

SWADHYAY– MOMENT OF REFLECTION @ 2005 (13 Years ago)

A Brief summary of some of the EVENTS.

1. In June 2000, Dada declared that; "Though up to now I was saying that Swadhyay work is God's work, I am now asserting that I am the owner of Swadhyay work, this is my ownership". No religious person or saint has ever proclaimed himself to be the owner of any religious or cultural activity which he might have started. In the case of Swadhyay activity, the work was started by Dada but was spread with the time, money and energy of 200,000 workers
2. Dada appointed his adopted daughter Mrs.Dhanashree Talwalkar or Jayshree, known as Didi (his brother's daughter) as the successor to his ownership of Swadhyay activity in June 2000, thus contradicting his own preaching. For many years in his lectures he had condemned the traditional methods of "Gadee Pratha", where a Guru hands over the leadership of his organisation to his son or daughter. In 1991-92, he had declared among his followers that he would not like any person to take over the leadership of Swadhyaya Parivar after him, but it would be guided by Amnaay, (which means constitution) which was prepared by Dada himself. As the sole successor to Swadhyay activity, Didi abrogated the Constitution of Swadhyay.
3. Two love letters written in 1995-96, first of which was written by one Mr. Ajay Joshi (a Swadhyayee closely associated with Didi) to Didi and the other written by Didi to Ajay Joshi became public in December 2000. Both Ajay Joshi and Didi are married (not to each other) for over Twenty years. Dada and Didi were flabbergasted and, not knowing what to do, took steps reminiscent of the adage; 'king can do no wrong' and adopted offensive attitude. Didi and Ajay Joshi both admitted that they had written the aforesaid letters but the purpose was to write a drama about the message of Swadhyaya. One can see the letters on the web site; www.swadhyayee.org and decide if they have anything to do with the message of Swadhyaya! In order to defend Didi, Dada started vilifying senior dedicated workers, who had been with Dada for 30 to 50 years stating that these senior workers had resorted to character assassination of Didi as they wanted power, prestige and money. Since both of them had good control over Swadhyayees, they directly or obliquely instigated their followers to resort to violence, advocated ostracisation of these workers and directed their followers not to read any explanations which they may receive from these workers or others. On such instigation, several people were beaten up in India and were hospitalised and immobilised for months.
4. On reports being published in Newspapers and Magazines, journalists and editors were threatened of dire consequences through telephone calls. In respect to Chitralkha, a Gujarati weekly, about a dozen suits were filed in different parts of Maharashtra so that the journalists and editors have to run about to defend themselves. Similarly, several false criminal complaints have been filed against former senior swadhyayees in about a dozen courts in Gujarat with a view to harassing them and to force them to appear in different courts in distant places.
5. Former Chief Justice of Gujarat High Court, Mr. B.J. Diwan gave an interview to a Gujarati Daily, Gujarat Samachar and aired his views on accumulation of wealth in swadhyay trusts and on the manner of working of Didi. He too was summoned by Dada. He was also indirectly threatened.

B Regarding collection and accumulation of MONEY

1. Dada and Didi exhorted people to donate a portion of their income for God's work on the basis that when a man toils to earn his livelihood, he is not alone in doing so but God, who resides in him, is also working with him and therefore everyone should share his income with God. The amounts collected in this manner in India would be about Rupees 10 crores a year. The amount spent for God's work by the receiving trusts is only in lakhs per year.
2. Dada and Didi enthused local people to donate money to cover expenses of local Swadhyay centres and (on the ground that if there is accumulation at each centre there could be bickering amongst local people) required surplus at the end of each year to be donated to Swadhyay trusts designated by them. In this manner, in effect, hundreds of centres in India became collecting centres for donations to Swadhyay activity. Through such collections, Swadhyay trusts got about Rupees 2 crores per year.
3. By not distributing to farmers interest accrued on their deposits with Madhavi Raksha Sankalpa (MRS), (a trust in which farmers are supposed to deposit Yogeshwar Krushis' earnings,) MRS

increased the amount of its corpus from Rs.1000 to about Rs.8 to 10 crores, all of which money truly belongs to poor farmers.

4. Although farmers and others look after Shreedarshanams and Vrukshamandirs, all the proceeds of these two projects are credited to trust account and no amount is spent for the needy farmers who look after of these two projects
5. About Rupees two crores per year were earned by sale of firecrackers during Diwali Festivals. No excise duty, octroi duty, sales tax or income tax is said to be paid in respect to this business
6. Artisans, small shopkeepers and farmers are encouraged to give their efficiency (service) to create wealth, all earnings of which are credited to trust account and no amount is known to be spent on needy persons who have earned this income
7. While Dada & Didi require every swadhyayee to spend out of his income for travelling, stay and other expenses while on swadhyay work Dada & Didi for themselves and their spouses have been charging such expenses as also medical, telephone and car expenses to Shraddha Trust although in their own right they have annual income of millions of rupees and assets worth crores of rupees.

C Exaggerations and MISGUIDING STATEMENTS often made by Dada and Didi and/or Swadhyay workers. The nature and extent of such statements can be gauged from the following:

1. In respect to application for Templeton Award, Press Notes issued suggest that 100,000 villages in India have been economically and spiritually completely transformed by Swadhyay activity. The reality is that there would not be a single village of this sort. Giving benefit of doubt, if at all there are any such villages these cannot be more than handful against the claim of 100,000
2. It was claimed by Swadhyay Parivar that, during January 2001 earthquake in Kutch, it had built 40,000 houses. Later the claim was reduced to building 6000 houses. The reality is that only building material worth about Rs.3 to 4 thousand has been distributed or paid for in respect to 4538 houses at a total cost of about Rs.1.75 to 2 crores. It is believed that the amount collected in USA, Canada and UK in the name of Kutch earthquake relief is likely to be Rs.10 crores
3. It was claimed by Dada that he was the only representative of Hindu religion at the Second World Religious Conference held in Japan in 1954 and was twice elected Chairman of the Round Table Conference. The facts are that this was a small conference organised by a society established in the name of ANANAI-KYO, a local Japanese religious organisation where only twenty people from six countries represented their sects. As for his being elected Chairman at the Conference, the official report of the society on the conference suggests that Dada had left Japan before the Round Table Conference had commenced! Dada also claimed that a well known philosopher called Dr. Compton from America was very impressed by him during the conference and invited him to deliver lectures in America offering large sums of money. The official report suggests that no one called Dr. Compton attended the conference!
4. Didi attended a prayer meeting at Vatican in relation to people who lost their lives in the attack on Twin Towers on September 11. It was claimed that she was specially invited for the occasion and was the only representative of Hindu Religion, which indeed she was not. Further, while it was claimed that she got very special treatment from the Pope, in reality she was one of a large number of delegates and had no special status offered to her. Also a word was spread that the Pope had requested her to organise the youth activities of the Catholics but this propaganda was soon withdrawn when a journalist reported that the camera caught **Didi dozing when the Pope was delivering his lecture!**
5. Dada and Didi had encouraged swadhyayees to compose and sing songs apparently in praise of God and Swadhyay work which also praised Dada as an incarnation of God or God himself. Didi has also endeavoured to project Dada as God. Swadhyayees are also made to believe that Didi is a Devi and everyone should accept her as such and must not question anything she says. Dada asked some Swadhyayees to write songs praising Didi!