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SWAMI IS DEAD

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OMKAR IS ALIVE IN ALL OF YOU

WITH GOD'S RICHEST BLESSINGS

H.H. SWAMI OMKARJI MAHARAJ
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Deho Devalaya prokto
Jeevo Devah Sanathanaha
Tyajedajnana Nirmalyam
SOHAM Bhavena Pujayeth

This body alone is the temple of God.

The Individual Jeeva only, the God.

So removing the ignorance,

Darkness of duality, let us

Feel the presence of God-With

SOHAM consciousness.

Om! Om! Om!



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PREFACE

This Booklet was first Published and distributed as Prasad at the dawn of the New Year in 1980 through the divine hands of revered Swami. Chidanandaji Maharaj. In the Foreword Swami Chidanandaji Maharaj has aptly stated that the personal letter of Sri Omkarji Maharaj is a spiritual gift to one and all the devotees of the Shanti Ashram, a gift of cosmic love and divine vision in which Omkarji himself constantly abides.

Considering the Spiritual significance of this message of Swami Omkarji it is felt that it should be reprinted for distribution during the centenary celebrations of Sri Shanti Ashram from 21-1-2016 to 20-1-2017.

Jnaneswari

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FOREWORD

The present epistle to which I am writing this brief foreword is a thrilling and elevating testimony of God-consciousness. It constitutes the latest musing of the Saint of Shanti Ashram and the Sage of the cosmic Love, the revered and worshipful Swami Omkarji Maharaj. It is an inspiring document of Divine Vision that beholds the entire Universe and everything in it as the very manifestation of God revealed before the gaze of illumined man; this is verily the divine Darshan declared in the Eleventh Chapter of the Bhagavad Gita, and this Vision is the key to Blessedness for the vast mankind toiling and labouring in this material world of names and forms.

Most revered and beloved Sri Swami Omkarji Maharaj has shared this vision of his with us all at the advent of this New year 1980 out of his boundless love for everyone on earth. What better or more Precious New Year present could you possibly receive than spiritual Gift of Cosmic Love and Divine Vision in which beloved Swami Omkarji constantly abides and which he continuously gives, distributes, shares and scatters lavishly upon one and all who enter Shanti Ashram and draw near to him who Presides as a centre of Light and Love in that abode of Peace in the sylvan surroundings of Totapalli Hills? This Personal Letter is therefore a precious present and gracious gift to you from one who is a lofty and shining example of Vishwa-prema and Divya-Drishti.

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It is a blessed privilege to me and gives me a rare Joy to give this foreword to this gift of his to you all. I feel sanctified to read this Personal Letter to you with reverence and receptivity. Reflect upon every sentence, every line and each word of this Letter. Give a little time and meditate upon it every day in the early morning before you sally forth into the world to engage in your daily duty and tasks. This will open up a new world before you. You will behold a world in and through which you will be enabled to see God, the Reality beyond the appearance. It will initiate you into the sublime mystery of Vishwa-Rupa-Darshana-Yoga expounded by the world Teacher, Lord Krishna, the Gitacharya. It will show you the way to liberation through life and activity here and now. We are under deep debt of gratitude to this shower of Grace and Love from Swami Omkarji Maharaj in the form of this Personal Letter. Our silent adorations and prostrations unto his feet!

Hari Om

-Swami Chidananda

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To One Whom I Love as My Own

SRI SWAMI OMKAR

DEAR NARYAN — my living image of God — the only TRUTH

I love you because **God is Love**. I love you because **I cannot live without Love**.

I love you because all is God, both within and without, within when eyes closed, without when eyes opened. In the office room where I am writing this message now, on the wall facing me there is the important, life-giving motto written in the bold words.

"WHEN GOD IS WITHIN

WHY LOOK OUTSIDE?"

On the wall behind me, the following soul-awakening motto is also written in bold letters,



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"WHEN GOD IS WITHOUT WHY LOOK WITHIN?"

Both of these vital, inspiring and simple mottos appear to be contradictory. Yet they contain the highest Truth for our practice in our daily life now and here. When your eyes are opened, see God in the flower, bird, plant, beast and man, in all that you see, in all forms and names. When your eyes are closed, see God within yourself, in the very cells of your being, from the toes to the top of the head.

Thus, God is both within and without, there is never a moment of time either in the past, present or future when God exists not; similarly there is never a speck of space or even an atom, where God exists not.

Thus, He is both within and without, for god is Omnipresent, Omnipotent and Omniscient. Having eyes see you not? Recognize God now and here and be silent, never to forget Him any more, even for the tiniest fraction of a second. Let your eyes see Him, wherever they wander outside, or God is everywhere, let your eyes see Him when they are closed. Thus God is present both in Pravritthi (in the outer world when your eyes are opened), and in Nivritthi (in the inner world when your eyes are closed).

Face Him in the manifested world. Feel Him within in the inner world of Silence, as you merge within, as you pray and meditate. No more speculation of God's Presence within or without, for He is interpenetrating the very cells of your being, within and without, in the manifested world of form and name also.



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All that you have to do is only to practice and practice, now and always, continuously, ceaselessly, without a break or forgetfulness of God, like oil poured from one vessel into another vessel as Taila Dhara.

In conclusion, let us worship God with every breath, for He is the Breath of the breath. God is the Soham Breath — the Universal Breath, the One Indivisible Divine Energy—the Supreme Power - the Infinite and Eternal Silence.

Let us have the strength of following the simple Soham ceaselessly, patiently and continuously, without the least break — *Thou Art That* — with every breath; *Thou Art the Soham* with every breath. Behold the glory, the splendor of millions of suns, both within and without.

Tat Twam Asi- That Thou Art

Dear Loving Image of God
Let me leave you now in Silence
Supreme Silence — Waveless Silence

Aum Aum Aum

Hari Om Tat Sat Om



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PEACE PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE

Adorable Presence !

Thou, Who art within and without, above and below and all around,
Thou, Who art interpenetrating the very cells of our being, Thou, Who art
the Eye of our eyes, the Ear of our ears, the Heart of our hearts, the Mind of
our minds, the Breath of our breaths, the Life of our lives and the Soul of our
souls, bless us, Dear God, to be aware of Thy Presence, now and here.
This is all we ask of Thee.

May all of us be aware of Thy Presence in the East and the West, in
the North and the South. May Peace and Goodwill abide among individuals
as well as communities and nations. This is our earnest Prayer.

MAY PEACE BE UNTO ALL!

OM! OM! OM!

(Please help us by repeating this Prayer often)



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PEACE CHANT

May there be Peace in Heaven,

Peace in the sky.

Peace across the waters.

May there be Peace on Earth.

May Peace flow from the herbs, plants and trees,

May all the celestial Beings radiate Peace,

May Peace pervade all Quarters.

May Peace be Unto All !

Om! Om! Om!

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