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THE WORDS OF SHRI MATAJI

It's the Love. You're working for Love. Such an Ocean of Love is within you. How can you do without? And this has to work out at every level, whether this is your family, whether it is your city, whether it is your country or the whole world. This is the new generation we have to create of people who believe in Love which is Truth. Which is Truth. Without Love you cannot have Truth because when you love somebody you know everything about that person. In the same way when you love your country you know everything about that country. But first you must love.

Why people are now having problems is because they don't love their country. If you love your country you will know what is the essence of your country, what is the problems of your country, what it is going through. And that intense feeling of oneness, itself, will work out because, after all, you are connected to the Divine.

BIRTHDAY PUJA 1996

Dear Yogis and Yognis, the time of Krishna puja is once again upon us and along with South America and Canada, America has been blessed with the privilege of hosting the international Sahaja community in California. This is a unique opportunity for we of the Vishuddhi to express our true nature, that of collectivity in spirit. Other than the India tour, during which we are lovingly taken care of by the yogis there, we have no opportunity to interact with our international brothers and sisters as a collective. Krishna Puja is the only time in which we can actually offer something of ourselves to the wider Sahaja world.

Those of you who have attended this puja in the recent past have experienced the tremendous depth of unity and feeling which has occurred when a scant forty yogis from North and South America have hosted a crowd of close to a thousand yogis from different parts of the world. We have done this with less than a third of the Sahaja Yogis who attend from other host countries and have been complemented on the collective effort and lack of problems during the event. Here is a brief capsule of what is currently being prepared for this year's puja:

- Canada is preparing the stage backdrop and is doing a traditionally rendered scene of Shri Krishna with Radha, the Gopis, a beautiful landscape all done in the iconographic ethnic Indian style.
- Argentina is preparing the gifts to all yogis and a rakhi for Shri Mataji.
- Brazil will be doing a gold-plated sudarshan chakra.
- Los Angeles is creating the gift from North America, which is an oil painting of Shri Krishna with Shri Mataji's face, sitting under a tree by the banks of the Yamuna with a peacock at his feet. Jeff Raum has already completed this. The commemorative card for the puja will also be based on the painting. Los Angeles is also producing another film this year which will be a documentary on the life of Shri Mataji. She has given us the guidance that it should not be boring but should be joyous and inspiring, and She has asked that five different yogis from America narrate the program.
- New York is preparing the crown.
- Colombia is preparing a gold plated flute, an ethnic native crown and possibly a documentary about a mythological person from Colombia.

I would like to take this opportunity to personally invite everyone to come to the puja on August 30th to September 1st and help us in making it a grand success! We need talent for an entire evening of entertainment, as well as people for puja preparations, the stage, transportation, food preparation and a multitude of other tasks. Join us in experiencing the joy of complete collectivity while residing in Heaven on Earth!

With Love & Respect, DAVE DUNPHY. (U.S.A.)

**By the Grace of our Divine Mother
Shri Mataji Nirmala Devi**

SHRI GANESHA PUJA

**at Cabella Ligure, Italy
13th, 14th, 15th September 1996**

The host countries of Australia, Hong Kong, Iran, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, Philippines, Taiwan and Thailand gladly invite their brothers and sisters from the four corners of the world to join in the celebrations and devotion to the Divine Mother in Her aspect of Shri Ganesh.

Dear National Leaders,

By now most of the arrangements for a puja weekend are well known, but just to highlight some of the main points again:

Accommodation

To assist us with the organisation of the weekend, please let us know, as soon as possible, the number of men, women and children coming from your country. Prior to the 6th September this information should be made known to Mr. John Dobbie in Australia, by Fax, at 612 9416 1202. After 6th September to John Dobbie in Cabella by fax at 39 143 99 384.

Men can sleep in the tent by the river and women in the hangar. Warm sleeping bags are recommended. Night time temperature can drop to 10°.

Transportation

For those who do not have their own transport, or are reluctant to use the very comprehensive public transport, we shall do what we can to meet you. Please let us know your flight details as soon as possible. Prior to the 9th September this information should be communicated to Mr. Joe Salomon in Australia by fax at 612 476 2206. After 9th September to John Dobbie at Cabella by fax at 39 143 99 384.

Public Transport

There are buses leaving from both airports every 40 minutes to Milan Central Railway Station (Stazione Centrale). Trains to catch are those going to Genoa or Ventimiglia. Get off at Arquata Scrivia, the 5th stop, a journey of about 1 1/2 hours. Train departures are upstairs, ticket purchase downstairs. Trains are reported to leave Milano Centrale at the following times: 7.15, 8.15, 8.45, 12.15, 14.00, 14.15, 16.15, 16.40, 18.15, 20.15, 22.15. Buses leave from the square in front of Arquata Scrivia Station for Cabella Ligure, the last stop in a journey of about 45 minutes up the valley. Buses run regularly starting 6.30 in the morning and finishing 10.30 at night. No buses between 7.30 and 11.45 am.

Parking

There is to be NO PARKING on the grounds of Shri Mataji's property, which includes the area around the hangar. Parking on the public road above the hangar will lead to impounding of the car and a heavy fine from the police.

Registration

Registration will be in the hangar, probably commencing Friday, midday. Cost of registration has not yet been set by Shri Mataji. Be prepared to pay up to 120 pounds sterling. Payment to be made in British Pounds Sterling cash only.

International Puja Gift

Would country leaders please bring with them or deputise someone to bring their country's contribution to the international puja gift, according to the scale drawn up by the Austrians. It is auspicious that this be presented to Shri Mataji before the puja.

Weather

At this time of year expect warm days (up to 25°) and cool to cold nights (down to 10°).

Send one for anyone with delusions
of grandeur!

Chris

- ⑤ Anyone wishing to buy India Tour Raffle Tickets ⑥

they are available from Sarita Chavan and Ione Docherty \$12 each or \$20 for 2

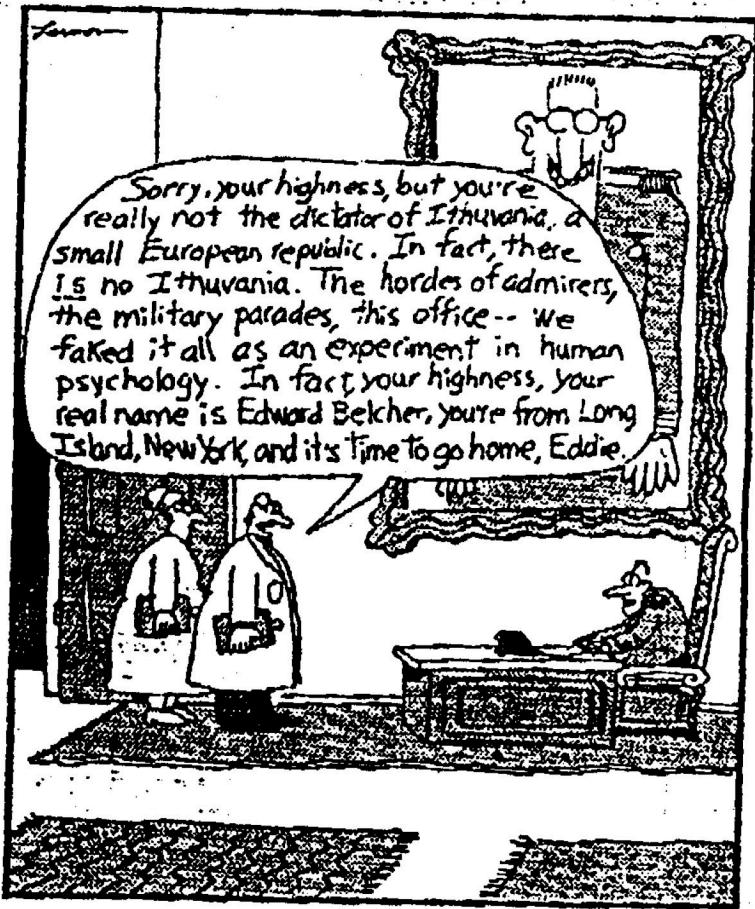


and No. 2 at 8.13 am., their weights 1.825 kg and 1.645 kg. Everyone is doing very well and they will spend a few weeks at the Royal North Shore Hospital. Congratulations²!!

- ⑩ Gronya and Caleb have named their second son Leo Kabir.
- ⑪ Sahaja Bhajan Group is cordially invited to Lewisham this Wednesday for dinner followed by bhajan practice. Please Come at 6.30 p.m. ⑫



- ⑬ Could all yogis wishing to visit Andrew Skipper in hospital please contact Peter Brownscombe.



Double Happy!

Greta and Subhash More are the twice-blessed parents of twin boys born on 28th August. No. 1 son was born at 8.11 a.m