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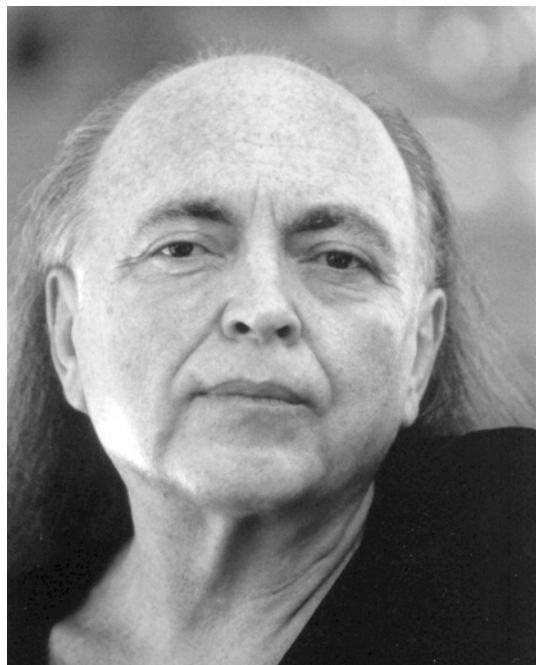
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**“You Will Always Come Back to Me”**  
A Story of Being Found by Avatar Adi Da  
by Jane Lind

*Jane Lind has been a devotee of Avatar Adi Da since 1973. She lives near the Mountain Of Attention Sanctuary in Northern California where she serves in the Adidam archives. This is Jane’s story of the miraculous means by which Avatar Adi Da drew her to Him.*

JANE: During the fall of 1972, I had some experiences I did not understand and that I felt were spiritual in some sense. These experiences motivated me to look for a teacher who could help me understand what had occurred. I met someone in a bookstore in Los Angeles who gave me a copy of Avatar Adi Da’s autobiography, *The Knee Of Listening*, and recommended that I go to see its author, then known as Franklin Jones, in Hollywood. The photograph of Avatar Adi Da on the cover seemed different to me than most photos of spiritual teachers I had seen and I could not imagine a spiritual teacher living in Hollywood! So I left the book unread on my desk for quite a while.

Finally one night many months later I had exhausted all the other books in my collection on spiritual matters and was not satisfied with my weekly lessons from a very reputable local spiritual organization. I picked up *The Knee Of Listening*.

About ten pages into the book I had the overwhelming feeling that Franklin Jones knew what he was talking about and that it was the Truth. I stayed up all night and into the next day reading the book from cover to cover. I felt like there was a magnet pulling me—at last I had found someone who understood life and its meaning. Shortly after that I went to the Ashram-bookstore Avatar Adi Da had opened on Melrose Avenue in Hollywood and was invited to the introductory Tuesday night slide show. Further attracted, I signed up for the course called “The Way of Understanding” being offered that summer for people interested in finding out more about Avatar Adi Da and His Wisdom-Teaching.

I was very drawn to Avatar Adi Da and the community of His devotees yet very hesitant to commit myself to a formal relationship with Him. Everyone in the Ashram was quite thin at that time. The entire community had recently

taken a ten-day fast (if not two). And there were recommendations about everything you did from what to eat to what kind of toothpaste you should use! After I completed the coursework my instructor encouraged me to become a formal devotee. I was in doubt day and night and could not make a decision. It was all a little too much for me given my very ordinary background and lifestyle.

Then one morning while I was still lying half-awake in bed I heard Avatar Adi Da's voice loud and clear. Although I had not yet seen Him, I had heard many tapes of His Discourses and His voice was completely familiar to me. My body spontaneously sat bolt upright as He said, "No matter where you go or what you do, you will always come back to Me." There was no question that it was true. My whole being fell spontaneously into a surrendered and grateful state and I felt connected to Avatar Adi Da in a way that I had not felt before. I was so grateful to be relieved of my doubt and to feel His unexplainable yet reassuring embrace and words. He knew my innermost thoughts and directly answered all my questions simultaneously.

This mysterious event gave me the resolve to go through the process of becoming a student and commit myself to Avatar Adi Da as a formal student. And now I wanted to make a gift for Avatar Adi Da, who was now known to His devotees as "Bubba", a childhood name meaning "brother" that His father had given Him. The gift would be for His birthday, which would be the occasion on which I would first come into His company.

I made a facsimile of a logo—one which is used to this day in Adidam—of an ancient horse called "eohippus", or the "dawn horse", that had appeared to Adi Da in a dream-vision and I set about to reproduce the logo using the craft of marquetry that my father was teaching me. (Marquetry is a craft in which pieces of wood are used to create a mosaic-like design.) It took many hours of cutting, sanding, and varnishing, and I finished it just before Avatar Adi Da's birthday celebration. I couldn't wait to take it to the Ashram and give it to one of His close devotees to present to Him.

Patricia Morley, who was in the office right outside Avatar Adi Da's office, listened to my request and immediately said, "You can go in and give it to Bubba". I was stunned. I had never expected to be seeing Avatar Adi Da before my first formal sitting with Him. Everything was very formal and I was new. Patricia saw my hesitation and escorted me to the door of Avatar Adi Da's office.

As soon as I walked through the doorway I encountered a huge but invisible wall of force. It is hard to explain, but my whole being felt as though it had just bounced off this wall of force. My knees became weak and the sight of Avatar Adi Da took my breath away. Everything was in slow motion. He motioned for me to come in. I do not remember what the room looked like or what was in it, but it was the most sacred space I had ever encountered. I presented the gift to my Guru. I didn't know anything about the formalities of approaching a Spiritual Master, such as bowing, but I was very humble and did not assert myself in the usual way you do when you first meet someone. This was simply not possible in His presence.

Avatar Adi Da was sitting in a chair and did not appear to have been doing anything when I came in. He seemed very sensitive and in a pristine state. He was so gentle and fragile and completely present to the moment. He looked over the gift, feeling the wood and tracing the lines with His finger and asked me how I knew about the dawn horse and how I knew about the color of the ear of the horse. To my astonishment, His words came from everywhere, not only from His mouth, and they pervaded my whole being from above and inside and around me. I was swooning, overcome with awe and wonder, and deeply heart-attracted to this beautiful and mysterious Being in front of me Whose Presence was now surrounding me. I tried to find the words to respond. Whatever words I managed to get out seemed to leave my mouth and hit this wall of force and bounce back at me. All of this probably took only a few moments but it could have

been forever as well. Avatar Adi Da made His characteristic Blessing-sound, “Tcha”, and I backed my way out of the room. I had no idea what had happened! His Person and Presence had overwhelmed and penetrated my whole being. His Presence stayed with me as a tangible force of love and happiness as I walked out of the Ashram and returned home. I had been turned inside out and transported out of my usual state. All I could feel was Him. I became His formal devotee on November 3, 1973.

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### **Only Love**

by Raewyn Bowmar

*Avatar Adi Da's devotees commonly have experiences of Him as Love Itself. Or they may find themselves awakened to profound love of Him that is utterly beyond any ordinary love or affection they have ever felt. The following story is told by Raewyn Bowmar, a New Zealander who recounts her first sighting of Avatar Adi Da.*

RAEWYN: In March 1984, Avatar Adi Da was coming to the Mountain Of Attention Sanctuary, in northern California, from Fiji (where Avatar Adi Da's principal Hermitage Ashram—Adidam Samrajashram—is located). A big celebration was planned. I came to California from New Zealand to see Him. I had never seen Him before.

At the time that Avatar Adi Da was expected to arrive, all the devotees present for the celebration were seated at an outdoor holy site on the Sanctuary called “Seventh Gate”. There were many devotees chanting while we waited for Him. We didn't know exactly when He would arrive.

At one point during the chanting, my body started to tremble. I didn't know why! But it didn't bother me at all. I was simply happy. About five minutes after I felt this trembling begin, a white car pulled up just behind the gathering of devotees. We all

turned around, and Avatar Adi Da got out of the car. I remember just seeing His round, shining head (He had a shaved head at the time), and He was dressed all in indigo. It was just dusk, so I could still see Him quite clearly.

I didn't have any specific expectations of feeling anything special when I first saw Him. But as Avatar Adi Da walked just a few yards towards the Seat that had been prepared for Him, I looked at Him and I tacitly felt: He was only Love, walking around in a human body. I don't know why I felt that—it was not as if I had ever consciously “thought” about Him in that way. But as He walked, He was just exuding Love. That is the only way I can describe what I felt.

When Avatar Adi Da sat down, everyone was beholding Him with their hands raised. He was looking around at everyone. At one point, I had the feeling that something tangible, or physical, had touched my heart. I had the sense that God had put His finger on my heart—it was a strong physical sensation in my heart. I began to weep and weep, because I was literally seeing a vision of God.

I had not expected to see that Divine vision, even though I had understood everything that Avatar Adi Da said in His Teaching was true. But now everything that I had read and understood of His Teaching was Embodied before me! I was weeping also because I felt how all my life I had suffered not knowing what love was, not being able to love or to receive love. That is what I had realized I was suffering. Now Avatar Adi Da was here before me, showing me perfect Divine Love. And I was overwhelmed with gratitude!

## October and November Events

### *Wednesday, October 5th*

7:30 – 9:30 PM

University House, 4400 Stone Way N., Seattle  
**FREE Lecture** – Transcend Fear – A Spiritual Discourse by Adi Da Samraj

Join us to watch this recently recorded talk by Avatar Adi Da, as He responds to a question about fear from a man who was seriously injured in an unprovoked attack.

### *Saturday October 8th – Sunday, October 9th*

It is not too late to reserve your seat for the enactment of Adi Da's *The Mummery Book* at the Mountain of Attention Sanctuary in Northern California. It is a work of astonishing poetry and deeply evocative archetypal drama. It is each person's story and the potential for all of us. Call the bookstore if you would like more information about how to attend.

*Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM and  
Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> 11:00 AM – 6:00 PM*

Seattle Center – Fisher Pavilion

### **Body Mind Spirit Expo**

Come and visit us at our booth!

### *Friday, October 28th*

7:30 – 9:00 PM

Adidam Spiritual Center & Bookstore

**FREE Introductory Event** – Awaken to Brightness – The Divine Gift of Avatar Adi Da. We will show recent video footage of Adi Da Samraj answering devotees' questions.

### *Saturday, October 29th*

4:00 – 5:30 PM

Adidam Spiritual Center & Bookstore

### **Celebration in Honor of Adi Da Samraj's Birthday on November 3**

Devotees of Adi Da will share their recent stories of being in the company of Adi Da. Light refreshments will be served.

### *Thursday, November 3rd*

The bookstore will be closed in observance of the sixty-sixth birthday of our Beloved Guru, Adi Da Samraj.

**SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**– Seminar 1:30 – 4:30 PM \$35**

Angelo Druda, a long time devotee of Adi Da, will give a presentation on the new book *Easy Death* and the esoteric secrets of the death process based on the spiritual teachings of Adi Da Samraj. Please call the bookstore for venue information closer to the event.

### *Friday, November 18th*

7:30 – 9:00 PM

Adidam Spiritual Center & Bookstore

**FREE Introductory Event** – Awaken to Brightness – The Divine Gift of Avatar Adi Da. We will show recent video footage of Adi Da Samraj answering devotees' questions.

### *Thursday, November 24th*

The bookstore will be closed for Thanksgiving Day.

### *Ongoing Introductory Class*

7:30 - 9:00 PM \$150 for 6 weeks or \$25 per class (includes study materials)

Adidam Spiritual Center & Bookstore

This in-depth examination of Adi Da's Life is based on the authorized biography *The Promised God-Man Is Here*, by Carolyn Lee, Ph.D. Call the bookstore for more information.

## Adidam Spiritual Center & Bookstore

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Friday: 12:00 – 8:00 PM

Saturday: 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM

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