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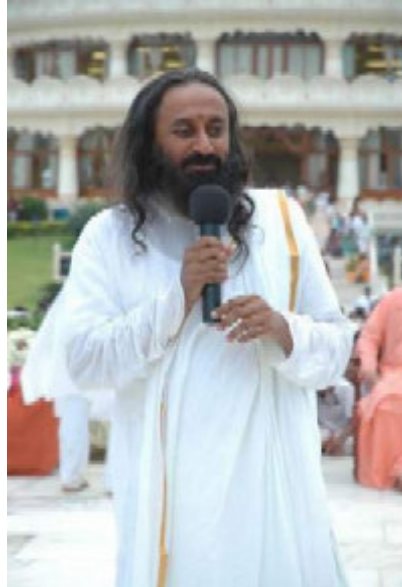
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Dear Readers,

Jaigurudev

Time takes wings and how reminiscences of the Silver Jubilee are still fresh in our minds. We are now well into the end of August and gratefully the air of festivity and liveliness has continued right through month after month keeping us joyful, blissful and smiling. In succession to this profound joyfulness we have this happy news for you that our dear **Poojya Gurudev** will be in Coimbatore for two days during the First week of **December, 2006** a wonderful opportunity to be with our Divine Master and feel HIS Grace.

We will regularly keep updating you on the programme schedule of Gurudev's visit. The one place where for sure you can get all detailed information is [www.aolcbe.org](http://www.aolcbe.org) so keep visiting the site as often as you can and don't forget to read your friendly E-mail Newsletter "**Lighthouse**".

**A very Happy News from Mongolia, Poojya Gurudev was conferred the Order of the Pole Star, top civilian and military honour of Mongolia, in recognition of the contribution his Art of Living Foundation has made to the nation. President of Mongolia Nambaryn Enkhbayar conferred the award to Sri Sri Ravi Shankar at a function held in the presidential palace in Ulan Bator on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2006. Receiving the award, Poojya Gurudev said: "It (the award) is a honour not to a person but to the ancient philosophy and spiritual tradition of India."**

A new District Coordination Committee has taken responsibility under the leadership of Sri.R.Uthamaraj, Tamilnadu Apex Body Member. We convey our best wishes to the new team comprising of

1. Sri. R.Soundararajan
2. Sri. Raja Velusamy
3. Sri. C.R.Vengatesh

The Coimbatore Webseva Team is pleased to extend its support and co-operation to the new team. **With our best wishes for a Happy Ganesh Chaturthi.**

For Coimbatore Web Seva Team.  
Mani Gopalakrishnan, Durga Prasad, Thilagarajan and Suryanarayanan.

## Check your A, B, C 's in Mahabharata

- A \_\_\_\_\_ Pandu's son, who pierced an arrow into the earth and created a water fountain to quench Bheeshma's thirst, when he was lying on a bed of arrows during the war.
- B \_\_\_\_\_ Though he was Lord Krishna's brother, he declined to take the side of Pandavas during the war.
- C \_\_\_\_\_ Arjuna's son, Abhimanyu knew how to get into, but not out of this war strategy.
- D \_\_\_\_\_ Draupadi's father made a vow to kill Dronacharya and performed a yagna to get a son who would kill Dronacharya.
- E \_\_\_\_\_ Considered an equal to Arjuna, he lost his thumb to Dronacharya.
- F Though not a Pandava, Karna was the \_\_\_\_\_ son of Kunti.
- G \_\_\_\_\_ Bhima's son and a mighty warrior, he was a great threat to the Kauravas and had to be killed by Karna.
- H \_\_\_\_\_ The whole Mahabharata war was fought for this kingdom.
- I \_\_\_\_\_ Arjuna's divine father, who is also the king of all devas.
- J \_\_\_\_\_ Abhimanyu's assassin, who was killed by Arjuna after making a vow to commit suicide if he could not kill by sunset.
- K \_\_\_\_\_ The whole Mahabharata war took place here
- L \_\_\_\_\_ The 18th day of war was the \_\_\_\_\_ day in the Mahabharata war
- M \_\_\_\_\_ Lord Krishna was born at this place, before he was taken to Gokulam
- N \_\_\_\_\_ Though not Kunti's son, he was one of the Pandavas
- O Kunti had obtained a promise from Karna, to use his Nagasthra only \_\_\_\_ on Arjuna, during the war
- P \_\_\_\_\_ This great sage cursed Karna, that he would forget all he had learned from him at the crucial time in the war
- Q \_\_\_\_\_ Before Kings Pandu or Drithrastra, the kingdom, for which the war was fought, was ruled by a \_\_\_\_\_
- R \_\_\_\_\_ Karna's original name, as named by his foster parents
- S \_\_\_\_\_ Bheeshma declined to fight against this warrior and dropped his weapons down, during the war
- T \_\_\_\_ This demon, who took the form of a whirl wind to kill Lord Krishna, was killed due to the weight of Lord Krishna
- U \_\_\_\_\_ This great emperor of the Yadhava dynasty was imprisoned by his own son, Kamsa, Lord Krishna's uncle
- V \_\_\_\_\_ He was the able Prime Minister for Drithrastra and was never interested in the war
- W Long before the war, Duryodhana tried to kill all Pandavas by burning their palace made of \_\_\_\_\_
- Y \_\_\_\_\_ Though she did not give birth to Lord Krishna, she was the mother of Lord Krishna
- Z \_\_\_\_\_ Number of children of the Pandavas, who were alive after the Mahabharata war.

**Check your Answers for A, B, C's in Mahabharata by sending an email to [aolcbe@gmail.com](mailto:aolcbe@gmail.com)**

**FROM THE DIVINE MASTER**

Q- The only enlightened ones I've ever met are masters who give their whole life to teaching and uplifting others? What about a householder whose life is full of busy wonderful activities- children, responsibilities and so on? What would an enlightened householder's life be like? Jai Gurudev.

A- It can be like yours. See everybody has different talents. You can't do it all. But you can make a bunch, a bouquet. Bouquet of all flowers together. Do you see? We have a false notion of perfection. We say perfection means, 'Oh I should be able to sing, I should be able to do this, I should be able to do that and I should be able to do all things myself.' Its not necessary; somebody can sing well, let them sing. If you can draw, you draw. Someone can play, let them play. But put everything together. You see yourself as part of everybody. Make a bouquet, remember this. Hmm. This is what in life its very precious and joyful. You don't find a single person in the world who can speak all the languages and has all the artistic talents and all the scientific knowledge and all the philosophical wisdom. Its not possible! But the basis of all that is very simple- that innocence, pure love. This does not depend on your qualifications. To be in love you don't need a qualification. You don't need special abilities and skills. And living that state of love is enlightenment. Feeling free deep within. Hmm. Everybody is gifted with different skills you know; somebody is a good organizer, somebody is a good singer, somebody writes very well. Don't try to copy down this issue. This happens, even in satsang somebody is leading, 'Oh I should lead after that person.' This person finishes and the other person starts leading. So I said not necessary, everybody together. Sing, be together. The feeling of oneness, togetherness, love- that is enlightenment. That's what begins in any family. You don't have to renounce family in order to know the self. Just expand your family. You love your children; love other's children also- your neighbor's children. Or your children's friends; they influence your children much more than you. If you take care only of your kids and don't take care of others' kids around, then tomorrow even your children will not listen to you. They listen to their friends much more than they do to you. So make them also your children. Feel responsible for people all around you. Hmm.

Q- (One word) were also connected. For me now its so difficult to understand the concept of war. Is it just ignorance that causes people to kill each other? What's going on in the Middle East is so frightening. I don't understand. Can you please explain? Thank You.

A- There has always been some war somewhere or the other; some or other place throughout the history. Hasn't it been? War and peace they alternate in the world; like the alternating current. You'll be amazed; see those countries which were completely devastated in the Second World War have grown so faster and so powerful and so strong. Today Germany, which was defeated is supplying food and all aids to Russia; country which was totally grounded. Same thing with Japan, it has advanced so much further. We think only peace helps human beings. Its not so. War also helps. War helps! It is not desirable but it is not against the laws of nature. Unless and until everyone blossoms into higher level of consciousness war will continue to be in this planet. There is no other way. A war is just a magnified tendency that is prevalent in an individual. See you are warring with people around you or with yourself constantly. Is it not? Is there not a war going on there? It takes a bigger magnitude. Like science has made life more comfortable it has made the war more intense also. In ancient days life was not all this comfortable. So also war was not that devastating. This tendency is very strong in people. This is why a practice, a sadhana is done so that the seed of violence is burnt down. When the seed of violence is burnt down then alone love dawns in you- unconditional. Otherwise even your love is violent. Isn't it? Hmm.

Put your attention more on peace and try to make people more aware. Even small things- see people sit and watch the boxing. You know it gives some relief to the fighting tendency inside them. In the television or in the stadium people are boxing, fighting, oh someone punches your nose like (two words) would happen to you. If a sensitive person watches something happens in them- punching and pushing and hitting each other. But that is the greatest entertainment. And today you see all successful entertainment are all filled with violence. As long as violence is not plucked out of the mind of people war is inevitable.

But when war is inevitable there is no use in saying, 'No I am peace, I keep quiet.' One has to be fully into it. Acknowledging that both are part of this existence. You know when there is an outside pressure you all get together. Suppose if some of you are fighting amongst each other; its very easy to make you come together you know. Bring the pressure from outside, a danger or a threat from other people. Then you will all just come together. Hmm. This is very clear in the world. You can see even in the beginning Christianity expanded because there was threat from outside. Because of the threat and the pressure, few people got so close, so dedicated, so strong. It could be any community, any country- the smallest possible. They may have nothing in common amongst each other but the moment the threat is there which is common to everyone they all get together. So in war also there is some co-operation, there is a harmony as it is in peace.

We can only wonder about this world. Something appears to be wonderful in the surface but in deep it is not so good. It has a seed of something that is not pleasant. Something is very unpleasant surface level; deep inside you'll see it is much beautiful. After Buddha India lost the courage of any war. There was a Mahabharata war; big huge world war. After that war people were so fed up, nobody wanted to hear about war. So Buddha came and peace was there. And they completely ignored all military and any protection for the country. So all peace was there, renunciation and peace Buddha taught. Buddha was a king, he was an Emperor. He became a renounce, he renounced everything. That spirit prevailed and that made the country of eight hundred million, seven hundred million people. One sentence. For long time, not one or two years. Because everyone was so peaceful. 'Ok what is it that you want to do. Go ahead, do it. You want to take the wealth, ok take it away. You want to rule, ok sit here is the chair. Do anything you want.' Left it! They became so boneless, the country lost all its strength, power, glory, everything. Started become poverished, poverished, impoverished. There is no comparison between war but its written about India in the past and what was afterwards? Peace in the name of friendliness, in the name of values. We saw the worst days, perished.

Keep the mind really hollow and empty. That's why Jesus also said, 'I have come to create fire...' whatever it is. Isn't it? 'I have not come to make peace, bring the sword.' When there is sword, peace is essential. When there is peace, sword is essential. All is essential. See some of you are feeling, 'Oh what Panditji is advocating war!' I can feel that. No no, just try to understand what I'm saying. Don't be averse to the happening with us. The infinite being is infinite love. And if it is allowing something to happen there is a purpose. So you do by your nature, you act by your nature, hmm. I'm not advocating war. Drop this. 'I want to be more loving.' This very want is a veil, which is obstructing you to be loving. You are loving right now, you are enough love. Hmm. And when you have gratitude, when you're feeling that gratitude; in that flood of gratitude everything else gets washed away. No problem, no fear. If you feel the fear, feel that sensation, what is it happening? Some sensation starts and see what is the sensation. As you see, that sensation becomes love. The same sensation observed becomes love. Hmm. Soak yourself into this knowledge. That will go through (few words).

## Kanyakumari Part II Course with Sri. Arunji.



Sri. Durga Prasad Dash - Art of Living Part I and Art Excel Teacher and Web Master of [www.aolcbe.org](http://www.aolcbe.org) has shared his lively experience alongwith him other participants have also shared their enriching experience these have been posted in our website with photos. A few lines from Sri. Dash's experience "The confluence of knowledge, music and meditation sessions continued through out the course with one session flowing softly into another. While we oscillated between 'Activity in rest' and 'Rest in activity', Sunyata and Poornata (in body and mind, stomach included) throughout the day, we had something special to drink after dinner. It was 'Celestial Nectar' in the form of Divya Satsangs led by Sri Ragasigamani Arunji himself. The confluence of Bhav, Raag and Nritya produced the 'Celestial Joy' that I had never experienced before."

### SRI ARUNJI HONOURED

The Vedic community of Srivilliputtur Andal Temple have honoured Sri.Arunji with the Title of "*Sri Raga Sigamani*" for his contribution towards Tamil Bhajans and Devotional Music. The title was conferred during the Thirudipuram festival held in the Temple premises on 25th July 2006



### COURSE ANNOUNCEMENTS.

#### DSN COURSE IN COIMBATORE.

Sep 14-17, 2006, Coimbatore Venue : Venkatalakshmi Kalyanamandapam, Trichy Road, Coimbatore Course starts at 05:30 PM on 14 Sept 2006.

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#### ADVANCE MEDITATION COURSE (Part 2 course in Tamil )

In the Divine presence of Poojya Gurudev.at Bangalore Ashram Date: 4th Oct (Wed) to 8th Oct (Sun) for Details contact : Sri. R.Soundararajan Ph: Off : 0422-2542766 / 4367407 Resi : 2694833 Telefax: 2550266 Mobile : 94433-63546 E-mail: [sreevenkateswara@rediffmail.com](mailto:sreevenkateswara@rediffmail.com) Sri.C.R. Vengatesh. Tel: 0422-2231010 e-mail: [crvengatesh@teknoturf.com](mailto:crvengatesh@teknoturf.com)

### TO CONCLUDE SOMETHING WONDERFUL

Mr.Hassan in Perth (Australia) has started a YES course, where there are 60 students from six religions attending the course. This was started as an initiative, to prevent the religious fighting amongst the internal communities. So far he has enrolled students from private Jewish, Catholic, Islamic etc schools in Perth. They will be taking on a community project after the course is over, and all the sixty students will work on the project, not just the members of that one community. With His Grace, if we can spread projects like this world over, perhaps it can add to the necessary prayers. ( Message from Rahul Mediratta [aolrahuljgd@yahoo.com.au](mailto:aolrahuljgd@yahoo.com.au) ).