

## Divine Love

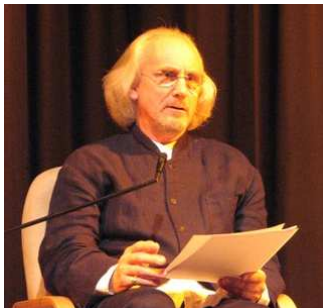
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*Divine Love* was the theme for the evening dedicated to Brahma Baba, the visionary founder of the Brahma Kumaris, at Global Co-operation House on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2008.

Words of wisdom were shared in an atmosphere of intimate conversation with a backdrop of cello-violin music and candlelight.

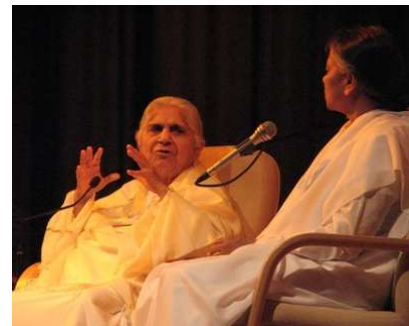
The principle participants on stage were Dadi Janki (Administrative Head of the Brahma Kumaris) and Professor David Cadman (urban land economist, Quaker and writer). They were interviewed by Sister Jayanti (European Director of the Brahma Kumaris), with translation for Dadi by Sister Manda (Director, Global Retreat Centre, Oxford). The evening was hosted by Australian actor Robin Ramsay.



Professor Cadman opened the conversation by exploring the importance of love in all of its diversity in the eastern and western cultures. Cadman felt that the sacredness of love had been lost in the West and its true nature had diminished. He remembered Dadi once speaking of how the power of love acted as a magnet for others and transformed them.

Dadi Janki took up this point and explained how, in her experience, love can only be truly effective and reach others quickly when it is first felt deeply within oneself. That meant one had to have complete forgiveness and divinity within.

Dadi said she saw this in the practical example of Brahma Baba's life. Because of his forgiving and merciful nature, he was able to change others around him. On meeting people, he instantly felt all were his children. Love was in the very fibre of his being. Therefore everyone who met him could not help but experience such intensity of love that they felt something deep inside themselves transform.



The audience was asked, "Does peace come first or love?" "Does respect come first or love?"

Dadi wanted everyone to realise what she was saying was not a message but a solution for the world's situation as it is. Science, she said, had created so much sparkle in this world but there was much sorrow also.

“We should stay in inner silence, so that we give all that is good within us to others in a natural way.”

“Respect should be in the heart and then there will easily be love on the face.”

“When we have love, we have peace. When we become peaceful, we become loveful. When we become loveful, we become sweet and see everyone else as sweet.”

It was remembered how the exemplary life of Brahma Baba was one filled with divine love, and Robin Ramsay added that the continuation of this by others within the Brahma Kumaris organisation made it what it was.

Brahma Baba was someone who forged a relationship with God and then taught others to do the same. Dadi Janki was invited to share how she had forged her own relationship with God:

“I consider God as my Mother, because a mother accepts you as you are. As a Mother, God embraces me. As a Father, He tells me what to do. In the form of Teacher, He teaches me how my life should be – virtuous. God is also my Companion, my Friend. Friendship makes the relationship very easy. He is also my true Guide. He says do this and I just obey and do it.”

“Just think about this for a moment. How much love can be generated by all these five living relationships?”

“God teaches us how to take His love. The more we use His love, the more we understand love and the more power we draw from that love. It is ongoing – we experience success from God's love and then we want good to happen to all.”

Professor Cadman echoed a similar sentiment and concluded how he has observed that, instead of taking from one source, our culture has, in contrast, taken on a “supermarket spirituality” quality. We take a little from this shelf and a little from that shelf and, when we reach the outside, we realise that our trolley, although full, contains little that is nourishing.

The evening's conversation had led him to wonder what it would be like, if he could remove pettiness and “practise love”; and how even more wonderful it would be, if everyone sitting in the room could do the same.

The evening came to an end all too quickly. Love had been explored, discussed, questioned in four glorious aspects, that is: love for the Supreme, love for the self, love for others and love for the world - and how God enables love in all its aspects to become unlimited.