

# The Adidam Advocate

*The Monthly Newsletter for Associates, Pre-Students,  
the Third Congregation and others interested in  
The Eleutherian Pan-Communion of Adidam*

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## ***The Revelation of Divine Truth***

In the depth of every human being, there is a profound need for answers to the fundamental questions of existence. Is there a God? What is beyond this life? Why is there suffering? What is Truth? What is Reality?

*The Adidam Advocate* is an opportunity to be introduced to the Wisdom-Revelation of Avatar Adi Da, whose Teachings truly and completely address all of these fundamental questions. How can Avatar Adi Da resolve these fundamental questions? Because He speaks, not from the point of view of the human dilemma, but directly from the unique Freedom of His Divine State. Adi Da's Birth in 1939 was an intentional embrace of the human situation, for the sake of Revealing the Way of Divine Liberation to all and Offering the Spiritual Blessing that carries beings to that true Freedom. He is thus the fulfillment of the ancient intuitions of the "Avatar"—the One Who Appears in human Form, as a direct manifestation of the Unmanifest Reality.

Through a 28-year process of Teaching-Work (beginning in 1972), Avatar Adi Da established the Way of Adidam—the Way of the devotional and Spiritual relationship to Him. In those years of Teaching, He spoke for many hours with groups of His devotees—always looking for them, as representatives of humanity, to ask all of their questions about God, Truth, Reality, and human life. In response, He Gave the ecstatic life of real Divine Communion with Him, and all the details of how that process unfolds. Thus, He created a new tradition, based on His direct Revelation (as Avatar) of the Divine Reality.

To read Avatar Adi Da's Writings and the stories of His devotees is a great Blessing—for His Teaching is itself an Agent of His Spiritual Awakening-Power. As you will discover, Avatar Adi Da Samraj does not offer you a set of beliefs, or even a set of Spiritual techniques. He simply Offers you His Revelation of Truth as a Free Gift. If you are moved to take up His Way, He invites you to enter into an extraordinarily deep and transformative devotional and Spiritual relationship to Him.

To find Avatar Adi Da Samraj is to find the Very Heart of Reality—tangibly felt in your own heart as the Deepest Truth of Existence.

This is the great mystery that you are invited to discover.

## ***Special Issue On the Empowered Sanctuaries of Adidam***

Dear Reader,

This issue of *The Adidam Advocate* celebrates the extraordinary Sanctuaries that Avatar Adi Da has Blessed for the sake of humankind now and in all future generations. They are Adidam Samrajashram, the Island of Naitauba (in Fiji), The Mountain Of Attention Sanctuary of Adidam and Tat Sundaram Hermitage (in northern California), and Da Love-Ananda Mahal, a small retreat sanctuary in the Hawaiian Islands.

Traditionally, Realizers have been provided with set-apart places where they were free to do their Spiritual Work in an appropriate and secluded circumstance. And these places became Spiritually Empowered through their Presence and Work.

In this traditional manner, devotees of Avatar Adi Da have provided places where He is completely set apart to do His Blessing Work for the sake of humanity as a whole, as well as His specific Spiritual Work with devotees who come on pilgrimage to receive the Initiatory Spiritual Blessing of being in His physical Company on retreat.

*My Work for the entire world is My Divine Blessing-Work, Which I do principally in seclusion. I live in perpetual retreat in a hermitage mode, and receive those of My devotees who are rightly prepared in that circumstance. Sometimes I roam in public circumstances, in order to have contact with people in general. But, fundamentally, I remain in hermitage retreat.*

—Avatar Adi Da Samraj

Avatar Adi Da moves among the various Hermitage Ashrams in His spontaneous Wandering-Work of world-Blessing.

Spiritually, He is "in residence" at each of Adidam's Hermitage Sanctuaries. This is because He has invested Himself Spiritually in each of these sacred places, and His Spiritual Power and Presence, which is especially focused at the various holy sites at each Sanctuary, is constantly active in all of them. In this issue, we offer you a number of stories from devotees about their experience of Avatar Adi Da's Blessing and Help through these holy sites. Our first story is taken from *The Promised God-Man Is Here* (1995 edition):

## ***The Miracle in the Garden***

*The first major holy site at the Mountain Of Attention, Earth-Fire Temple, was Empowered by Avatar Adi Da in 1974. The Empowerment took the form of a miraculous event witnessed by Ruchiradama Nadikanta, a longtime member of the Ruchira Sannyasin Order, the renunciate order of Adidam:*

RUCHIRADAMA NADIKANTA: On my first night at the Mountain Of Attention Sanctuary, I broke a plaster statue of the Virgin Mary belonging to Beloved Adi Da. I was horrified that I had done this and carried the broken statue to where He was sitting in the main room of His residence. He gently chided me and then repaired the statue Himself, gluing it back together and touching it up. Then He returned it to its original place. A day or two later, He said to me: “Come with Me down to the garden. I am going to bury the Virgin statue there.”

Everything had been going wrong with the garden. The plants were not growing very well, and it was overrun with goats and gophers. Even on the afternoon that Beloved Adi Da walked down with me to bury the statue, we had to chase all the chickens away!

Beloved Adi Da dug a hole in which He placed the statue that I had broken. He placed it in the ground standing upright and facing out to the garden. He laid His hands on the statue with great intention. Then He very gently covered it over with dirt. Then He patted the ground on top of the site and He told me to place a stone over the statue to mark the spot. He told me that, by placing this statue in the garden, He was placing His own attention there. This event, He said, would take care of the garden. It all seemed rather odd to me.

The next day, Beloved Adi Da and I and a few other devotees stayed in San Francisco for a few days. When we returned to the Sanctuary, I walked down to the garden and my jaw dropped open in amazement. The garden had suddenly become a teeming jungle! The tomato plants had grown a couple of feet and were displaying big green tomatoes. The squash had become huge-stalked plants leaping out all over the garden. There was an intense vibratory energy throughout the garden, and not a single animal in sight.

Walking back from the garden, I met Beloved Adi Da. In amazement, I told Him what was going on. He received this news without the slightest surprise and invited me to turn around and walk back down to the garden again. As we entered the garden, I once again felt the intense vibratory energy. For a while, He stood silently scanning the entire garden. Then He said, “You are the witness to My Miracle in the garden. Why do you think I put the statue of the Virgin Mary down here?”

I was astonished, and I did not know how to relate to what had happened in the garden, or even to His question to me. It was simply beyond my comprehension in the moment. Beloved Adi Da was constantly Working with my materialistic and non-miracle-oriented mind. He gave me the simple Instruction to tell the story of this miracle to other devotees. So I followed His Instruction. Gradually, as I began

to describe what had occurred, I connected emotionally with what had taken place. He had transformed the energy associated with the vital growing plants, the animals, and the entire energy-field in a miraculously short period of time. Tomato plants just don’t grow that big in three days—and gophers, mice, and chickens don’t just all of a sudden, out of the blue, decide to leave a vegetable patch. This was unusual!

Later, Beloved Adi Da said that the event was an expression of the same kind of influence that people associate with places like Findhorn, but He had made this demonstration as a Spiritual lesson for His devotees—not for the sake of the flourishing of the vital energies of Nature in themselves. Beloved Adi Da asked that a temple site be created over the spot where the statue of the Virgin Mary had been buried, and that sacramental worship be done there daily.

In the years since He created the site, Beloved Adi Da has occasionally walked down to Earth-Fire Temple with me. On one occasion, Beloved Adi Da Revealed a secret. He entered the temple and placed His staff on the burial spot of the statue and stood there silently. Then, as He turned to leave the temple enclosure, He said, “I buried Myself here.”

## ***Three Stories of Divine Blessing***

by Krysia Banachowski

*Krysia Banachowski is a longtime devotee of Avatar Adi Da’s who has spent many years living and serving at the various sanctuaries of Adidam, often in direct service to Avatar Adi Da. She introduced her stories by telling us that her great attachment to being in Avatar Adi Da’s physical Company and the emotional pain she experiences at being apparently separated from Him have provided much fuel for her practice over the years and have impressed upon her the importance of being able to find Avatar Adi Da through devotional turning to Him and heart-Communion with Him.*

KRYSIA: All of these stories took place in the mid-80s. The first occurred one night at Adidam Samrajashram when Adi Da had invited devotees to gather with Him. At about one in the morning, He commented that it was time for those of us who serve the twice-monthly ceremonies that occur at the moment of the new and full moons to go and do that service. These are ecstatic ceremonies, or pujas, that are done for the sake of the entire world. But I was so full of love for Avatar Adi Da, so intoxicated by His Divinely Attractive Company, that I was loathe to leave—and, in spite of myself, I burst into tears and said out loud that I didn’t want to leave His Company! His response to my outburst was simply to repeat that it was time for those of us whose service this was to leave now. And so we did.

When we arrived at the outdoor site where these pujas are done, several miles and a bumpy truck ride from where the gathering was taking place, I did my part of the preparation and then waited at a short distance at another holy site called “Baptized Each One” while the priests performed the ceremony. Baptized Each One is a very large and beautiful tree, just yards from the ocean, with many exposed roots. I had been present when Adi Da had Blessed and

Empowered this tree several years before and I had always felt it very strongly to be His Form. I sat between two of the large roots and contemplated Adi Da while the puja took place. At some point my hands, completely apart from my own volition, fell from my lap and began to massage the two roots on either side of me. The bark of the tree root became skin and muscle—and two knees. I carefully massaged around the kneecaps for a long time, knowing how delicate they are, and up the thigh and down the shin bone. I was lost in this “massaging” of Adi Da Samraj, so happy and so filled by His Blissful Presence. I could have sat there for hours. The others came and got me when it was time to go.

When we returned to part of the Island where Adi Da was in residence, I asked someone if the gathering was still going on, hoping, of course, to return to it. I was told, no, it had ended just after we left—except that a few devotees had been asked to remain to massage Avatar Adi Da. I had been “massaging the Tree”—one of Beloved’s Forms—at the same time. Adi Da was showing me that I was not separated or away from Him!

The next two stories took place at a holy site at the Mountain Of Attention called “Plain Talk Chapel”. This is an indoor meditation and puja Hall. I had entered the Chapel one day to do the ceremony that is done daily at all the holy sites in which there is a murti, or photographic representation, of Avatar Adi Da. The murti is washed and anointed, a shawl is placed on it, flowers are offered (to explain it briefly). It is a very moving and very beautiful ritual in which devotees bodily express our devotion and love for Adi Da. But on this occasion, I was filling in for the regular priest. And to my disappointment, I saw (by observing how the murti was anointed) that only the simplest of pujas was being done here—and I knew that the protocol required that I do whatever form of the puja was being done by the head priest of the site.

I was disappointed but I began, fully intending to do only this simple form of it. But almost as soon as I had started, I literally lost my mind in an ecstasy of devotion of contemplating Adi Da. I became lost in Him. Hardly realizing what I was doing, I performed the elaborate form of the puja that I had longed to perform. When I bowed at the end and then looked up at Adi Da’s face in the Murti, there was a wide smile on it.

On another occasion, when I had returned to the Mountain Of Attention, after having served Adi Da directly for a number of years and living at Adidam Samrajashram where He was residing, I was, as I tend to be in these circumstances, emotionally distraught assuming that I am separated or away from Adi Da. One day, I entered Plain Talk Chapel to offer a flower at the dais, intending as best I could to surrender my sorrow and instead animate my present time love and devotion to my Guru. As I bowed to give my gift, I was overwhelmed by tangibly feeling Avatar Adi Da’s literal, physical Presence there. There was not even the slightest difference in that moment between the feeling of being physically in His Company and the feeling of bowing before His Murti Form in Plain Talk Chapel. There was no difference. I was in His Company. I was so grateful for this “lesson” and Gift from Him.

I bow down in love to my Beloved Master, Adi Da Samraj. May all beings come to know His Love and Grace.

***Abiding Grace—  
Beyond Space, Time, and Death***  
by Rebecca Plunkett

*Rebecca Plunkett, who became Avatar Adi Da’s devotee in 1986, serves as a priest at the Mountain Of Attention Sanctuary. This is her story of a profound personal transformation given to her by Avatar Adi Da through the Agency of one of the holy sites He has Empowered at the Mountain Of Attention.*

REBECCA: A small building stands on the Mountain Of Attention Sanctuary—a single-room shrine just adjacent to another Temple site. It is a potent place of Avatar Adi Da Samraj’s Blessing, and a place where the Grace of my Beloved Guru changed my life.

Adi Da Pita Mata Mantapa is the name of this shrine. The Sanskrit name translates roughly into English as “the small shrine of Avatar Adi Da’s Father and Mother”. The temple, which was designed to accommodate the cremated remains of Avatar Adi Da’s father and mother, was built in the early 90s.

I live near the Mountain Of Attention Sanctuary and have served there as a priest daily for many years—and so I was very aware of the emerging temple. As the construction progressed, and I contemplated the whole tradition in which the Guru’s parent are honored within the ashram, I became painfully aware of all that wasn’t right in my relationship to my own deceased father. So, block by block, the building of the temple became a catalyst for a re-examination of my own relationship to God, father, and even all of life.

My father had left our family when I was young to find work elsewhere. Over the years, he came home less and less. I anticipated his occasional visits with both excitement and dread, because when he was at home, the hours were filled with abusive arguments between my parents and his alcoholic anger. I was overwhelmed with shame when we found out he had started another family in a neighboring state. By the time I was a teenager, I simply wished him dead. When he did die in 1975, I felt a certain sorrow, but I had no ability to release a fundamental sense of anger and shame.

Finally, the shrine was completed and the temple was ready to be offered to Avatar Adi Da and Spiritually Blessed by Him. He was residing at Adidam Samrajashram in Fiji at the time, and would not be physically present, but all of His devotees who lived nearby and all of His blood relations were invited to attend the ceremony.

I sat in the crowd of devotees chanting outside the temple, awaiting the procession that would bring Avatar Adi Da’s Murti to Pita Mata Mantapa. All the complicated and stressful emotion I had about my own father continued to whirl around in me. But at the sight of Avatar Adi Da’s Image, I suddenly felt my whole being washed with His Grace. Mysteriously, Avatar Adi Da Communicated to me—without words and across space and time—His own human Love for His father, Frank, and how that simple, human

loving for one's parent feels. A remarkable process of awakening to compassion, forgiveness, and love in relation to my father began in that moment. It was miraculous.

I knew now that I must visit my father's grave in Anniston, Alabama. I took a photograph of Avatar Adi Da with me and various sacred elements, such as water and ash, and performed a ceremony at his grave that was, though much simpler, similar to the ceremony that had been performed at the temple at the Mountain Of Attention.

As I invoked Avatar Adi Da with my feeling, breath, and through speaking His Name, the sublime feeling of Avatar Adi Da and His Grace was thick around me. He was just as tangible and just as Blessing as in that remarkable moment at Pita Mata Mantapa. Then, I distinctly and palpably felt my father's presence. Much was forgotten and forgiven in that moment, between me and my father. Now, the love that was denied before my father's death 15 years previously was fully and feelingly expressed between us. I came away feeling fully in relationship with my father—and inexpressibly grateful for Avatar Adi Da's Divine Intervention.

I bow down in heartfelt gratitude to my beloved Master, Adi Da Samraj, for all the gifts He has bestowed on me and for this special Blessing that purified so much suffering and granted me and my father so much freedom in human terms. Through this gift, Avatar Adi Da Samraj gave me the understanding that His Divine Blessing abides beyond all space and time and is uniquely available to all—even beyond death. May this knowledge of Avatar Adi Da's Blessing and Grace also be your joy to receive.

### ***What Others Have Said About Avatar Adi Da***

The life and teaching of Avatar Adi Da Samraj are of profound and decisive spiritual significance at this critical moment in history.

—**Bryan Deschamp**

**Senior Adviser at the United Nations  
High Commission for Refugees**

There exists nowhere in the world today, among Christians, Jews, Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, native tribalists, or any other groups, anyone who has so much to teach, or speaks with such authority, or is so important for understanding our situation. If we are willing to learn from him in every way, he is a Pole around which the world can get its bearings.

—**Henry Leroy Finch**

**Author, *Wittgenstein's The Early Philosophy* and  
*Wittgenstein's The Later Philosophy***

I regard Heart-Master Adi Da as one of the greatest teachers in the Western world today.

—**Irina Tweedie**

**Sufi teacher; author, *Chasm of Fire***

He is a great teacher with the dynamic ability to awaken in his listeners something of the divine Reality in which he is grounded, with which he is identified, and which in fact, he is.

—**Israel Regardie**

**Author, *The Golden Dawn***

It is obvious, from all sorts of subtle details, that he knows what IT's all about . . . a rare being.

—**Alan Watts**

**Author, *The Way of Zen, Man and Woman,*  
and *In My Own Way***

I regard the work of Adi Da and his devotees as one of the most penetrating spiritual and social experiments happening on the planet in our era.

—**Jeffrey Mishlove, Ph.D.**

**Host, PBS Series "Thinking Allowed";  
Author, *The Roots of Consciousness***

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**We Praise and Acknowledge the Following People Who  
Deepened Their Formal Relationship to Avatar Adi Da in  
July:**

***New Course Participants***

Rock Rochte, R.P.V., CA

***New Second Congregation Devotees***

Steve Killam, Joshua Tree, CA

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## What's New in the Bookstore

### **The Causal Position / Transcending the Cosmic Domain \$26.95**

The Structure of Existence compact discs are drawn from a series of unique occasions of Avatar Adi Da's Instruction in 1995. During July and August of that year, while in residence at Adidam Samrajashram (the Island of Naitauba, Fiji), Avatar Adi Da gave several discourses to devotees in the ashram over the telephone from His residence on the other side of the Island. Devotees listened to His voice (and spoke to Him) via a speaker phone, and His words were recorded from the speaker phone. In these discourses, He answered many questions about the Nature of Reality, and made profound Revelations of the Nature of His Divine Avataric Incarnation.

*Fascination with experiences and mechanisms of experience is produced by the same fault-self-contraction and the habit of identifying with the mechanisms of the body-mind and the potential experiences of the body-mind. You are feeling that the body-mind is self, suffering the illusion that the body-mind is self, feeling the cramp of the body-mind—its inherent limitations and mortality—and you are struggling, therefore, to be satisfied with various objects, gross and subtle. But when there is the understanding, the realization, that all that is not self, then there is the Stand Prior to the subtle and gross hierarchy and phenomena, and the sadhana can move into its Perfect phase, moving beyond the causal knot itself— or attention itself, or the feeling of relatedness itself, and the sense of separate consciousness itself.*

—Avatar Adi Da Samraj  
August 16, 1995

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### **SUPPORT FOR THE SPIRITUAL CENTER & BOOKSTORE**

As the Adidam gathering in Los Angeles area has begun to grow this past year, the Center on Melrose Avenue (now formally the "Adidam Spiritual Center and Bookstore" of Los Angeles) has continued to be renovated and developed as a prototypical space for anyone in the Southwest United States to access the Life, Teaching, and Person of the Ruchira Avatar, Adi Da Samraj, through the "reality consideration" that is Adidam.

At the beginning of this year, we established a formal design guild and created a scale model to guide the vision for this prototype. One of the key agreements with the guild is to keep the Center open while renovation is taking place. With this in mind, the development plan was accorded into project areas, prioritized and cost-estimated.

Some of the features for the new Adidam Spiritual Center and Bookstore are . . . an Altar/Temple Space, CD

listening station, a Flat-Screen TV, Modular Wall with History of Adi Da Samraj, and an Outside Courtyard Garden and seating for contemplation and study.

You are formally invited to help us renovate this important and unique space. Help us with your financial support. To date we have raised \$1300, and the total amount needed is \$12,000.

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