

My Life With Anirvan

Part - IX

The next letter contains mostly personal and mundane matters. But mundane or spiritual, Anirvanji looked at the lives of all those who came in his contact with love and care and directly or indirectly tried to extend his hand of healing and help people grow spiritually to a higher level.

Om

Shillong
27.3.60

My dear Gautam,

Thank you for your P.C of the 23rd. I have handed over Sandhya's letter to her. Her family has been put to much trouble because of one operation (gastric ulcer) done on one of her brothers-in-law. And Radesh (her elder brother) also is going to be operated upon this week for the same trouble. Sandhya's brother-in-law is improving rapidly.

I am glad to hear that naturopathy has done you good.

Is Bani still (there) with you? I did not know that they (Bani and Jashodanarayana Ghosh) were going to be married soon. Jashodababu did not tell me anything! Well, everything is for the good. Bani requires some support. She is too weak to support herself. I hope everything turns out well at the end.

Where is Sharad? How is your Sadhana going on? Do you feel free & happy in spite of the bustle of everyday life?

My love for you all.

Ever yours A.

The next letter came after nearly a month. Meanwhile Bani & Jashodababu were married according to the Civil Marriage Act. Business activity of Apurva & Company, Aparna Traders and Lotus India Pvt Ltd were going on full fledgedly. After their annual examinations Apurva and Aparna-son and daughter of Sudha and Bandhu Dharmapal had gone to Ahmedabad to spend their summer vacation with Mala Srivatsava, a girl from Lucknow – who was staying with us as a paying guest. A tale hangs thereby, but that is not necessary here. Actually in April 1960, Apurva & Aparna had gone to Ahmedabad with Sharad Dharmapal via Delhi with Mala. They had gone again to Ahmedabad later.

Anirvanji writes from Shillong on 24th April 1960.

My dear Gautam,

Your P.C. came last Monday. So the children are away in Ahmedabad. Will they take long in coming back?

Your analysis of the present situation is quite correct. It is our becoming which matters not what we are doing. At first, work becomes a means of self-realization. And after you have reached your self beyond your mission, work becomes a spontaneous flow of creative energy.

Social evolution is always a very slow process while individual evolution can become very quick. Hence comes the problems of how to translate one's mature ideas into effective work. Of course, it takes time and one has to wait patiently even for a whole life. I always remember what the Buddha used to say, "Look, I am the twenty fourth Tathagata, before whom twenty-three passed away in silence without leaving any record!"

To have fullness within and to radiate it silently, just as the sun does is the thing that matters.

I hope you are keeping a perfect health now.

With love for you all

Ever yours A.

The next letter of Sri Anirvanji came a month later.

Om

Haimavati
29.5.60

My dear Gautam,

Your letter of the 19th came here on the 23rd. The monsoons have started here & now there will be irregularities in the delivery of mails.

I understand Sudha's silent writing. I am blessing her silently. May the light and the love of the Divine shine in her heart always.

If the Jelly does not reach here, never mind. I shall still silently appreciate her silent offering.

From what you say in your letter about yourself, I feel you will do well to take a holiday for some time and go to some place where you can live all alone with God. I

would suggest Buddha Gaya which once did you a lot of good.

I hope your health is alright now? I have given to Sandhya her letter. She is alright.

With love to you all

Ever yours ... A

After receiving this letter, I had decided to go to Almora, to the Haimavati, where Sri Anirvan and Lizelle stayed before they parted. After they left, Pierre Opplinger had purchased the property and lived there with his American wife Mary – the same servant Prema serving them. I had already arranged for my stay there and wrote to Anirvanji. He soon replied....

Om

Haimavati
19.6.60

My dear Gautam,

Your letter of the 14th. Almora will be a quite nice place to go to. The rains there are not so heavy as in Shillong here and Haimavati is situated in beautiful surroundings. It is very quiet. You can easily lose yourself there. As a friend and companion Pierre is wonderful.

I shall leave for the plains by the middle of November. I shall touch Calcutta and go directly to Allahabad where I mean to stay till the middle of December. The rest of the program is not yet settled. There is a suggestion of going either south or west for sight-seeing. I have not yet decided which way to go. Let me see how things stand in December.

I don't know when Veda Mimamsa will be out. I have sent a bulk of the press copy and hear that it has been sent to the press but no proofs have come to me as yet.

I could not take up the revision of the Kathopanishad. Udbodhana (a Bengali magazine of the Ramakrishna Math & Mission) had asked for some contribution from me & I had offered this to them. It would have been convenient for me to go on

with the revision by monthly installments. But they want the whole thing before hand to judge and approve! Of course, I let the matter drop there. If they cannot trust me, I feel no need of humouring them. Then came this Veda-printing business. I have no time left now. Whether the Veda is printed or not I want to finish a decent part of the work

before I leave for the plains. I have thought of taking the manuscript of Katha Upanishad with me and see through it during my stay down.

Hope every thing is going well with you.

With love for yourself and all.

Ever yours A.

—Sri Gautam Dharmapal