



Achieve the Goal of One Humanity, One God

My Master used to say that it is easy to begin something, but to carry it through successfully, faithfully, with dedication and love one needs a lot of confidence and faith in what you are doing. We have these seminars here in India, with people from all over the world participating, only to bring people of the world together and try to create the seed of a future growth towards unity, harmony, love, brotherhood and peace.

If I come to your countries, these talks will have no meaning because, of course, in Brazil you are all brothers, in Pakistan they are all brothers, in Russia they are all brothers and sisters. That is a political brotherhood, a linguistic brotherhood, a religious brotherhood, but not a human brotherhood. What we are trying to create and maintain is a human brotherhood in which history, geography, language and politics have no place. God did not create Russia, [...] nor did God create China and the other countries. God created one world and He created human beings along with animals, birds, reptiles, fish and said, "Live in harmony."

[...] So you see we have a big job ahead of us, a long way to go, and great work, important work, which we have to do with our heart if we need the survival of the

human race. I hope you do not think I am exaggerating. Because even the United Nations is now afraid of what can happen to this world, you see. You must not go back home as Brazilians, or Chinese, or Italians, but as hu-



man beings. [...] Apparently the soul chose an environment in which it could grow spiritually and get liberation. If that choice of the soul is respected in this life, that goal is assured. But when we are born, instead of remaining a human being, we become Chinese, Indian, Brazilians, Chileans and we destroy the peace of this world. We have to forget that we belong to a country and remember that we belong to this world. We must forget our nationality and become citizens of this world.

[...] So you see, this is not a small job which you are expected to try to do. If you do it because it is God's will that this should be so, you will surely have success. Of course, failure means you are not interested in a one world or one human community which loves all. So failure

will be yours; success will be yours and His. But remember even if you fail, God's will will ultimately succeed. But our intention is to try to overcome all that will happen in between: fear, suppression, vices, destruction, mutual killing, hatred. Our effort is only to avoid all this and achieve the goal of one humanity, one God.

[...] All people worship out of fear. God says: I am love. Why should we be afraid? We say: God is love. Why are we afraid? In Christianity it says: Perfect love casteth out fear. Then why are we afraid? Because he was crucified? So there is no logic behind approaching God with fear, with supplication, with requests, with demands. We have only to go as son or daughter to the father and say, "Dad, I am here, look after me." We don't have to say, "I lost my job in Shanghai, or in Tokyo, or in Honolulu. Please, Dad, I've no job, so I have come to you." The father will say, "My son, you are welcome to your home, whether you have a job or not, whether you have money or not, whether your wife has left you or not. Under all circumstances you are my son. Welcome and ever be with me."

Thank you.

Address to Scholars given by Rev. Master on 5th January 2007 at Chennai, Tamil-nadu, India

Thus speaks:

Lalaji

• *In essence, man is one, rather the entire creation seems to be one. Conjunction and action have created conditions of difference in its forms.*

Babuji

• *Love is really a wonderful thing. On developing real love the considerations of high and low, great and small, would all vanish, and all would appear equal.*

Chariji

It is only in a spiritual family that we can have love united with discipline; where we can have love with arguments; where we can have love with differences between ourselves; where we can have love uniting people of many races, many tongues, many professions – because there is the silk thread of love that runs through us and holds us together!

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Botswana — Visit to South Africa

On 28th April 2007, 8 abhyasis and 2 children from Botswana drove to Lenasia, South Africa, for the celebrations. On 29th April 2007, I conducted the morning group satsangh attended by about 60 abhyasis. A DVD on Satkhol Ashram was played. After Lunch, 9 individual sittings were given by Br. Ricky, Br. Bakul and me. On 30th April 2007, around 109 abhyasis attended the Ashram with open hearts full of love and devotion. Br. Bakul conducted the morning satsangh. Thereafter, a video on Babuji was played and talks were given by abhyasis. Br. Rasik Kanjee spoke on Prayer, Br. Ricky added the importance of the Universal Prayer and its relevance to the situation in South Africa, Br. Anthony Rayment spoke on change. The afternoon session commenced at 2.30 pm with children's play prepared by Sis. Deena Kara and Sis. Monisha Pillay. Br. Bakul concluded the celebrations by saying that it was not enough to celebrate great occasions like these but rather more important to live the teachings of MASTER every moment in our day to day lives.

We drove back on the morning of 1st May 2007 to Botswana.

Cameroon — Yaounde

The celebration of Babuji's birth anniversary took place, in a hotel, in Yaoundé from April 29 to May 1st. The choice of Yaoundé was justified by the need to involve our brothers and sisters from Yaoundé, but also to give a new boost to the Yaoundé Center. The gathering brought together 13 abhyasis (7 from Douala and 6 from Yaoundé), who attended satsanghs and sessions devoted to reading Sahaj Marg texts and exchanging on Babuji's life and teachings.



Congo — Brazzaville

The celebration of the birthday of our Great Master Babuji was successfully organised on April 30, 2007. There were two satsanghs and a lunch attended by ten abhyasis present on that day. The special issue of Echoes of Africa and Indian Ocean devoted to this event was read entirely and provided insight into His teachings.

Côte d'Ivoire – Abidjan & San Pedro

The celebrations of Babuji's birth anniversary in the centers of Abidjan and San Pedro were held from Sunday April 29 to Tuesday May 1st. In Abidjan the agenda included satsanghs on April 29 at 10:00 a.m. and April 30 at 6:30 p.m., with the participation of 10 abhyasis. On May 1st, 16 abhyasis stayed together almost throughout the day at brother Bosson Clement's place. There was a satsangh at 9:30 a.m. followed by the reading of Babuji's biography. Then brother Edouard Mockey gave a talk on bhog, samskara and karma. This talk caught our attention until the second satsangh, at 2:00 p.m. Soon after lunch, we exchanged on the talk and our daily life, and at 4:30 p.m., a 3rd satsangh was conducted. In San Pedro, the celebrations were attended by 4 abhyasis, satsanghs were given on April 29 at 6:00 p.m., as well as on April 30, at 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Finally, on May 1st, there was a satsangh at 6:00 p.m.

Gabon — Libreville

The Center of Libreville celebrated the birth anniversary of Babuji over two days. On April 29, we went to "Cap Esterias", 30 km of Libreville, on an estate belonging to Sister Dende's family. The place close to the beach is surrounded with fruit trees. In the morning individual sittings were fol-



lowed by a satsangh and the reading of sections of Babuji's Autobiography. Our exchanges led to asking ourselves, whether we, as simple human beings, could be able to reach the final stage of the human evolution whereas Babuji had predispositions to attain Realization? The answer, according to Babuji, consists in striving to maintain Constant Remembrance; thus will Love and active Devotion grow together with meditation. The message received, in this natural environment, calm and peaceful, led us into an individual meditation followed by a group meditation around 4:00 p.m. On Monday, April 30, we gathered in Libreville at 6:00 p.m. for the last satsangh of the celebration.

Mauritius

The programme for Babuji Maharaj Birthday Celebrations was as follows: 9.30-a.m. Group Satsangh 10.30 a.m. - Bro. Gowtum read and explained the message received on 30th April 2004 from Whispers from the Brighter World. After that a sister sang a song for Masterji. We then watched a film - The Centenary of Babuji Maharaj - 1999 (1st Part). The atmosphere was full of love and happiness. Lunch was served at 12.30 p.m. and we watched some ghazals by Jagjit Singh (Video). Silence was observed from 2.30 to 3.00pm. Evening Satsangh was held at 6.30pm. Thereafter dinner was served and again we watched and listened to some very beautiful ghazals by Jagjit Singh. Everybody was very happy. Forty five (45) abhyasis attended the Celebrations.

Kenya — Nairobi

We celebrated the birth anniversary of Revered Babuji Maharaj at my residence on the 30th April, 2007. As it was a working day, the morning meditation was done by the abhyasis at their respective homes. The evening session was conducted at 7.30 p.m. It was attended by 9 abhyasis. The meditation was followed by the reading of articles about Babuji Maharaj. The abhyasis joined in for dinner.

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Botswana: Visit to Lenasia (South Africa)



Talking with Brother Ajay Bhattar

Part 1 of 3: Securing the Future of the Mission

Brothers Ajay Bhattar and Krishna Rajagopalachari recently visited Europe for the inauguration of the Berlin (Germany) and Nice (France) ashrams. During their European tour, they also went to Montpellier (France). I had the opportunity to join them in Nice and followed them in Montpellier.

While on visit in Montpellier, brother Ajay Bhattar kindly accepted to give an interview to Echoes of African and Indian Ocean. The interview took place on Thursday, 3 May 2007, in the afternoon.

Bro. Ajay answered a series of questions related to: (i) his appointment, (ii) our newsletter, (iii) and the blending of the old and the young. Whereas answers about his appointment are published herein under the title "Securing the future of the Mission", the others will be included in the next issues of the newsletter.

Echoes: *Since we were informed about your appointment as the future Master, many abhyasis in our Region have not yet got the opportunity to meet with you. Do you have any message from our Master or from yourself that is related to your appointment which you would like to convey to our brothers and sisters?*

Bro. Ajay: I think it is more than an appointment; it's a security for the Mission, for the future of the Mission. As a general abhyasi, I think that abhyasis should not get attached to me at all, in any way, as long as we have a living Master, in the form of Chariji. My role is only starting after he is

no longer physically present with us. And I personally feel that I have more responsibility towards my Master than to anyone else.

Echoes: *Yet we can see that you have started working like a kind of ambassador of our Master to some countries and centres.*

Bro. Ajay: I agree, I have been going around, but it is only with the instructions of Master. There have been cases where people have been asking me why don't you come to this centre that centre do this do that, and all these things. And I have simply one answer: If Master says, I am ready to do anything.

Echoes: *So which means that nobody should try to get in contact with you directly and ask you to do anything?*

Yes, apart from the administrative work of the Mission, any personal spiritual request should never be made to me. I am only obliged to do what Master tells me to do.

Echoes: *But is it that easy for you to know that you are the next Master?*

Bro. Ajay: No it is very embarrassing. At the time, you know, when I started imagining, it really, I don't know how to express it, it created a sense of stillness in me, everything stops, you know, but the only solution that I see is that I have no alternative to escape out of it, so I stopped thinking about the whole thing. And also Master told me, accept things as and when they come. And I have also this faith that the moment I think I have to do something I am unable to do it. If he has chosen me, the Master has chosen me, then there is some sort of faith in me, or some trust that I will be able to

deliver. So I leave it on them to do, to think, to assign whatever work they have for me.

Echoes: *I suppose that sometimes when people are around Master and you are close to Master, they look at Master but they may also be looking at you?*

Bro. Ajay: Yes I know.

Echoes: *Do you feel this?*

Bro. Ajay: Yes it is right. I think they watch every step that I take. But I have been able to successfully – you know – influence myself not to get affected by it. I keep my focus on my Master only. If people like me it is not my problem. If people don't like me it is not my problem, because I have no role to play. I have been appointed, I am trying to do whatever little I can do as per the instructions of Master. So it is immaterial what others think about me. I have a personality, I am what I am. And if you compare Babuji to our Master and my Master to myself, the essence – I don't know – is the same, but personality differs, the people, the way you handle problems differs, the way you talk differs, knowledge differs and times are changing. So you cannot have a set rule to deal with people. The way Lalaji dealt at his time had to change in what the way Babuji had to be dealing with abhyasis and it certainly changed in the way Master has been treating with abhyasis. The future may even be something very different. At the time of Babuji there were 3000 abhyasis in 1993 when Babuji attained Maha Samadi. Today, we are going to have 40000 abhyasis in Tiruppur for the birthday of Master, the 80th birth cele-

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Daily Reflections

Illusion

Brahmana, Kshtriya, Vaishya, Shudra, the four castes of Hindu society is a thought born of illusion. Grihastha, Vanaprastha, Sannyasa, the three of the four stages of life as defined by Hinduism --- is an illusory thought. Hindu, Muslim, Christian, Jew-is an illusory thought. Religion, tradition, customs, sect (or path) ---all these are illusory thoughts. Men who have been caught in the chains of this bondage are so much worried that they are unable to understand reality. All these bondages are not real; all of them are artificial, illusory, pertaining to thought and fictitious. So what is reality if these are illusion?

Source: Ram Chandra of Fatehgarh, Chapter "The Nature of Freedom or Liberation," Truth Eternal, p. 132.

Equality

One rises to prominence only when he thinks himself to be humble. Humility brings forth what arrogance cannot. One must, therefore, never part with this noble virtue, be he great or small, high-

born or low-born. God belongs to no caste, creed or society, hence there must be no difference between man and man on that basis. This is a godly quality and one must try to imbibe it within one's self. If instead we look down with hatred upon the low and small we swerve away from the path of duty or dharma.

Taken from the book "Complete Works of Ram Chandra Vol. 2", chapter "My Pain", pg 7 - by Babuji

Unity in Diversity

So the obvious conclusion is that all this political, racial, economic hatred, violence - all this can be stopped only by human beings coming together and generating love, brotherhood. And if at any stage of human growth and development humanity is ever to achieve the long cherished goal of the whole planet coming under one government, one rule, it can only be done by human beings coming together - forgetting differences of race, of color, language, all these things, and welding themselves as one unit on the face of this planet. So that is the ultimate goal of our human brotherhood, and these groups that we build in small

places are the nuclei. But they must come together, these different nuclei, and spread until they encompass the surface of this earth.

Source: P. Rajagopalachari, Chapter "Address to Canadian Board of Directors Meeting," Heart to Heart, Vol. 1, p. 168-169.

Brotherhood

Human brotherhood does not mean an abstract brotherhood where we are all isolated in different jungles and we are all brothers and sisters. It cannot be. Brotherhood means ability to mix - to sit together, to talk together, to eat together, all loving each other, all confident of each other, each one seeing himself reflected in a resplendently new fashion, therefore everything is beautiful. So, where is the solution? Clean the inside, everything outside is clean. You are fresh inside, and everything outside is fresh. Beautify the interior, everything outside is beautiful.

Taken from "Revealing the Personality", chapter "Not-doing, Part IV", pg 239 -Rev. Chariji

July 24, 2007 Celebrations — The preparations in our Region

It emerges from reports submitted by the various centres that Africa and Indian Ocean will be represented at the celebrations by brothers and sisters from Gabon (about 6), Congo-Brazzaville (6), Cameroon (6), Mauritius (a large group, yet to be confirmed) and Madagascar (7). We are all encouraged to finalize our preparations as quickly as possible.

Brother Jean De Dieu Ndong NKoume from Gabon, indicated that an abhyasi (Brother Jean Marc Ragone, Tel.: +33-675247206) working for a France based travel agency can provide affordable airfares for group reservations and ticketing. For instance, it would cost about €1395 for a return ticket Libreville — Coimbatore, via Addis Ababa and Mumbai.



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