

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

Dear Reader,

During this holiday season, may you give and receive the gifts of Joy and Happiness and may the true Spirit of the holidays dwell in your heart throughout the New Year.

As those who have been receiving the *Adidam Advocate* for the last several years know, our December issues are "traditional" in that they always contain many of the same "classic" elements of Adi Da Revelation that His devotees especially enjoy at this time. We begin this issue with Avatar Adi Da's Universal World-Prayer, a prayer we hope you will use throughout the season and beyond, as this season is associated in Adidam with a prayer vigil for benign change in the world at large. December is also associated in Adidam with the "Divine Play" or "Leela" of Avatar Adi Da, and it is a time when devotees tell and otherwise enact the stories of Avatar Adi Da's Life. For that reason, we include two stories from Adi Da's childhood. First, we offer you a story He recounts in His autobiography, *The Knee Of Listening*, which we have titled "There Is Only Love-Bliss-Energy", followed by "The Tapioca Pudding story", a story that Adi Da has often told to gatherings of His devotees. These are followed by a Talk by Avatar Adi Da about the discovery of the Light and Happiness He Offers, which is free of dependence on the state of the world.

The Universal World-Prayer

(A Prayer To The Heart Of Reality, Proposed By The Divine
World-Teacher, Ruchira Avatar Adi Da
Love-Ananda Samraj, For Non-Sectarian
Use By All Of Mankind)

Beloved, Inmost Heart of every heart,
do not Let our human hearts be broken
by our merely mortal suffering here—
but Make our mortal human hearts break-Free
to an unconditional love of You,
that we may, Thus, love all living beings
with Love's own True, and Truly
broken, Heart.

There Is Only Love-Bliss-Energy

A Story of Avatar Adi Da's Early Life
from *The Knee Of Listening*

One of my most significant early memories is the Event that clearly marks the beginning of my transition from the gratuitous Spiritual "Brightness" of my earliest childhood to my life of seeking—which transition was, as you will see, motivated by my intentional identification with all mortal beings, and by my intentional identification with all the problems of mankind, and by my suffering of all that followed from my consequent ever-decreasing presumption of the "Bright" Itself. In this crucial early Event, I was walking to the movies with my mother and father. As was frequently the case with them, they were having an argument. My mother plays the "tar-baby", which (if you remember Uncle Remus) was set down on a log by Br'er Bear and Br'er Fox in order to trap Br'er Rabbit. She is quiet and passive, and my father very quick, loud, and threatening violence—until he gets stuck and fades away, pretending he will never be heard from again.

That scene was one of their lifelong characteristic games, and so it really makes no difference what aroused it in this case, as I am sure I did not know at the time. I remember there was a full moon—shining, but orange and shadowy. I have no specific recollection of what movie we were on our way to see. I must have been about six or seven years old.

What appeared to me then was a kind of archetype of all conflict. There was the act of separation, and that act was destroying the Spiritual Energy of Love-Bliss. I very clearly and directly experienced the effects of this conflict and separation. I could feel the embrace rays of Love-Bliss-Energy that surrounded us and moved in a delicate network of points in and through our bodies. I could feel those rays of Love-Bliss-Energy being cut by the negative emotional acts of my parents. As a result of their loveless actions, dark vacuums were being spotted out around us and between us. And I was about to make one of my most significant early attempts to Communicate that there is only Love-Bliss-Energy, and to Prove it was so by an actual Spiritual Transmission of that Love-Bliss-Energy Itself.

I remember silently expanding the "Bright" Love-Bliss-Energy from my heart, while, at the same time, trying to distract my parents by pointing out the moon, and by asking them questions about God and life, so they would be calmed, and enabled to feel the Love-Bliss-Energy of the "Bright" I was Transmitting to them.

Their ordinary humor did return a little. My father seemed quieted, and my mother was answering my questions. Nonetheless, I felt their basic refusal, and their basic insensitivity to the "Bright". We went to the movie, and all the while we watched I felt a pressure in my solar plexus and my heart, where the Love-Bliss-Energy was refused and pushed back. But at least the argument was gone, for the night.

The conflict between my parents was a constant field of experience for me as a boy. By no means did they argue all the time, but those events were a persistent and arbitrary danger, and they formed an early ground of disturbance and of understanding in me. And, in the crucial Event I just described, my parents' profound insensitivity to the "Bright"—and, indeed, their fundamental refusal of It (even though It was Freely Transmitted to them)—gave rise to (or, at least, most

profoundly confirmed) a deeply felt concern and urgency in me that became the means for me to fulfill the guiding Purpose of my life.

From the beginning, in the early Spiritual "Brightness" of my life, I directly perceived the guiding Purpose of my life: to restore True Humor (or the all-transcending quality of Happiness, that can persist, or, otherwise, constantly come forward, in the living being under all conditions, whether the conditions appear to be positive or negative). Throughout my life, I have been moved to Communicate (or to Reveal, to Transmit, and to Awaken) the fundamental Source and Substance and Condition of True Humor to others.

The Tapioca Pudding Story

AVATAR ADI DA SAMRAJ: My mother used to make tapioca pudding. It was a fairly frequent dessert in our house. We used to eat at a small table in the kitchen, being a rather poor family. I must have been about seven or eight years old on this particular evening.

For some reason or other I really liked the tapioca pudding. Even though it was "Mighty Fine" or "Jello" or something (a packaged pudding that My mother didn't make from scratch), I really liked it.

So I had it, and I said "I'd like another, Mom."

But she just had to be Mom, so she said, "No, no, no, no, of course not."

"Why 'of course not'? Why not another?"

But [in a sing-song voice] "No, no, no, no, no, no, no, no, no, no!"

The refrigerator was full of tapioca pudding, of course—but I had My one bowl, and that was going to be all there was to it.

So I'm over there at the sink, I'm washing the dishes, I'm being completely congenial, I'm serving!! I'm happy, I'm talking pudding! I'm praising Mom for her pudding (even though she didn't make it from scratch). I'm talking pudding.

"Mom, give me another bowl of pudding, I really love that pudding."

She held off and she got Me to wash all the dishes. The dishes are done. I thought there was no tapioca pudding in My life anymore. Then she slips thinly over to the refrigerator and passes me a bowl of tapioca pudding.

I was happy! I had been required to wait so long and had been frustrated for so long—it must have been at least an hour there! I was so happy.

I got the bowl of pudding, I was jumping up and down, leaping up and down. I leapt out of the kitchen and ran down the small hallway about 15 feet long, ran down the hallway leaping, jumping, singing, dancing—happy!

But there was a telephone table at the end of the hall there, a little four-legged table with a space underneath the top where you slip in the telephone directory. And it had one of those crummy old telephones (like there used to be in those old days) on top of it. But I was oblivious. I was happy. I had My pudding—I was happy!

I ran down this short space of hallway and slammed directly into the telephone table. I mean it was a direct hit! Every funny bone, every crucial nerve end, affected immediately.

I went into a swoon of unconsciousness, My hands leapt up, the bowl of tapioca pudding hit the ceiling, smashed into a thousand pieces, the pudding everywhere—in My face, all over My body.

I am lying flat on the floor nearly unconscious, and My mother comes in hearing My sounds of extraordinary collision. We laughed ourselves totally sick, into another level of unconsciousness. My mother was on the floor, I was on the floor, everybody was on the floor, exhausting ourselves with laughter!

It was not a miraculous incident—not miraculous at all—but happy, entirely happy. That was one of the occasions that My mother remembers. I remember it, too—the sheer happiness of it. [November 14, 1993]

Next is a Talk that we always offer our readers in December, “The Happiness That Transcends the World”. In 1993, Avatar Adi Da Gave a remarkable Discourse about the December Holy Month in Adidam that is now known as the “Holy Month of the All-Revealing Leela of the Divine Person”. This month celebrates the Divine Play, or Leela, of Avatar Adi Da’s Life and Work. It is also a time of simple celebration within the cooperative culture of Adidam. The Talk, “The Happiness That Transcends the World”, appears in its entirety below. Eleven years later, this extraordinarily prescient Talk is even more relevant than it was even then. And its Eternal Message is likewise all the more important for humankind.

The Happiness That Transcends the World

A Talk by the Ruchira Avatar,
Adi Da Samraj
December 23, 1993

AVATAR ADI DA SAMRAJ: Terrible weapons. Worldwide diseases. Ecological disaster. Political conflict. Competition the rule of the day. Deforestation, holes in the ozone layer, global warming, AIDS, stupidity, Godlessness, materialism—this is not the Golden Age! The principal movement of all the nations and groups in the world is to dissociate from one another. The population is growing. The practical requirements are being intensified.

Happy downtown America is over! Its likeness in the world will not happen. It was always in the cards. You are going to die, anyway. There is no reason to be surprised about death. It will occur in darkness, as far as the world goes.

You have the special Opportunity of My Company. Even though the times are as they are, and will continue to be so, you still have the great Opportunity. Therefore, we can celebrate as if we are in paradise together. The Heart is Paradise, regardless of the signs of the times. If you pay attention to the daily news, then you know the nature of the times, and there is no great solution for it. If people were serious about the devastation of the Earth, they would be investing themselves in cooperation and not making bad results. You must know, if you listen to the news at all, that such choices are not being made. Do not expect utopia to be announced on the daily news.

You do not notice the signs of the times. You are not noticing the shroud that is coming on the Earth because of your collective stupidity and Godlessness. The whole world is tuning into separateness and devastation. The general history to come is dark, and you should take the possibility seriously. Others in the past have lived in dark times, too. Just because the dark epoch is occurring on a bigger scale this time and appearing on TV does not mean that others have not lived through and suffered through and died in dark times.

You still have this Opportunity in My Company. Therefore, make much of it. In a sense, that Opportunity is epitomized by the Happiness of this time of year. It is a Transcendental, a Divine, Happiness, a Heart-Happiness—to be made concrete in your relations with one another. And it is not just a periodic celebration. It is a disposition to be manifested all of your life. More and more, all My devotees must override the signs of the times and just respond to Me. Do not expect utopia to happen on Earth.

The times are dark. It will be so. Perhaps something better can be done—we will see. It requires that you also participate. In any case, the Way of Adidam is not about showing the signs of the times, or being reactive to them, or submitting to them in your person or in your worldly life. It is about responding to Me, living this holy life, transcending egoity, transcending the signs of the times.

I am the Light That you must find, the Opportunity That is Continuous, and it is up to you to make much of it in your personal life and in your collective life with one another. The times in which you will be doing this are dark, by universal agreement. You will have more and more to overcome in your disposition of devotion to Me. Do not expect the world to congratulate you for it, or to give you permission to do it.

This is a time for true rejoicing. So is every day, and all the time and years from now, for My devotees. We are not celebrating the conditions of the world. We are celebrating your Heart-Happiness in response to My Revelation to you. The world does not give you reasons to do this celebration in love—I do. Therefore, be grateful for it, and be serious about it, and do your part of right life. If you look to the world instead of to Me, you will have more and more reasons to be depressed and dark yourself, more and more reasons to be ego-possessed.

You all here, My devotees, must take Me seriously, must take God seriously, must take the holy life seriously, in spite of the signs of the times. Give Me your attention, and you are Happy. This is the secret in every moment, then. This is how you will ride out the darkening time.

True life is about having nobody to blame. Respond, work it out, do it right, with no condemnation. Convert your life. Take the past, the present, and the future into account. Take Me into account, respond to Me, be converted in your life, and do differently from now on. Instead of blaming yourself, blaming others, blaming the past, blaming this, that, and the other thing, respond to Me and make right choices. Live the right life. Give energy to right life. Devote yourself to right life, the fundamental principle of which is heart-surrender to the Divine Realizer, to the Very Divine. As an expression of that surrender, associate with other beings as “self” rather than “not-self”. Realize the boat you are in—in high seas and great storms and the potential for death—and do what is right. That is the

secret of the celebration in which most of the world indulges at this time of year and that we must keep all year long.

The life of ego-transcending practice in My Company is no ordeal at all. Don't you understand that the practice is to be joyous, loving Me, Remembering Me, forgetting all the rest? Yes, things must be dealt with, transcended, purified—fine—but meanwhile you are not identified with those things. When you are forgetting those things, absorbed in Me, the ordeal is just peripheral. Make a life out of Communion with Me! We did not get together tonight to be dark!

When Scrooge was converted, he discovered that the rest of the world stayed the way it was. He was you. You must also be converted. Stand at the center of the world, celebrating Me, celebrating your love for one another, made possible by your devotion to Me. Override the world. Do not be double-footed about fulfilling your obligation to Me—with one foot in the world and one foot in the Way of Adidam. Know for real what it takes, then. Not some oblivious notion about life—life is garbage, in general, as things are going. To celebrate this occasion with Me and with one another, you must be happier than the world. You must be at the center of the world, knowing the world as it is, and forget about it and live for love.

Do the life, and celebrate My Company all year long, and never submit to the world, never submit to separate self. Submit to Me, Commune with Me, and forget about the world. That is the life of Joy. And it is the Law that must be manifested in every moment of your life, for all the years you live. Understand, then, and do this, for real.

This month should epitomize all of our lives. Be like the converted Scrooge in this time, and right now. I just wanted to emphasize to you the reasons for Joy. Make your life out of Joy, and make this celebration out of it. And forget the world. And forget yourself. And love Me. Love one another. Be full of love. Be full of the Happiness That Transcends the world.

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

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David Whitehead, Los Angeles, CA

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Calendar of Events

The Adidam Bookstore & Center of Los Angeles
8572 Melrose Avenue
Phone 310-358-0555

"I Have Come For The Sake of All Beings" - Introductory Event

The great mystery of who Adi Da is and what he has come to give is not a claim to be believed but a joyous secret to be discovered at heart. Countless people have already experienced this overwhelming and wonderful surprise and have become devoted to Adi Da as their Beloved Spiritual Master and Divine Liberator. Once the depth of that secret is revealed nothing is ever the same again. Join us every Saturday from 5:00 – 6:30 pm for a weekly introduction to the extraordinary life and teaching of Avatar Adi Da.

Wednesday Educational Evenings

Join us every Wednesday from 7:30 – 9:00 pm to participate in our on-going study courses. This is our forecasted schedule:

- 5 Steps of the Heart of the Adidam Revelation
11/1 – 12/31

Cost: \$60/month. You can audit one class for free. Before joining you must attend a Saturday introductory event.

Prestudent Course

This class meets at our Center in LA and can also be taken by conference call for people that live at a distance. Call 310-358-0555 for more information.

December Celebration

Please join us on Saturday, December 18th at 7:00 PM for an evening celebrating the transformative Divine Play of Adi Da Samraj. Several devotees will recount how their relationship with Avatar Adi Da has drawn them to an entirely new view of Reality, Truth, and Real God. We will also have contemplative chanting and watch a recently recorded Darshan of Avatar Adi Da at Adidam Samrajshram, Fiji.

The event will take place at the Adidam Spiritual Center on Melrose Avenue, where we have recently installed what Avatar Adi Da has named "the Divine Spirit-Tree of Light" to initiate the sacred celebration of this holy month.

We look forward to spending the evening with you!

Event Details

Time: 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Date: Saturday, December 18th

Location: The Adidam Center and Bookstore of Los Angeles

Cost: Donations appreciated.

The Mummery Book Enactment

THE MUMMERY BOOK, written by Adi Da Samraj, is a work of astonishing poetry and deeply evocative archetypal drama. This story has many levels; it is the story of one man's life journey, his finding and losing of his beloved, and his ultimate resolution of the heart-breaking "problem" of mortality; it is allegorical in terms of love and opposites; and it is a potent and comprehensive exploration of the actual process of Enlightenment.

As it is known in theatre, a mummery is a "hypocritical, or pretentious ceremony or performance". Through THE MUMMERY BOOK, Adi Da illustrates that this is what a human life amounts to without a conscious relationship to the Divine or the Sacred. Yet it simultaneously works to 'undo' both the mummies and the mummery itself, revealing the fullness and integrity of what stands prior to the drama.

THE MUMMERY BOOK enactment is no conventional drama, but transformative theatre of a Sacred nature. It is a deeply moving, heart-opening, archetypal story that is exquisitely poetic, wildly erotic, piercingly satirical, devastatingly tragic and truly humorous.

This extraordinary and unique theatrical event will be taking place on the weekend of January 15th and 16th, 2005. We invite your participation in this epic and truly life-transforming experience. We will also be showing a professional video-taped version of this same enactment on January 22nd and 23rd in Los Angeles.

Please take a few moments to go our new website for more information, and to view video and hear audio clips from THE MUMMERY BOOK enactment.

www.mummerybook.org

If you are interested in attending the LIVE performance on January 15th and 16th, or finding out more about the event, please contact Tabitha Macbeth at 707 928 4853 or Sacred.Theatre.Guild@adidam.org.

Live Performance Details

Time and Dates;

PART I - Saturday, January 15, 2005 12:00-8:00 P.M.

PART II - Sunday, January 16, 2005 12:00-2:00 P.M.

Location: Mummery Tent in Lake County, CA

Cost: \$108

If you would like to attend the event in Los Angeles, please call Tim Peterson 310-358-0555 or la@adidam.org.

Los Angeles Event Details:

Time and Dates:

PART I - Saturday, January 22, 2005 10:00-6:00 P.M.

PART II - Sunday, January 23, 2005 11:00-1:00 P.M.

Location: Adidam Spiritual Center and Bookstore of Los Angeles, 8572 Melrose Ave or 106 N. Flores, Los Angeles depending on attendance.

Cost: \$85