

**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 human beings. [...]



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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, Tamilnadu, 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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## The African Seminar Chennai/Tiruppur 16-20 July

### 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. I, p. 168-169.

In a few weeks from now, we will witness a major event for abhyasis of Africa and the Indian Ocean; more than 70 of them will gather in India, at Master's feet for the African Seminar, from 16-20 July. Echoes of Africa has thus devoted the current issue to helping us in our preparation for these blessed moments.

"Unity in diversity" is the motto given to us by our Master, for this seminar. This motto is to be seen as the candle light which Master kindles in our heart as we sign up for the seminar. Our duty is to keep it alive and use it as the beacon ahead. It's both the objective and the framework which each participant requires to bear in mind - in their heart - at the various stages from the inception of the journey to its conclusion. Thus considered as the yardstick against which we measure and assess our efforts and attitude, it is meant to help us strive to maintain the condition sown in us by Master. It's therefore Master's blessing to those who set off on that journey towards his divine feet.

#### MOTTO OF THE SEMINAR

Chennai, Wednesday 15 June 2011 7:45:45 PM

Dear brother,  
I suggest the theme,

UNITY IN DIVERSITY.

Love.  
With Love and Master's Blessings  
Affectionately,  
Parthasarathi

We have gathered few texts to help in our preparation. As we are nearing the departure day, we first wanted to give an idea of the resulting "excitement", by publishing three personal stories published in July 2007 under the title "Going Towards Master", before the then departure for the celebrations Master anniversary in Tiruppur. These texts have not aged a bit. Abhyasis from Africa may therefore read though them the actual itinerary leading to Him.

To assuage the above excitement we propose excerpts from Master's messages that invite us to reflection and meditation around our motto: "Unity in Diversity".

As a prelude to the upcoming great celebration, we will conclude these pages with Echoes of South Africa that takes us back to the April 30th "feast" of the hearts.

### Going Towards Master, 4 Years Ago

#### With faith and determination

If travelling means adventure, going to India, this country of mysteries, a remote region for a long time considered as inaccessible, is a marvellous adventure. Going to India to stay at Master's feet is a privilege reserved for all people driven by an unwavering faith and an unfailing determination. To celebrate Master's birth anniversary - 80 years - by his sides, to bathe in His vibrations, to improve our condition: these are dreams which we all wish should come true. To celebrate Master's birth anniversary with Him, is also the opportunity granted to us to enjoy the great brotherhood of Sahaj Marg, to commune, to exchange with all the brothers and sisters coming from all the corners of the world. To celebrate Master's birth anniversary with Him, is to experience the joy of meeting again with brothers and sisters and establish new relations, to assess the expansion of the

Mission in terms of the number of abhyasis. To celebrate Master's birth anniversary with Him, it is to bathe in a spiritual atmosphere, to rejuvenate oneself, to strengthen one's condition and to set out



again, with armfuls of presents.

However one has to recognize that if such a travel proves to be easy for some people,

for others it is nothing but a dream difficult and even impossible to achieve. Indeed there are many objective obstacles, such as:

- financial problems: especially for those who live in less developed countries under precarious living conditions, characterized by very low wages or sporadic incomes earned through pain and suffering.

- visa applications for those who reside in countries where there is no India embassy or consulate, constitute a serious handicap in terms of cost (travelling to the nearest country where there is an Indian consulate or sending all required visa application documents by DHL) and deadlines.

These two major obstacles seem insurmountable sometimes and can easily be discouraging. However if faith and the desire to go towards Master are truly present and

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## Going Towards Master, 4 Years Ago [Cont'd]

strong enough, the obstacles can be removed as if by magic. Faith and determination help to overcome difficult circumstances. Spiritual commitment and surrender to Master are the keys that open all doors and level all paths. One has to go through this experience to really understand that Master always acts in support of whoever demonstrates trust in and love for him.

On the eve of this pilgrimage our mind is like torn between a state of excitement related to the journey and the spiritual preparation for the voyage. One must clean their inner space so that Master can deposit therein the gifts He has in store for each one of us, and which we have to share with those who stayed behind.

To go towards Master, to celebrate his anniversary - 80 years - is for us a priceless blessing.

### To take stock of our progress

It is difficult to express our feelings when we are asked to speak about the prospect of going towards Master. Sometimes we do

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other things, it is about taking stock of the progress of our practice, our relation with the inner Master, and also jointly assessing the development of the Mission with our brothers and sisters from the Africa and Indian Ocean Region. It is also about looking

at the future prospects in a brotherly environment where as a team we will work together on the ground and invite our brothers and sisters from all over the world to participate in the establishment and expansion of our Mission in Africa and the Indian Ocean.

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### And vibrate with love

At the fingertips of the Master pianist, the piano keys chime their crotchet rests of joy of being so lightly touched by His

graces. So, let us go towards Him to be retuned by Him and vibrate with love...

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not feel like saying anything, or we just wonder, what should I say, or even we may not be able to indicate what is the goal of our travel? This questioning raises some ideas about the goal of the travel. Among

## Echoes of South Africa

### Babaji Maharaj 112<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary – Lenasia

On the 30TH of April 2011, 70 abhyasis gathered at the Lenasia Ashram in Johannesburg to celebrate Revered Babuji Maharaj's 112 birth anniversary. Abhyasis from the USA, the Western Cape and KwaZulu Natal were also present. On this day the fragrance of Pranahuti permeated the atmosphere. All we had to do was to imbibe the purity and go deep within to experience the inner world, the inner universe lying within. The Centre in Charge conducted the morning sat-sangh. Thereafter a biographical note based on Revered Babuji's teachings and contribution to spirituality was read out. One memorable quote referred to was; "So long as we are extroverts, our eyes can never turn inwards".

With the recommendation of our Revered Master Chariji, a pre-recorded audio-visual was presented wherein He

referred to Western ideas of evolution associated with the survival of the fittest whereas the oriental concepts spoke of the attainment of the inner perfection. This distinction between the fittest and the perfect are very necessary to remember, otherwise we make this foolish mistake of trying to achieve perfection in sports for instance, whereas we have to be perfect as human beings, evolved from within.

This was followed by an inspiring video of Revered Babuji's life in Shahjahanpur, encompassing the construction of the Ashram, Basant celebrations and an interview. The entire video brought nostalgic memories to those who had met the Master whose dynamic presence brought forth vibrations of spiritual goodness throughout the viewing.

One of the themes selected was that abhyasis retreat into themselves, introspect and brood over their condition. These

exercises, according to Revered Chariji, enable abhyasis to escape from themselves into their self where lies the lake into which we have a dip and come out clean, fresh and bright. We go back into life spiritually fresh, mentally refreshed, and fit in body and mind.

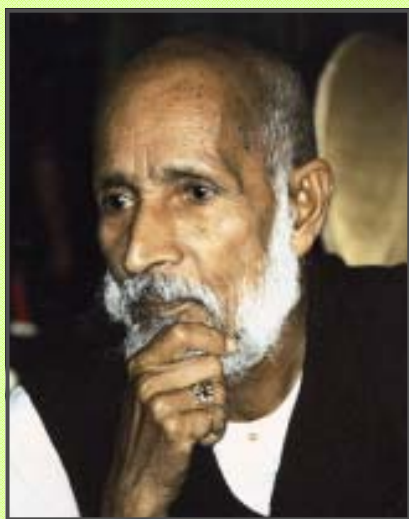
Revered Babuji has said: "We should have good hearts for all human beings. Then the Power will run to them automatically. I think this is the first step of spiritual regeneration. The edifice of spirituality is to be erected on this foundation. When you have a mind to do the work for the good of humanity, you will naturally get it"

The auspicious day's events culminated in the 4.00 PM group meditation

Ramesh Hira – South Africa

## Whispers from the Brighter World

Tuesday, October 19, 2004 – 10:00 a.m.



Our most faithful brothers form a great family of souls meeting again from life to life and going, for the majority of them, through similar experiences, in their spiritual quest. The same wave carries them, fostering their process. Countries, races are no obstacles; only the karmic line determines where and when this reincarnation must occur.

"All men are brothers but they do not want to know it, preferring to give free rein to harmful inclinations. A sincere approach, in a way like ours, must bring them closer: it is the goal of the big gatherings enabling them to become aware of their unity on the spiritual level, which is essential. A unique and same heart unites them, surpassing borders. A profound mystical impulse makes this wonder happen: the sacred union of souls going in the same direction. Seen from that angle, human divergences have little importance. When will men finally understand that they are equal in this world and before God? They keep erecting barriers: race, sex and social background being their pretexts to satisfy an authority constituting a kind of shield to their shortcomings. Following a spiritual way is also to understand the illusory side of these inequalities, which are the characteristics of humanity seeking a way out.

"May the time of liberation happen for all suffering souls."

Babuji

Whispers from the Brighter World - Vol 1 p. 634

## Daily Reflections

### 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.

Babuji "Complete Works of Ram Chandra Vol. 2", chapter "My Pain", pg 7

### Universal System

Sahaj Marg is a universal system precisely because here we do not recognize any differences of any nature which set apart human beings.

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