

Mahatma Ji

Dispenser of Knowledge

by Judy Hamaliuk

Mahatma Rajeshwar, a disciple of the Perfect Master - Guru Maharaj Ji - arrived in Edmonton last Tuesday night for a series of talks, interviews, and satsang sessions. Rajeshwar has been travelling around the world since 1972 spreading the Knowledge which he claims is essential for an understanding of God.

In 1972 Mahatma Rajeshwar left his job as a prominent judge in his native city of Patna, the capital of the Indian State of Bihar, and was given permission by the Patron of the Divine Light Mission to perform the duties of Mahatma.

Who is Guru Maharaj Ji?

The question is the title of a movie and a book; the answer his devotees give is that he is the new "Master" who has come to show us the light. "Jesus, Buddha and Krishna gave us their Knowledge; the torch must always be carried on this earth," Rajeshwar says.

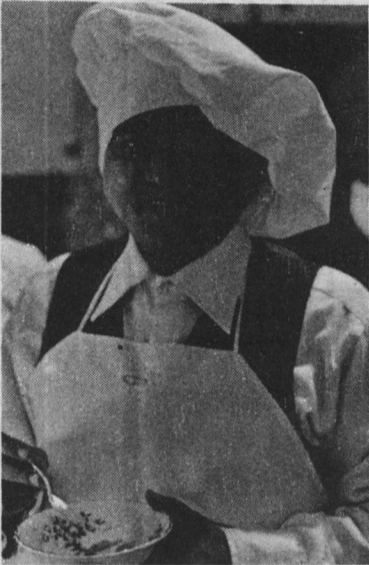
Guru Maharaj Ji is the youngest son of the previous Perfect Master, Shri Hans Ji Maharaj, who was born Dec. 10, 1957 near Hardwar, India. When his father "left his body" in 1966, Guru Maharaj Ji, at the age of eight, realized his duty to the world.

He claims that it was not his desire to be the Satguru - the true dispeller of darkness and revealer of Light - but that his father left him complete prostrations. The young Maharaj Ji stood up at his father's funeral and addressed the devotees; "Dear Children of God, why are you weeping? The Perfect Master never dies. Maharaj Ji is here, amongst you now. Recognize Him, obey Him, and worship Him."

The meaning of "Perfect Master" seems to have been

misunderstood by many who call him a fraud. According to his devotees, Maharaj Ji is called "Perfect Master" because his Knowledge reveals the perfect flow of life energy within us - it is not a reference to his individual perfection.

Since the Delhi "Peace Bomb Explosion" in 1966, when Guru Maharaj Ji revealed his plan to spread Knowledge throughout the world, he has completed three world tours. His devotees number eight million; the majority are in India, with over 100,000 in North America.



Maharaj Ji has made his permanent residence in the Malibu foothills outside Los Angeles, after his recent marriage to 24-year old Marolyn Johnson (Durga Ji) from San Diego.

What is this Knowledge?

It is the meditation upon life energy which is believed to be the source of all love and the key to peace of mind. Apparently, we can experience Light, Music, Nectar (a spiritual fluid flowing within us) and a Vibration within our bodies through the techniques of

Maharaj Ji's technique of meditation.

It is a Mahatma's duty to select and prepare people who wish to receive Knowledge. There are about twenty-five Mahatma's in North America, chosen by Maharaj Ji to transmit the meditation to those seeking a greater self-knowledge.

What is God?

Mahatma Rajeshwar explains that God is "the primordial energy and light that is within. This light and energy within us is the fundamental secret underlying all religions. Other gurus, when they teach meditation give a material thing to chant or focus on, an external object. This is completely unscientific and fruitless."

The eight million worldwide devotees are organized under the Divine Light Mission whose international headquarters are in Denver, Colorado. The Divine Light Mission was founded in 1960 in Patna, India by the late Shri Hans Ji Maharaj.

The US incorporation was organized in 1971 as an international, non-profit, non-denominational, tax-exempt, spiritual and humanitarian corporation, with the aim of spreading the Knowledge as revealed by Guru Maharaj Ji.

The Divine United Organization (DUO) provides the financial support for the



Mahatma Rajeshwar - a good guy to rap with.

Divine Light Mission. It is also involved in social service and welfare projects.

The Divine Light Mission center in Edmonton is located at 9803 - 111 St. This ashram (a house where some premies or devotees live and work and many other devotees spend much of their time) provides the spiritual atmosphere which is conducive to meditation. The "house mother" is in charge of

cooking while the other members perform their special services.

The Mahatma's occasional visits are considered very special by the premies who seem to gain a spiritual high in his presence.

Last Thursday was Mahatma Rajeshwar's last night in Edmonton. His visit was highlighted by an East Indian vegetarian feast which he prepared for the premies.

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