

24 June 1989 Old Vicarage visit from Ambikananda

A sunny afternoon. Ambikananda talks with SadaSiva, Nita, MahaLakshmi, Sri Lakshmi, Jai Narain. Swamiji said:

'You don't want to go to Medjugorje.¹ Medjugorje is here. Making journey can be very retarding. Spirituality has defeated science learning, they can't work it out. But science also is knowledge, *jnana*.

'Who are your brothers and sisters? I don't get on specially well with my brother, a drunkard, and my father is a different kind of person from me. These here in the ashram are my children, these are my brothers and sisters. Christ said similar thing.

'Love has got its own unique silent way of solving, of affecting, it's beyond thought. Love doesn't think, it just acts spontaneously. Love is a disobedient child of God. God has to yield to the child like a mother gives to her children. Ramakrishna says, when the child is crying so much, she eventually puts the rice pot down, says, "All right, here you are!" Who can explain love? So share with kith and kin, then others, then abroad. Love is a silent act, it is beyond your understanding, it forces. Love holds tight, it won't let go, love unifies, it is not a delusion. Love unites – "You and I are one."

'In physical love two become one, immediate, without any hindrance, all becomes clear. This lower physical love is a form of this other, higher aspect. When that is gone through there is a supersensuous love without being physical. Yes? Love matures. A fruit ripens in a natural sun, quite different, as GSR says, from fruit forced to ripen. The sun of love has ripened it. The message of Medjugorje is not different from what we are telling you here. Summer is here. Family is here.

'I was going too far into Christianity. God Himself stopped me: "That's enough. Remember you are also Hindu. Don't abandon Me completely! You have to report to Me. If you merge yourself now where will you become? I have come for you, I have built a place², I am staying there. Don't forget I am your Father, I am your Mother, I am your love. You have been very good and universal, you have made other people become Christian and all this, but they also have a share in My realm. Bring them, don't come on your own. Remember them, and remember Me."

'God is subtle, God is spirit. You can't see Him, but He exists. A word, a thought, is a seed. He shapes, reshapes. forms and reforms, and He figures and disfigures, both. It depends on oneself, on yourself. Few have gone beyond rite and ritual to "Be still and know that I AM." Know one, and all shall be added, it is said. That is not pride, it is matured belief and faith. Faith without practice is a sort of awareness, but is not full experience. [*Laughs*]. An experience is a description, one line after another. And hearing is – you can only remember, and I will repeat it if I can but I can't describe more than that, I am not enlightened as the word says in these subjects. They are very difficult, and also they are granted. If you have the right person, then tell, supply, or force. Ramakrishna says there are three kinds of doctors: one who says, "Take the medicine," the other one says. "You have not taken the medicine? But you are supposed..."; and the third one who puts his knee on the chest and forces the medicine in the throat.

'It's very important to have the right company. Company is your life. You need the right company or your life drops. In the wrong company the same man is dry, the flower dries without water. But there is also an eternal flower which is ever blossoming, this is called the eternal flower, and it grows from dry.

'There is also permission. If you want to go to Medjugorje and God says nay, Virgin and Christ will not get you there, they have no power, they depend on the Supreme God. They can intercede, lessen the pain, alleviate, but nothing happens without His – Everything is through Him. It's very vital,

¹ The conversation had been about the current apparitions of the Virgin Mary to child visionaries at Medjugorje, Yugoslavia (Croatia), and their examination by scientists.

² Ramakrishna Loka.

these manifestations, revelations, experiences – asking about it even - it's no easy matter, it's all like fogged, dense, eyes cannot see this – only the visionary can see what is happening...

'All this pilgrimage at Medjugorje is good for the world because of the way the world is going. But it is not for you and me; you have faith, you are believing, you have got someone already. You may tell people to go but it's not for you and I. It's for the world, the people that are going to kill you and your children, and your house and plantation, and air, and all creation, all this what is happening, not to destroy God's beauty. You are sitting here, basking in the sun, having your own flowers, and God loves you and has given us all these things – it's for us He has given all this, he has become a woman, half, so that you can enjoy the company of a woman.. And you can have a family also.

'We can at most take you to the water but we can't force you to drink it. And you [*to SadaSiva*] are connected with Medjugorje, maybe not known. With Jai Narain. Oh yes, with the Virgin and all this. A lot of places you are connected. So you see we are not monotonous. Variety of meeting, variety of music, variety of everything. Give every person his fill, he will relax and can pay attention a little bit, if there is interest.

'The gist of the whole world of your work is interest. You have to work because there is means, you have to pay, but you must have interest also. Interest is dharma, a person's interest, that's his dharma, his righteousness to work, whatever his trade is. He has to keep to that, keep on, and have some faith. But you can be a jack of all trades, no need to be monotonous in all that. You have ten fingers, you can play piano, guitar, violin, or a flute with the same ten fingers. If you like accordion, if you like guitar, if you like classic, if you like rock, it depends on temperament, isn't it? The hand is one, the variety is ten or more. The gamut is seven, do-ray-mi-fa-so-la, but the compositions are hundreds, thousands, millions from the same. Wake up, man! "*Wake up the note!*"³ And wake others. And the beauty of it is the truthfulness, the sharing of here, and the sharing of *there*. If you're good here you are good there, if you are good there you are good here. You must be the same.

'We have got very busy, and very withdrawn sometimes, one thing has taken to another. We have been thinking. I'm not going to the wedding,⁴ I have to go to the meeting, just a cup of tea perhaps, everyone will still be there, Raja Ram will be there maybe. I haven't had any kirtan for a long time so I told Raja Ram, I kept it for July. You can't withdraw completely, and it's the happiness also, and they wanted to have a meeting. We have got good souvenir there at Eithin.'

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³ Song by Vivekananda.

⁴ Devotees

Babaji and Hari Om were to be married the next month.