a firework display, with Jai Shri Mataji in lights above the city. The building was on top of a hill and I'm sure it could have been seen from all over Istanbul. Then the French Yogis presented a dance drama about The Mother of the Book, about the possibilities of bringing the Moslem world into Sahaja Yoga, of showing them that their religion is part of the Vishwa Nirmala Dharma.

On Sunday there were marriages. Not so many, maybe 25 new couples and maybe 20 remarriages. One Dutch couple, Amala and Vinod, now Mr and Mrs Kumar. A few of the girls who were matched said that they didn't want to get married and Shri Mataji was very cross with them, because she spends a great deal of time matching couples. She said that only people who were serious about getting married should put in application forms, and if they refuse her choice of partner they should not expect to get a second chance and should go and choose their own partner. She also said that if a marriage was arranged and a yogi said no he/she would still have to pay for the wedding. Also that no one should be forced into marrying. The wedding talk was very powerful and made us realise that these marriages are very special, that they are for a very great purpose and we must remember this and not get caught up in small things and small arguments. When you participate in these weddings you can really feel that a Sahaj marriage is a collective happening. With all the relations crowded around the fires and everyone crying through the smoke and the flashes of the cameras, its quite an event. For the ceremony of the first meal Baba Mama enthusiastically told everyone that the bride had to stuff as much food as possible into her husband's mouth to show her love for him, and the husband had to do the same thing. He was calling out that some portions were too small, make them bigger, show him how much you love him.

Jesus in India

CHAPTER 24

The Brahmic doctrine of castes. Jesus repudiates it and teaches human equality. The priests are offended and drive him from the temple. He abides with the sudras and teaches them.

FOUR years the Jewish boy abode in temple Jagannath.

2 One day he sat among the priests and said to them, Pray, tell me all about your views of castes; why do you say that all men are not equal in the sight of God?

3 A master of their laws stood forth and said, The Holy One whom we call Brahm, made men to suit himself, and men should not complain.

4 In the beginning days of human life Brahm spoke, and four men stood before his face.

5 Now, from the mouth of Parabrahm the first man came; and he was white, was like the Brahm himself; a brahman he was called.

6 And he was high and lifted up; above all want he stood; he had no need of toil.

7 And he was called the priest of Brahm, the holy one to act for Brahm in all affairs of earth.

8 The second man was red, and from the hand of Parabrahm he came; and he was called shatriya.

9 And he was made to be the king, the ruler and the warrior, whose highest ordained duty was protection of the priest.

10 And from the inner parts of Parabrahm the third man came; and he was called a visya.

11 He was a yellow man, and his it was to till the soil, and keep the flocks and herds.

12 And from the feet of Parabrahm the fourth man came; and he was black; and he was called the sudra, one of low estate.

13 The sudra is the servant of the race of men; he has no rights that others need respect; he may not hear the Vedas read, and it means death to him to look into the face of priest, or king, and naught but death can free him from his state of servitude.

14 And Jesus said, Then Parabrahm is not a God of justice and of right; for with his own strong hand he has exalted one and brought another low.

15 And Jesus said no more to them, but looking up to heaven he said,

16 My Father-God, who was, and is, and ever more shall be; who holds within thy hands the scales of justice and of right;

17 Who in the boundlessness of love has made all men to equal be. The white, the black, the yellow and the red can look up in thy face and say, Our Father-God.

18 Thou Father of the human race, I praise thy name.

19 And all the priests were angered by the words which Jesus spoke; they rushed upon him, seized him, and would have done him harm.

20 But then Lamas raised his hand and said, You priests of Brahm, beware! you know not what you do; wait till you know the God this youth adores.

21 I have beheld this boy at prayer when light above the light of sun surrounded him. Beware! his God may be more powerful than Brahm.

22 If Jesus speaks the truth, if he is right, you cannot force him to desist; if he is wrong and you are right, his words will come to naught, for right is might, and in the end it will prevail.

23 And then the priests refrained from doing Jesus harm; but one spoke out and said,

CHAPTER 27

Jesus attends a feast in Behar. Preaches a revolutionary sermon on human equality. Relates the parable of the broken blades.

THE fame of Jesus as a teacher spread through all the land, and people came from near and far to hear his words of truth.

2 At Behar, on the sacred river of the Brahms, he taught for many days.

3 And Ach, a wealthy man of Behar, made a feast in honor of his guest, and he invited every one to come.

4 And many came; among them thieves, extortioners, and courtesans. And Jesus sat with them and taught; but they who followed him were much aggrieved because he sat with thieves and courtesans.

5 And they upbraided him; they said, Rabboni, master of the wise, this day will be an evil day for you.

6 The news will spread that you consort with courtesans and thieves, and men will shun you as they shun an asp.

7 And Jesus answered them and said, A master never screens himself for sake of reputation or of fame.

8 These are but worthless baubles of the day; they rise and sink, like empty bottles on a stream; they are illusions and will pass away;

9 They are the indices to what the thoughtless think; they are the noise that people make; and shallow men judge merit by the noise.

10 God and all master men judge men by what they are and not by what they seem to be; not by their reputation and their fame.

11 These courtesans and thieves are children of my Father-God; their souls are just as precious in his sight as yours, or of the Brahmic priests.

12 And they are working out the same life sums that you, who pride yourselves on your respectability and moral worth, are working out.

13 And some of them have solved much harder sums than you have solved, you men who look at them with scorn.

14 Yes, they are sinners, and confess their guilt, while you are guilty, but are shrewd enough to have a polished coat to cover up your guilt.

15 Suppose you men who scorn these courtesans, these drunkards and these thieves, who know that you are pure in heart and life, that you are better far than they, stand forth that men may know just who you are.

24 Within this holy place has not this reckless youth done violence to Parabrahm? The law is plain; it says, He who reviles the name of Brahm shall die.

25 Lamas pled for Jesus' life; and then the priests just seized a scourge of cords and drove him from the place.

26 And Jesus went his way and found a shelter with the black and yellow men, the servants and the tillers of the soil.

27 To them he first made known the gospel of equality; he told them of the Brotherhood of Man, the Fatherhood of God.

28 The common people heard him with delight, and learned to pray, Our Father-God who art in heaven.

16 The sin lies in the wish, in the desire, not in the act.

17 You covet other people's wealth; you look at charming forms, and deep within your hearts you lust for them.

18 Deceit you practice every day, and wish for gold, for honor and for fame, just for your selfish selves.

19 The man who covets is a thief, and she who lusts is courtesan. You who are none of these speak out.

20 Nobody spoke; the accusers held their peace.

21 And Jesus said, The proof this day is all against those who have accused.

22 The pure in heart do not accuse. The vile in heart who want to cover up their guilt with holy smoke of piety are ever loathing drunkard, thief and courtesan.

23 This loathing and this scorn is mockery, for if the tinsel coat of reputation could be torn away, the loud professor would be found to revel in his lust, deceit, and many forms of secret sin.

24 The man who spends his time in pulling other people's weeds can have no time to pull his own, and all the choicest flowers of life will soon be choked and die, and nothing will remain but dandelion, thistles, burs.

25 And Jesus spoke a parable: he said, Behold, a farmer had great fields of ripened grain, and when he looked he saw that blades of many stalks of wheat were bent and broken down.

26 And when he sent his reapers forth he said, We will not save the stalks of wheat that have the broken blades.

27 Go forth and cut and burn the stalks with broken blades.

28 And after many days he went to measure up his grain, but not a kernel could he find.

29 And then he called the harvesters and said to them, Where is my grain?

30 They answered him and said, We did according to your word; we gathered up and burned the stalks with broken blades, and not a stalk was left to carry to the barn.

31 And Jesus said, If God saves only those who have no broken blades, who have been perfect in his sight, who will be saved?

32 And the accusers hung their heads in shame; and Jesus went his way.

SPARE ROOMS AVAILABLE

There are 2 spare rooms available next week, in Neich Rd., Burwood. This idyllically placed bungalow is just a stone's throw from Burwood.

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