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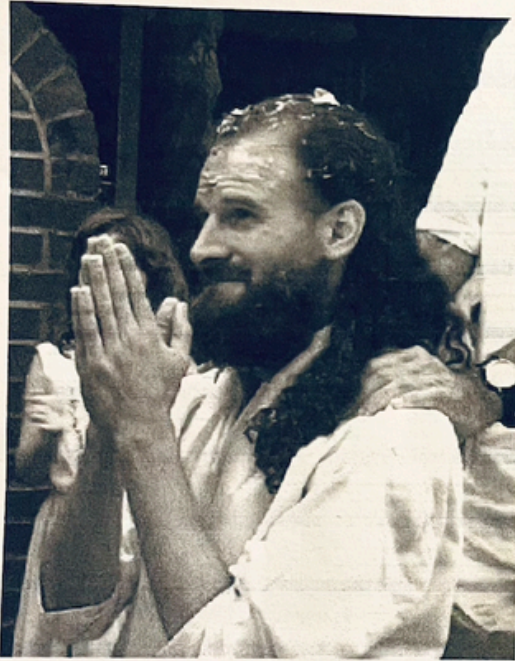
deterioration. Then, by decision of the "Mother", he was buried in the Ashram garden, where he remains until today.

The project of the Supramental Revolution also subsists. It is up to our generation and the following ones to take it forward.

Chaitanya joins the Order of Acharyas, July 11, 2021

By M.G. Satchidananda

Chaitanya (Christian Ebner) was born in Lower Austria. He was a student at the University of Applied Sciences in Vienna; however, his studies took him to Finland, and it was during that very long winter that awoke in him unknown inspiration and significantly contributed to the ripening of his character.



This Nordic winter proved to be a transformative period. He returned to Vienna for his graduation year, changed. He best describes this change as feeling empowered and more alive. That following graduation year was rich with up-lifting encounters, all which lead him to experience meditative states of consciousness. Christian unmistakably, felt a call to dedicate his life to a higher purpose. In summer 2008, at the age of twenty-four, he decided to abandon his former plans for his life and begin a journey into the unknown. His travel took him West.

After some months under the open sky, homeless and out of reach even to family and close friends, he felt ready to let life lead. He had arrived at a state of being, free of societal constraints or fear. Surrendering to the flow of events, he lived with ease, fulfilled and inspired by just living in the moment. It seemed to him that every day he was a different person, a new person. Life began to feel like a cosmic adventure. He looked for and followed the signs revealed to him. He felt excited for each new day, wake, not looking back, only moving forward.

After about a year of wandering, he discovered a whole

new world in Peru. It was there he began to systematically cultivate the spontaneous states of bliss through a dedicated meditation practice. His first, ten-day silent Vipassana retreat was a homecoming into a natural state of desirelessness and unconditional fulfillment. That intensive practice established his confidence in and dedication to meditation.

During this period, he met somebody to whom he bonded strongly and who gave him the first introduction to Yoga. She was his first Yoga teacher, and he is forever grateful for all her empowerment and all she offered throughout the years of their relationship. She truly was a warrior and inspired him greatly. Through her support he quickly and "unintentionally" found himself in a position where he also had to teach others.

Together, they founded and lead a Yoga school and social project located just outside Cusco in the heart of the Peruvian Andes. During the five years of his involvement with the project they served many Peruvian children with free basic and artistic education, free vegetarian food and free Yoga classes. It also became a school and refuge for hundreds of volunteers and spiritual seekers. The experiences of those years remain a treasured memory.

At precisely the right time, Christian encountered the name and form of Babaji through a Kriya sadhak, he met. Soon after, in 2014, he received the blessing of initiation into Babaji's Kriya Yoga, while in Germany, from Acharya Satyananda. Satyanandaji has become over the years not only a true mentor, but a brother and a friend. Jai Gurubai! Kriya Yoga was yet another significant, unforgettable event of life. He knew that he had found an integral and authentic Yoga tradition to which he felt deeply connected from the very first moment.

The initiation marked again, a change in the course of his life, and soon he felt compelled to leave Peru and his partner. During the fall 2015, he visited the Kriya Yoga Ashram in Canada. There he received mantra diksha from M.G. Satchidananda. He chose the mantra for complete surrender to Babaji. This event was indescribably beautiful, the bliss was overwhelming. He decided to stay at the Ashram for the winter dedicating himself to intensive sadhana and seva. In spring, he returned to Austria seeking a new beginning, at his very roots.

After several weeks living in a forest hut and teaching yoga in nearby communities, he met Katharina, his life partner. It was a magical and fateful encounter. It was clear from the beginning that they had the blessing and responsibility to start a family.

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This encounter happened just before his departure for the Yoga Teacher Training with Durga Ahlund and M.G. Satchidananda in the summer of 2016. As Satchidananda offered him to stay for some weeks at the Ashram in Badrinath for Tapas and Seva, he did not hesitate and soon commenced a three-month pilgrimage to India, with periods of intensive practice in Rishikesh as well as in Badrinath. The height of bliss and the graceful power of the mountains were unspeakable. He felt that he had truly received darshan of the Holiness of the Himalayas and felt guided and protected throughout.

Not long after his return, in summer 2017, Katharina gave birth to their first daughter, Leela Theres. He witnessed her birth and clearly remembers the bliss and inexpressible awe he felt when he looked into her eyes for the first time. The following period was perhaps not surprisingly, particularly challenging. It was very difficult to balance intensive sadhana, family and household duty, weekly yoga classes for several different groups, regular

silent meditation retreats, plus religious studies at the University in Vienna. Regardless, he did not get distracted from the path and strengthened his commitment to the tradition by participation in the third initiation in the summer 2018. A year later, M.G. Satchidananda invited him to fulfill specific conditions for induction into the Order of Acharyas. The following years were dedicated to the fulfillment of the rigorous requirements, which he completed in 2021.

By Gurus Grace and support finally Chaitanya was able to create a Kriya Yoga Ashram, "Kriya Mandiram," AT-3250 Wieselburg-Land, which was founded as a legal association in May 2021 in Lower Austria. The ashram is meant a haven for Kriyabans and the like, where one can dedicate oneself to sadhana without disturbance, and where regular classes, initiation seminars, retreats and satsang take place. Chaitanya hopes that Kriya Mandiram will become a place where Yoga sadhana, family life and sangha can co-exist as one harmonious whole.



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In the past 12 months, since September 2020 the members of the Order of Acharyas did the following:

- Brought more than 50 initiation seminars to more than 500 participants living in 10 countries including Brazil, India, Japan, Sri Lanka, Estonia, Spain, Germany, France, Italy, Austria, Switzerland, Belgium, the USA and Canada.
- Sponsored and helped organize weekly online

Satsangs via Zoom in India, North America, Brazil, Germany, Sri Lanka, and France, and daily sadhana meetings via Zoom in India.

- Maintained an ashram and publishing office in Bangalore, India. It published and distributed most of our books and tapes throughout India.
- Maintained an ashram in Badrinath, India.
- Kept the staff of our 2 ashrams in India and our webmaster employed during the pandemic with their full salaries;
- Published the Japanese language digital editions on Amazon.jp the *Voice of Babaji*, the *Kriya Yoga Sutras of Patanjali and the Siddhas*, and *Enlightenment Its Not What You Think*.

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