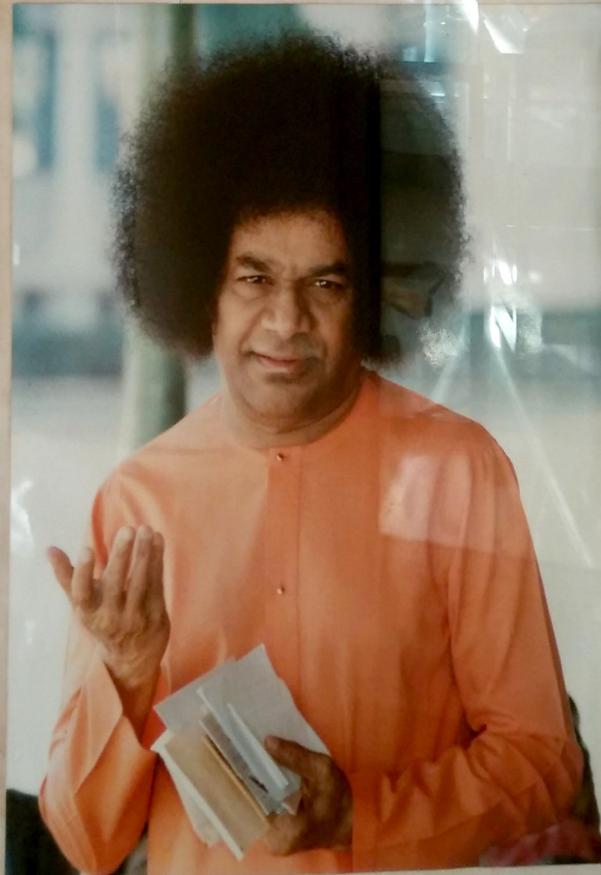


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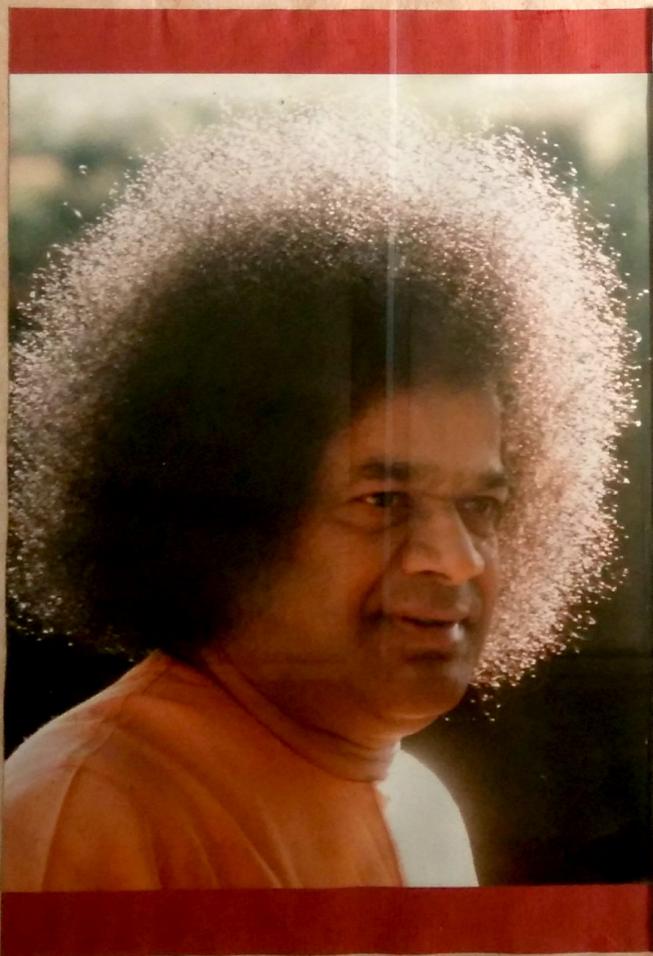
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#### "SIGNS AND WONDERS"

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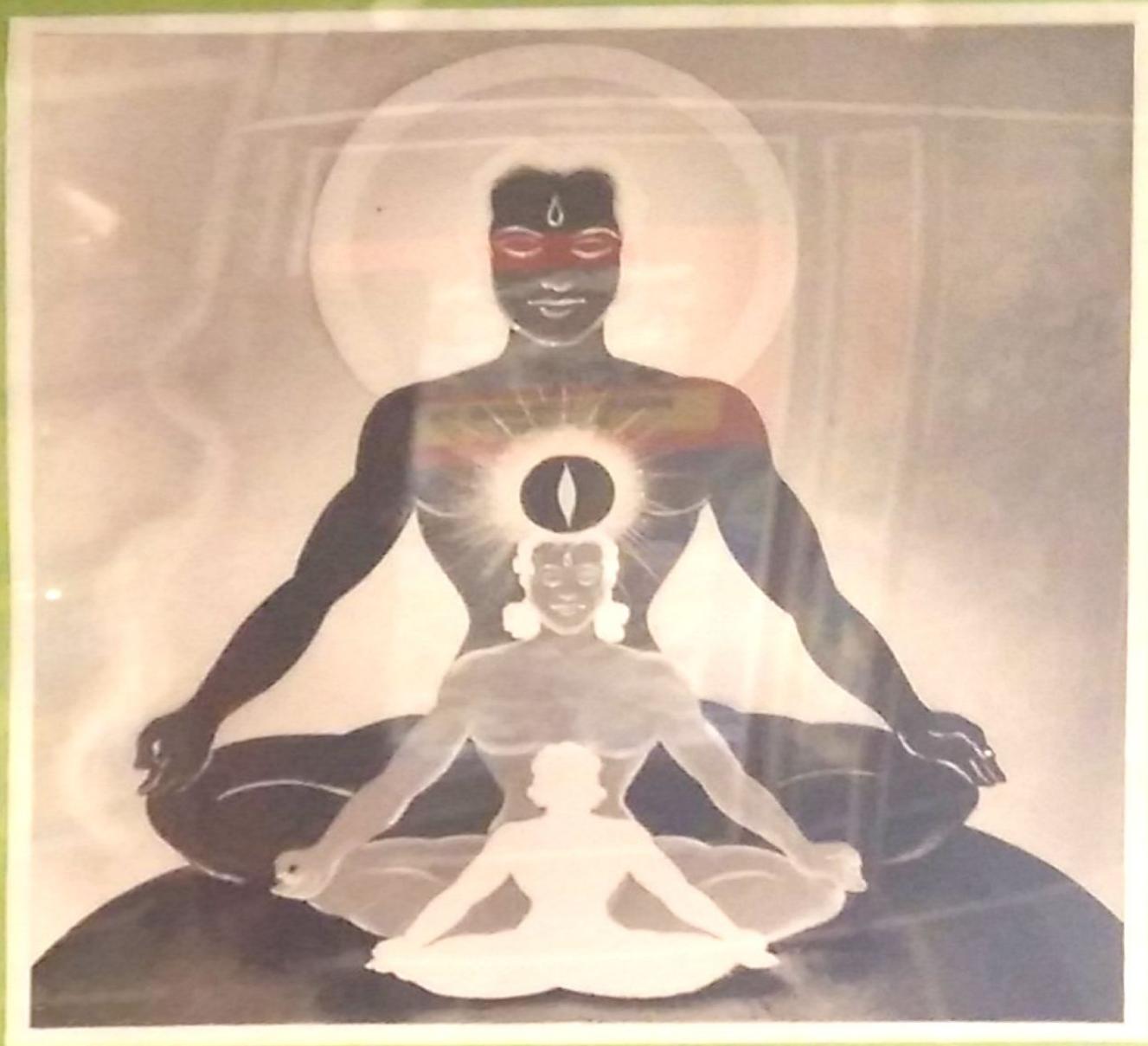
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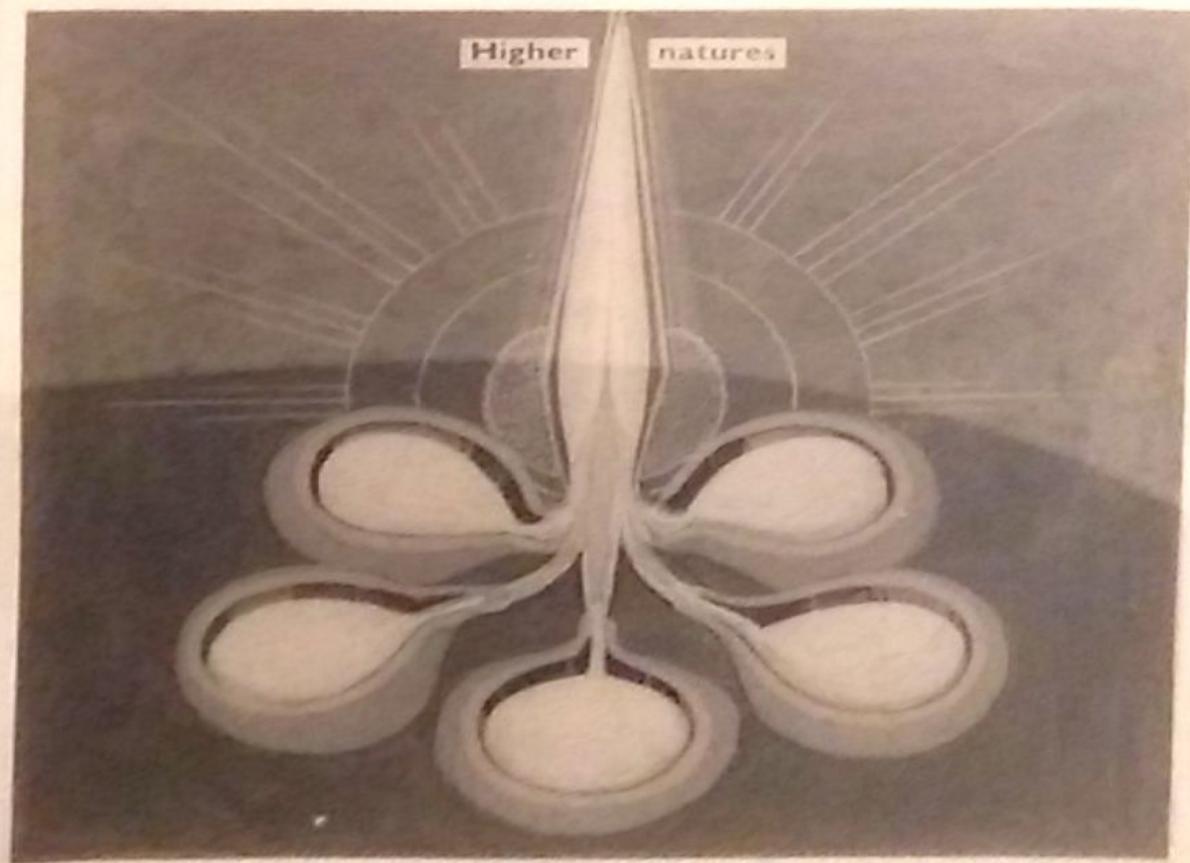
**Grace of God is equal on all But it leaks through  
the holes of Anger, Ego, Lust, Greed and Desires-  
Fill the holes with Truth, Kindness, Love,  
Patience and Gratefulness.**



We go to the goldsmith and ask him to prepare certain ornaments. He takes the Gold and shapes, melts, hammers and prepares the designs required. Similarly we go to God for moksha and give our heart. But we tell God, don't give us trouble and hardships. But if trouble and grief are to be avoided, how can God give you liberation?



Man's heart is the Temple Divine, Don't inflame  
it with ideas of mine and Thine.



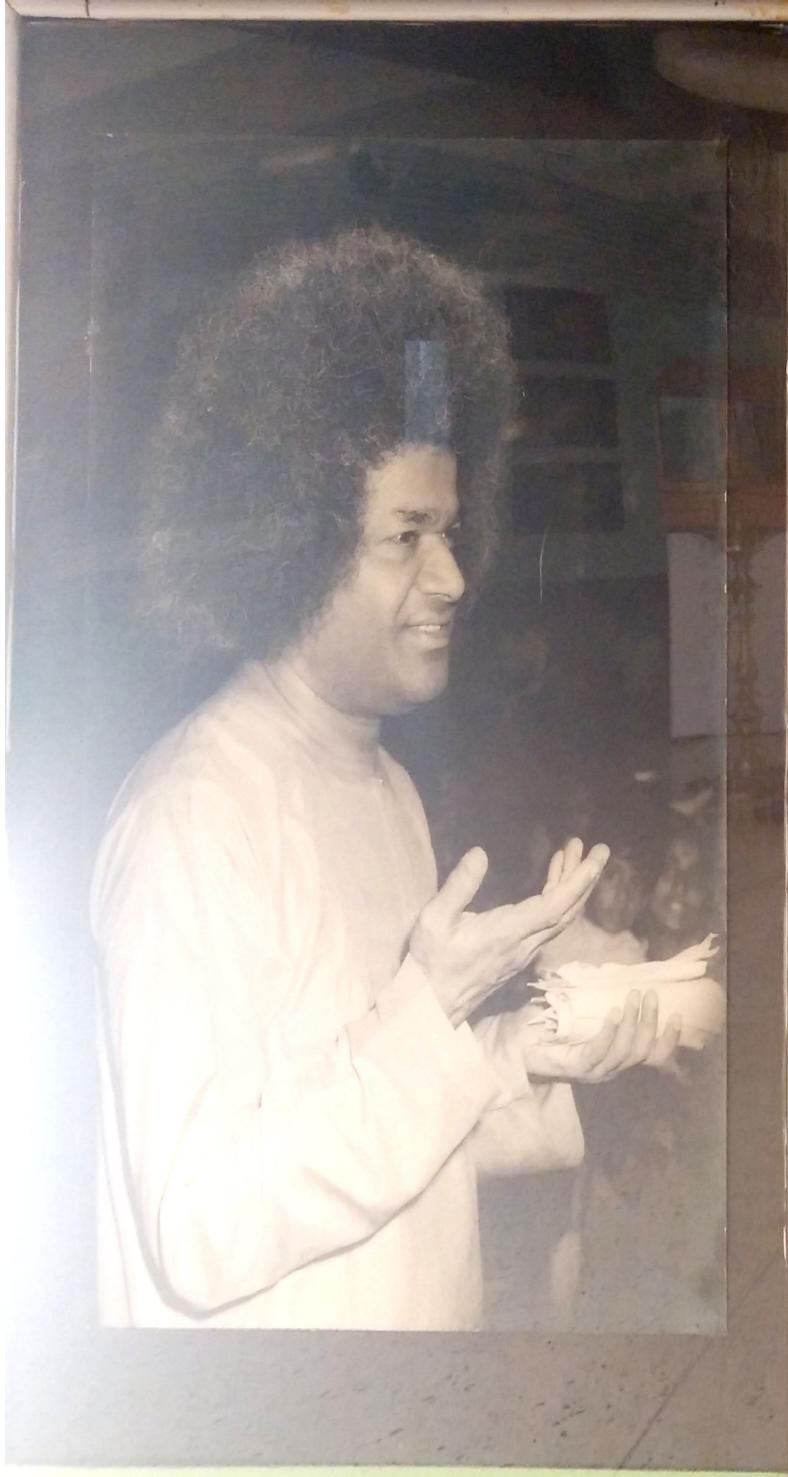
Higher natures of students will have to be fostered and encouraged to blossom, by means of Study, prayer and sadhana, contacts with the sages, saints and spiritual heroes and heroines of their land.

## ATMA RAMAYANA

Das-rath (he, who rides in ten chariots, the ten senses, five Karma-Indriyas and five Janana-Indriyas) has four sons, Rama (Sathya), Bharatha (Dharma), Sathrughna (Santhi), and Lakshmana (Prem). Rama (the Atma, the Soul) wanders long in the trackless jungle of Ajnana (illusion) in search of Sita (knowledge of Brahman, which he had and lost. Lakshmana (Manas, Mind, the means of achieving the goal) is ever by his side. He overcame Vali (despair), allying himself with Sugriva (Viveka, discrimination), he secured Hanuman (courage based on faith) to help him win Sita back. He crossed the sea of delusion and duality, challenged the foe Kumbhakarna (the quality of dullness, thamas), whom he killed, his brother Ravana (the quality of passionate activity, Rajas) whom he destroyed, and he secured as his ally and helper, Vibhishana (the third brother, the quality of humility and devotion, Sathwa); he won back Sita (Brahma-Janana, steadier and more intense, because it was now rooted in experience; Anubhava-Jnana). Thus the Atma (Rama) was crowned, and established on the throne of Spiritual Victory, (Pattabhisheka). Atma has fulfilled its "Ramayana". Baba expects each individual to consummate the Ramayan of life thus, in Victory.

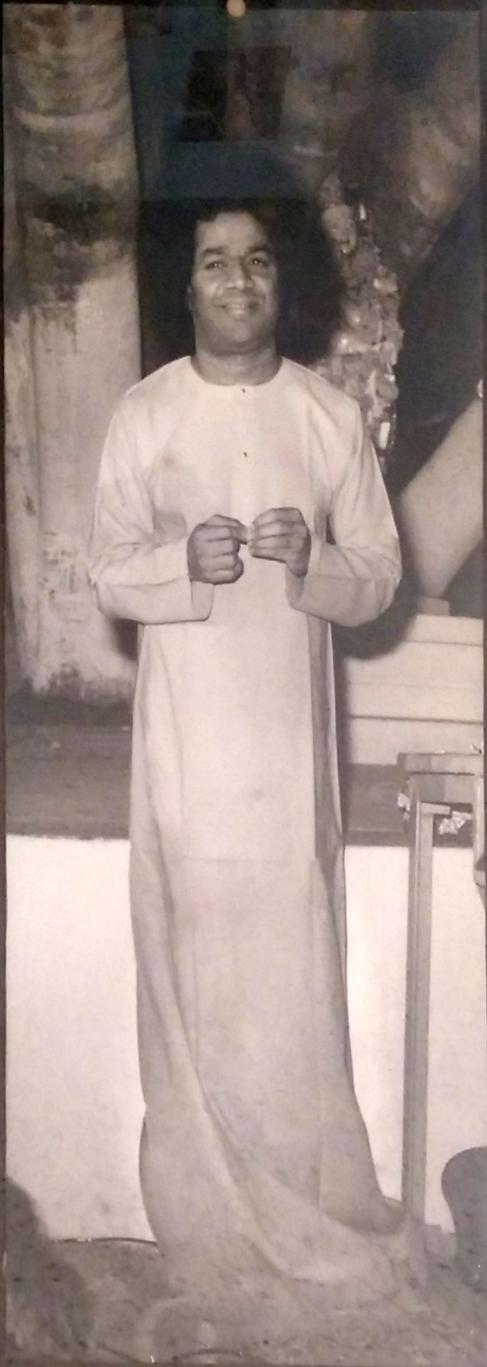
# ATMA MAHABHARATA

Dhrtha-rashtra (grasping the kingdom, attached too much to it, blind, with no strength of conviction) had (since he is ajnana personified) a brood of hundred sons, all with ominous names of the evils and vices that man is heir to. His brother, Pandu (without blemish, pure, white) had (since he is Jnana personified) five sons, all with auspicious names, (Dharmaja; born of righteousness; Bhim: Supreme; Arjuna: Pure, Spotless; Nakula: of unsurpassed splendour; Sahadeva: Divine) representing Sathya, Dharma, Santhi, Prema and Ahimsa. The cousins grew up together in Hastinapur, the physical body of man (Asthi: bone, hasthi; endowed with hands); there they fought for mastery, the hundred through wiles and wickedness, the five with prayers and purity. At last, the hour of decision came; the hundred and the five, the evil and the good arrayed themselves, with millions of supporting impulses and impressions (Cavalry, Chariotry, Elephantry and Infantry) on the plain of Kurukshetra (body-field of activities); the five secured the grace of God, whom they installed as the Charioteer, the guide and guardian. So, they could annihilate their foes, and gain mastery, making the field where they fought (the heart) a Dharma-Kshetra (field where righteousness reigns supreme); the eldest of the five, Sathya was enthroned. Baba expects each individual to consummate the Mahabharata of life, in victory.



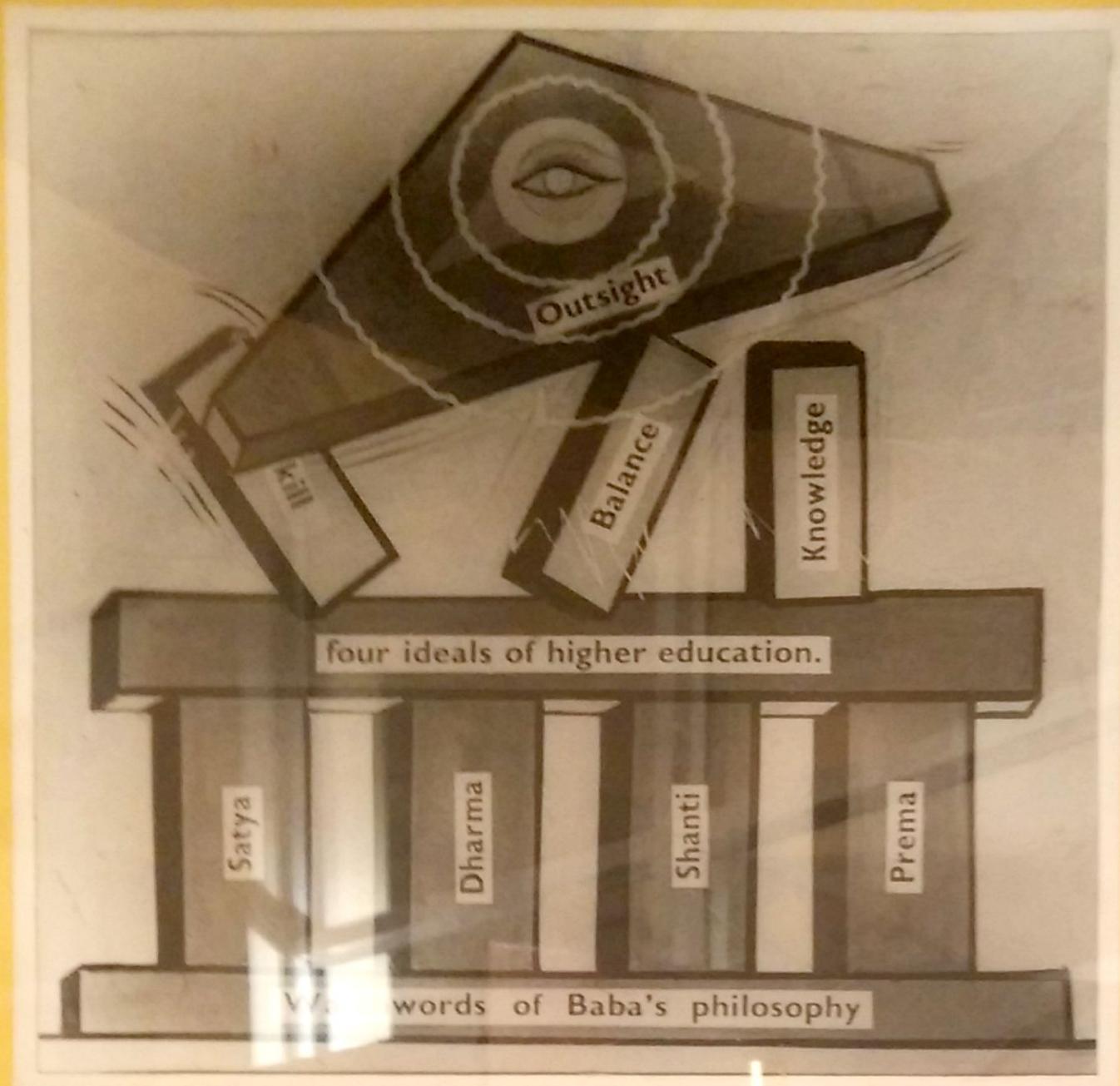
"Through Devotion, flows Divine Love  
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of Immortality"

-Baba

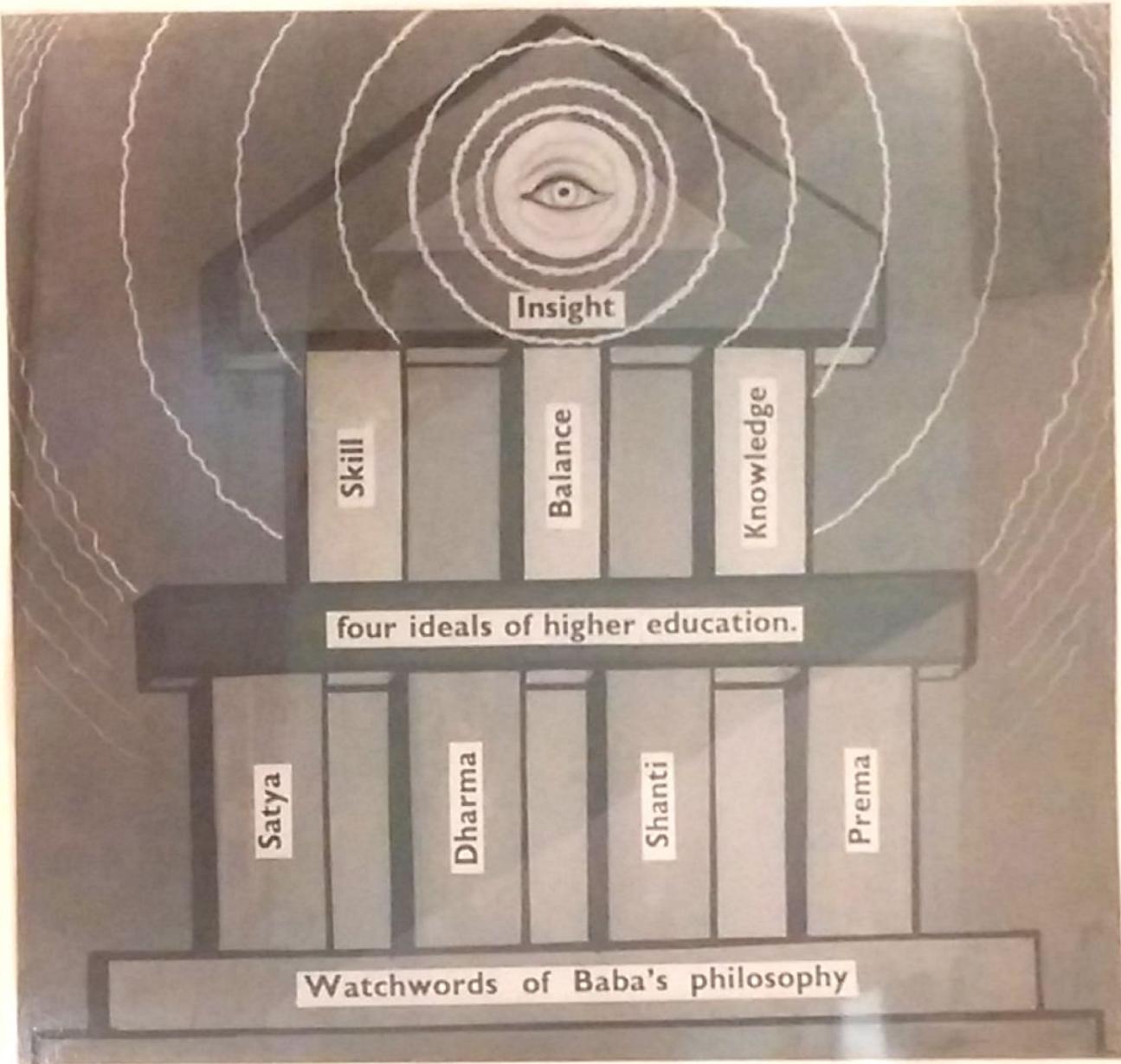


**“He who holds back rising anger  
I call a real driver; other people  
are but holding the reins”**

Buddha



One has to develop "knowledge" into "Skill." But instead turning "knowledge" into Skill, we remove "S" and make it "kill." When we kill "knowledge" the "Balance" gets upset and when "Balance" gets upset, instead of "Insight" or "Vision," we have "Outsight." Remember whoever develops "Insight" develops "knowledge."



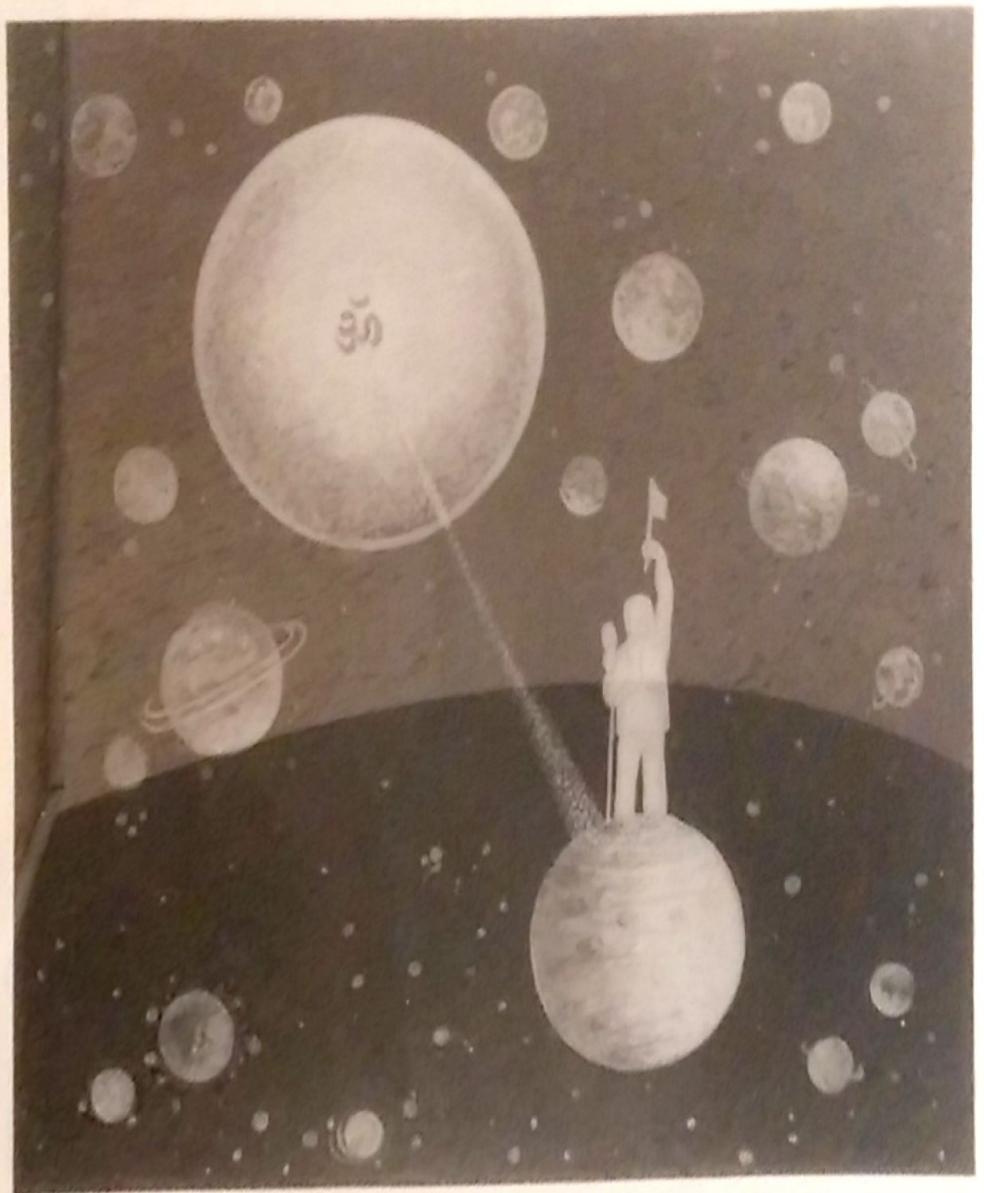
**Watchwords of Baba's philosophy** are **Satya, Dharma, Shanti and Prema.** These four pillars of Baba's philosophy yield the four ideals of higher education. - **Knowledge, Skill, Balance and Insight or Vision.**



Politics without principles, education without character, science without humanity and commerce without morality are not only useless, but positively dangerous.



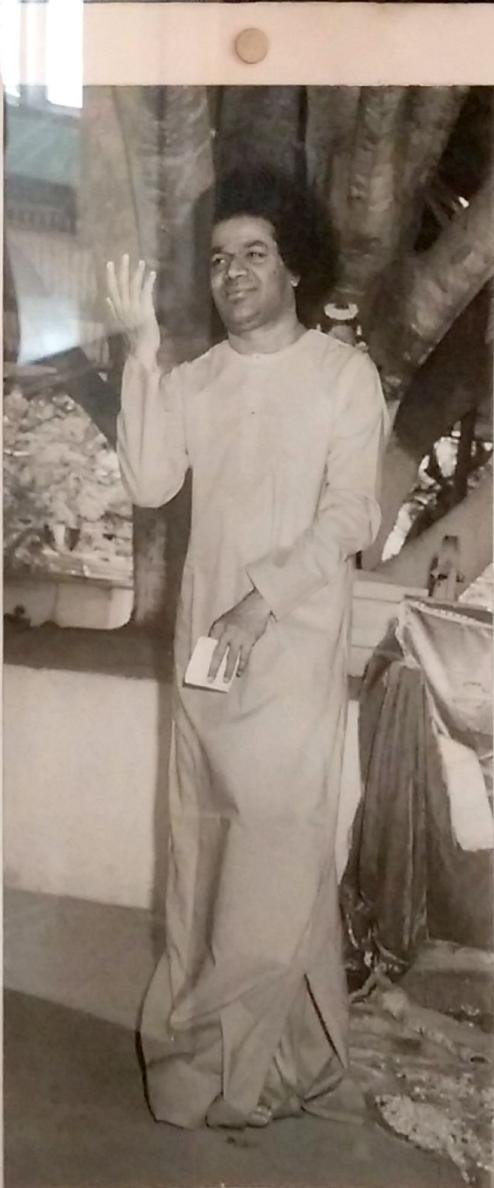
The schools and colleges, once revered by the entire population as temples of Saraswati as a means of attaining the supreme state of self-realisation, have degenerated into temples for the Goddess of wealth... the process of education has become a trade.



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