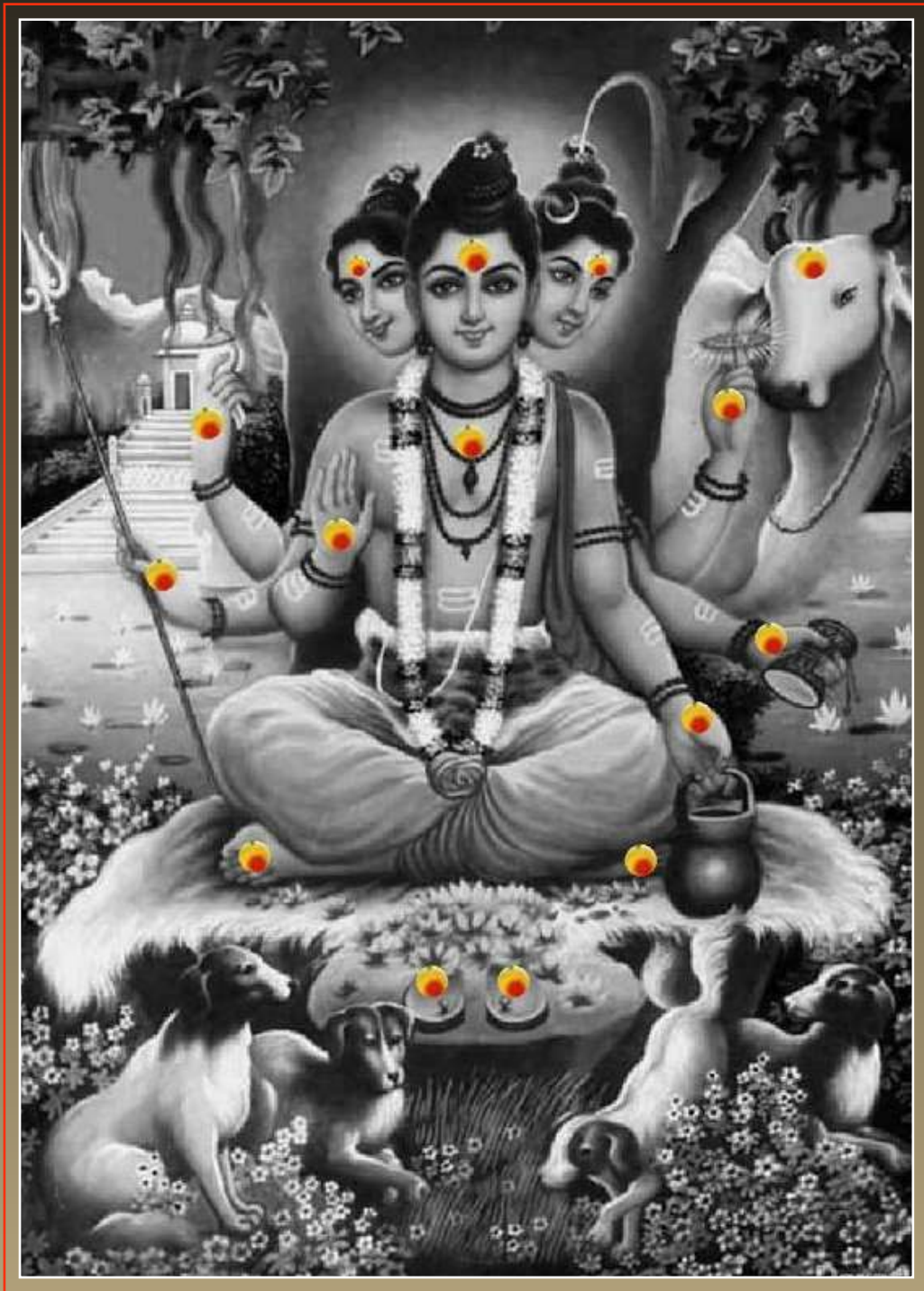


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WISHING YOU HAPPY DATTA JAYANTI



Appropriate time and appropriate understanding leads to Samadhi...



It is the time which is an essence of life. Life rides on the waves and tides of time. It just goes on and never reverses. Understanding is another dimension which is important when it comes to the idea of purpose of life.

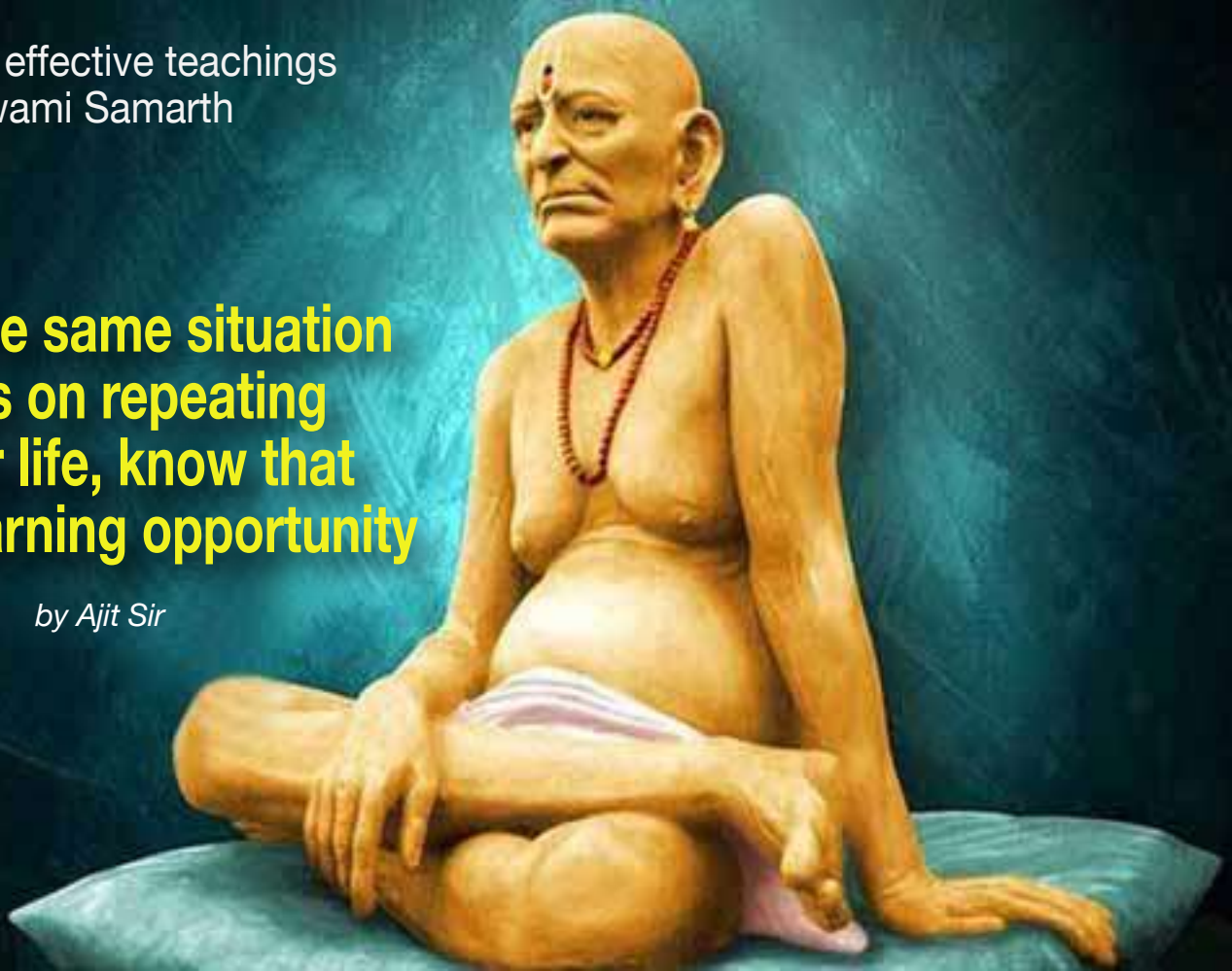
Lot of people from the yore have been seriously talking about the idea of liberation or moksha. Many even think that it is a destination to reach like a London or New Delhi. They think it is a place where we need to move towards. Unfortunately, that idea is itself false and hence the state unachievable. Liberation is to get free from your bondage called Ignorance about yourself. When the curtains of our sanskaras are drawn around our own selves, we just can't experience our own true nature. We forget that we are "that" complete entity called the Atman. Complete in every sense, infinite and vast, indivisible and eternal. The moment of your realization that you are "that" is the moment of one's realization. That understanding is liberation. That is moksha. That happens at appropriate moments in life. That time is important along with that understanding.

On the hand a wrong understanding and ignorance about one's self happening at the inappropriate time in one's life brings a lot of miseries and problems. When the chips are down and the understanding is wrong, that is a moment of disaster. One needs to wait patiently and keep on being on the spiritual path. One needs to keep on cleansing their past actions and their fall-outs till we become free from the bondages of ignorance. That is the name of the game.

Ajit Sir
November 15th, 2022

**When the same situation
keeps on repeating
in your life, know that
it is a learning opportunity**

by Ajit Sir



We are all here on this earth to learn. That is for sure. Every situation, every person that you come across in your life is for your learning. If we do not learn, we are missing opportunities and the situation will repeat again and again.

I have seen some people wondering all the time why they suffer consistently with the same kind of problems repeatedly coming their way. They keep on asking “why me?” If someone has to appear in the same standard in a school in the early years, year after year, why? Obviously because they have failed. They have not passed their examination and not passed to the next grade. Similar is the case, if a person has to read the same book time and again, if someone does not learn from the book.

The only purpose of life is to learn, purify and go back to your own self. We were all complete and pure when we came to this world. We became impure, we became ignorant about our own self. The only way you can get back to that wholeness of the self is by removing the ignorance and opening up to that divine self. But then one needs to learn on various levels. Every moment is a learning moment. The God is more interested in your realization than probably you are. He sends you signals and every situation in that signal. One has to take such situations as opportunities in both hands. Look into that closely and learn with an idea to improve instead of proving something to someone.

Unveiling the Ego...

by Vivek Pandye



A soul, assuming itself to be a body, embarks upon this journey of discovering its original self. The major expectation on the spiritual path is to not have an ego. It is regarded as the biggest hurdle on the path of spirituality. So much so that people end up appearing excessively grateful for just about everything around them or start to display underground behavior instead of being down to earth. Nonetheless, one needs to figure out what this whole phenomenon called ego is, that revolves around our lives.

In common parlance, any sort of behavior showing superiority or regarding one as higher than others is referred to as ego. Visibly anyone trying to poke more than necessary in life processes will be taken as ego. As long as one sees the other or the multitude of a crowd and assumes his self as separate, the identification of ego is easy. An individual is just gross at this stage and doesn't realize that life (along with its troubles) fundamentally is the same for all. Even when one realizes that one needs to respect the other, the other still exists. Even if one presents in the best of demeanors, the curious case of ego remains unresolved. The ultimate goal of Sadhana has to be the complete annihilation of the ego or the separate self.

So, how does one begin? Removing ego is like peeling the onion. One keeps on discovering it and removing it and in the end, you discover nothing but space. Empty space or nothingness. However, each and every layer needs to

be politely removed through spiritual practices. The first thing one needs to drop is the other. Stop observing people (if you need real transformation), stop taking notice of their shortcomings, and become a complete witness to only your thought process and emotions. Once an individual goes within, a great journey to discover the sole purpose of being a human begins. Without dropping you, you cannot discover the I.

The next step would be to pick up the things one identifies with. Fundamentally, it is the body with which one identifies the most. The body type, the clan you have come through, the name, the surname, and the list goes on. In spirituality, there is this path called Neti-Neti, which means a path of negating or subtracting to attain Shunyata. One goes on removing the false notions associated with the body, which the mind has gathered through this life. The mind which is attached to the body needs to be educated properly. Only the soul is eternal and permanent, the body is temporary and it can't be me. (Even if you haven't discovered your soul, this idea would place you correctly for evolution.)

Once an individual starts to deny his body as his sole existence, a whole lot of turbulence begins within them. One discovers a whole lot of churning emotions and thoughts emerging from within us. One need not identify with all of them and needs to execute only a few of them. The residual emotions that do not serve one purpose, need not be paid heed to. The

thoughts also if not a part of the resulting action, should not be fed with any attention. Just like you don't notice everyone in the crowd, so also you shouldn't pay attention to all the thoughts and emotions arising. Also, the focus of seekers should be to entertain only those thoughts that help them achieve their ultimate goal. Some thoughts for survival, some thoughts and emotions for the loved ones, and the rest of it should not be identified with. The gap between the two thoughts definitely should increase with every passing day. Actions arising out of pure awareness do not result in an ego. Remember, I did this, I did that is also a thought which has stayed in your memory. Things happen, and deeds are done. Nobody is an individual doer. One needs to remember this to the grave.

Once again, the moment you become more and more gentle within yourself a certain amount of awareness arises that allows you to touch your soul (knowingly/unknowingly) now and then. The less importance given to one's existence, the better an individual becomes. Allow people to make fun of you. Appreciate what is right and neglect if something goes wrong. Do all you can for the good of people, but first, realize they are not separate from you. The more inclusive you are the less chance of ego popping out. Unity of existence is the fundamental principle through which all values emanate. Finally, once an individual realizes the vibrational nature of life, the world dances to its tunes.



The Great Classroom

by Anand

I was reading about legacy of Tatas and how this group helped India's growth endlessly. Sudha and Narayan Murthy with many other leaders reinforced this claim by self-experiences, achievements and recalls. Now, I realized why Sucheta, my wife was fond of being a part of the Tata Group.

One day three senior leaders from Tata Group were travelling with Ratanji Tata to Nasik from Mumbai office in a car. One of the tyres got punctured on the way. Leaders got down and ran for smoke, snacks or toilet. When they all returned, they had a shock of life. Fixing of new tyre was almost done. Mr. Ratanji Tata came out rolling from

the bottom of the car with dirty hands, stained shirt and usual smiling face. People ran away immediately after the break-down because they thought it wasn't their job to worry about but Mr. Ratanji Tata decided to assist the driver by owning the responsibility. He cared for his driver as a team member and valued him more than super white shirt and crisp ironed suit. Other leaders could not look into his eyes after that. They all were ashamed tremendously. The example Ratanji Tata set that day created real human beings for our society. That's how the real leaders are born?

Our parents, siblings, teachers, and friends have great role in our upbringing and our conduct. We learn almost 75% from people around us until the age of seven and that lasts for lifetime. I was privileged to have great parents, siblings, teachers with high moral and my childhood crafted neatly by them. I became a great admirer of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj at early age. I read him so much and his qualities were imbibed in the subconscious mind. Today I've realized that if we try and follow his teaching there would be no or minimal issues would be left in our society. Every HR department should understand why nobody left his army to join hands with the enemy and they can control the exit route well. Why there was minimal corruption, crime rate in Swarajya? Only because he set examples for everything by own conduct and ethical high moral. He crafted good human beings and leaders.

I was also fortunate to have great leaders in my career and that helped me a lot. I remember, after joining Ogilvy Bangalore, Mr. R Shridhar, (to whom David Ogilvy himself had phrased as the genius) was heading it. I jumped to this opportunity immediately and I had a chance to work closely with him. I could see him reviewing ideas, mentoring us every day. He never ever appeared as a big shot president. He was an institute himself but still appeared as a simple person like one of us. He was an undisputable teacher. He used his cabin only when he was left alone at night or had any important visitor to attend and he would be with all the juniors for rest of the time. That's how I also learned to enjoy working with my team more than sitting alone in a lifeless cabin. He stood by the team in crisis and set examples in our mind. I never left my team suffering alone and always took all the pressure on me. Another was Mr. Mani Ayer, M.D. Ogilvy, he demonstrated ethics and values almost every day by his conduct. He returned

the company flat, car and every asset at the next minute of his retirement. He was an example of the highest ethics and principles. These teachers sharpened my viewpoint so well that I always felt my team is my family and it's my first priority to help them grow than caring for the self-comfort and own benefits.

These days all giant firms are spending crores on 'Expensive Training Programs' to make outstanding



employee base. But the borrowed ideas could create only very good skilled workforce, defiantly not high moral values and culture for the organizations. Why do we find almost every private or government organizations are full of dishonest, corrupt people who refuse to work without bribes or undertaking? When an employee discovers dishonesty, corruption, and leadership without moral, S/HE will become part of it sooner or later. But in contrary when the employee experiences high moral lessons, S/HE will surely turn into an asset for the company and finally for the society. Chatrapati Shivaji Maharaj was one of the best examples for that. He had created great standards for his army by showing different qualities at the most difficult time and became role model and that's how not even few instances of wrong doers or traitors are seen among his army. And that's why, **Great leaders are always great Teachers and our lives become great classrooms...**

Reiki Experiences



Jai Gurudev! I would like to share my experience. I am practicing Reiki regularly daily without any break after attending seminar on 2nd & 3rd July. I am feeling more confident and happier now days. My recent experience is... One

night in the sleep I slipped and hit my leg to the edge of the cot. I got bruised on ankle and it was painful. Immediately I gave Reiki to the injured part for some time. In the morning when I woke up surprisingly there was no pain. And I felt very happy. Thanks to Reiki.

- Mr K Ram Reddy



I am Yogesh Devkathey from Hyderabad. I would like to share my experience about reiki healing.

I got diagnosed with GULLAIN BARRE SYNDROME (GBS) in April 2022. I was admitted in hospital for 10 days. After getting discharged, my physio therapy sessions

started and i started getting my muscle strength back. Meanwhile while i was recovering, I was introduced to reiki by my friend Nisarg Mehta. While i was in hospital all reiki sadhaks started giving me distance reiki and Madhavi Tai had personally come to the hospital & gave me full body reiki. I appreciate the sweet & noble gesture of Madhavi Tai for coming and giving me full body reiki.

While i was recovering I was also looking for reiki seminar to learn reiki & luckily there was a reiki seminar in July first week. I enrolled in it and attended the reiki seminar. The two days of reiki seminar were the most useful and memorable two days of my life. I learned reiki, proper form of meditation and many more good things which are useful in life.

The reiki seminar was conducted by Aruna ma'am; she has a very deep knowledge of spirituality & reiki. Her powerful and meaningful words really gave a hope in my life & I am thankful to Aruna Ma'am

After learning reiki. I started 21 days full body reiki & after that there has been fast growth in my recovery. I started walking like normal and I am able to do all my activities. It's like a miracle in my recovery process.

Reiki is like amrit in my healing. Apart from reiki i started doing agnihotra which brings positivity & peace in our life. I would recommend reiki to everyone & enjoy the process of healing and peace. Thanks.

-Yogesh Devkathey



I am Mrs. Jyothi Rao residing in bowenpally, Hyderabad. I received guidance for Reiki from Aruna ma'am at Secunderabad for 1st degree. My experience after Reiki training is a helping hand to cure myself and dear ones in family. Few

months back I had a cramp in my lower back, I took reiki for myself and all my reiki friends sent distance reiki, now i am taking up all my work without any pain.

I want to thank my friend Mrs. Nirmala Praveen. Also Ms Madhavi ji, Mrs. Aruna ma'am and also Mr. Ramalingam sir.

Jai Gurudev.

Mrs Jyothi Rao

Options in Life

a Blessing from Guruji

By Aruna M.

When we want to break through
our past beliefs and patterns
Option is there for all of us
Practice daily Yoga Nidra

When we want to be calm
To be loved and hugged
Option is there for all of us
Practice daily full body reiki

When we want to prevent
blockages in our Aura body
Option is there for all of us
Practice daily five principles

When we want to be centered
Peaceful in daily life
Option is there for all of us
Practice golden ball meditation

When we want all of this
Every moment in our life
Option is there for all of us
Practice all of them every day

When we want to be joyful
Blissful every moment of life
Option is there for all of us
Connect to Swami every moment



Do not Regret

by Anand

You can't wake someone
Who is not sleeping...

You can't tell the truth to
One who isn't listening...

You can't inspire someone
Who isn't with you...

You can't keep patching
The ragged relationships...

You just can't be with anyone
Without Karmic relation...

Do not regret anything in life
It's for teaching you something...



NO NEED TO REINVENT THE WHEEL - just put air in the tires

By Barry Rathner, Clinical Psychologist

We humans have been trying to invent a better mousetrap even before Mickey and Minnie Mouse came on the scene.

Not to cast aspersions on the Mouse Family, but our aversion to mouse poop has not diminished over time. And the quest for the perfect mousetrap--ideally nonviolent--goes on.

As the blueprint for happiness has been available to us all since forever through Vedic teachings, is it not better to emulate it rather than question, belittle or ignore it?

“It’s a gift to be simple, it’s a gift to be free, ‘Tis the gift to come down where I ought to be; and when we find ourselves in the place just right, Twill be in the valley of Love and Delight.”
(From the song, “Simple Gifts,” by Joseph Brackett)

Counter-intuitively, we behave as if we get bonus paychecks based on the level of complexity we create and follow in our lives.

The Fivefold Path (lays things out in a simplistic way that may trick our minds into assuming it is not particularly revolutionary. Well, it is not revolutionary—no more than happiness not followed by unhappiness is.

It is simple, but not easy. After some time, it is simple to know how to behave. Easy to follow?--hardly. But then we were never promised a rose garden.

But we can behave properly—and take time to smell the roses.

And so it is. Moment to moment we progress or regress or digress or otherwise meander through the brambles of our minds.

So is the MIND. Do we give it its due?

Thinking, willing and feeling somehow seems inadequate of a description.

While looking at the FP Mind Training Program, it is notable that much of the language seems to be geared or intended for alcoholics/addicts.

In the likely event that you would not label yourself an addict, two quite knowledgeable and influential teachers stated that ALL HUMANS ARE ADDICTS. So said Shree Vasant as well as the

intuitive healer Carolyn Myss!

From our own experiences, let us examine this. Have we any behaviours that may give short term pleasure, but that seem to work against our longer-term goals and aspirations? Junk food may taste good, but does it contribute or detract from our health?

Eating late at night may help us fall asleep, but don’t we feel better in the morning without the midnight meal/snack?

As an exercise in increasing our understanding of how we are often being controlled by our minds—instead of vice versa—take your favorite, less than healthy food, and decide not to eat it for 90 days.

If, by the 5th (or 1st) day, you observe yourself on the way to the refrigerator at 2 a.m. to see if the ice cream is still there, stop for a moment before you indulge, and note how your mind is pulling you towards chocolate mint chip oblivion.

I had a client once whom I asked what his favorite food was. He answered that he did not have one. After a bit of investigation, it was learned that he had to have bread with every meal. Its absence made the meal impossible to partake in. Impossible!

Now this may be a little different than the ice cream compulsion, but it certainly has the hallmarks of dependence or shall we say, addictive type behaviour?

One way of looking at this is that left unchecked and unfettered, we may compare our minds to powerful horses whose energy can be controlled and focused or alternatively left to run wild and often amok. Just as TRAINING is considered essential in many jobs and sports, so it is with our minds.

It has been said that we need to understand the nature of the mind and how we can gain control over it. The mind is like a tyrant, a dictator. It is oppressive. The mind, addicted to alcohol and or drugs has clearly become the master and we the servants.

Is Fivefold Path (FP) mystical? Well, when I began Agnihotra in 1976, I noticed that repeatedly my efforts to get to a restaurant late at night were thwarted—just barely. Faced with a closing time of 10 p.m., I kept getting to my destinations just a few minutes after closing time. This happened repeatedly and so often that I had to take a step back

and analyze what felt like an unseen force protecting me from my own frailties.

Cosmic? Hardly. But it is certainly as real as it gets. And I could continue with such examples--trivial and not so--that have occurred repeatedly over the ensuing 46 years.

If we may agree for now that we all have addictions—or at least behaviours that mimic them—let's see how to lessen their effects.

Each of the 5 aspects of Fivefold Path (FP) contributes forcefully. They may act a bit differently, but in sum total, benefits accrue.

Experience, however, is the best teacher. So one might wish to focus on one (or two) habits that disturb your life, and monitor the results as you increase adherence to Fivefold Path elements.

This is a path to be LIVED, not just studied. Use your habits, predictions, addictions as data.

Compute the data, the costs and benefits of specific behaviours. Believe what you experience.

If, after a substantial amount of time, you find yourself not sufficiently satisfied with certain ways of acting, examine your practice of each of the steps of the FP.

If, e.g., you find yourself worrying too much about financial matters, try increasing your practice of Daan—sharing material assets humbly.

If you find yourself seemingly at the mercy of your habits—try as you may to break them—try engaging in some form of self-discipline.



What you select need not be directly related to the habit you are concentrating on. Doing a food tapa can effectively help one reduce anger, e.g. Control (or training) of the mind is increased through tapa, self-discipline, and this control can assist in many areas.

If you find yourself in a bit of a rut, perhaps not being entirely satisfied with your recent 'accomplishments' or service, consciousness and adherence to KARMA, the 4th step of Fivefold Path, can be not only helpful, but can increase our understanding of the law of 'we reap as we sow.'

Then there is SWADHYAYA, self-study. It has been said the Swadhyaya is a 24-hour job. The opportunities for increased self-awareness, self-development and self-knowledge segue nicely with the self-control aspect of TAPA.

So it does not seem difficult or complicated, this endeavor of joy and responsibility. The wheel has been invented. Checking on, maintaining, and tweaking our physical, mental and spiritual selves are the air for our tires—which, after all, is where the rubber meets the road.

Insight

by an old man

I have one very old teakwood easy chair. My grandfather used it, then my father and now I'm using it. One day I noticed two nails were jutting out so I tried to hammer them but because they were old, they got bent and I realized that I need to repair it now from a carpenter or I would spoil the chair.

I showed it to the old carpenter, who was working for family for long time. He looked at it and smiled. He said something very meaningful about those curved nails... ***'Sab jindagi me yahi hota hai, sidhe ko bahot fataka lagata hai aur tedha chutata hai'***. It means ***'Life is like that... straight one gets hammered while the crooked gets away easily...'*** He said if you could make them straight again only then you could use or you will have to throw them in dustbin only... otherwise they will create pain for you for rest of your life... Finally, he threw them away and used new nails to make the chair perfect again.

Ashtavakra Geeta

(Chapter 14th)



Verse 1

जनक उवाच ॥

प्रकृत्या शून्यचित्तितो यः प्रमादाद् भावभावनः ।
नदिरतिं बोधति इव क्षीणसंस्मरणो हसिः ॥ १४-१ ॥

Meaning: “Though appearing asleep like other men, one whose interest in the world is exhausted, whose mind has been emptied, who thinks only by inadvertence, is in Reality awake.”

It may happen that an elevated soul may look like an ordinary person, a lazy person lying down and enjoying slumber. However, the reality will be so different. He is not sleeping in such a case but is in deep levels of consciousness. In shunya state, a zero state of consciousness one is in a state of completion. In this state a sadhaka is fully withdrawn from the mundane world as he is fulfilled. There is nothing that he has to get or craving to get from the world. He is beyond all desires which are truly an activation of one's ignorance about the one's own infinite nature.

From the outside he looks to be sleeping or relaxing but internally he is fully awake. One has to rise to the level of a sadhaks state of consciousness to understand that. One can't get a full idea about this state from the physical, material level of consciousness.

Verse 2

क्व धनान्क्व मतिराण्क्व मे वषियदस्यवः ।
क्व शास्त्रं क्व च वज्जिज्ञानं यदा मे गलति स्पृहा ॥ १४-२ ॥

Meaning: When desire has melted, how can there be wealth, or friends, or the seduction of senses? What use is scripture and knowledge?

The equilibrium of a balance is a nature of the universe acquired by everything that belongs to this universe. If there is even a small idea or feeling of incompleteness, the entity tries to be balanced by some means or the other. When you are falling down while walking, the first thing that you are to hold to anything that



comes to your hands. Desires are basically manifestation of incompleteness, where a person feels that I am incomplete and will be complete after doing a particular activity or achieving /gaining something from such activities. But the one who has realized his true nature of soul as a complete, fulfilled entity, why should one look out for activities or anything to that extent to complete and fulfill oneself? You can't become what you are as you already are that. When you have freed yourself from the clutches of ignorance, you are already a Self, a complete, fulfilled, infinite entity. Everything that we do generally in our life, is mainly desire based. Even the knowledge and wisdom may not be exceptions. So you do not have to do anything or any activities and one withdraws from the world.

Verse 3

वज्जिवाते साक्षपिरुषे परमात्मनश्चैश्वरे ।
नैराशये बन्धमोक्षे च न चिन्ता मुक्तये मम ॥ १४ -३॥

Meaning: *I have realized the Supreme Self, the Witness, the One. I am indifferent to bondage and freedom. I have no need for liberation.*

This is a wonderful verse from this divine book. Janaka says here that now I have

realized the supreme self. It makes no difference to the ideas of bondage and freedom which are interdependent. The one who does not bother about freedom does not even think of bondage. The one who is freed from all the bondages does not have any reference of liberation. Whom will he liberate from?

Verse 4:

अन्तर्विकल्पशून्यस्य बहिःस्वच्छन्दचारिणिः ।
भ्रान्तस्यैव दशास्तास्तास्तादृशा एव जानते ॥ १४ -४॥

Meaning: *The inner condition of one who is devoid of doubt yet moves among creatures of illusion can only be known by those like him.*

Here Janaka says that the one who has become quiet and serene from within is experiencing his complete nature. However, he plays the game of consciousness called life knowing fully well that it is only an illusion. He does not mind to be a part of illusion as long he is filled internally with total peace and reality. Those who are entangled in mundane routine activities think that he is one of them seeing him around, though those who have reached the echelons of fullness know that he belongs to them.

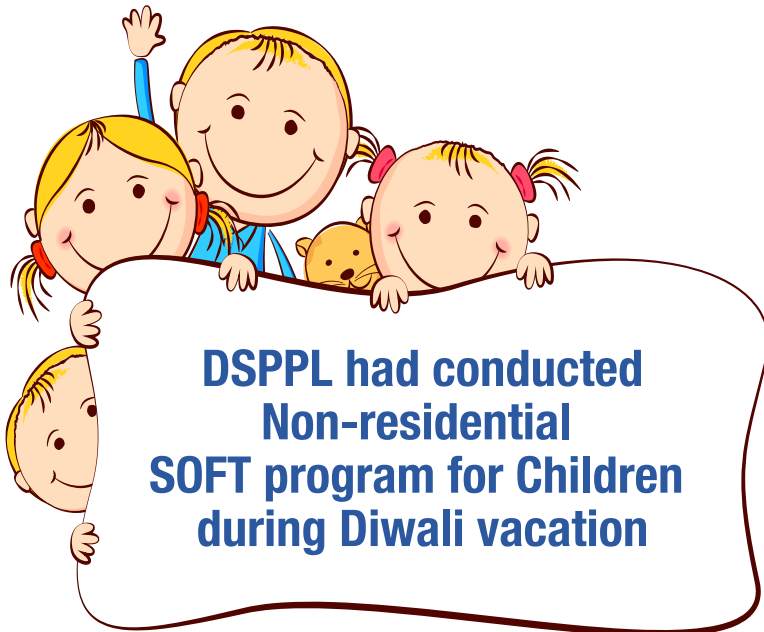




Devrukh sadhak artist honoured



Manikarnika Art Gallery from Jhansi, India in their international art exhibition have invited two paintings from Prof. Avadhoot Potphode from Devrukh during 15th to 25th November 2022. The pictures chosen by the institution are given below. These painting are known as Still life paintings. Both these creations are in oil colours. 60 such creations from International artists will be displayed during the above said event. This is a proud moment for Reiki sadhaks and Swami math in Devrukh as Avadhoot is a senior sadhak on Reiki path and also has been looking after the artistic expressions of the math in various events related to the ashram. Congratulations Avadhoot!



This time DSPPL had introduced a novel concept of 5day Non-residential SOFT program for Children during Diwali vacation so that the children can get the benefit of this program in their center. The program was conducted at 5 different locations covering around 90 children. Two programs were conducted at GSFC Multipurpose School and The New Horizon school in Vadodara respectively. One program was held in Ahmedabad, one in South Mumbai and one in Devrukh. All the children enjoyed the sessions and parents also appreciated the DSPPL curriculum and the manner in which the programs were conducted.

Ethan D'souza won under17 Maharashtra CISCE National Football tournament



Ethan D'Souza our 2nd degree sadhak from Than and participant of our DSPPL SOFT and STRONG programs had played for U17 Maharashtra CISCE national football tournament held at Kochi between 2nd and 4th November, 2022. The team won the tournament and was awarded a cup.



A novel concept of Online Reiki Seminar was introduced

For the first time in the history of Reiki Vidya Niketan a novel method – a combination of discussions online with attunements at seminar venue was introduced wherein seminar was conducted on 5th and 6th November by the RVN Reiki masters from India for the participants in Naperville, Illinois, USA. This was done basically to reinforce the Reiki movement of RVN USA in Chicago, U.S.A. The sessions were conducted by Guruji, Krupa Choksi, Vishal Shridhankar, Ashwini Telang and Rakesh Kumar and the attunement was done by Nadia Endreva at the venue. The master in India showed their great commitment to the mission by taking sessions from 7 pm till 4 am in the morning to conduct the seminar during day time in USA.

Guruji's lecture at Gujarat State Judicial Academy

Our Health, Happiness, and Harmony for Humanity mission got another boost when Gujarat State Judicial Academy in Ahmedabad invited Guruji to address a group of 90 district and session judges on 29th November 2022. The topic was Managing Stress by Managing Oneself. Guruji talked about inner empowerment to stay away from stress by knowing one's true nature. This is a huge achievement as not many get invited to this august assembly of judges. Reiki Vidya Niketan has also been advised to conduct Reiki seminars for Judges as well as for employees in prisons in Gujarat state in times to come. RVN Sadhak teams will also dedicate their services to rehabilitate and reformate jail inmates in the state.



सर्व विश्वाची दोरी
माझ्याच हाती आहे.
श्री महालक्ष्मी
हे माझेच रूप आहे.

(विश्वकी डोर मेरे ही हाथोंमे हैं ।
श्री महालक्ष्मी भी मेराही रूप हैं ॥)

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Reins of the World are in my hands, Mahalaxmi is my manifestation...

Here Swami seems to be in total control of his powers. He is not willing to pronounce that he is the one who runs the world. Exactly the same way, Lord Krishna pronounces in the divine song called Bhagvad Geeta.

Many a times we consider such pronouncements to be the manifestation of ego when a common man talks about that. However, coming from the mouth of Swami means it is the ultimate promise to those who still have that unflinching faith in divine powers. This is so typical of Swami throughout his life span

in the mortal body. He creates the situations, empowers his devotees and disciples to face these challenges and when none of these work, he takes over the entire control of devotee's life. But he always gives enough opportunities to his devotees to grow and be responsible.

There are enough experiences that he gave to people around during his stay at Akkalkot as well as after his Samadhi till now, how he can convert the impossible situations into manageable and possible realities. That was and is his greatness.