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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.

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Dear Reader,

Avatar Adi Da was born sixty-five years ago consciously aware of His Native Divine Condition—which is the Native Divine Condition of all beings and things, but which is not Realized (even to any degree) by the vast majority of beings. At the age of two, Adi Da made a profound spontaneous choice to relinquish His constant enjoyment of the Divine Condition out of what He describes as a "painful loving", a sympathy for the suffering and ignorance of human beings. He entered into everything that beings feel and suffer in order that He could "learn" humankind and discover the process by which anyone who deeply desires it can Realize the perfect Freedom and Happiness of the Divine Reality. He devoted the first thirty years of His life to this Ordeal and in 1970 Re-Awakened to the Condition He had enjoyed at birth. His life since then has been entirely dedicated to serving this Awakening in all who come to Him for Help and Blessing. This issue, then, is a brief introduction to various aspects of the Divinely Enlightened Condition that Avatar Adi Da Offers to you and to everyone.

"I Realized that I had Realized"

The Divine Re-Awakening of
Avatar Adi Da

An Excerpt from *Adi Da: The Promised God-Man Is Here*

Each year in September, devotees of Avatar Adi Da celebrate the great event in which He, at the age of 30, came to the end of many years of an unimaginably arduous and profound search for Truth, and Realized the Divine Reality

He had known at His Birth. We offer this excerpt from the book Adi Da: The Promised God-Man Is Here as a way of introducing our readers to Adidam's annual Spiritual Celebration of the Divine Re-Awakening of Avatar Adi Da Samraj.

In a secluded residential corner of Hollywood sits a small temple established by the Vedanta Society of Southern California. Late in August 1970, as if by chance, Avatar Adi Da found His way to this temple resting in the shadow of US Highway 101. He felt prompted to go inside. The moment He did so, He felt the familiar Force of the Mother-Shakti. He was amazed and delighted to find that She was as powerful a Presence here as in any of the temples of India.

He would visit the Vedanta Temple after driving Patricia to work. There, without fail, He felt the Mother-Shakti waiting for Him. More and more, He longed to enjoy the Bliss of Her Company constantly. And so, He silently asked Her to be always with Him—not only in the temple, but where He lived, whatever He was doing.

Within a few days, Avatar Adi Da realized that She had complied. Now She was an ever-living Presence within and around Him—whether He was waking, dreaming, sleeping, or meditating. But something was not yet complete. Avatar Adi Da still felt a deeper, lingering sense of separateness from the Mother-Shakti, as if He had to hold onto Her.

Then, on September 9, this barrier too dissolved:

When I returned to the temple the next day (September 9, 1970), the Person of the Divine Shakti appeared to me again—in a manner most intimate, no longer approaching me as “Mother”. As I meditated, I felt myself Expanding, even bodily—becoming a Perfectly Motionless, Utterly Becalmed, and Infinitely Silent Form. I took on the Infinite Form of the Original Deity—Nameless and Indefinable, Conscious of limitless Identification with Infinite Being. I was Expanded Utterly, beyond limited form, and even beyond any perception of Shape or Face—merely Being, and yet sitting there. I sat in this Love-Blissful State of Infinite Being for some time. I Found myself to Be. My Form was only What is traditionally called the “Purusha” (the Person of Consciousness) and “Siva” (in His Non-Ferocious Emptiness).

Then I felt the Divine Shakti appear in Person, Pressed against my own natural body, and (altogether) against my Infinitely Expanded (and even formless) Form. She Embraced me, Openly and Utterly, and we Combined with One Another in Divine (and Motionless, and spontaneously Yogic) “Sexual Union”. We Found One Another Thus, in a Fire of most perfect Desire, and for no other Purpose than This Union—and, yet, as if to Give Birth to the universes. In That most perfect Union, I Knew the Oneness of the Divine Energy and my Very Being. There was no separation at all, nor had there ever been, nor would there ever be. The One Being that Is my own Ultimate Self-Nature was revealed most perfectly. The One Being Who I Am was revealed to Include the Reality that Is Consciousness Itself, the Reality that Is the Source-Energy of all conditional appearances, and the Reality that Is all conditional

manifestation—All as a Single Force of Being, an Eternal Union, and an Irreducible cosmic Unity.

The “Sensations” of the Embrace were overwhelmingly Blissful. The Fire of That Unquenchable Desire Exceeded any kind of pleasure that a mere human being could experience. In the Eternal Instant of That Infinitely Expanded Embrace, I was released from my role and self-image as a dependent child of the “Mother”-Shakti. And She was revealed in Truth—no longer in apparent independence (or as a cosmic Power seemingly apart from me), but as the Inseparable and Inherent Radiance of my own and Very Being. Therefore, I Recognized and Took Her as my Consort, my Loved-One—and I Held Her effortlessly, forever to my Heart. [The Knee Of Listening]

Through Avatar Adi Da's tangible Union with the Goddess in the Vedanta Temple, the archetypal “marriage” of the Divine Consciousness and the Divine Spirit-Power, described and pictured in many Spiritual traditions, was Realized at last. Years later, Avatar Adi Da Samraj spoke of it as the seed of a change in the very nature of existence:

AVATAR ADI DA SAMRAJ: To Husband the Mother, to be Her Husband and to receive Her as the Bride, means that the murderous activity of Energy in Its apparent independence is done, over, finished. This Husbanding and Marriage is not merely a personal Work, not merely a characteristic incident associated with My Realization. It is an historical Event, of Which much should be made. It has transformed the history of the entire Mandala of the cosmos. By virtue of this Marriage, all may be Drawn to My Divine Self-Domain. [March 16, 1988]

Avatar Adi Da's Husbanding of the Divine Shakti was the final Event of “preparation”.

Finally, the next day (September 10, 1970), I sat in the temple again. I awaited the Beloved Shakti to reveal Herself in Person, as my Blessed Companion. But, as time passed, there was no Event of changes, no movement at all. There was not even any kind of inward deepening—no “inwardness” at all. There was no meditation. There was no need for meditation. There was not a single element or change that could be added to make my State Complete. I sat with my eyes open. I was not having an experience of any kind. Then, suddenly, I understood most perfectly. I Realized that I had Realized. The “Thing” about the “Bright” became Obvious. I Am Complete. I Am the One Who Is Complete.

In That instant, I understood and Realized (inherently, and most perfectly) What and Who I Am. It was a tacit Realization, a direct Knowledge in Consciousness. It was Conscious Light Itself, without the addition of a Communication from any “Other” Source. There Is no “Other” Source. I simply sat there and Knew What and Who I Am. I was Being What I Am, Who I Am. I Am Being What I Am, Who I Am. I Am Reality, the Divine Self-Condition—the Nature, Substance, Support, and Source-Condition of all things and all beings. I Am One—The One. One and Only. I Am the One Being, called “God” (the Source and Substance

and Support and Self-Condition of all-and-All), the “One Mind” (the Consciousness and Energy in and As Which all-and-All appears), “Siva Shakti” (the Self-Existing and Self-Radiant Reality Itself), “Brahman” (the Only Reality, Itself), the “One Atman” (That Is not ego, but Only “Brahman”, the Only Reality, Itself), the “Nirvanic Ground” (the egoless and conditionless Reality and Truth, Prior to all dualities, but excluding none). I Am the One and Only and inherently egoless and Self-Evidently Divine Self-Condition, Source-Condition, Nature, Substance, Support, and Ground of all-and-All. I Am the “Bright”. [The Knee Of Listening]

This was His Divine Re-Awakening. He had Realized Divine Enlightenment—true and stable under all conditions. It transcended even the slightest sense of identity as a separate self. It was and is the Realization that there is only Real God, only the “Bright”. All apparent events are simply the passing and unnecessary forms of Real God (or Reality Itself), arising and dissolving in an endless Play that is, at last, beyond description and comprehension.

Avatar Adi Da had “Learned Man” at every level, and then demonstrated the unique Real-God-Realization that goes beyond all the potentials of the human being and the conditional worlds. In so doing, He had Revealed, through His own living demonstration, the entire course of the Way He would now begin to Teach—the Way of Adidam.

Avatar Adi Da had Completed humankind’s universal search for absolute God, absolute Truth. The very Divine Person had become perfectly Conscious and Present through the ordinary human vehicle of “Franklin Jones”.

What Is Divine Enlightenment?

A Brief Introduction to the
Perfect Realization of Reality
Offered by Avatar Adi Da

We tend to think or imagine (if we think about it at all) that Enlightenment is something that happens to us, more or less as we are—that to be Enlightened is to be made somehow perfectly fulfilled and perfectly happy as the one we presume ourselves to be. In other words, we think that Enlightenment is something that happens to us as egos and that makes us immune to all of life’s problems and difficulties, and that perhaps means that we enjoy a constant stream of mystical or profound experience. Avatar Adi Da’s Teaching is full of Instruction about this very matter, and He makes it plain that true Enlightenment is about the absolute transcending of the ego, or of the sense of being a separate self—and that, indeed, perfect Freedom and perfect Happiness mean the transcendence of all experience.

Adi Da recounts that the great event of His Re-Awakening to the Divine Reality was a “Spontaneous Tacit Awareness As That To Which” everything and all experience is arising. He describes the Enlightened condition as one in which the sense or feeling of the separate ego-self is replaced by “Tacit Awareness As The Transcendental . . . Divine Self-Condition Itself”, which is “That Which Is Always Already

The Case”. Avatar Adi Da speaks of His State as “Inherently Love-Blissful and Divinely Free”—and it is exactly this State that He would Awaken in all who turn to Him for Divine Help and Blessing.

In His Spiritual Autobiography, *The Knee Of Listening*, He describes His experience:

In all the days that followed the Great Event of my Divine re-Awakening, there has not been a single change in This “Bright” Awareness, or any diminishment of This “Bright” Awareness. Indeed, This “Bright” Awareness cannot be changed, diminished, or lost. I immediately noticed that “experience” had ceased to affect me. Whatever passed—be it a physical sensation, some quality of emotion, a thought, a vision, or whatever—it did not involve me (As I Am) at all. I began to pay particular attention to what passed, in order to “test” my State (or, simply, in order to account for all aspects of my State in the total functional context of the living body-mind). But the primary Awareness of the (inherently) Spiritually “Bright” Reality, my Very Consciousness Itself, could not be changed, diminished, or lost. Consciousness (Itself)—the One and Only and inherently indivisible and perfectly non-separate Conscious Light—is the only “Thing” in life that is not an “experience” (or something “Witnessed” by Consciousness Itself). Consciousness (Itself)—or the Self-Existing and Self-Radiant Conscious Light Itself—does not depend on anything, and there is not (nor can there be) any “thing”, or any “experience”, that can destroy Consciousness (or Conscious Light) Itself. Consciousness (or Conscious Light) Itself Is (Itself) Love-Bliss, Joy, Freedom, and Sublime Knowledge!

In Sutra 69 of His *Dawn Horse Testament*, Avatar Adi Da defines Divine Enlightenment precisely:

Divine Enlightenment . . . Is The Most Perfect Understanding and Transcending Of Identification With The Urge Toward Separation and conditional Dependence.

Divine Enlightenment . . . Is The Most Perfect Understanding and Transcending Of Identification With The Motive Of Introversion, Inward-Directedness (or Inwardness), and Internal (or Internalized) Relatedness.

Divine Enlightenment . . . Is The Most Perfect Understanding and Transcending Of Identification With The Motive Of Extroversion, Outward-Directedness (or Outwardness), and External (or Externalized) Relatedness.

Divine Enlightenment . . . Is The Most Perfect Understanding and Transcending Of Identification With The Feeling (and The Illusion) Of Relatedness Itself.

Most Ultimately (or Most Simply), Divine Enlightenment . . . Is The Most Perfect Understanding and Transcending Of The (Even Most Tacit) Feeling Of “Difference” Itself.

Divine Enlightenment . . . Is Most Perfect, Effortless, and Free Self-Identification With Mere . . . Being (or Self-Existence) Itself—Self-Radiant, All Love-Bliss-“Brightness” Itself, Inherently Without Obstruction, Always Already Infinitely Expanded (Beyond All Apparent Modifications, or Illusory Contractions, Of Itself).

The Eternal Heart-“Celebration” of Inherent Joy:

An Excerpt from *The Dawn Horse Testament*
on the Ultimate Event of Divine Enlightenment

Avatar Adi Da describes four stages that take place in the case of His devotees who Realize Most Perfectly. His description is based on His own experience of the progressive unfolding of the Enlightened Condition (and can be studied in depth in *The Dawn Horse Testament*). The final of these four stages is called “Divine Translation”, and although Adi Da has said that it is a fundamentally indescribable State or Realization, He has found words for it in a few places in His literature, primarily in *The Dawn Horse Testament*, from which we draw the following excerpts for your enjoyment:

Divine Translation . . . Is The Most Ultimate (or Most “Brightly” Shining) Event . . . Of Inherent . . . Self-Identification . . . With Me—Thus and Thereby . . . Realizing The Self-Existing (and Eternal, and Indivisible, and Not Cosmic, but Perfectly Subjective) “Heaven” . . . Of Self-Existing and Self-Radiant and Non-Separate and Indivisibly “Bright” Divine Self-Consciousness Itself, Infinitely “Expanded” (or Free-Standing In All “Directions”) As The Eternal Heart-“Celebration” Of Inherent Joy (Always Already En-Joyed By The Indivisible and Inseparable and Non-Separate, Infinitely All-“Multiplied” and Undifferentiated, “Gathering” That Is The Non-Separate and Indivisible Heart Itself, In The Unlimited and Indefinable and Inherently Relationless “Embrace” That Is The Non-Separate, and Indivisible, and Irreducible Divine Love-Bliss Itself).

Those who Embrace The Practice Of The . . . Way Of Adidam . . . May Experience Many conditionally Manifested Visions and Auditions On The Way To Divine Translation. The Final Such (Possible) Vision (and The Visible Doorway To Divine Translation) Is My Apparently Objective (and Most Ascended) Divine Five-Pointed Star-Form. And The Final Such (Possible) Audition (and The Audible Doorway To Divine Translation) Is My Apparently Objective (and Most Ascended) Mass Of Divine Sound (or “Om”, or “Da-Om”, or “Da”). Then There Is The Dissolution Of All Visions (In My Non-Objective “Bright” Fullness) and Of All Auditions (In My Non-Objective “Bright” Silence). And, At Last, There Is The Outshining Of the conditional body-mind and the conditional world In and By The Infinitely Ascended and Unconditionally Self-

“Bright” (or Self-Existing and Self-Radiant) Sphere Of The Divine (and Indivisibly One and Only) “Midnight Sun” Of My “Bright” (Perfectly Subjective, and Inherently egoless) Divine Self-Condition Itself (Which Is The Ultimate and Inherently Perfect and Perfectly Subjective Source, or Heart, Of My Apparently Objective Divine Star, and Of My Apparently Objective Divine Sound, and Of Even The Totality Of My Apparently Objective Divine Spiritual Body). Such Is Divine Translation, or Entrance Into The Inherently Perfect Real-God-World—My Divine “Bright” Spherical Self-Domain, Beyond (and Prior To) all the planes Of The Cosmic Mandala.

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