

Part II

Do Your Duty

28 Your Body is the Temple of the Supreme

Without this human body no other beings and no other world divinities can taste His Love. In the body of a person resides Govinda (Supreme Truth). So the body is to be treated as His Temple and taken care of. Devas (Gods in another world created by Him) and Devis (Goddesses) do great penance (work) to get this mortal human body for tasting His Love.

What you call Energy or whatever name you give it, is also present in the inanimate, but in such a subtle state that in the gross inert bodies it remains invisible. The same holds for the inert body. So long as Atma (Soul) stays in the body, its inertness is not experienced. If, in a secluded place, especially in the darkness of night, we cover the two ears with the two hands, then we can hear a sound inside the body just like the sound of a machine running.

The body machine keeps working without our knowledge. Here by "our" I refer to the I-sense or the ego. The reason is that Yogis, especially Hatha Yogis, on account of various physical practices develop some skill in controlling to some extent this machine. As a result, their egos become bloated without end. But He, Who is the real Resident (Atma), smiles at seeing this ego. It is never possible for a body to know the Supreme Being residing within through the expedient of any Mantra. God cannot be realized by mental or physical wrestling. The foremost requirement for knowing the One Who animates the body is to be rid of the ego and the accumulated superstitions.

I tell you one thing. The fundamental fact is that Eternal Substance is not a distant thing. He is actually present in the body in a fragmented state, yet remaining united with the unfragmented. Do you know what the fragmented state is like? Just like the relationship of the sea and its waves. Are the waves and the sea separate? That very unfragmented Eternal Substance stays in the body in the form of the resident Atma (Soul) for a certain time. That is why, according to this one (Dadaji), when He leaves the body He does not go anywhere.

Do you know what we mean by Ashram? Ashram is body, the real Ashram (Abode of God), because He is within, full Force.

Respiration starts at the source of Name, a region shorn of mental modalities.

The Nam, the Form, and the Abode (physical body), all these are the same and One. So the Abode where Nam sounds and is established is called the Temple of Nam.

There is only one Substance and it is constantly changing form. This is He or the Divine, without name or form, yet containing all names and forms. This chemistry is beyond mind. We are not chemicals, we are Temples of the Divine. The body chemistry may break down or become out of balance. The mental chemistry may become disoriented. However, the chemistry of the Spirit can never experience a breakdown. It is untouchable. No fire is hot enough to burn it, no nuclear weapon is powerful enough to destroy it and no flood is deep enough to drown it. So, why be

nervous? Why be afraid? Just try to remember Him. He is both within and without, giving you life and loving you constantly.

The body is the Temple of Viswanath (the Lord Almighty). The Nam (Divine Name) is chanted there twenty-four hours a day.

What I say, I am visualizing vividly. This is not metaphysical speculation. From physical body to ethereal body and from ethereal body to spiritual body are transformations from one stage to another. Subtle body cannot be seen. Because it sounds like mystical speculation, what I see I am telling you. The Life Force is functioning through each body. Without Life, nothing exists. Life Force is the Root of all Existence. But, the fullest manifestation of Life is in spiritual form. It's manifestation then, is in the universe and the Mahakasa (infinite space). Prior to sound of a word a great Power functions. That great Power is that great Will. So also with psychic phenomena, that is also the Supreme Power. But, you see, with this spiritual body one cannot continue for a long time because the physical body cannot absorb that Power. So, that is why the Divine gets pleasure in creating human beings for His Play. This is His great pleasure.

You have to fulfill the duties of the body. Having come to the realm of Nature, by not paying her taxes, by practicing austerities, by suppressing natural desires and by fleeing away from her, will one attain salvation? Can there be emancipation without clarification of vision? If one is unable to look upon both desire and desirelessness with equanimity, then one will have to remain deprived of all things of life. Has He sent us here to spend this life in practicing deprivation? In enjoyment, happiness, work, power, in everything, one has to be aware of Him. On the vision becoming clear, you will become a seer.

Only for performing the bodily duties has the riches of the body been given. Eat, drink, do everything, but remember Him, Who is inside the body. To move according to Nature is the only safe course. Do not go beyond the limitations of the body. Mahaprabhu, Ram, Christ, came with bodies. Body is the Temple. If you do not respect it, will it not retaliate? Will Nature let you go? Go about doing everything while remembering Him. That is all that is needed.

Human beings have got their individual shape (male or female) according to the Divine Will of the Lord, in spite of the fact that they originate from the same natural elements. Both are dictated by the prompting of mind and ego. So long as they move and act in the plane of mind, they are all females and their only goal is to realize the Purushottam (Supreme Male).

Whoever comes into this world is female. The mind is female to be sure. Your psychosomatic (mind/body) existence is essentially feminine, responding back and forth to the bipolarity of Life, like a dog haunted by a bit of flesh.

Who is female? How can you say that you are female? If you are female, I am too. Each and everybody's the same thing. Female, what do you mean by that? You have got desires? Everybody is the same. So long as He is within, you are a lover of Him.

We have come for some days to play. Here is a female. Here is a male. That is also incorrect. That is for His Play. A boy? A girl? He has got all the senses and desires, everything. She has also got the same thing. No one is anything, both same.

Male, female....female, male. What do you mean by all these things? All are the same. That Power is within each and everybody. So each and everyone is same.

Nobody is female. Nobody is male. That is only for the theater, the stage, His Leela (Divine Play).

Male and female, are there so many differences? Those who think male and female are the same, they are all right. Excellent!

Body and Life bestowed on you by God are to be fully tasted and enjoyed. What a priceless treasure God has sent us with! This body is unreal and though unreal it has turned real because of Truth that accompanies it.

The body is the chariot. The chariot belongs to Jagannath (Lord of the Universe).

Do not shun the needs of the body. Satisfy the wants, but at the same time be aware of its triviality. Remember the body, but Who is beyond, that alone can bring salvation.

Environment is in the mind. Are desire, anger, etc., finished by becoming an ascetic, going to mountains, eating vegetarian food?

Everything has Jiva (Life Force). You can take meat, fish, vegetables, whatever you like. All are the same.

What do you say (about so-called religious food restrictions)? Food is only for the sake of the body. What is required for the body must be eaten. Know that whatever He has created on this earth is for the sustenance of the living creatures. Has He done all this for nothing? All these rules for eating and drinking are mere superstitions. There is no connection of eating and drinking with Him for He is above and beyond all these things. And you talk of Rishis (seers)? They had such full vision and such complete knowledge that there is no comparison. Why would they take the trouble to indulge in all this hanky-panky? Those who already had perfection, where is the hurdle for them? Those who have no restrictions, their perplexity disappears.

Fasting is not good.

Is there anybody (spiritual guide) who can say, "Don't take this food. Don't take that food. You give me something (money) bimonthly." All bluff!

Remember, He is always with you, even during your sleep.

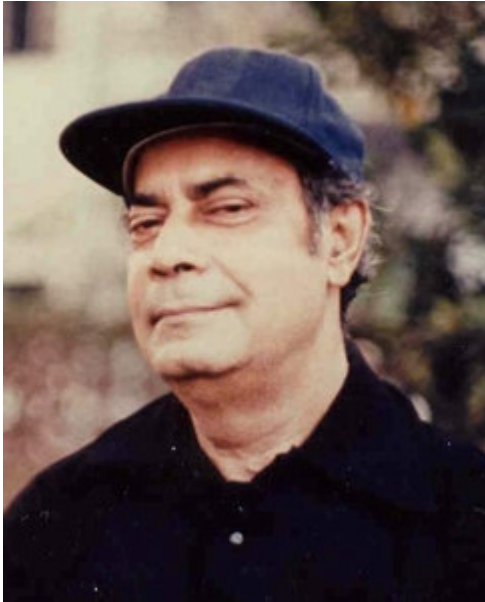
Dreams are mind function. But, when He comes, although you are sleeping, you are awake to His Darshan (vision of the Supreme).

God is within you. You don't need to seek Him. Fulfill your duties, do your work, and enjoy your days. Whiskey, cigarettes, love, as you like. Then you will feel within you what no Guru can sell you, the Living God, the True God, Who has created you and loves you. This body itself is Prarabdha (destined unfolding of life). Unconsciously and inevitably our bodies develop and decay in their own way.

After all, human body is perishable, decaying and has various problems. But, whatever He does is for a great cause, all for good.

Take care of your body, which is the channel for experiencing His Love. He only gives us physical form and mind.

You can't come here without being wedded to Truth, the Word, the Mahanam, the two sounds of which are being chanted within your heart around the clock in rapturous spontaneity. That Mahanam is the Lord within everyone. Your body is the Shrine of God.



Dadaji on morning walk in Calcutta 1985



Dadaji on phone call at home in Calcutta 1986



Dadaji in Bombay 1985

29 Your Senses are for Tasting His Love

When one is born with a body, the mind comes with all the senses and drives one forcibly, blinding the vision, so that one fails to assess things in the right perspective. One who undertakes all activities while remembering Guru or God, will be able to tolerate whatever blows are received in life; and, will find the senses and desires become friends, giving the feeling that they have all been beneficial. Otherwise, one would have been helpless in madness or grief.

When Life exists in the body, then does it stay in visible form? You talk about senses, mind, intelligence and ego, are all these visible? That is, are these matter? When Life is in the body, then it is alive. This is the manifestation of Life. Similarly, senses and intelligence, etc., can be observed when functioning in a living body. The function of the senses are being manifested in the body. You see again, at old age or owing to disease the functioning of certain senses are crippled, in spite of the existing body. Now the question is, where do these senses go?

Many times there is loss of intelligence, memory fails. There is disability of speaking, loss of eye sight. One becomes hard of hearing, though there are ears the eardrum is not functioning. There are eyes, but no sight. When a certain mechanism of the body fails, then the particular sense mechanism cannot function. But the question is, where do the senses exist? Mark seriously what I mean. I hope you have understood the question. When the body itself does not exist, where do the senses stay? Even when the body exists, sometimes the senses stop functioning. Now try to realize the facts.

God is the sound of your heartbeat, making love to you twenty-four hours a day.

We have come here to do all sorts of acting. We have come here as guests. I am here with this body. Just maintain the body. Nothing else. Body is not mine. I have taken that Ashram (body) as a temporary place to enjoy Him in the Maya also. When we have come here, we have come with mind, senses, desires and attachments. We shall have to give something to them. If you stop everything, they will revolt.

The veil of desire is the compact body.

Follow your desires. Do not force them into a special pattern.

At the time of birth sexual urges have been invited. They have come with us. You should not bother for that. We should not disturb them, automatically He will take them over. If you go to disturb, ultimately there will be difficulty.

Sexual orgasm is temporary and cannot compare to orgasm with Him.

Wedded to Him you reach a Divine orgasm becoming united with your True Nature.

Lust and desire are being destroyed from within. Lust and desire are not, the moment you are in Him.

You are the worst criminal if you starve your senses. These are your guests, come to help you relish His Love and Bliss!

How is it possible to give up the senses by Jap (counting repetitions of Divine Name)? That is why I say, do your duty, remember Him. That is enough, more than enough.

Don't create an ivory tower. Let your senses and mind do any manner of antics. If you starve them, you are the worst criminal. You cannot then do the Asva-Medha (let your senses run their course and turn inward) and Rajasuya (sacrifice your ego).

Neither resist, nor indulge.

Don't go against your nature. Let your inner drives lead your senses wherever they will. Be a passive spectator of the drama. No asceticism, no austerity, no penance, no physical calisthenics, no mechanical muttering of mystic syllables. All these are egotistic activities. Your inner fullness can dawn only when the ego is fleeced off. Only then you are in the wantless state. It is the limited mind that constantly suffers from wants.

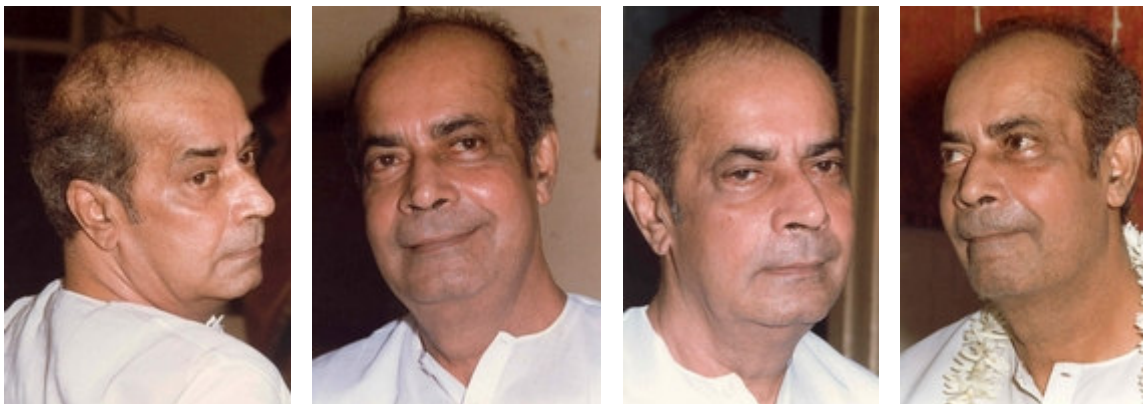
Live, but live in tune with Him.

With birth we have invited and come with certain desires, lusts, passions and greed. So you shall have to give something to them. If you stop everything, they will revolt. Moksha (liberation), you won't get other than Him. When the senses are pleased, they will accompany you. That is called Manjari (a mind that is pure and blossoming with His Love like a flower).

Mind is taken up with the senses. If there is mind, there are senses. Without them, how can there be realization?

God does not fill, but instead takes away cravings for material and sensual needs.

The belief that senses are our enemy is absolutely incorrect. The moment we have this physical body, we have invited them and we cannot exist a second without their help. The senses have an essential role. Unless they are satisfied, we can hardly expect their cooperation in helping us to rise above this physical level of body consciousness. The senses may be suppressed for the time being, but the time will come when they will take the inescapable revenge. But, those who are conscious of their role know that these very senses will turn inward in time and will become the internal ladder to help them climb to the plane of Divine Consciousness.



Dadaji at marriage ceremony of son Abhijit Roy Chowdhury to Madhumita in Calcutta 1985

30 Physical Nature: He Appears as Many

Have no fear. The entire paraphernalia of Nature is the Creation of the Supreme Being, the All pervading Truth. For the relish of His Divine Play, He has appeared as many in the mirror of the mind. All activities here are of this world, scientific study not excepted. Far from being shunned, they are to be fully participated in and enjoyed. The Divine Play is intrinsically bipolar, having positive and negative, ups and downs, good and bad, etc. Oscillations between them provide the basis for all the creative possibilities of this Play. When the Play is over, the two poles coalesce into mere Existence, all existents having disappeared.

See how material science keeps changing from Age to Age. What is at one time established as true, gets overthrown sometime later. Don't you know Nature moves at a furious rate? There is no beginning or end of this movement. It is Eternal. His Science is the ruling factor over Nature. When Nature is manifested, it follows laws. You talk about Sattva (essence), Raja (energy), Tama (mass), and so on. But, your Dada says that the thing is One. The difference lies only in the stages of manifestation. Where there are Gunas, the real (essence, energy, mass), not as the word refers to personal qualities (goodness, activity, passivity), there is matter and vice versa. Actually, the two are not separate.

Think about it, He has made certain rules and regulations for the sake of His Creation. In this Creation, just as calamities appear, to find a way out of them He has provided the means. Fire burns a person to ashes. Again, deriving energy from the same fire, such big factories and ships are run. Fire is present in both these situations, one of annihilation and the other of creation. In the same manner, as we see troubles and bondage in God's Creation, so also we see that He has made the means of attaining safety and liberation. When you take on a body then, in the realm of Nature, the power of Yogamaya (Divine Creative Force) is bound to create restrictions and obstacles in the course of life for individuals, families, societies and even for nations.

When the world is hit by storms, rains, cyclones, you may think, why does Nature behave in an unnatural way? Of course, Nature has a tendency to grow restless, but is it a breach of law? In your words, good and evil, auspicious and ominous, all these are mere states of mind.

Calcutta is hotter than Bombay, but it does not matter. One gets accustomed. There is no question of tolerance or forbearance. Actually, we get seasoned when we realize that one Supreme Truth pervades the universe, manifesting in different colors, forms, tastes, and also different weather conditions.

There are endless materials in Nature for our enjoyment, but we have turned them into objects of greed and aspiration.

When one does not live life in a natural manner, then a conflict develops between Nature and the existing mode of life. That person, by walking on the wrong path invites calamity.

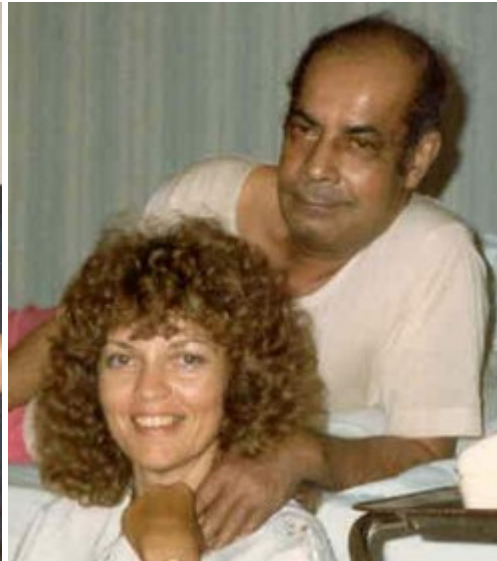
Certainly there is a chain of action and reaction. Is it not? If I discard Prakriti (physical Nature), why should she come (submit in love) to me? Nature can certainly be controlled with Love.

When in the domain of Nature, you must acquiesce in Prarabdha (destined unfolding of life).

Faith proves itself, much as science proves physical facts. Spiritual and physical Nature obey their own laws, which meet at a point. For the Mind-maker and the World-maker are the same Supreme Being. He has physical or cosmic laws, and also moral and mental laws. These work in different ways, but converge at a point, however distant it may be. Apparent contradictions resolve at a far end.



Dadaji having haircut in Portland, Oregon 1985



Ann Mills, Dadaji in Los Angeles 1985



Dadaji meeting with gather of people in Boulder, Colorado 1985
Ann Mills on Dada's right, Tom Melrose on his left

31 The World: Playground of the Supreme

The world is not an illusion. It is the Vrindavan Leela of the Supreme (playground to relish His Divine Play of Love). Nothing is to be shunned or assumed to have the Truth. For you are all the while in It (Mahanam). That you have forgotten It, is the root cause of your misery.

Don't be a fashionable mystic. The world is real, of course with Him as the Reality.

The world is real and is in no way a dungeon, a purgatory, or a prison house. We have come here to taste the blissful rapture of His Manifestation. By doing our duties which come from His Will, we relish His Love and Bliss.

Father (Brahman) is Manifestation, Mother is Brahmayi (of a piece with Brahman). Creation started with them.

Why not accept the saying of the Sruti (Vedas, scriptures), "God in His Supreme playfulness, by mere resolve, has been inclined to create the worlds and they were created forthwith." Vrindavan Leela (playground of Divine Love) cannot be displayed anywhere else except in this world.

No, no! The world is not non-existent. The reason is that only on this earth have human beings the right to savor His Taste and on no other planet. Even gods do not have that right. That being so, how can the world be illusory? Whatever you may call it, Maya or Yogamaya, it also has an Existence. Nothing is without Existence. It also is a manifestation of the Supreme Energy. But, the strength to make progress on the path of emancipation, realization and salvation out of the hold of this Maya, is also given by Him.

The spiritual world is a Reality and not a figment of imagination.

The Substance is One. You talk about materialism, spiritualism, etc. Try to change your angle of vision. Then everything will be clear. Just imagine the Origin of this universe, dive deep into the fundamental. This universe as we find it today, is the result of a long process of steady evolution. You proceed from the general to the particular. Your efforts will be successful only when you will be able to realize that Absolute Truth. There is a stage even before the sound. But ultimately, the general and the particular become identical. He, Who knows the underlying fact, is the Supreme Controller of all Power and Wisdom. Here the question of attainment (Siddhi) or observing austerities is irrelevant.

Nobody can challenge him (Dadaji), not only in this world. I tell you one thing, whatever he is seeing here, there are so many worlds....same thing. All temporary, everything is temporary.

Don't trust the world. But, it will be all right. I am always with you.

All the worlds are mutually exclusive. How can one go from one to another?

All the worlds are interrelated. So if there be unrest in the earth it will invade the regions like the heavens also.

Cycles (Ages) are measured by the consciousness of animal nature turned into self consciousness by humanity. The world is an organic whole. Even a plant or a fly is our Gurubhai (relation in Truth, having God within).

The solar system can be penetrated in a moment's thought. By His Supreme Will, by which crores (ten millions) of universes get created, cannot it become possible to go around the Infinite Space in an instant? Science is able to create space vehicles and go to the moon. It can also go to the other planets. You know, people have in fact gone there in earlier times also. In the past, there were fast space vehicles. People have been to the interplanetary space. This is nothing new.

These kinds of planes (Unidentified Flying Objects, UFO's) were there before. Now also, they are there on other planets. On those planets their speed is forty to fifty thousand miles an hour in soundless conditions. They can rise straight upward without the need of runways, somewhat like helicopters. What you cannot see, you disbelieve. But, what is the extent of your seeing ability? If a person comes and stands close in front of your eyes, you will not be able to see the face properly. And again, on going very far away you are unable to see it properly. Sight is such that only if the person is neither too far, nor too near can the face be seen properly. Still further, whatever you see is seen shrouded by Yogamaya (Divine Creative Power). Falling under the influence of Yogamaya, one gets deprived of the enjoyment of His Taste.

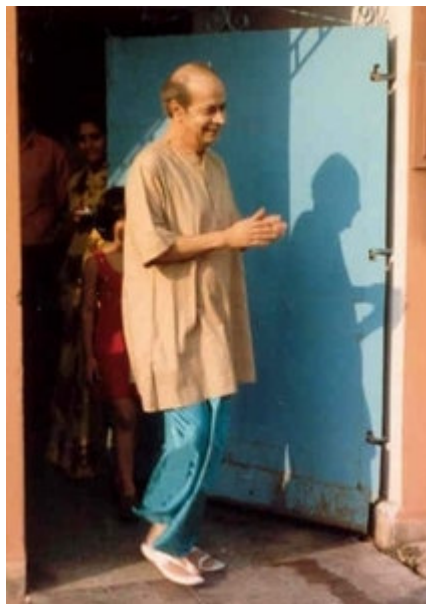
It is Mahajnana (Supreme Knowledge) that flows along encircling the countless worlds. Manifestation of God, Himself, is the universe. In your language, that Supreme is the Poet and this universe is His Poem or Song. Tune alone does not express full feeling. Similarly, poetry alone cannot enrich fully without music. Actually, there is no difference between flower and bud.



Dadaji's toy store in Calcutta



Dada in Portland Oregon



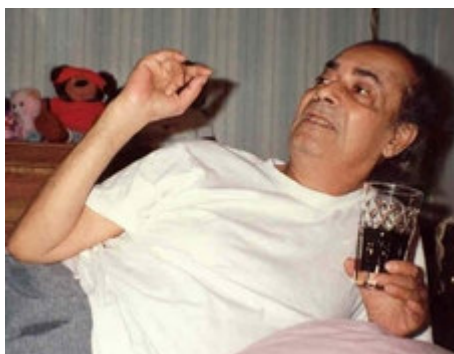
Dadaji at home in Calcutta 1985



Ann Mills and Dada's wife Boudi



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32 Space and Time Exist Only in Your Mind

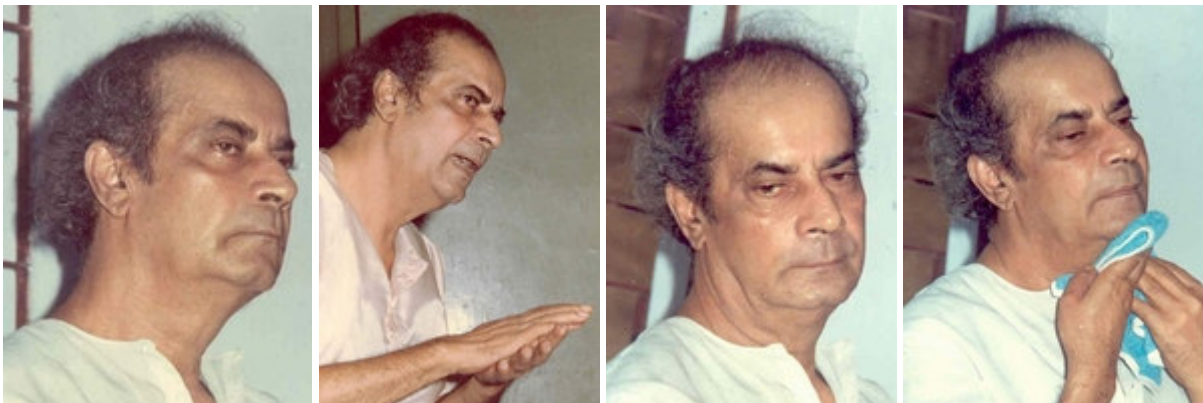
The world is an escapable Reality. Space and time each have infinite dimensions. Every segment of space is present in every other segment. Can't this place be Bombay or Benares? Every split second also is present in every other second. So, space and time are both ubiquitous (everywhere simultaneously). In fact, time is a ceaseless duration and space an unfettered expanse. So an elsewhere and elsewhen reality appears as here and now. The Prarabdha (destined evolutionary process) of space and time is supervened (when a miracle occurs). Matter is One. Indistinguishable, it wears different looks on different occasions. There is no dichotomy of matter and spirit. They are one Integer, it is the Sole Reality. It is the autocratic Will of Satyanarayan (Supreme Creator of Truth), the ultimate Reality that is actualized in the form of miracles.

The new year of the calendar is a human creation. In mind is the space-time complex, but He is beyond time and space. Calendar time is just repetition of time, fixed by the human mind. The mind gets fullness of right vision or Enlightenment when, while being in this body, it becomes conscious of Him. Then, that moment is mind's new year, a new birth of Light. In that state, one loses the boastful I-sense in one's activities and even if the senses and desires drive the mind, the bridle is held by the Lord Himself, or the Nam, so that one cannot go astray. Humans take the human form from Him to realize this Truth, the only real enjoyment. But, they never bother to get at this Truth of life. Nobody feels grateful that He, Who is All-merciful, continuously showers His Grace on His created beings. He always waits to relieve.

Does space exist? Space and time exist only in your mind. There is no limit to space. The world is only a small speck.

He, Who is Truth, is beyond space and time. Humanity is limited by mind in space and time.

It is a most difficult task not to think of past, present and future. Whoever can get rid of this thought cannot be pulled down by punishments or blows. Intriguing time cannot put him or her down. A person nurses recollections of the past, thinks for the future security, but does not take care of the present and throws away its gifts. But, the one who can fully relish and utilize the present, without worrying about present, past and future, he or she really enjoys the state of Vraja (the Supreme), His Love.



Dadaji at Utsav Celebration in Somnath Hall, Calcutta 1985

33 Reality is One

Reality is One. He is All-pervading. Other than Him, there is nothing. Whatever you see, all that is an illusion. That illusion is created due to the influence of Yogamaya (Divine Creative Manifesting Power).

Unity is Real, diversity is unreal.

Nam (Supreme Name) alone is Real. Everything else is unreal. Nam is chanted in Prana (Life). The tongue is useless here.

Is there any vacuum? It is verily One continuous whole. It is like rings.

All in Reality is One Substance, isn't it? Change your angle of vision. Recognize the real Truth. Overwhelmed by Yogamaya, we have become deviated from Truth.

A person comes only to see jugglery. As if this (world) is a show for entertainment. Manush (man) sees only Fanush (balloon)! No one wishes to see the real Substance. When the ego evaporates, then one finds Bliss within oneself. This is the ultimate statement of Vedanta (sacred doctrine). This is the monistic feeling (view that Reality is One). The feeling of Oneness has been turned into the cult of monism. By talking of world (Jagat), illusion (Maya), untruth (Mithya), etc., Truth has been excluded from monistic feeling. This is one-sided thought, not the feeling of Oneness at all.

We sometimes use the word Maya, which is the cause of forgetfulness. We do not know the exact meaning of Maya, yet we use the term often in its narrow sense. It is very unfortunate, apart from being incorrect.

Everybody is harsh and comments on Maya, calling it illusion of mind, which causes suffering. But this Maya makes us forget the unbearable blows of life's events, obliterates the impact of so many strains and humiliations of life, and we get energy to rise again with old memories brushed off. He alone has form; we are all formless. We have no eyes. Had we eyes, we could realize that what we see as having form is really formless.

Oh, how fortunate people are! Maya itself is their fortune.

Without Maya, no Creation.

Afflicted by desire and staying without the practice of devoted love with complete surrender, people following Jap Tap (Name repetition and penance) get entangled in their desire and develop the ego. They become confined to the deep abyss of Maya or illusion. From this Maya they fall victims to many temptations, imaginings and speculations, which lead them to the waves of good and evil, arguments and dissertations, and they are pushed hither and thither, without finding the Anchor (Truth within). So know this, their pursuit of happiness is beset with misery awaiting them.

Do nothing but practice remembering and adhering to Nam. This world (then) becomes to the mortal beings a way leading to the cycle of destruction. The state which is mixed up with a particular part of the way receives the consequent suffering. It is the duty of mortals to get rid of that suffering. One should learn to get out of such sufferings by (inner) offering (of) Tulasi leaves, that is, one should bear these compulsions with patience. When suffering ends, one finds

Ecstasy in everything. That is Swabhava (natural state of attunement with God). It is the ego which condemns one to the temporary abode (world). Do nothing but practice remembering and adhering to Nam.

You forget everything by Maya.

The Avatars (Incarnations of God) in your language, also do not find release from the power of Yogamaya. Even Sri Krishna on several occasions was overwhelmed at Kurukshetra and had to call up Sudarshan Chakra (Power of Divine Love). To fall away from the Self-fixed State is to be overwhelmed. Yogamaya will obstruct Him only then. In the state of Samadhi (deep meditation) to use your language, only body awareness, no knowledge at all remains. Then, in that Self-centered state, He is freed from the influence of Yogamaya. But again, when He comes back into this phenomenal world, right then, He has to come under Yogamaya's influence to some extent. Whenever He calls up the Sudarshan Chakra, it occurs in the world of duality only.

Have you understood what I am saying? Staying in the state of Non-duality (Oneness), who will kill whom? This question does not even arise. This question appears only in the world of duality. However, don't you make a mistake. Who is Himself All-in-All, he (Dadaji) never falls under the influence of Yogamaya!

Worldly attachments and the play of Maya are very strong. So, in consequence come innumerable problems. Unseen, unpredictable, unbearable events of life cause burdens and bondage, full of sufferings and miseries. Your intensity of devotion for Him is there, now leave the rest to Him.

Constant practice of love with Nam, Who is none else but the Absolute, leads to Supreme Knowledge or Reality.

Darkness, light, all is One Substance. As soon as a person puts one's foot into the trap of the mind and intellect, Yogamaya (Creative Power of God) throws one into perplexity by showing light and darkness. What is darkness? And, what is light? Having these eyes isn't it possible to see in darkness even? What do you say? We want strength, the strength to see, be there darkness or be there light. Both are equal. Again, all this is also nothing, all extraneous. Everything changes form. Light turns into darkness and darkness into light.

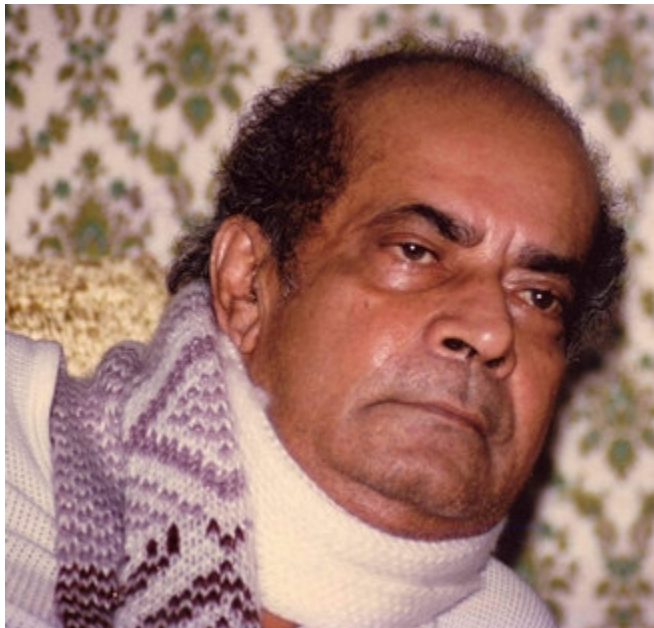
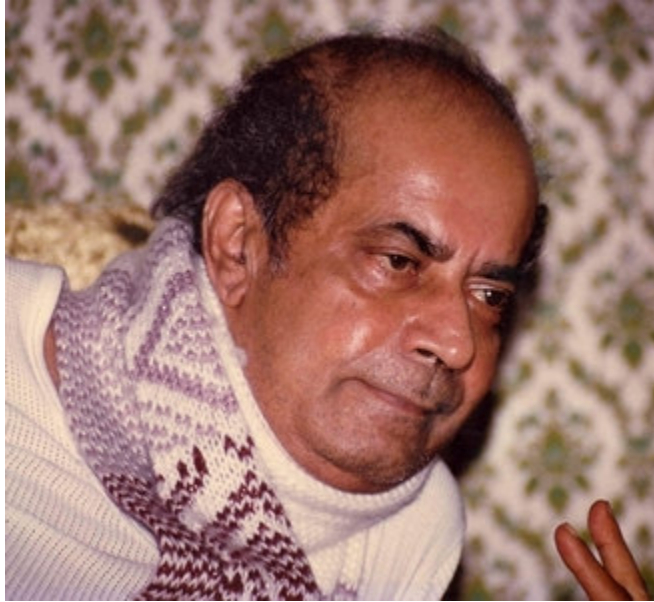
You see the fire burning the match stick. If fire did not exist, could it be manifested in this manner? Does the match stick manifest the fire? You have seen that there is no more fire when the match stick has been burned out. As soon as the match stick was lit there was fire, and again the fire went out as soon as the stick was burned out. What happened here? In a place where there are no match sticks, is there no fire in that place? You speak of an aid (match stick for fire to burn). Yes, at first there is a need for it. But, one who is familiar with the Root of fire knows it even without this aid.

Look, we do not understand anything. We are sunk in an atmosphere of blind superstition. How can one blind person lead another? Dadaji does not understand either light or darkness. Both light and dark come from one Source. He is above All.

Everyone comes holding on to the Root (Mahanam), for it is the Root that holds everyone. Who is there without the Root? All are bound up with the Root, Yogamaya also. It is manifested by His Power only. On knowing the Power of the Root, all differences such as saying the world is illusory or Brahma is true, do not remain. All is illusory and again all is true, I am saying in your language, otherwise, you will understand it all upside down. There is no birth, there is no death. Everything goes on changing form in the stream of Eternity. Time and Eternity

become One at one stage. Is He void or is He full? Both are the same seeing from this side, and that side, and again neither. Have you understood?

It is beyond expression, beyond description. With ego, you describe Him in so many ways as full, as void. On becoming One with that Supreme Joy, does there remain any awareness of all this difference of fullness or void? Aware or unaware, He is beyond all these. Trees have no awareness, the same is the case with animals. Humans understand, but to what extent? The endless, limitless, unfragmented Being is beyond intelligence, isn't it?



Dadaji in Bombay 1985

34 We're Acting in His Divine Play

This whole life is His Vraja Leela (Divine Play). We have come to enjoy His Play, remember Him with Love, and remain in Swabhava (a natural state, attuned with God).

It is not a journey, it is a Play of the Almighty. A Play, too, is a part and parcel of His Manifestation. He is a Poet, we are His Composition. This is exactly the relation between the Creator and His Creation.

We have come here to taste His superabundant Rasa. Vrindavan Leela can never be manifest anywhere else except in this world. It is a stage, where we are to enact our respective roles for a stipulated period of time.

He is present in both the region of Leela and the one beyond that.

This time of the body is temporary. We are actors and we are paid according to our performance. For the relish of His Divine Play, He has appeared as many in the mirror of the mind. All activities here are of this world, scientific study not excepted. Far from being shunned, they are to be fully participated in and enjoyed. The Divine Play is intrinsically bipolar, having positive and negative, ups and downs, good and bad, etc. Oscillations between them provide the basis for all the creative possibilities of this Play. When the Play is over, the two poles coalesce into mere Existence, all existents having disappeared.

You have come here to have a taste of His Vraja Leela which this world displays. Vraja Leela is symbolized by copulation, moving to and fro between the opposite poles like a pendulum, the characteristic of duality and mental function. When you are at rest, as symbolized by orgasm which is beyond Vraja, beyond Krishna, this finally leads you to Satyanarayan or Bhuma (Infinite), which is a state of undifferentiated Existence.

Play your part well in the Vraja Leela (His Divine Play), shaking off desires and obsessions. Be always in a state of Swabhava (natural state of Oneness with Him) free from all sense of want.

Our duty is to watch His Leela as passive witnesses.

A person can do effort, but no authority is given to dictate to life.

Mukti, what is there in Mukti (liberation)? The essential thing about life is to see it and enjoy it as Leela. You understand that, don't you?



Dadaji gave Mahanam before this portrait and manifested Charanjali at right in Portland, Oregon