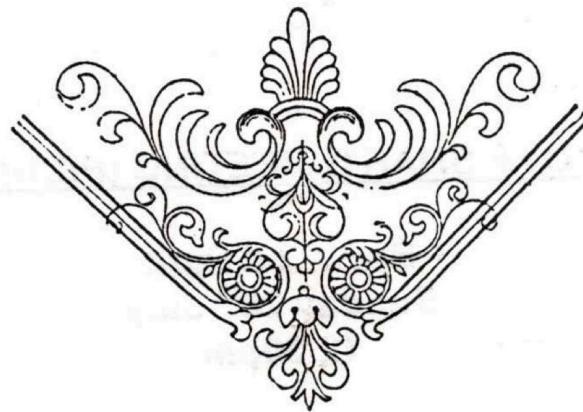




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Whatever may happen to you,
it was prepared for you from all eternity
and the implication of causes was
from eternity spinning the
thread of your being,
and of that which is incident to it.

MARCUS AURELIUS



GANESH PUJA, CABELLA, 4

Travel

There are only 5 weeks before we leave for Cabella. If you are thinking of coming, you must act now. Many flights are fully booked. Seats on airplanes are hard to obtain. It seems as though the economic crisis in Asia has caused those airlines to take flights off their routes.

The Work

No doubt you have read Susi Baumgartner's stirring message wherein she reminds us that we should view attendance at Ganesh puja as a blessing and an opportunity – further on she talks about it as being a privilege, which it is and which it will continue to be: but for how many more years? Take the opportunity now, while it is there, and go prepared to share the workload so that a few people don't end up exhausted. I guess the trick is to do the work but not be fazed by it and to enjoy it. Probably means being in the center.

Accommodation

Shri Mataji has bought a large, 20x(?) bedroom house up the hillside a bit from the new hanger location at Albera, which itself is about 3kms down the valley from Cabella. This is for the use of the host countries and for which they pay GBP2000. It is calculated that if 40 people stay there, the tariff per person would be 50 pounds, about \$150 for the week: pretty reasonable. Shri Mataji expects the host country yogis to stay there.

More next week.

With love Michael.

BABY NEWS!!!

Congratulations to Reema & Raymond Hampton for the birth of their second daughter "Sanchi" on Sunday 19 July at 6pm weighting 3.7kg. All are well and happy.

From: Victor Vertunni <victoryv@asanet.it>

Subject: Calling all actors

Date: 7/16/98 Time: 2:03PM

Theatre of Eternal Values is about to start rehearsals of Charley's Aunt, its new production, in Avignon, France.

Victor would like to hear from any actors who are free in December to tour India, and of course attend rehearsals from 4 August until 12 September. The parts of Jack (early to late twenties), Mr. Spettigue (middle-aged) and Brasset (the butler) are still available. Lighting and sound technicians are also required. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you think you fit the bill. A moderate but not perfect ability to speak English, and of course, previous acting experience will be a help.

Also...

From: Ian Maitland Hume, Scotland <immh@holyrood.ed.ac.uk>

Subject: RE: tev

Date: Fri, 10 Jul 1998 15:45:54 +0100

Dear Mark, many thanks: just one problem, my email address in the TEV newsletter incorrectly spelt as immh@holyrood.ed.ac.uk - it should be holyrood; any chance of amending?

with very best wishes,
Ian



Doctors admit to fatal mistakes

JOHN KERIN

ONE in every 25 mistakes made by general practitioners leads to the death of a patient, a comprehensive study of the family doctor has found.

And in 17 per cent of 805 reported incidents, patients were seriously harmed.

The results could have been even worse, with the doctors citing "good fortune, early intervention by the patient and the patients' good physical condition", rather than good management, as the most critical factor in responding to errors.

The alarming findings are contained in the first systematic study of "adverse events" in Australian general practice.

The study, which examines the impact of doctor error or omission, patient misunderstanding and equipment failure, is published today in the Medical Journal of Australia.

Researchers from the University of Sydney's General Practice Family Medicine Research Unit asked more than 300 Sydney doctors to record

any event that could cause harm or potential harm to a patient, including near misses, contributing or mitigating factors and the extent to which they believed it was preventable.

The team, led by senior research assistant Alice Bhasale, found 241 of the 324 GPs (74 per cent) submitted at least one "incident report" during the reporting period from October, 1993 to June, 1995.

The report says 38 deaths were recorded, 30 of them resulting from diagnostic failure.

Women patients were more likely to be involved in incidents than men (58 per cent) and a third of those affected were over 65.

The most common errors reported involved drug prescription and administration, poor legibility of prescriptions, failure to review the patient's medical history, inadequate recognition of symptoms and abnormal test results being missed.

However, they also include factors outside direct GP control, such as decisions by other healthcare providers, equipment faults, patients' lack of language skills and unpredictable drug effects.

In terms of contributing factors, poor communication between doctor and patient was the most blamed factor, followed by the actions of other health providers, and errors in judgment.

The researchers endorse a number of changes. These include better recall systems for follow-up and for regular tests and screening, better transfer of information between healthcare providers, clearer writing of prescriptions and better maintenance and use of medical records.

In an accompanying editorial, University of Sydney Professor of General Practice Michael Kidd says failure to provide general practitioners with hospital patient discharge information, poor communication that leaves elderly and those with poor language skills at risk, the lack of peer support and a reporting mechanism for errors all need to be addressed.

But Australian Medical Association president David Brand defended Australian general practice as among the world's best, saying considerable effort had been made in improving standards.

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BELINGEN GLOBAL CARNIVAL

On the 3rd, 4th & 5th of October we will have a realization tent at his multicultural music festival. Last year we had an excellent response and many seekers got their realization. Once again we will be staying at Graeme and Helena's beautiful property at Valla Beach. For all those who would like to be involved please contact Max.

STOP PRESS!!

FASHION PARADE

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ATTENTION LADIES!!

Sunday August 23rd

Margueriette Fashion Store & Parade

Stay tuned for more information!

From: Barry West, UK, <Barry_West@XAAR.CO.UK>
Date: Wed, 8 Jul 1998 18:41:20 +0100
Subject: Royal Albert Hall

The turnout seemed to me to be about the same as previous years, although I find it very hard to judge numbers. I was concerned that we might lose out as there was a Princess Diana Memorial Concert going on in Hyde Park at the same time. Although many people came a little late, the hall filled up pretty much all but the top two tiers of the seating. More people left before realisation than I remember in previous years. The vibrations overall felt much lighter than previously and Shri Mataji remarked afterwards that those who attended were much more on the right side, previously the LS has been very heavy at the start.

David Spiro opened proceedings with a brief discussion of the background behind this year's programme, that Shri Mataji had been concerned about the lack of follow up in the past, and was exceptionally holding a second programme Herself. He made it very clear that everyone present would be wasting their time if they did not come again.

Derek Lee then described the research being done by Russian scientists which had been reported to the conference recently chaired by Shri Mataji in Russia. He explained how they were very excited about the miracle photos which they had been shown, they had been searching for this sort of evidence for some time. He illustrated his talk with examples of some of the most famous and powerful photos and described how the scientists had concluded that Shri Mataji was the source of the energy by which mind is connected to matter! I felt that this presentation of miracle photos in a scientific context was very powerful.

Shri Mataji herself re-emphasised the importance of following up the experience of self-realisation. She was most uncompromising in this, explaining that this is the judgement time, that it is we who have to choose, up or down. She made it clear that those who did not attend the follow up had chosen the wrong one of those two options!

She spoke briefly about feeling guilty and forgiving, then asked us to feel above our heads, most hands went up to indicate that they had felt it.

The follow up meeting was on the next night in a large hall in a school, seating I think about 1500, of which 450 were yogis. It was packed. Quite a few had not been to the RAH the previous night. Shri Mataji was very pleased with the meeting and said that She liked this place much better than RAH. Her talk was more light hearted and She joked about problems such as false gurus and feeling guilty in this more intimate setting. A very up-beat and confidence inspiring talk.

As people left they were invited to purchase for 2 pounds a specially prepared audio tape featuring Shri Mataji conducting the "traditional" self-realisation sequence, followed by music for meditation and a short introductory talk by Shri Mataji. About 1,000 copies were sold. The label carried a beautiful photo of Shri Mataji to be used for meditation together with basic instructions on the inside. Shri Mataji was pleased with this innovation and encouraged them all to buy it as it was very valuable.

We meet again in this hall next Tuesday. How many chairs will we need?

My personal feeling is that the seven meetings which we have held in RAH, which epitomises the deepest of British traditions and conditionings, have worked out something at a deep level for the Heart, despite a previous low retention rate of the seekers.

much love
Barry

YUVA SHAKTI MEETING (PICNIC)

Burwood Park
Sunday 26th July
12:30pm

Bring a plate for lunch
Meet near the front entrance of Burwood

Yuva Shakti Video Night
on Saturday 1st August, at Somersby
cost \$6 including dinner and breakfast.

Family BBQ Fundraiser

On Sunday 2nd August 11am
Where? - by the creek at: RMB 3900
Howes rd
Somersby

Please bring cup, plate, cutlery and rugs/tarpoline
cost \$10 Adult
\$2 under 10

(It would mean a lot to the Yuva Shakti if you attended.
All money raised contributes to the Yuva Shakti attending the Woodford festival).

Important

RSVP before Sat 1st August, as we need to know numbers for catering ph. 0243721546

And another Royal Albert Hall report from a yogi whose name I don't know...

The Hall was full (nearly, actually) and if you know how big this hall is, you know what that means. This evening was definitely one of the most beautiful evenings of my life.

David Spiro talked a bit about why people come to Albert Hall and then don't come again. He was actually giving a little papatch, at least it sounded like that.

Then we played some Bhajans and Simon played on the violin accompanied by some Khan-Tabla Player in such a beautiful way, that everybody was listening with full attention.

After, something very surprising happened. Derek Lee (Shri Mataji called him Dr. Derek Lee later :)) showed (surely requested by Shri Mataji) slides of a lot of miracle photos, even Puja pictures to the public - explaining, that scientists in Russia found a way of proving Aura and vibrations and that Mother was the source of these lightwaves. He mentioned, that these pictures are tricked, but the message was really clear - like - this is the Adi Shakti - eat it or leave it!! He also explained a bit about the subtle system.

Then we played 2 more Bhajans until Shri Mataji arrived (Sir C.P. was sitting in the first row).

She told us that we have to grow. It is no use coming to the Albert Hall only and then disappearing. She stressed this point several times. She also stressed that Sahaja Yoga is free. Just to raise your EGO - she mentioned of course Austria again - like, why is it spreading everywhere else, like in Austria, even in France, but in England, where she even lived for several years people still don't realize the importance of Sahaja Yoga. The strongest sentence in my opinion was "I am old, but how long do I have to live to face these English people....(who still don't realize..)" or something like that.

Shri Mataji talked about the Kundalini as our loving Mother within, and that rumours about her being dangerous are nonsense. Shri Mataji talked about getting rid of diseases, drugs, drinking and smoking - "but I don't tell 'you' should drink and smoke' otherwise half of you will get up and leave the hall".

The most surprising part was, that Shri Mataji finished her speech with "May God bless you" without having given the Self Realisation. Only when Derek approached Her, She said: "Derek just told me that I should give you your Self Realisation - of course I am going to give you.."

Then She made a very short Realisation part mentioning the 3 conditions (1. put off shoes, 2. not feel guilty, 3. forgive). It is ever and ever again amazing to see that really everybody in the Hall was raising the hands as nearly all of the people could feel the cool breeze. Shri Mataji mentioned the follow up on Monday (today) in Holland Garden and only stayed for one more Bhajan (Jog.wa - She said everybody should clap and somehow we all knew we are going to sing Jog.wa).

After Mother left (She actually stayed in the Royal Albert Hall somewhere in another room people told later!) we kept on playing at least for another half an hour and even funny people in kurtas and with strange bindis stayed till the end clapping, singing and dancing along with the rhythmic Bhajans and Quawalis we played. I'm sure about 100 or 200 stayed until the very end (maybe 10:30?).

I hope you can feel some cool vibrations, reading about this marvellous program. Please don't mind my english mistakes.

Lots of love to you all - I could have Albert Hall Programs every day, really, WOW!!

SIA

Date: Thu, 16 Jul 1998 13:32:13 +0300
To: swollen108@aol.com
From: sjones@mailbox.co.uk (Steve and Sigrid Jones)
Subject: Sahaja Message - Au Pair in UK

Au-Pair in London

We are looking for an Au-Pair to look after our 7 year old son starting from September for the minimum of 10 months. You would have to pick him up from school at 3.30 pm, footsoak, monitor his homework, read books with him, keep his room in order etc, prepare a light dinner about 3-4 times a week and occasionally babysit in the evenings. You should feel confident that you can handle a lively boy and his visiting friends, and enjoy being with children.

We offer a room in a house with garden in South London, with many other Sahaja Yogis in the vicinity, 30 Pound pocket money a week (or negotiable) - and the unique opportunity to live in the heart of the universe!

Please make sure that you can obtain a Visa, (EU-citizens have no problem), because we cannot take responsibility for that.

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