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The Miracle in the Garden

The first major holy site at the Mountain Of Attention, Earth-Fire Temple, was Empowered by Avatar Adi Da in 1974. The Empowerment took the form of a miraculous event witnessed by Ruchiradama Nadikanta, a longtime member of the Ruchira Sannyasin Order, the renunciate order of Adidam:

RUCHIRADAMA NADIKANTA: On my first night at the Mountain Of Attention Sanctuary, I broke a plaster statue of the Virgin Mary belonging to Beloved Adi Da. I was horrified that I had done this and carried the broken statue to where He was sitting in the main room of His residence. He gently chided me and then repaired the statue Himself, gluing it back together and touching it up. Then He returned it to its original place. A day or two later, He said to me: "Come with Me down to the garden. I am going to bury the Virgin statue there."

Everything had been going wrong with the garden. The plants were not growing very well, and it was overrun with goats and gophers. Even on the afternoon that Beloved Adi Da walked down with me to bury the statue, we had to chase all the chickens away!

Beloved Adi Da dug a hole in which He placed the statue that I had broken. He placed

it in the ground standing upright and facing out to the garden. He laid His hands on the statue with great intention. Then He very gently covered it over with dirt. Then He patted the ground on top of the site and He told me to place a stone over the statue to mark the spot. He told me that, by placing this statue in the garden, He was placing His own attention there. This event, He said, would take care of the garden. It all seemed rather odd to me.

The next day, Beloved Adi Da and I and a few other devotees stayed in San Francisco for a few days. When we returned to the Sanctuary, I walked down to the garden and my jaw dropped open in amazement. The garden had suddenly become a teeming jungle! The tomato plants had grown a couple of feet and were displaying big green tomatoes. The squash had become huge-stalked plants leaping out all over the garden. There was an intense vibratory energy throughout the garden, and not a single animal in sight.

Walking back from the garden, I met Beloved Adi Da. In amazement, I told Him what was going on. He received this news without the slightest surprise and invited me to turn around and walk back down to the garden again. As we entered the garden, I once again felt the intense vibratory energy. For a while, He stood silently scanning the entire garden. Then He said, "You are the witness to My Miracle in the garden. Why do you think I put the statue of the Virgin Mary down here?"

I was astonished, and I did not know how to relate to what had happened in the garden, or even to His question to me. It was simply beyond my comprehension in the moment. Beloved Adi Da was constantly Working with my materialistic and non-miracle-oriented mind. He gave me the simple Instruction to tell the story of this

miracle to other devotees. So I followed His Instruction. Gradually, as I began to describe what had occurred, I connected emotionally with what had taken place. He had transformed the energy associated with the vital growing plants, the animals, and the entire energy-field in a miraculously short period of time. Tomato plants just don't grow that big in three days—and gophers, mice, and chickens don't just all of a sudden, out of the blue, decide to leave a vegetable patch. This was unusual!

Later, Beloved Adi Da said that the event was an expression of the same kind of influence that people associate with places like Findhorn, but He had made this demonstration as a Spiritual lesson for His devotees—not for the sake of the flourishing of the vital energies of Nature in themselves. Beloved Adi Da asked that a temple site be created over the spot where the statue of the Virgin Mary had been buried, and that sacramental worship be done there daily.

In the years since He created the site, Beloved Adi Da has occasionally walked down to Earth-Fire Temple with me. On one occasion, Beloved Adi Da Revealed a secret. He entered the temple and placed His staff on the burial spot of the statue and stood there silently. Then, as He turned to leave the temple enclosure, He said, “I buried Myself here.”

Two Stories of Divine Blessing by Krysia Banachowski

Krysia Banachowski is a longtime devotee of Avatar Adi Da's who has spent many years living and serving at the various sanctuaries of Adidam, often in direct service to Avatar Adi Da. She introduced her stories by telling us that her great attachment to being in Avatar Adi Da's physical Company and the emotional pain she experiences at being apparently separated from Him have provided much fuel for her practice over the years and have impressed upon her the importance of being able to find Avatar Adi Da through devotional turning to Him and heart-Communion with Him.

KRYZIA: These two stories took place in the mid-80s. The first occurred one night at Adidam Samrajashram when Adi Da had invited devotees to gather with Him. At about

one in the morning, He commented that it was time for those of us who serve the twice-monthly ceremonies that occur at the moment of the new and full moons to go and do that service. These are ecstatic ceremonies, or pujas, that are done for the sake of the entire world. But I was so full of love for Avatar Adi Da, so intoxicated by His Divinely Attractive Company, that I was loathe to leave—and, in spite of myself, I burst into tears and said out loud that I didn't want to leave His Company! His response to my outburst was simply to repeat that it was time for those of us whose service this was to leave now. And so we did.

When we arrived at the outdoor site where these pujas are done, several miles and a bumpy truck ride from where the gathering was taking place, I did my part of the preparation and then waited at a short distance at another holy site called “Baptized Each One” while the priests performed the ceremony. Baptized Each One is a very large and beautiful tree, just yards from the ocean, with many exposed roots. I had been present when Adi Da had Blessed and Empowered this tree several years before and I had always felt it very strongly to be His Form. I sat between two of the large roots and contemplated Adi Da while the puja took place. At some point my hands, completely apart from my own volition, fell from my lap and began to massage the two roots on either side of me. The bark of the tree root became skin and muscle—and two knees. I carefully massaged around the kneecaps for a long time, knowing how delicate they are, and up the thigh and down the shin bone. I was lost in this “massaging” of Adi Da Samraj, so happy and so filled by His Blissful Presence. I could have sat there for hours. The others came and got me when it was time to go.

When we returned to part of the Island where Adi Da was in residence, I asked someone if the gathering was still going on, hoping, of course, to return to it. I was told, no, it had ended just after we left—except that a few devotees had been asked to remain to massage Avatar Adi Da. I had been “massaging the Tree”—one of Beloved's Forms—at the same time. Adi Da was showing me that I was not separated or away from Him!

The next story took place at a holy site at the Mountain Of Attention called “Plain Talk Chapel”. This is an indoor meditation and

puja Hall. I had entered the Chapel one day to do the ceremony that is done daily at all the holy sites in which there is a murti, or photographic representation, of Avatar Adi Da. The murti is washed and anointed, a shawl is placed on it, flowers are offered (to explain it briefly). It is a very moving and very beautiful ritual in which devotees bodily express our devotion and love for Adi Da. But on this occasion, I was filling in for the regular priest. And to my disappointment, I saw (by observing how the murti was anointed) that only the simplest of pujas was being done here—and I knew that the protocol required that I do whatever form of the puja was being done by the head priest of the site.

I was disappointed but I began, fully intending to do only this simple form of it. But almost as soon as I had started, I literally lost my mind in an ecstasy of devotion of contemplating Adi Da. I became lost in Him. Hardly realizing what I was doing, I performed the elaborate form of the puja that I had longed to perform. When I bowed at the end and then looked up at Adi Da's face in the Murti, there was a wide smile on it.

On another occasion, when I had returned to the Mountain Of Attention, after having served Adi Da directly for a number of years and living at Adidam Samrajashram where He was residing, I was, as I tend to be in these circumstances, emotionally distraught assuming that I am separated or away from Adi Da. One day, I entered Plain Talk Chapel to offer a flower at the dais, intending as best I could to surrender my sorrow and instead animate my present time love and devotion to my Guru. As I bowed to give my gift, I was overwhelmed by tangibly feeling Avatar Adi Da's literal, physical Presence there. There was not even the slightest difference in that moment between the feeling of being physically in His Company and the feeling of bowing before His Murti Form in Plain Talk Chapel. There was no difference. I was in His Company. I was so grateful for this "lesson" and Gift from Him.

I bow down in love to my Beloved Master, Adi Da Samraj. May all beings come to know His Love and Grace.

October and November Events

Friday Evening, October 1 to Sunday Mid-Afternoon, October 3

Special Event: Retreat on Lopez Island! \$195 (includes food, lodging)

"I Offer You a Relationship, Not a Technique." *Adi Da Samraj*

Anne Henderson, a devotee of Adi Da's since the early 1970's, will be leading this weekend, where you will be immersed in The Sacred Domain of Adidam. Learn about the incomparable advantage of being in direct relationship with Adi Da and how He spiritually awakens His devotees.

Friday, October 1

7:30 PM

Adidam Bookstore

FREE Film Series – The Grace of Suffering, a powerful talk by Adi Da Samraj

Wednesday, October 6

7:00 – 8:45 PM

Redmond Public Library

15810 N.E. 85th Street

FREE Introductory Event – Adidam, The Way of the Heart

Sunday, October 10

4:00 – 5:30 PM

Seattle Metaphysical Library

1525b 14th Ave. (near Madison & Pine)

FREE Introductory Event – Sex, Laughter & God-Realization

Tuesday, October 12

7:00 – 8:45 PM

Bellevue Regional Library

1111 110th Avenue NE

FREE Introductory Event – Adidam, The Way of the Heart

Friday, October 15

7:30 PM

Adidam Bookstore

FREE Film Series – The documentary Anne Frank Remembered.

Saturday, October 16 and

Sunday, October 17

Body, Mind, Spirit Expo, Seattle Center

Visit us at our booth!

Tuesday, October 19

7:30 – 9:00 PM

Adidam Bookstore

FREE Introductory Event – Enlightenment of the Whole Body – The Divine Gift of Avatar Adi Da

Friday, October 22

7:30 – 9:00 PM

Adidam Bookstore

FREE Event – Hear Me Heart Deep
Devotees talk about their experiences in the direct company of Adi Da Samraj.

Thursday, October 28

7:00 – 9:00 PM Seminar \$25

Adidam Bookstore

The Conscious Process

“I do not exploit your seeking. I am always offending your search and your preference for unconsciousness. I show no interest in all of that. I Criticize it mightily. I am always Doing Something Prior to the mind. I always Act to Return you from the mind, from fascination.” *Adi Da Samraj*

This seminar will address the fundamentals of spiritual practice as a devotee of Adi Da Samraj, founded on the devotional relationship to Him and the understanding of our activities of self-contraction and search.

Friday, November 5

7:30 PM

Adidam Bookstore

FREE Film Series – The Fire Must Have Its Way, a powerful talk by Adi Da Samraj

Thursday, November 11

7:00 – 9:00 PM Seminar \$25

Adidam Bookstore

Luxuriate in the Life of Contemplation

“When My devotee practices the Way of Adidam on the basis of heart-recognition of Me, he or she is inherently in heart-Communion with Me....In that State of Ecstatic Inclusiveness with Me, the whole body-mind follows the heart, in devotional (ego-surrendering, ego-forgetting, and, always more and more, ego-transcending) response to Me” *Adi Da Samraj*

In this seminar we will examine what “ego transcending” devotional practice is in Adidam, and the two esoteric laws that (a) you become what you meditate on and (b) whatever is not used becomes obsolete.

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7:30 – 9:00 PM

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FREE Film Series – The Day After Trinity, a documentary about the creation of the atom bomb.

Saturday, November 21 and

Sunday, November 22

Healing Arts Fair, Bellevue

Visit us at our booth!

Ongoing Wednesday Night Class

7:30 - 9:00 PM \$150 for 6 weeks or \$25 per class + cost of text (\$16.95 plus tax)

Adidam Bookstore

Adi Da - The Promised God-Man Is Here

Join instructor Robert Hirsch for this in-depth examination of Adi Da's Life based on the authorized biography *The Promised God-Man Is Here*, by Carolyn Lee, Ph.D.

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