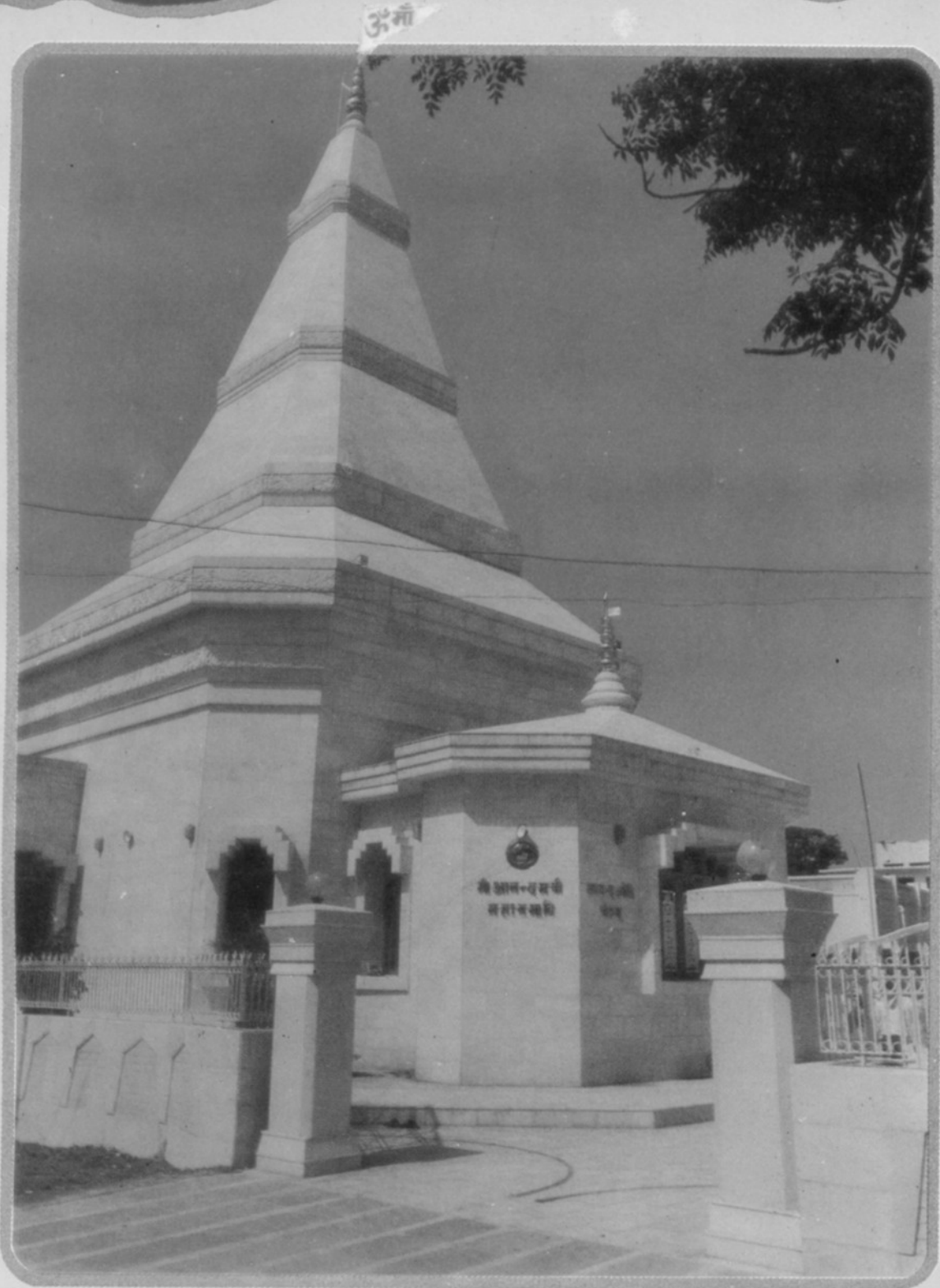


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**"VERILY, I AM ONE WITH EVERYONE;
AFTERALL, THERE IS THE ONE
SUPREME BEING ALONE, ISN'T IT ?"**

—SRI MA ANANDAMAYI

We are happy to announce that we are now in a position to bring out a quarterly journal *Amrita Varta* in four languages, that is, Bengali, Hindi, Gujarati and English, devoted to the task of perpetuating Sri Ma Anandamayi's Amar Vani or sacred utterances and the recounting of her manner of being with us in this world.

We consider ourselves fortunate that the First Number comes out on the eve of the Centenary Celebration which will begin on May 3, 1995. We shall be able to reach out to the large family of devotees with news of the festivals, informations regarding many activities and various programmes to be undertaken under the aegis of the Sangha.

We shall look forward to the possibility of getting the attention of a wider public who would like to know more about Sri Ma herself and read about her inimitable programme of ceaseless travels which united and brought together people of different religions, provinces, even countries and languages. Indeed Sri Ma belongs to the world. She herself has said many times: "I belong to everyone" or "whoever or whatever *you* think, I am".

We are aware of the grave responsibility which devolves on us for disseminating the news of this joyous descent of Grace; we shall be grateful to all those who will come forward to help us in this work of making the journal a success. We pray that the *kheyala* of our compassionate Mother be with us in this new venture.

Jai Ma



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MATRI-VANI

Universal love and permanent peace are won only through perfect power.

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It is through the search after truth that man can elevate himself. This he should regard in the life as a duty.

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Man must go out in search of that which is concealed behind the world. He should choose an abode, that will make it easy for him to proceed to his true Home.

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Human beings have to be dwellers of the inner cave, so that the Supreme Being who resides within may be revealed.

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Man must aim at the Superman, at real greatness. The traveller on the Supreme path may hope to attain to the ultimate Goal. This is man's main duty.

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Verily, abounding sorrow is the essential characteristic of life in this world. Fix your mind upon God.

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Since every thing belongs to him alone, there is no other means but to lie prostrate at His Feet. If there is to be anxiety, it must be solely for Him.

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Set your mind on God. Whatsoever, He, the Fountain of Goodness, does is the very best that could have happened.

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At every moment sustain the flow of His Name and the consciousness of his Presence: Never be without Him.



SRI SRI MA

—LATE JYOTISH CHANDRA ROY,
("BHAIJI")*

It is beyond our common intelligence to comprehend what Sri Sri Ma stands for and what she is in reality. Though She always says: "I am only a crazy little daughter of yours," still in all Her ways of life, in Her ever delightful *lilā* amongst us, all the powers of the Divine find expression in tangible forms.

In Sri Ma we find a perennial fountain of joy and sweetness, though She is surrounded day and night by the noise and bustle and a thousand entreaties of all classes of people. Her calm and serene looks, Her gracious, ever smiling response to all queries, Her exquisite sense of humour bring satisfaction and delight to every soul. Her ways of life are so universal and all-embracing that She may be called Motherly Love incarnate.

Some say that She is the Supreme Goddess of the Universe in human form. Others again are of the opinion that She has reached perfection through spontaneous psychic evolution without any effort on Her part. To us She appears to be whatever anybody may consider Her to be. At the first sight of Her, one becomes animated with a religious fervour, even if one happens to be almost impervious to spiritual ideas. In Her presence thoughts of God and His glory flourish with all their brilliance in hearts as dry as dust and the vibrations of one universal, all-pervading life overpower one's heart, as it were, with endless surges like a vast ocean of bliss.

When at one time She was asked who Her preceptor was, or from whom She had received initiation, She remarked: "In earlier years my parents were guides ; in household life my husband; and now in every situation of life, all men and things of the world are my Guru. But one thing is certain, the one Supreme Being is the only Guide for all."

From the standpoint of worldly people Sri Ma is an ideal daughter, wife and mother. To an aspirant after spiritual life, Her words and behaviour have deep significance, indicating various modes of spiritual culture and yogic practices, as well as the basic truths of dualism, non-dualism, dualistic monism and other philosophic doctrines. The physical changes that become manifest in Her body lead one to the inference that She is a confirmed *Vaiṣṇava*; in the Tantric worship of *Śiva*, *Kālī*, *Durgā* and other gods and goddesses or in the performance of Vedic religious sacrifices She has evoked admiration from eminent philosophers of the East and the West. The only difference that we notice between Sri Ma

* Reprinted from: "Mother as revealed to me" by the same author.