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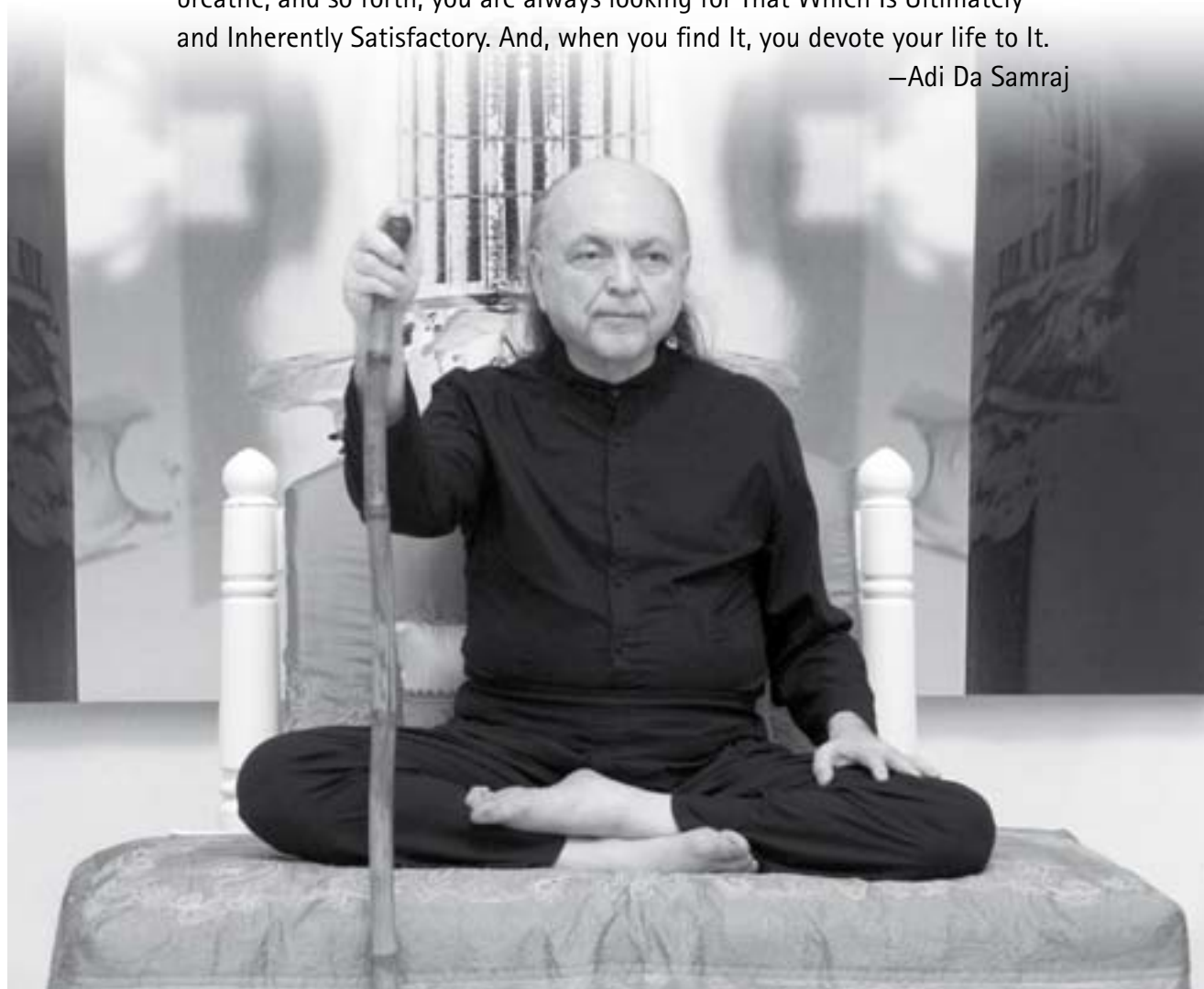
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The Ancient Walk-About Way

If you become disenchanted with the patterning world, you look for something Greater. If you are truly disenchanted, you cannot be consoled by believer's nonsense. Rather, the "What" you would have is Something that you cannot yet name. It must be Something that is Inherently and Absolutely Satisfactory, Something That is Greater than all other possibilities. Even though you have things to do in daily life, and you continue to live and breathe, and so forth, you are always looking for That Which Is Ultimately and Inherently Satisfactory. And, when you find It, you devote your life to It.

—Adi Da Samraj



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WELCOME TO OPEN EYES

Through these pages we introduce you to the Revelation and Wisdom-Teaching of the Divinely Realised Being, Avatar Adi Da Samraj.

The Great Tradition of the "Walk-About Way"

Introduction

Since ancient times, human beings have desired Revelation of What is Greater than their daily experience of pain and pleasure, Greater than their "survival mode" disposition toward all that comes between birth and death. Some human ideas of a Great Reality are recorded in the histories and artifacts of civilization; some of them are perhaps lost forever, buried either by the earth itself, or by the twists of time and cultural habit. But again and again the core impulse of the human being has come to the fore, the search for a form in which to relate to the Great Mystery of existence.

From time to time, that longing has found expression in the direct human relationship with one who has actually — to whatever degree — Realized the Truth of existence, rather than just wondered about it. Where such exceptional beings have appeared, they have been noticed and praised, supplicated for wisdom, worshipped and cherished for the help they could offer in the process of seeking the Ultimate Truth.

The One Who Speaks to you in these pages makes unnecessary any further human seeking of any kind. These extracts are a celebration of Perfect Divine Revelation, founded in a unique and Absolute Knowledge of Reality Itself. The Appearance of Adi Da Samraj is the Direct Intervention of Truth in the world of appearances. Through His Divine and Avatic Incarnation, Adi Da Samraj Offers both the Unqualified Knowledge of Existence and the greatest Helping Means for such Knowledge to manifest.

The Great Tradition of the "Walk-About Way"

Adi Da's Offering stands in continuity with the root-essence of even the most ancient forms of human religion. That Way is the spontaneous, non-verbal response to the mere sight of an illumined being. Such responsive transformation is not bound

by pre-conceived doctrine or formalized practice. This secret heart of true religion has existed since before the annals of human time, because it is intrinsic to the human being — not dependent on writing, institutions, or any of the hallmarks of "history" and "civilization".

Thus, the Wisdom-Way that Avatar Adi Da has Given is, in its fundamental practice, part of a Great Tradition — which began, with the earliest human beings, walking the Earth over fifty thousand years ago. According to genetic evidence, it was such wanderings that eventually produced all apparent variation of the human species.*¹ This is the sense in which Adi Da uses the term "Walk-About" : the unity of humanity in intelligent association with its environment, not disconnected by the abstractions of mind, and thus free to directly respond to the Revelation of Truth wherever it is Given. As Adi Da Samraj once described to a gathering of His devotees:

ADI DA SAMRAJ: Though there are many historical traditions of religion and Spirituality, in Truth, there is one Great Tradition. In fact, that Great Tradition is even older than the history that humankind has recorded. There is a prehistorical back-ground to all the historical traditions —which I call a "Walk-About tradition" —that existed before there were concentrated bodies of civil society where human beings became highly organized in large numbers. Even anciently, people were being religious. In fact, ancient peoples were being everything that human beings, generally speaking, are now. Even the ancient, prehistoric peoples are part of the Great Tradition.

The Great Tradition of humankind is a universal tradition, because it is based on the One Reality — not only the Great, Indivisible Non-Conditional Reality, but also the unity of conditional existence and the commonality and unity of human beings themselves.

ADI DA SAMRAJ: In general, what the world wants — and, therefore, what religious institutions tend to provide — is social association and optimistic talk, perhaps in combination with self-applied techniques that people can use as means for consoling themselves. Therefore, in the "modern" world, instead of cultures of right practice, there are "religion businesses" and "workshops". The "modern" world is a fragmented world-full of individuals who regard their own separateness and independence as "absolute", who demonstrate no profundity, and who are not moved by profundity. In this "modern" world, human beings are becoming progressively more and more pre-occupied with "self, and with all of the "whatevers" that can be pursued within the framework of egoity and worldliness.

True human culture is the esoteric

(and, necessarily, ego-transcending) culture of Reality-Realization — and the process of Reality-Realization requires devotion to a genuine Spiritual Master. However, people in general are not interested in becoming devoted to a Spiritual Master. People in general are not interested in finding a Realizer — nor are they interested in the fact that the Realizer Is the "Who" and "What" to be Realized.

In the "modern" world, people are obsessively interested in what is "out there" — what they do with one another in the common world. If that is your disposition, you remain involved in mere exchanges of words — socializing with one another, and relating to the other aspects of the common world with which you are associated. In that case, you either refuse all involvement with religion, or else you merely make token (and, inevitably, self-involved) gestures

in the direction of religion. Such is the institutionalized exotericism of what is conventionally called "religion".

The exclusive preoccupation with what is "out there" is a disposition that is now manifested everywhere on Earth — with dreadful results. Listen to the global "daily news" of terrible violence and threats. Look at the absolute emptiness of "consumer egoity". It is madness.

Who has seen the madness of this world?

Who is disenchanted enough with that madness to want to find a Spiritual Master?

For whom is this world so much of a dead-end that it cannot be accepted on its own terms, or for its own sake?

Where is someone for whom there must be a greater Reality — someone who will be utterly devoted to finding It?

Where are such people?

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Who Has Seen The Madness?



The Law of Vibration

Avatar Adi Da once described the "physics" of the Spiritual Master-devotee relationship as a "law of vibration". When one object vibrating at a particular frequency is brought into proximity with another such object, the second object can begin to vibrate "in tune" with the first. The Spiritual Master appears in human form, but not in the ordinary human state. The Spiritual Master is one who is—to one or another great degree—beyond limitation, and thus literally "vibrates" a State of Realization. The devotee comes into the Company of the Spiritual Master, and what is communicated is not an exchange with a separate, "other" human being, but rather the Spiritual Master's Realization itself. By spending time with the Spiritual Master, the devotee who does not "hold on" to self (and thus stop the process of "sympathetic vibration") becomes more and more resonant with the Spiritual Master's State. The human Spiritual Master is thus a profound help to human beings, because the Spiritual Master appears in human form to communicate that which is otherwise beyond human experience.

The spontaneous recognition of the Spiritual Master as the Revealer of Truth is the basis on which the ancient Walk-About Way was embraced. And to truly live the relationship with the Spiritual Master to fullest advantage, human beings must embrace a mature and self-responsible habit of living.

About Adi Da Samraj

Avatar Adi Da Samraj is not merely a great human being who speaks profound Truth — He is the Divine Reality Itself, Appearing in a human body in order to Offer His Revelation of Truth directly to all humankind. His Confession is one of Absolute No-Separation from all and All. It is His Inherent and Native State.

It is Adi Da's Confession that:

There is no ultimate "difference" between you and the Divine.

There is only the Divine.

Everything that exists is a "modification" of the One Divine Reality.

However, even though it may be true that there is only the Divine, this is not in fact our common daily experience, if indeed we ever glimpse the possibility of such a condition. There is something we are doing that is preventing this Realisation. Adi Da describes this "something" as the self-contraction, the presumption that we are separate.

Avatar Adi Da is humanly present in the world in order to reveal the Divine Condition of Love-Bliss, of Non-Separation, and to make it possible for people to realise that that Condition is our True and Very Nature.

This revelation is given through the relationship to Avatar Adi Da, the Non-Separate Divine Person. By becoming more and more turned to the Person and State of Avatar Adi Da, we are purified and grown beyond the presumption of separateness and into the Condition that is not separate from Adi Da or from anything else.

Within the context of this relationship, Adi Da has also had to address every area of our lives (from right diet and use of money, to preparing for death) to reveal the limitations we impose that prevent this native enjoyment of Non-Separation from the Divine. He also constantly addresses our urge to "seek"— based on the problem of our presumed separation and He points out that that search is always removing us from present time Communion with the Divine Reality Condition.

In this issue of Open Eyes we have included recent material written by Adi Da on the ancient tradition of finding the Bearers of Truth and making use of their company. We invite you to consider for yourself what is communicated by Adi Da Samraj. He has always called for us not to "believe" in Him and what He says, but to enter into a depthful feeling-consideration of what He is saying and Who He Is and allow the Truth to resonate in our deepest being.



Turn To Me On Sight

ADI DA SAMRAJ: The disposition of the ancient Walk-About Way is simply to turn to the Realizer in the very moment of sighting the Realizer. Just so, My true devotees simply turn to Me on sight. They turn to Me with everything "inside" and everything "outside"—such that the entire body-mind is turned to Me, rather than turned on itself and wandering in its patterning. Such devotional turning to Me is a simple matter.

And those who do not immediately turn to Me on sight should be served in such a manner that they can come to that point in due course.

My Sitting before you, without speaking, is Sufficient.

That mere Sitting without speaking is My Essential Teaching.

There is nothing more fundamental than That. Simply Behold Me.

If you heart-recognize Me, you will turn to Me and surrender to Me. If you heart-recognize Me, you do not merely perform a genuflection as a mechanical ritual. You simply live in My service, perpetually attentive to Me. That is it.

If you heart-recognize Me, you will come to Me constantly. Likewise, you will also Commune with Me constantly — wherever you are, always turning to Me. Yes, you will follow My Instructions — but always based on this fundamental turning to Me, which is based on the mere sighting of Me.

Therefore, most basically, the only-by-Me Revealed and Given Way of Adidam is simply This:

Turn to Me on sight.

That Is "It".

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