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a global community

Shri Mataji, with joyous anticipation, along with Your entire creation, we await this divine moment of cosmic celebration. Shri Mataji, on this most auspicious of days, we humbly seek your permission to worship Your absolutely magnificent form as Shri Virata. Jai Shri Mataji.

For the Truth He Worked

Shri Kubera Puja
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“Today we are going to worship Shri Krishna as a very great personality.”

He's the one
who represents
the truth,
absolute truth
and how the
truth can prevail
in everything.

He came on this Earth to establish a form by which America became prosperous. “By His advent only, He created a beautiful mentality among the people, how to develop this culture with dharma. And you had very great leaders, who followed Him and who worshipped Him in a way and created a new world of this America. But unfortunately, as the time passed on, His form vanished from the minds of the people.”

Shri Krishna is Kubera

“The reason was Krishna was represented here by very, very wrong type of people, who had no idea about Shri Krishna, that He was a great master of wealth, that He knew how to use the wealth and how to create the wealth with dharma, not with adharma.

“They all forgot about it completely and gradually started using manoeuvring powers, all kinds of adharmic things, cheating, grabbing money, spending their money in absolutely useless things. He's Kubera. He doesn't need any money, of course. He achieves money and, not only that, He lived in money.”

“So all their conjecture about Him was wrong.... He was definitely a man who made lots of money by dharma. Also He was a son of a king and He built this Dwarika out of gold. It is still there and people have found it, but under the sea.” Only because we belong to Shri Krishna, it still exists. “He was the one who was for satya, for truth. He was for truth and He worked out everything on the principle of truth. Whatever was not truth, He tried to finish it off. Whatever was destructive, He tried to remove that and He established Himself through truth only. He's the one who represents the truth, absolute truth and how the truth can prevail in everything.



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Money becomes unimportant

"I'm just the opposite of Him because I don't understand money at all, but He's looking after that part in My life...."

"It comes through your sense of satisfaction. If you have that sense of satisfaction, you don't look for money."

In America some people got a little money and then got the taste for money. "They're not satisfied people, so, like mad, they went on spending on nonsensical things. It is something very much human. After human evolution, after you have reached a certain state of enlightenment, then all these demeaning things like greed all disappear from your character. You don't have that greed in you any more and you become extremely a satisfied person."

Money becomes unimportant. You think you don't need it and so you get it because of Shri Krishna. "He's doing all this looking after you and helping you with money."

Sahaja Yoga started without any money. "I never had any problem." Shri Krishna, as Kubera, is the supplier of wealth. "He looks after people who don't have money. He gives money to people who stand by truth, who enjoy the life of truth. It is His work that people enjoy wealth, otherwise they don't." They want to have more "because they are not enjoying whatever they have."

"But after Self Realization, you will see that you enjoy whatever you have. You enjoy it fully, absolutely and you don't hanker after something that is not there."

The truth of money

People asked to have a puja of Shri Krishna as Kubera. "I said, 'All right. Just now, everybody's trying to become Kubera. Let them learn a lesson and then we'll have the puja of Kubera.' And that's why today I've agreed to have this puja."

If you have greed, "you go on committing all kinds of sins, all kinds of wrong things, which can destroy your country. Such a rich country has now become a poor country. Where is that money gone?... I'm sure one day it'll be all exposed by Kubera Himself."

"So, today, by worshipping Kubera, what we are doing, we are to establish the truth of money. What lies behind the money? What is the point of having money? This country had money. As a result, so many good people came here to work and you had so many complimentary things." Americans were lacking a little bit in brilliance "so they got very brilliant people from abroad. And also they were very focused people, so they worked it out very well." The Americans respected people with brains.

"So this is what happens when you forget that truth is the main point. If you don't have the truth, no use having money." You go around with so many other things just to get that money.

Such people are jumping when they have money and lost when they lose it. "What's the use of such a money, which is so temporary, which is so useless? But that is human nature to run after maya and this is the quality of money, that He gives you maya.... With that little money, they buy something, then they think money is very important. So you can buy lots of things...."

"So there is where maya plays on you and you start running after that mad money, which makes you mad. It's nice that, at this juncture, they have discovered the falsehood of this maya, money, and I'm so happy that they were all handcuffed and all their power of money was finished."

"So this Kubera is working out all these tricks." Shri Krishna is an "extremely tricky personality. He puts the tricks, every action after every action. Now money matters. He first befools you, that you run after it and then you just discover that it was stupidity."



The one who is engulfed in the nonsense and the maya of money is not a Sahaja Yogi.

You should realize the maya of money early, otherwise you may end up in jail. “Sahaja Yoga is one thing which gives you a complete vision, complete vision of the destruction that can follow this maya business....

“I am different. I told you I don’t understand it at all. But even if you understand the value of money, even if you understand that money can bring lots of things to you, despite that, you don’t look at it.... That is the sign of a real Sahaja Yogi. To him, it doesn’t matter.... Temperamentally, he doesn’t care for money just because he’s above it. The one who is above money is a real Sahaja Yogi. The one who is engulfed in the nonsense and the maya of money is not a Sahaja Yogi....

“Most of the Sahaja Yogis are extremely honest, especially in the West. But in India ... they still go on running after money. To them, money’s important.”

Rising above the Nabhi

“In the evolutionary process, if you reach a certain stage where you rise above your Nabhi chakra ... then money’s not so important....

“Sahaja Yogis have to fix their mind to their spirit and enjoy the powers of pure spirit, your own. That enjoyment, once you get it, you don’t fall to your greed. This is something very, very simple, but sometimes you don’t do it.” You become enamoured by some material possession, but those things are a headache.

“A Sahaja Yogi has his own spirit to enjoy. More than anything else, he doesn’t want to possess anything. It’s a headache to possess things.”

If the Mahalakshmi principle is within you, “you’ll have never a problem of money. On the contrary, you’ll know how to stop it.

“So far as I am concerned, I get fed up of My Mahalakshmi principle because I don’t know from where it works out, how it works out without any effort.” If I buy something, automatically its value will increase. “That must be miracles of Mahalakshmi....

“You should not worry about your financial situations at all. Do not go on calculating. Do not see how much money you have in the bank, what you have to do with your money, where you should invest. I have seen people going mad, planning the whole thing. There’s no need to do that once you are a Sahaja Yogi. It all works automatically.

“The greed is within you, just like any other disease. As you have diseases, greed is also there.” Just as diseases can be cured in Sahaja Yoga, so greed can vanish.

To be generous is the best way to live in this world.

Generosity

“The only way to counter-balance is to become extremely generous. If you are extremely generous, greed will run away.... It’s surprising how joy-giving it is, how people like your generosity.

“So you have to be generous ... not with yourself, but with others. As much as possible, be generous. Generosity is very love-giving, one of the expressions of your love.”

When you give to somebody, the love which they return to you is a thousand times more than what you get from simply buying.

“So to be generous is the best way to live in this world. After all, it’s a headache to have too many things. Better to get rid of them, but out of love. If you do that, you’ll know how much they will be appreciative of you....

“To get rid of greed, you should try to do some sort of a collective social work.” If you go to a place where there are a lot of poor people, “your greed will just drop.”

At a very young age, “I started a leper home. I started an infirmary, refugee home, all kinds of things and I never even thought that whatever money I have, if I give to these people, I may have to give up some things.” It is “so joy-giving to be generous.

“It is so plain in every way that you should be generous. That is the quality of Kubera. He’s an extremely generous personality and that’s what personality you should be.”

In Sahaja Yoga, you are not asked to give up clothes, family or home. “You have to give up from your heart.” It should happen in your personality. “If you have that well-built-in spirituality, you’ll not even think of grabbing someone. On the contrary, you will like to give up everything.... You give up from within. If you are not attached to it.” If you enjoy your generosity and charity, there is nothing like it. “I have known people who are very rich and all that, but they lack generosity. That is another quality of Kubera.”

It seems that Shri Kubera is managing the banks. “That’s why still in the banks there is no problem.... He is a very clever person, very intelligent, very alert, which is important if you have to deal with money.... He was absolutely detached from money.” He was a cowherd in a very ordinary family. “He never hankered after money.” He stole the butter and ate it so that the ladies could not give it to the military people. “He was teaching them a lesson” because these ladies were greedy and wanted to give to these horrible soldiers.

Self-respect

Our servants never steal because “they’re happy with their lives. They don’t want to change it. They don’t want to have this horrible thing that can put them in jail.... They don’t even think about it. They just don’t do it.... They have a sense of shame.

“In the poorer peoples, sense of shame is very, very developed. In that society, they have a great respect for people who are honest and they’re all honest. One of them may be not, but they have no respect for such a person because they think self-respect is the biggest thing.... These poor people, they have food once a day, but to them their self-respect is above everything.

“So the third solution for this kind of a nonsensical greed is your self-respect.... If you have that self-respect within you, you won’t touch anything that is not yours.

“When the servants can do that, why not people who are not that badly off. It is the temperament of a higher level ... where their self-respect is much more important than all kinds of other things that may satisfy their greed.

“One thing about greed is it is never satisfied.” There are rich people who have become poor. “To them, life has become hell. They can’t live without their great ... pomp and show. But they don’t understand that it was false. They just go on feeling extremely downtrodden when they lose their money.



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“Then there are people who want to have money. They’ll do anything but get money.” Power is the same. “If you have your own powers, you don’t hanker after these powers. But they want to have power because they want to have money and they get power with money.”

The state of Kubera

“At what level of evolution are human beings? They are going round and round the circle of this money. This is Nabhi chakra, which has to be improved, which will give you satisfaction. If your Nabhi chakra is satisfied, you have achieved the state of Kubera. That’s very important to see that your Nabhi should be satisfied.

“There’s so many other kinds of things we have, but now I think the worst is this greed.” If greed is managed and “brought to its own level, then the world will be improved very much.

“May God bless you.”

SHRI KUBERA HAVAN
17 AUGUST 2002
CANAJOHARIE

*Aum Twameva Sakshat
Shri Nirmal Kuber Sakshat
Shri Adi Shakti Mataji Shri Nirmala Devi
Namo Namaha*

Param Poojya Shri Mataji, only through You we become aware of all the Deities. Shri Mataji, please awaken Shri Kubera in the world and grant realization to the world that Sahaja Yoga is the only solution for our maladies. In Your compassion, may all our societies, institutions and governments be enlightened by the pure Sahaja economics of Shri Kubera and dispense with their corrupt and adharmic ways. May all of us, Your children, rejoice as the world is united under the immaculate banner of Sahaja Yoga.

Kubera

God of all wealth

Kubera He is the God of all wealth. He owns, bestows and distributes all matter that has the potential to express the love of the spirit.

Shri Krishna He is Shri Krishna. He sowed the seeds of spirituality.

Krusha Priya He loves agriculture.

Vishnu He is Shri Vishnu. His brilliance and grace permeate the universe.

Vishwa Pujya He is worshipped by the universe.

8 **Padma Nabha** The universes arise from His Nabhi.

<i>Natya Priya</i>	He enjoys the drama of how people in the world develop misidentifications and how their emotions go from happiness to misery with the movement of money. He looks after the righteous in the midst of turmoil in the world.
<i>Leeladhara</i>	The whole material world is for His play.
<i>Akasheshwara</i>	He is the ruler over the ether and He looks after the purity of communication.
<i>Virat Anga</i>	He is part and parcel of Shri Virata, the great universal Being.
<i>Sunasik</i>	He gave the Goddess His essence as Her regal and divine nose.
<i>Maha Bhupati</i>	He is the great king who establishes the dharma of the king.
<i>Raja Nitignya</i>	He has the knowledge of the dharma of the king.
<i>Rajaniti Nipun</i>	He is the master of the art of divine diplomacy without which the world would lose balance and prosperity would not be sustained.
<i>Arthaniti Nipun</i>	He has complete knowledge of the pure science of the economic well-being of societies.
<i>Vivek Buddhi</i>	He is discretion and wisdom. He guides people to use their wisdom and discretion and observe purity in all walks of life, including purity regarding money.
<i>Akshaya Nidhi</i>	He gave Shri Draupadi her ever-full pot. He has unlimited resources. He makes His unlimited resources available for the auspicious cause of Sahaja Yoga.
<i>Pradyumna</i>	He has infinite enlightened wealth.
<i>Sthita Pragnya</i>	He describes the attention of Sthitapragnya. He teaches a balanced attitude to life and He balances the upward and downward swings in the economies and societies.
<i>Gatiman</i>	He moves and with Him the wealth circulates to benefit everyone.

unlimited
resources

Yog Kshema Pradayaka He promises to protect and look after those who are in the state of yoga.

Paramodara His generosity is without bounds. He bestows gifts upon devotees to express His love and compassion.

Damodara He is the epitome of generosity.

Krupan Virodhaka He is against miserly people, who hoard matter for its own sake.

fulfillment joy of

Trupta He is completely satisfied. He leads us on the path to complete satisfaction through the knowledge that the quest to awaken the kundalini is the only pure desire and that absolute satisfaction is the enjoyment of the spirit.

Sama Tushta He gives the joy of fulfillment.

Anand Tattwa Varnita He describes the spirit as the source of absolute enjoyment.

Sukshma He is subtle and gives joy through the subtle aspect of matter which expresses love.

Prerana Dayi He is the inspiration. He inspires people in their actions and life. Yogis are inspired by Him.

Swattva Dayak He gives self-esteem and dignity.

Vyasana Hari He guides people away from their bad habits.

Kalanja Visha Nashak He disapproves of tobacco and drugs and of the sectors of the economy based on tobacco and drugs. He will take tobacco and drugs out of circulation.

Lobha Nashan He exposes and destroys greed in all forms, including at the level of societies, corporations and governments.

Madya Virodhak He disapproves of drinking alcohol and of the social systems based on alcohol.

Kuguru Mardana He exposes false gurus and their practices of exploitation, wrong-doing and money-making.

<i>Sam Tulak</i>	He brings back balance to the unbalanced lifestyle of greed and corruption of modern times.
<i>Karma Kanda Vinashak</i>	He destroys the preoccupation with workaholism, which disturbs the balance in the family and society.
<i>Dhara Dharma Rakshak</i>	He supports the dharma of the Earth. When the Earth gets depleted of resources by excessive exploitation and wasteful consumption, He restores the balance.
<i>Jagrut</i>	He is awake and alert. He watches over the dharma of individuals and societies.
<i>Gruha Dharma Palak</i>	He upholds and looks after the dharma of the household.
<i>Yama</i>	He is Yama. He looks after righteousness and dharma.
<i>Niyant</i>	He establishes people in their respective functions.
<i>Sarva Dharm Ashraya</i>	He is the refuge for all dharmas.
<i>Maya Rupin</i>	He and His maya are one. He creates illusions for ignorant people who imagine that they own wealth.
<i>Maha Mana</i>	He is beyond the mind. He dislikes obsessive thinking and mental games of speculation with money and wealth.
<i>Dyut Virodhak</i>	He is against gambling, speculation and disrespect towards Shri Lakshmi.
<i>Pavitrya Rakshak</i>	He looks after the chastity and protects the auspiciousness of the lakshmi. He ensures that people have proper respect towards Shri Lakshmi.

restores
balance

<i>Alasya Ripu</i>	He is against lethargy and laziness.
<i>Kala Adhar</i>	He supports the arts, which express the spirit. He rewards and encourages the pure expression of art.
<i>Hasta Kala Ashraya</i>	He is the refuge of handicrafts, which provide livelihood for artisans.

destroys poverty

Moolodyoga Uttejaka

He encourages the basic productive sectors of the economy – agriculture and basic industry. This restores balance by deflating the overgrown financial sector and excessive mechanization.

Shoshana Hari

He destroys social and economic exploitation of the weaker sections of society.

Davidrya Haraka

He destroys poverty.

Jada Sanchaya Virodhaka

He is against the accumulation of material wealth for its own sake. He supports the constant flow and circulation of wealth and money.

Durachara Vinashaka

He exposes and destroys the misdeeds of those who accumulate wealth and abuse power. He restores righteousness in society.

Bhava Bhaya Haraka

He removes fear about the world and worldly affairs by providing security.

Chaitanya

He is Chaitanya. He is active and, with His actions, the vibrations flow. In an economy based on righteousness, the vibrations flow from sector to sector with the flow of material resources.

Dwarikadheesh

He is the ruler of Dwarka and makes Dwarka prosperous. He is the ruler of America and looks after the prosperity and righteousness of America.

Runa Nashaka

He disapproves of consumerism and excessive indulgence based on indebtedness of people and frees people of their indebtedness.

Varga Bheda Vinashaka

He disapproves of the division of society into classes based on heredity, occupation, economic status, geography, colour and other external attributes.

Spardha Virodhi

He disapproves of the excessively competitive nature in social and economic endeavors and supports cooperation and collectivity.



the great equalizer

Sami Karta He is the great equalizer. He reduces disparity in the income and lifestyles of different countries in the world.

Heeta Karak He looks after the benevolence of people in general and Sahaja Yogis in particular.

Nirmal Gana Palak He looks after the well being of the Ganas of Shri Mataji. He provides for Sahaja Yoga activity and Sahaja Yogis.

Sahaja Jana Vatsala He provides for the Sahaja Yogis so that money and matter is never an obstacle to Sahaja Yoga activities.

Vishwa Nirmala Dharma Priya He adores Vishwa Nirmala Dharma and supports those who practise Vishwa Nirmala Dharma.

Agamya He is beyond human comprehension. He is inaccessible.

Nirmal Gamya He is accessible only through Shri Mataji.

Devi Karya Samudyata He takes form to further the cause of the Devi.

“Today we have gathered here to worship Shri Ganesha.
Shri Ganesha is the deity of innocence.”

The Universal Personality

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Everything was
created much,
much before
we were created.

Innocence

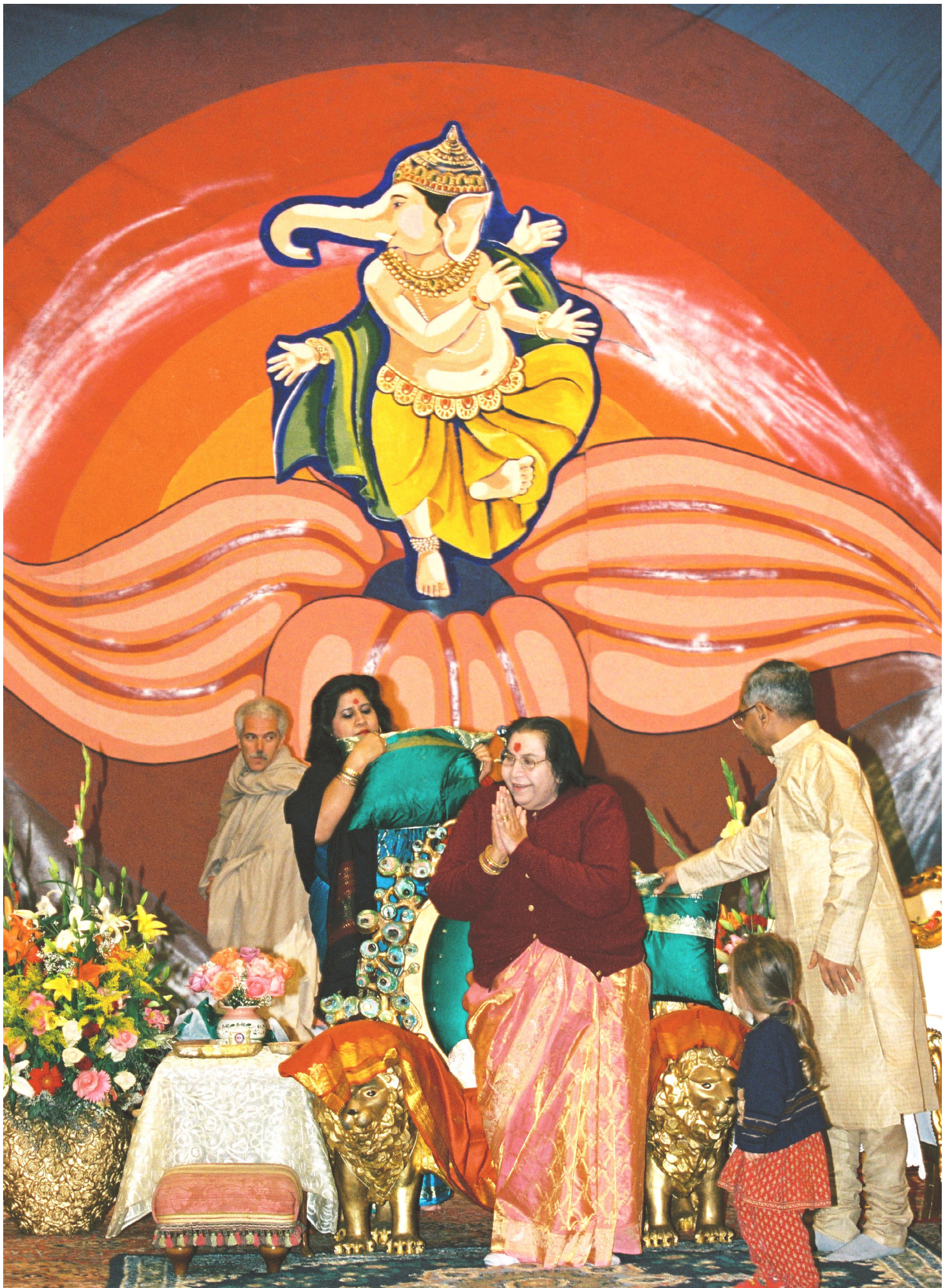
“When we are born as children, it is Shri Ganesha who is acting and we are very innocent and it is such a powerful thing that, with this innocence, children survive under many circumstances. And we love them because they’re innocent. We enjoy them because they’re innocent.

“Once we start growing, our Sahasrara also gets closed and we develop all kinds of funny things that enter into us and doesn’t go out....

“Innocence has a great effect on our character and on our sense of chastity.” When you are innocent, you do not know what it is to be without chastity or to be cunning. “You’re innocent and you are looked after by Shri Ganesha Himself. Anybody who tries to harm an innocent person, Shri Ganesha looks after him” and manages him.

There are very few innocent people in this world. “They become so detached from all the worldly problems like lust and greed.... They’re so pure that nothing can spoil them and malign them.

“This is such a great blessing we have that innocence is actually created in us.... Everything was created much, much before we were created. It’s such a great quality for us to become innocent.”



The greatest quality of Shri Ganesha is joy.

Joy

“The greatest quality of Shri Ganesha is joy.... As small children, they may not speak even, but they cause so much joy. Joy-giving quality comes from Shri Ganesha.”

Even after they have come to Sahaja Yoga, “I’ve seen people are not full of joy. They are very serious. They don’t know how to laugh, how to enjoy anything. That’s the sign that they are still lacking in innocence.

“So it’s important to understand that if you are Sahaja Yogis, you should be joyous and give joy to others just like children.... But supposing you do not have that capacity to enjoy the innocence of children, then nobody can help you. Ganesha cannot help you” because it is an innate quality of humans “and if you don’t have that quality, no use having any other sense.” You may like food or colours or all other things, “but if you don’t have Shri Ganesh, you cannot purely enjoy anything.

“So it is only Shri Ganesha’s blessings that we’ll really enjoy everything in its full measure,” otherwise we start judging, criticizing and raising questions. “If you see anything and it gives you joy, then you are supposed to give the explanation for that, as we have many critics in this world and they are all the time criticizing one another.

“Now the critics are criticizing critics. That’s the biggest problem. That’s their job because Ganesha is not there. And they go on criticizing others, never criticizing themselves and thinking no end of themselves and, with that, they create a very bad kind of a community, which is actually very harmful. It’s very dangerous.” It’s like having a boil or a septic in your being.

So if you cannot appreciate or enjoy, “then Shri Ganesha is missing from you. You should be able to enjoy everything and to enjoy your children” and the children of others. “That’s the sign of your being completely blessed by Shri Ganesh.”

The beauty of Shri Ganesha

The beauty of Shri Ganesha is that He looks after, guards and guides your kundalini. “On all the chakras, He had to bless you. If you don’t have the blessings of Shri Ganesh, you’ll be a completely useless fellow as a Sahaja Yogi because all the time you are seeing the bad points of others.” You will get into a problem “by which you cannot enjoy anything. By temperament, you think you are very serious, you’re very mature, you’re very developed, but you are not innocent. Such a person gives such a headache to everyone and if there’s one like that in the family, people want to get rid of him.

“So you should have the quality of Shri Ganesha, which is of giving joy to others.” Such a person does not want anything. “He just enjoys giving joy – joy to others and being humourous and kind and never, never tries to insult anyone and hurt anyone. If such a person hurts by mistake also, he goes on repenting about it and a hundred times he’ll beg your pardon if he has hurt you.

“Such a happy person is a real Sahaja Yogi. That’s the one we want to have all around,” those who have no hatred or malice for anyone, who do not find faults with others. They try to find the good points of others. “He’s not bothered as to what colour you are ... whether you’re tall or short. It makes no difference because ... for this absolute joy, you don’t criticize and you don’t try to find faults with others.”

Criticism and differentiation

“The problem is that people are getting very much advanced in this modern era.... They’re very much more advanced in criticizing others.” They also identify with their country or family. “I’ve seen it create such a problem.” They also identify with religions. Many problems come up when “you start differentiating between one and another.”



A person may say his country and people are the best and there is nothing wrong with them. “On the contrary, if a person is a real Sahaja Yogi, who has Ganesha within him enlightened, then he sees it and enjoys the humour behind it – the humour of all these people, what they are mad after, how they behave.” Looking at his own country, he enjoys the jokes which avoid reality.

“Reality is only possible if you are in the realm of joy. Otherwise, all the time you find something wrong, something upsetting, so something disturbing. But if you see the humour behind everything, then you are perfectly all right....

“You can mold also such people who think that they are correct and the rest of the world is all bad and they have every right to hate them and to think in the wrong direction.

“What happens with that is that you lose the essence of joy.” The essence of joy is “seeing in everything the source of joy.” If something is odd, “it should give you also great sense of humour. If it is beautiful, it should give you another sense of appreciation. But I can’t understand people who go on harping on some sort of a thing that has no meaning in their lives, nor in the lives of others....

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We are a global
community.
We are not to be
identified with
one country.

“Every defect in a person can be enjoyed.” It is a “very subtle sense by which you can enjoy every person. If he has defects, then you enjoy them as a humorous thing and if he has something very good, then also you can enjoy. So why do you shun people? Why should you get out at people, criticize them for nothing at all?”

Big organizations have been built on this criticism and hatred of others. “Why do you look at those things and always think that another person, something is wrong with him and then you form groups and then you fight? You can have even wars with this kind of an idea that another person is not all right and you are absolutely perfect.”

Identification with country

This identification with one's country is even in Sahaja Yoga. It is an identification of which you are not conscious. “You'll never appreciate that whosoever is good, coming from any country, is a Sahaja Yogi. We are a global community. We are not to be identified with one country, that our people should be married, that we should get our people there.... I feel very sorry that you have not understood the nature of Sahaj Yog.

“Sahaja Yoga is a global thing, absolutely global. It has nothing to do with one country or with one person. It's such a global thing that if you see the subtle side of it, it's very joy-giving. God Almighty has created this world as one.... They're so much identified with their country that they cannot correct also that country.... For them, everything is all right first because they were born in that particular country or they appreciate some particular country. So they go on praising that country to such an extent that they are destroyed and their ideas also destroy people.

“So best thing is to see the joke behind being identified with one country. There's a big joke about it. I enjoy it very much. Among Sahaja Yogis also I've seen it's very common that they're identified with one country. If you are identified, then you should try to correct that country, should try to correct those countrymen who are following a particular type of ideology.”

Because they are so much involved with their own countrymen, “they don't see what's wrong with them. They'll always see what's wrong with others. But I've seen those who are real Sahaja Yogis are very good. They tell Me what's wrong with their country.”

Becoming global

“Once you become global, all your problems of provinces and things are finished, but that doesn't come into their head, that ‘We have to be global, we are Sahaja Yogis.’ We cannot identify ourself with one country or another country. If we do that, then we are still lacking in our universal personality. And this universal personality comes to us from Shri Ganesh.

“He's a universal personality,” no matter what country He is in. His personality is innocence “and not only that, but He is a joy-giving personality.

“All such people who are joy-giving are recognized. It's not that the world doesn't recognize. They may not be knowing that they are global,” but they write books about global issues. Thinking about global things, they can criticize people of their own country or clan. “But they can be slavish also to some other country and try to praise them too much.





“So you are not to be slavish. You have not to be identified, but you should be identified with your Self. And whatever your Self enjoys, that should be expressed. That is the sign that your Ganesha is there and that Ganesha is working out. It’s very important for leaders to understand this because I’ve seen the way that they are identified with their countrymen is sometimes shocking to Me.... They are not belonging to any country. They know they are in the country of Shri Ganesha, which is the country of love and joy. If you cannot give joy and love, then there’s something wrong with you.”

Enjoying chastity

With this quality only “people become chaste because chastity is a very joy-giving thing.” It is not a thing for which you have to tell or restrict or force a person, but you just enjoy it. “To enjoy yourself and to enjoy the chastity of another person is such a great blessing of Shri Ganesha, such a great blessing that you enjoy your own chastity.” You are not bothered whether another person is chaste or not. “If he’s doing bad things, if he is a ruined person, it doesn’t matter. You don’t get spoiled with that. You have your own chastity, your own life of very chaste moments.

“It is nowadays such a modern style of thinking, flowing towards unchaste life and all kinds of wrong ideas about chastity. If somebody now talks of chastity, people think this must be mad.... Once the fashion starts, it goes on spreading.... Specially the women have lost their sense of chastity.... The way they dress up sometimes shocks.” It shows “they have no character of their own.... They take to all kinds of forces that run around....

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“Children are not like that. They do not have all these funny ideas of impressing people with their unchaste life.... Children are very conscious and they want to become very chaste people....

“It can mean anything. It can come from anything. That means Ganesha acts through your eyes. How you look at a person is very important. I’ve seen people losing complete control over their eyes.” They keep looking from one person to the next. “It’s a matter of no Ganesha control and, with this, the eyes are spoiled. Spoiled means that you cannot look at anything concentratedly.

“Then how can you penetrate into anything? Any penetration is possible only if you can really adjust your eyes in such a manner that you see something at that time for that time and not go on shifting your eyes from one to another....

“Ganesha is the one who is a detector of our faults.” A greedy person will see that somebody has a nice house and will also want such a house, but they will never see the beauty or the essence of that house. They will only covet the house. “They have no sense of duty.... They’ve only sense of position and that is such a bad thing to say because sense of duty is something so deep and sense of position is so grotesque, so aggressive.”

Establishment of Shri Ganesha

“So one should look at things from Ganesha’s angle – how will He do it, how will He use it. You will learn from children, how they watch things and how they work it out, how they think. You’ll be amazed how sensible they are.” Children are not taught or conditioned, “but they know how to behave and they’re always looked after by the Divine.”

Children are protected from falls and snake bites and tigers, “but then they grow into such horrible creatures who are unchaste, who are running after women or women running after men. It’s a common play these days and it is unbelievable how can people who are even Sahaja Yogis do this. Of course, they don’t, but some of them, they are still in this kind of a mess....

“Just before creating the whole universe, the Mother created Shri Ganesha.” When you have your Ganesha established, “then life is very easy. Such a society is so easy to live. Such a friendship also is so easy because there’s nothing that is possessiveness.” There is no perversity.

“When you have bad eyes for women, bad eyes for money, bad eyes for possessions, Ganesha is spoiled. He just knows how to enjoy.” If enjoyment belongs to you, it doesn’t matter. “You should know how to enjoy the beauty of it. And that’s enjoyment, when you are happy within yourself. You don’t grow old because all the time you’re enjoying. What is there to grow old?

“But normally, it doesn’t happen. You are very critical” and selfish and sometimes stupid. You lose “that grip over yourself, which is joy.”

The Self is joy

“Self is nothing but joy. A joyous person is definitely a person who has got his Self expressing through his joy.” He is joy-giving and humorous and never degrades anyone. “In every small thing, he sees a beauty and that the nature of every creation is so beautiful.

“I’m really surprised at how is it that poetry comes to very few people because they go on describing love affairs” and nonsensical things and things which bring unhappiness. “Unhappy is not the sign of a person who is a realized soul.

“So if you have that problem of unhappiness, just be on the watchout and see why have you developed this kind of a funny attitude towards everything. Why can’t you enjoy everything? You go on watching this person, that person. You never enjoy.”



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Children

Children are “very simple-hearted and that’s how they correct people.” What you tell children is very important. If you tell them not to do something, “they will do it in such a manner that it will be ridiculous.... They think that ‘We are children, we should obey.’ And this obedience comes out of their simple nature, but we should not try to tell them too many things and we should not control them with ‘Don’t do this, don’t do that.’ All the time, if you do it like that, the children won’t understand. You don’t have to tell them....

“Send your children to our school because children have to be chaste. They must understand the value of chastity and these modern societies in the Western area specially are very destroying of our children’s innocence.

“We should learn so much from the children, how innocent they are, how simple they are. They are very generous and children will give away everything that they have.... They don’t understand possession of things.” They will save something for a person who will like it. “They are wonderful people and we have to learn a lot from children and their smiling faces and their joy should teach us how to behave because Ganesha shines through them very clearly.”

You should write down the intelligent and beautiful things children say.

“Children don’t believe in all this kind of a mass nonsense of a fashion.... They’re properly dressed always. They’re not bothered about behaving in the mass way. So that means they’re very independent, on their own. They’re not slaves of any society and they do not want to follow anything that is just generally followed.... They follow their own pattern and live in a very dignified manner. They’re extremely dignified and their sense of chastity is very well developed. They would not wear something that will expose their body or will show that there’s something wrong with them.”

We sometimes neglect children very much, perhaps because of money problems. “I don’t know what husband-wife problems there are.” Once children are neglected, “anything can happen to them and I think it’s a very great sin on the part of people to produce children and to neglect them.”



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Children should be given the primary place in the family “and they should be looked after by everyone. They are the most important thing.” The head of the family is not the most important because he can shout. “The way we take to all odd things and bad habits, children never take.... By their innocence, they know it should not be done.” They may sometimes do something like play with fire, “but once they’re bitten by it, they will never touch it. They’re extremely fast in learning because that is the age they are. They’re growing. But actually what is needed now is that the elders must grow.... They have to learn also how to be nice and kind to everyone and to be compassionate....

“Children never criticize. They never see these things.” They just enjoy and see the good points. The house may be dirty or smelly. “It doesn’t matter. Their eyes are towards nice things and good things.” They don’t take to the bad things.

“Because of modern life, children have developed a kind of a funny character when they grow up.” There are many propagating things, such as television, “which are not good for children and they should not see them also. And if the children are realized souls, they don’t like to see.” They don’t like to see violence and nonsense.

“So we have to learn a lot from them because they’re innocent, because they have the quality of innocence, so they are to be respected.

“I don’t like people beating their children or hitting them and fulfilling their ambitions through the children. It’s very, very wrong. You should leave them alone. They are perfect. Only thing is they should be given proper ideas at the time, appreciation for their chastity” and good behaviour. They should not be given “an idea of the society in which they live, where the children get spoiled....

“So you see, this money-orientation also comes from childhood.” If you talk about these concerns for money, “children also know this and they talk like that. There are many other things for children.... Don’t allow them to go near all such things which are creating money-orientation because that is the problem of today, that everywhere you find people who have made money illegally. So much money has been made and there’s no need to do that.... It’s a greed. It’s madness, I tell you, a thing of madness.” To attain all these possessions, “he is cheating everyone, troubling everyone, taking the money of others. It’s better to be poor than to be like that.”

Tomorrow’s Sahaja Yogis

“So this is what is happening today.... It’s a right side trap.” When we start Sahaja Yoga, Shri Ganesha is on the left, “not on the right side. First you develop your left side, then you come to right, you’re all right. That’s why we have our Sahaja Yoga completely built-in on Shri Ganesha. Once He’s there, you are completely all right and no problem. There’s no lack of wisdom.

“Once you are with Shri Ganesha, you see the point absolutely clearly, how to behave, how to live and you don’t take to stupid things like lust, greed and nonsense. But people are mad.... They take to any kind of thing when they grow up. But as children, if they have an influence, very beautiful influence of proper family life, proper school life, proper guidance, proper love and help in every way in their growth, then children become extremely, extremely beautiful. And I bless all the Sahaja Yogis to have children of that nature and to look after your children. That’s very important because they are tomorrow’s Sahaja Yogis and they should be a better quality because you’re coming from another lot. They are coming from the innocence.

“So they are very pure and their purity must be respected and must be guarded. Maybe that you will understand the importance of children and develop Ganesha qualities in them. Thank you very much.”



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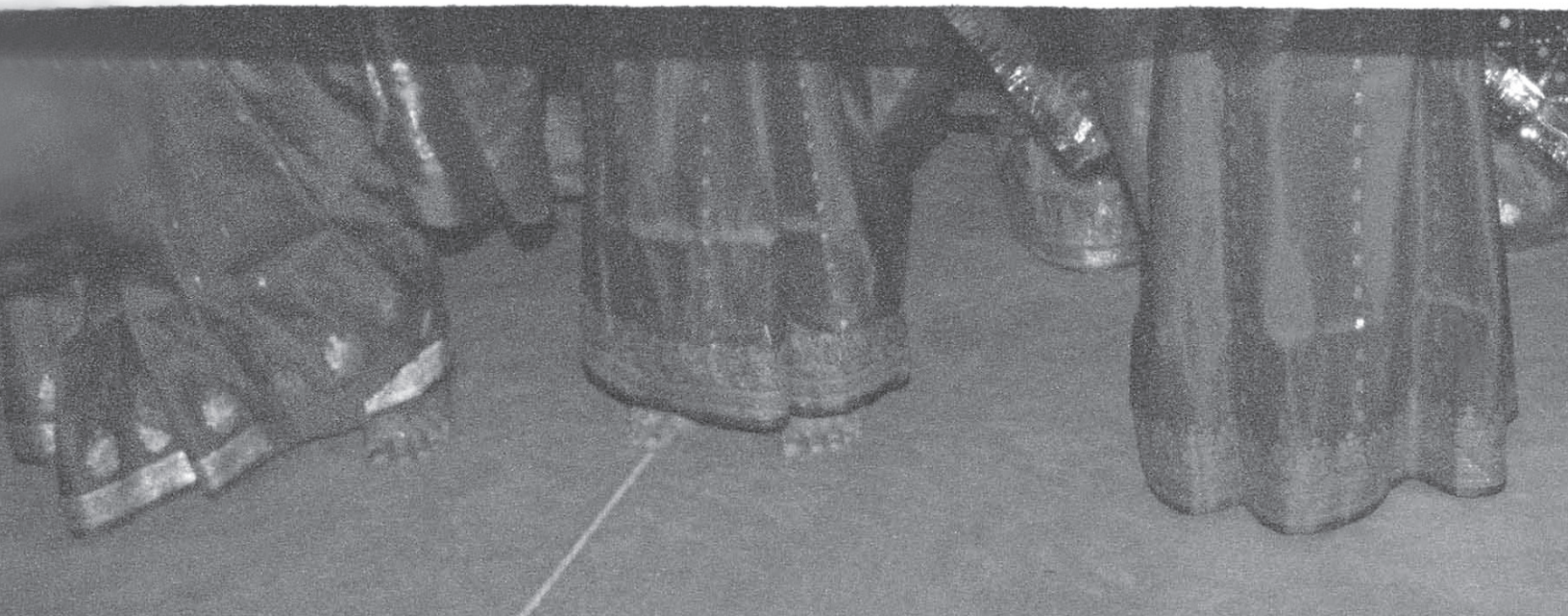
Home House & Husband

“I’m very happy to see you all in such a beautiful dresses ...
and also in a good mood to get married. You must keep up your attitude....
You should be happy people and try to keep your husbands also happy. Your
happiness can create happiness for the children.

“Now one thing I want to warn you, not to tell your husband about any-
thing which was wrong in your past life. That’s not to be talked of. There’s
no need because you are now Sahaja Yogis. You are changed people and
whatever has happened has happened. You need not talk about it or tell him
anything about it, but talk of the future and the present....

“So be sensible. It’s your sensibility which is going to make a happy mar-
ried life. If you become insensible, there’s no wisdom, then marriages will
fail.”

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CABELLA FIGURE

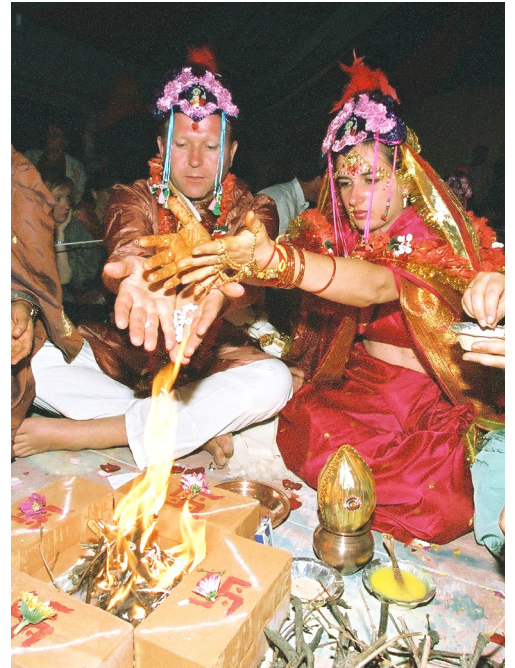


Domination

“Some girls I’ve seen dominate their husbands too much. There is no need to dominate. If you love the husband, that’s how the domination is. The best way is to love your husband, look after him, do whatever is needed.” There is “no need showing off that you are from a better society or a better culture or a better family background. It’s only you who can show that you are really a good person and your goodness will win him over.

“So it’s only the wife who makes or spoils the marriage and I have to tell you very frankly that if you still have some doubts about your marriage or if you’re still thinking this was not a good match, you should withdraw now and later on you should not go on finding faults with your husband. You see, men are men and women are women. Men cannot be women, but you can make them understand that women are to be respected.” How to do this “you’ll have to see by your behaviour. If your behaviour is good, they’ll respect you, but if your behaviour is childish or if your behaviour is aggressive, no man can appreciate a woman who is aggressive and so you should not be aggressive. Whatever he says, you should agree and listen to him....

“For small, small things, you should not try to dominate your husband. It’s not the sign of a Sahaja Yogini. A Sahaja Yogini has to, with love and understanding and wisdom, has to win over the husband and not by domination. This is one thing we should understand, that many marriages are broken because of domination. Second thing is you are naturally attached to your parents, attached to your family, attached to your country, but now forget it.” Be attached to your husband and his family “because if you are attached to your family, you will still spoil the relationship.”



You don't
need anything.
That's your beauty.

*Brides wait behind drawn cloth
at Shri Ganesha Puja weddings.*



The housewife
not only
makes the
family grow,
but brings
good name
and under-
standing.

Humility and love

“It’s your house. It’s your home. It’s your husband.” You don’t have to search for another person who will help you. “It’s you who can help yourself.” Your family is not going to look after you all your life.

“So use your brains and don’t try to show off that you’re something superior or something higher or you’re something more.... The humbler you are, the better it is; otherwise, arrogance doesn’t behoove a woman. She doesn’t look nice. She looks like a horse sometimes.... So it is better to be humble and to be kind and to be nice and to prove that you are a good natured person....

“Western women are very much money-oriented. Even the Indians have become like that.... You shouldn’t want anything. You are going to supply to your husband, to your family. You don’t need anything. That’s your beauty. That’s your decoration. That will beautify you.” If you go on wanting, “there’s no end to it, specially with Western mind. They’re very money-oriented and have created such problems....

“You should not be money-oriented, but you should be love-oriented. Express your love by different things, by making a good food, by making a good bed for your husband, by organizing the house, keeping everything nice. Because if the housewife is untidy, the house will remain untidy. It’s not the job of the husband to look after the house. You’ll enjoy a very beautiful house and a very beautiful room if you keep it properly.

“So you should enjoy all that. Enjoy doing everything for the family, specially for your husband.” Little things can “give him pleasure and happiness because he’s so tired working in the office.... And then you get after that person. It’s very wrong.”

You should have the attitude “that ‘we don’t want anything. We have everything. We are Sahaja Yogis. We are absolutely satisfied.’ But if you go on demanding, then it is going to be very difficult.”

Understanding and temper

“The housewife not only makes the family grow, but brings good name and understanding.” There is little to suffer. “Understanding is the point.” Take a very wise, balanced and responsible attitude. The wife “has to be much more responsible than men, as far as the family’s concerned.... But if you are a hot-tempered woman, God save you and save your husband.

“So hot temper is not suitable at all for any woman. If you are hot-tempered, you’ll start looking old very soon.... And if you have ego, if you think too much of yourself, also same thing will happen.

“So best thing is to behave like a little girl who has come to husband’s house to love him, to look after him and to mother him. You have to think that you are his mother.” Sometimes the husband can be foolish by your judgement. “It doesn’t matter.

“So look after them just like your baby and be nice and sweet.... None of your family people are more important than your husband. That is very important for you now, the most important thing – your husband.”

“This is a Sahaj style of marriage.... Once you are divorced, then we don’t marry. We have given up. We’ve tried that. Now we don’t do that because it becomes a habit of divorcing your husband.

“We want to have very good marriages and very good children, also the progeny. The future of children would be very good if you are sensible, wise, good and kind mothers.

“I’ve told you sufficiently. I hope you understand that you’re marrying in Sahaja Yoga and you have to keep the prestige of Sahaj Yog.... You all promise that?

May God bless you.”

To Make a Beautiful World



*we need people
who are beautiful*

“I’m very happy that you have all decided to marry in Sahaja Yoga, but there are certain responsibilities which you must have. It’s not like other marriages that today you marry, tomorrow you divorce.... You are marrying in Sahaja Yoga because we want to strengthen Sahaja Yoga. You’ll have a wife. She’ll look after you. She’ll be kind to you. She’ll be loving you because she’s a Sahaja Yogini. And you also should be very kind to her. Don’t try to dominate. Don’t try to assert your ideas. See what she wants. You must know how to love your wife; otherwise, marriages are not possible.

“But once you divorce in Sahaja Yoga, we will never marry you again. This we have decided now. Or in any way, if you desert your wife or leave her or do something irresponsible about your marriage, in Sahaja Yoga you have no place.”

TALK TO GROOMS

15 SEPTEMBER 2002

CABELLA FIGURE

We are all global and
we should show our
sense of universal
understanding,
how we understand
and enjoy everyone
from every place,
from every country.
They're all our
brothers and sisters.

Marriage is a big responsibility

“So once for all now, only you decide that you are marrying. It’s a very, very big responsibility.

“We want Sahaja Yoga marriages to be very successful and all of you should enjoy a very happy married life. No use dominating, no use controlling, but enjoying each other’s company because your wife is also Sahaja Yogini, you’re also a Sahaja Yogi and we don’t marry you unless and until you are Sahaja Yogis. The reason is we are enlightened people. We are of higher awareness. We have our spiritual life.

“We have to show in our lives how you behave very much differently from others who are stupid people, who go on fighting, spoiling everything, so that you will have nice children. Look after your children, look after your family. That’s your first thing.

“Of course, some of you will be very busy with your work. It’s all right. But loving the wife, looking after her, looking after children is very important; otherwise, you should become a bachelor, you should not marry. But if you are marrying, you are taking the responsibility of the wife. She is the daughter of somebody and the father is giving that daughter to you....

“So far boys have been very well in Sahaja Yoga.... You should also have wisdom and understanding that you are here to produce Sahaja Yogi children to help in Sahaja Yoga because we have to change the world. It’s to be emancipated. If you have very lower level of understanding of marriage, it won’t work out....

“With great respect, I have to make a very humble request to you that please, please, if you’re entering into a married life in Sahaja Yoga, you have to understand your responsibility. It’s a very great responsibility. It’s a responsibility for the whole world because we have to change the whole world and if you behave like other husbands of your country or of other countries, then what’s the use of marrying in Sahaja Yoga?

“You can go and have a nice marriage outside. But if you are marrying in Sahaja Yoga, you have to know it’s a big battle against evil, against injustice and also against all kind of mismanagements. We want to make a beautiful world and to make a beautiful world, we need people who are beautiful, who themselves respect everyone.”

Humility and respect

“So I have to make again and again the same request to you, that you be very good, humble and respecting husbands. Don’t follow others because I have had funny things and I was surprised how could these people could become like this in marriages in Sahaja Yoga. But we found out they were all mad, lunatics and they behaved in a lunatic manner.

“So aggression and all these things are not allowed. You are marrying this girl specially for the benefit of the whole world, not only yourself, not only your children, your family, but the whole world. Before the whole world you have to show that you are a very sensible, wise and a highly evolved person. This is not a marriage of lower type of people.

“So it’s a responsibility with you to show that you are very mature and that you have that feeling of enlightenment within you and you are enlightened people and you can enlighten the whole world.

“Of course, because the wife is coming from another family, another country maybe, so there will be little difference of understanding. So you make her understand. You have to talk to her. You have to tell her, ‘All right, come along, sit down.’ But no use losing temper and getting angry. Whatever explanation you may give for that, it’s not good. It’s not going to help you.”

On the good lines of Sahaja Yoga

“I want to see all of you, how you show successfully that you’re very nicely married to your wives. But I don’t say you spoil them, by no means. I already told them, don’t have to spoil them, but let them also be on the good lines of Sahaj Yog and become good volunteers of Sahaja Yoga. They’ll be very good mothers and they’ll create those children which we want now, who will completely change this world.

“So I hope you agree with Me and if you agree, well and good. If you don’t agree, even now you can leave and you can give up. I will not mind at all. But after marriage, if you try to misbehave or if you try to divorce something, you’ll have no place in Sahaj Yog. We’ll not have you here....

“You have to be wiser and you have to explain to your wife ... and let them see that you are intellectually higher, not only that, but you are very wise. Spiritually you understand and then they will listen to you. Be kind. Be nice. They are leaving their parents. They’re leaving their families. They’re leaving their countries also, some of them.

“So be very kind and gentle with them and don’t get angry for anything at all.... All My life I’ve never been angry. So that shows unnecessarily people are angry.... If you don’t like something, keep quiet, but don’t show your temper or anger. You have to show that you’re wise, dignified people.

“I’ve seen some husbands throwing things, shouting, doing all kinds of things. Then how can the wife have respect for you unless and until you’re respectable? You have to be respectable people. You be kind to her, nice to her.

“I’m not saying you spoil them, not at all. If you think something is wrong, then ... explain to her that this won’t be good from a Sahaja Yoga point of view....

“I wanted all of you to wait and it’s all these years you have grown up now. You understand what is the purpose of your life.

“Thank you very much.

“May God bless you.”

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THE Beauty

SHRI GANESHA PUJA

27 SEPTEMBER 2002

FRANKFURT

On Her way to Los Angeles, Her Holiness Shri Mataji Nirmala Devi stopped for two days in Frankfurt.

During the preparations for an entertainment evening, it was announced that Shri Mataji had blessed the Sahaja Yogis with a spontaneous Ganesha Puja.

Shri Mataji arrived at about 7:30 pm. Right at the very beginning, She invited all the children to come on the stage next to Her. All the decorations and flowers were removed at Her request because of the lack of space. Even the leaders were invited to leave the stage to make room for the children, who remained there during the puja talk.

"It's so nice to come back after such a long time. And whenever I came, you always had gathered. In a very big hall we met and that's how the Sahaja Yoga started going."

It is important especially for Germans and Austrians. "These are the people who were in the war. And now you are in the war with Me. We have to fight, fight the evil. You know how the world is. We have to fight them and we have to take them out of ignorance.

"You are such a support for this because we have to change human beings. They have to become good people very fast. Once they get their Self Realization, the change will start.

"Now in England and also in Italy, what they're doing is to give Realization to people on the street. Giving on the streets, thousands of people now have become now realized souls. It's a very big thing because once you get your Realization, you become the spirit and all the goodness should come to you. If there is anything evil, bad in you, that will go away.

"It's spreading so fast everywhere.... There's no need ... for you to fight or quarrel because you have got the divine help. You have got all the help all the time, all the time from the Divine and this is what is to be understood that we are helped by the Divine to transform human beings into something greater."

of These Times

Evil forces around us

“That’s what we are and we are here because I wanted to tell people that you must have a place, an ashram for Sahaja Yoga and I don’t want anybody else, but only Sahaja Yogis there because we don’t know how dirty people are ... what filth they do. You can’t imagine to what limit they can go and can really try to harm you because they’re not only negative, but they are also sometimes satanic and they’ll try to ruin your children, ruin your families, do all kinds of things.

“So you have nothing to do with them. Keep away. Keep aloof because now you all have been cleansed. Those people who are cleansed don’t mix up with people who are muddy.” You “must have this much of wisdom in your head to understand that at any cost you’ll not mix up Sahaja Yoga with other things. It’s very important to know. I have been trying to tell this since long, that keep yourself aloof. But sometimes people don’t do it and then they suffer a lot.

“We have all kinds of devils around, all kinds of satanic forces acting.... They’ve done no good to people.” These days there are all kinds of fighting, quarrelling and killing, “so you must know we are in the very, very bad type of Kali Yuga and we have to fight it out by collectivity.

“Look at the children, how collective they are. You all have to be collective and you must love all the people, all the Sahaja Yogis who are around. Don’t try to find faults with them. Don’t try to fight with them because it’s a very important work I am doing.

“What I’m trying to do is to transform people, to make them good people, nice people. It’s not to get anything out of them, but to give them something that they should become very good people. We have to have extremely good and nice people, people who don’t hate, people who don’t have greed. Like madness, people have greed. In countries where they could make money, they have cheated everyone and have made money and that is how their children will suffer. They will suffer. So My intention is for all of you because you can help Me in this great war, war with the evil.

“These are evil people by temperament and they want to ruin it. You must understand this. Don’t play into their hands. And you become solid because you have not come on this Earth to collect things and all that, but you have come here to become Sahaja Yogis of a very great order.”

Joy and togetherness

“Another thing is if you don’t feel your joy within yourself, if there is no joy with you, you will trouble others. So best thing for you is to meditate, not to criticize, not to use your brain, but meditate. By meditation, you will know how to enjoy Sahaja Yoga, how to enjoy.... This has to be there and this mental activity should go away. Don’t try to organize others. Don’t try to give lectures to others, but what you do is to yourself introspect. See for yourself what’s wrong with you and what wrong things you are doing.”

Being peaceful and good is not everything. “You have to make others good.... You have to make them beautiful people. We have to make this world beautiful through your help and through your attention.

You have
come here
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Sahaja Yogis
of a very
great order.

*When Mother arrived
and was seated in Her chair,
She requested all the children
to sit on the stage around Her.
It was so sweet because there
was a huge wave of little legs
running to the front.
Shakti de Kalbermatten*

*The evening was very uplifting.
The atmosphere was of a big family.
You could really feel the love
and unity between us all.
We all felt part of a big family
with one Mother.
Shakti de Kalbermatten*

*The puja was short and only the leaders
washed Shri Mataji's Lotus Feet.
After an artistic program,
gifts were offered to Shri Mataji.
On behalf of the Frankfurt
collective, who have succeeded
in buying a new centre,
the key was offered to Shri Mataji.
After that, the German leader, Philip,
offered as a rakhi gift to
Shri Mataji, a beautiful watch, and
he asked forgiveness on behalf of all the
Germans and Austrians who did wrong
in the first half of the twentieth century.
Wolfgang, one of the Austrian
leaders, reminded us what Sir CP
advised Sahaja Yogis, that at
Shri Mataji's 80th birthday it would
be nice to offer to our Divine Mother
eighty million Sahaja Yogis.
He added that he regrets that still,
this eighty million are just in our hearts,
but that Austria is doing all
the efforts to realize this aim.
Shri Mataji left the next morning,
on September 28th.
Andrei Dascalu and Zsuzsa*

"Now the problem is that people take to wrong things very easily even after Sahaj Yog. Don't support anyone like that. On the contrary, explain to that person that Sahaja Yoga is a collective activity. We cannot have our own anything. We have to be active. We have to be together all the time. Togetherness is very important and then to seek joy of that togetherness.

"If you can feel the joy of togetherness, you have achieved that aim of life because then you'll gather other people also and give them this joy of being the spirit. Once they become the spirit, it starts changing. But if you are collective and if you are together and you do all the things, then also you grow very much.

"Now those who talk of separating, having some sort of a mad idea, please don't listen to them. You better check. Sometimes we have to be together.... We cannot separate. And anything like this will be destroyed.... You see how the world is, how the things are and how it is working out."

The beauty of these times

"So for you to understand the beauty of modern times, is that you are born in a time when you can be transformed. You are born in a time when you can become the Self, the spirit. Everybody has tried this. Nothing has worked out. Now, with the help of your kundalini, we are working it out....

"You are such sensible, good people who have come to Sahaja Yoga and every time I came here, you were all here." Simply knowing that I was coming, you all showed "how much you all just love Me."

Responsibility and surrender

"So may God bless you all and have sense. Have sense in your head that you are now responsible for transforming this world into a new world of very good people, spiritual people.

"So your responsibility's that and, as a result, what you have to do, you will know." From wherever you may come, "you have to be very, very responsible ... and try to understand what you are doing for Sahaja Yoga.

"What is important is to surrender, which is a problem with people. They cannot surrender themselves to Sahaja Yoga. That's what is your life. That is the beautiful river of goodness.

"So you should try to surrender and if you cannot surrender, then there's something wrong with you. Please try to surrender and you'll be surprised that, with this surrendering only, you can get complete joy, happiness and peace....

"I cannot say how you force yourself, but you just go into thoughtless awareness." You meditate and go into thoughtless awareness "and then I'm sure, with all My love and with all My blessings, I am sure you will surrender – not only surrender, but you will develop tremendous powers to convert others also, to transform others into this good work. You all have that and you should just develop and try to find out how many people you have helped really in life to change. Thank you very much."

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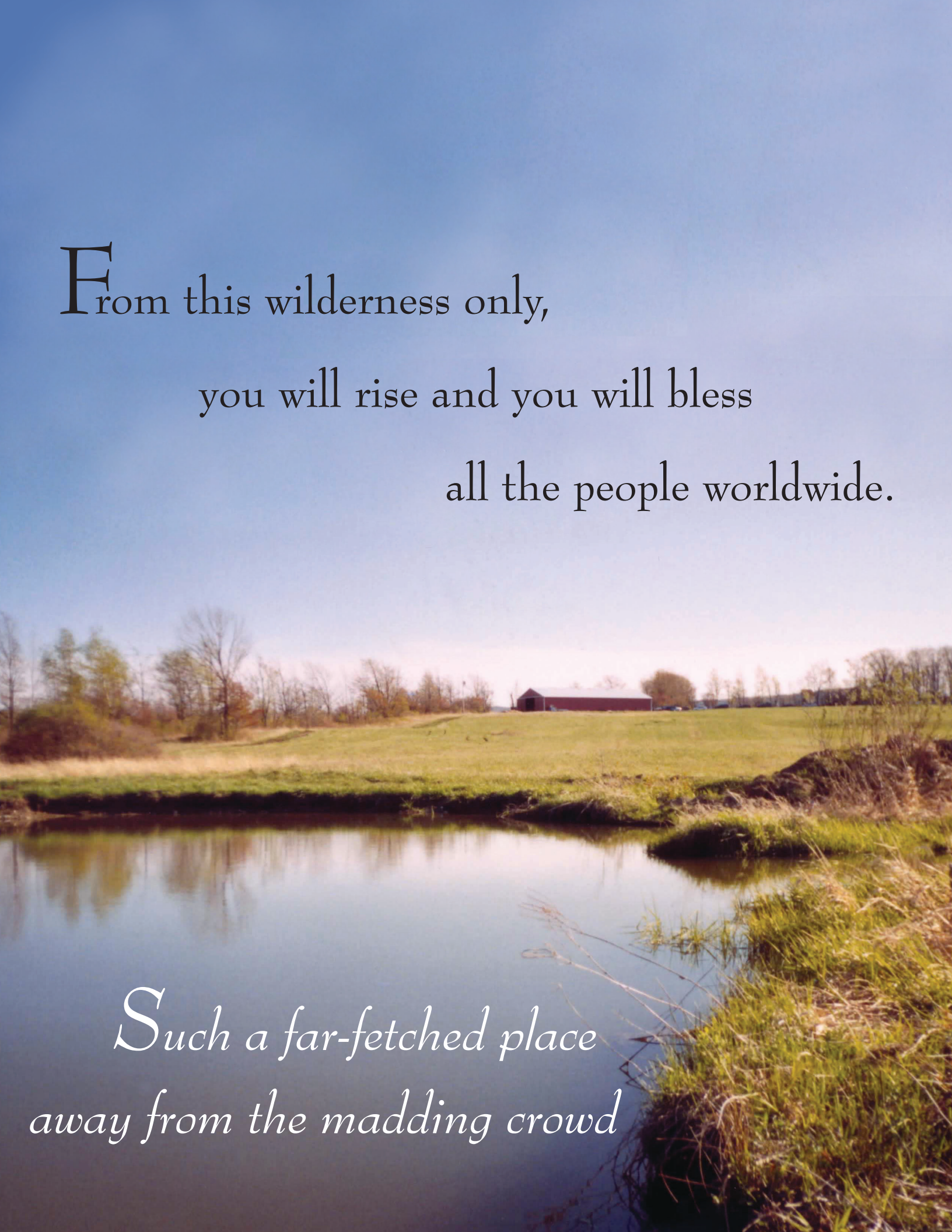
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From this wilderness only,
you will rise and you will bless
all the people worldwide.

*Such a far-fetched place
away from the madding crowd*