

My Life With Anirvan Part - VIII

The next letter I received from Sri Anirvan is dated 24.1.60. I had gone to Nagpur in January 1960 to attend a general session of Janasangha, a former nomenclature of present Baharatiya Janata Party, with which I was keeping close contact as I was then working for the cause of United India. We had formed Unity Party of India, the inspiration coming then mainly from Sri Anil Baran Roy of Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Pondicherry. Ever since I returned from my visit to Sri Aurobindo Ashram in 1956, Anil Baran Roy was writing me letters about the problem of the Partition of India in 1947 at the time of Independence. Sri Aurobindo had forecast in his message to Nation that this "Partition of India will and must go"- and the Mother of the Ashram had also said to a correspondent Sri Chamanlal after the passing away of Sri Aurobindo that, "Sri Aurobindo has said to me that the Partition will go within ten years!" All this had inspired me too to return to politics and work for the cause of annulling the partition. Till 1962, I worked for the Unity Party! But nothing materialized.

Om

Haimavati
24.1.60

My dear Gautam,

I hope you are back from Nagpur by now. Where & how is Mono? I have not heard from her for two weeks. Has she been able to secure a job?

Inwardisation gives you a vision & that vision creates a mood or a temperament. It is then best to hold on to that mood,

because, while thought is discursive, emotion is more or less stable. It is better to Feel Reality than to think about it.

Gradually the spiritual feeling gets the upper hand & draws in the thoughts also towards Reality. Then even in your normal functionings you can remain happily & luminously in truth.

With love to all of you,

Ever yours... A.

After coming over to Kolkata in the end of 1945, to work for Dharma Sangha, for the first two years the Dharmapals depended on donations received from friends and sympathizers. But soon financial crisis arose. As we believed in full life and had not renounced life, not taken to Sannyas, become monks, we decided to earn our bread; and had started business activity, first in the name of Dharmapal Brothers, then Apurva & Company. At this period of time i.e. after the passing away of Bandhu Dharmapal, we had opened a business office in the name of Aparna Traders at 3, Bentick Street in the business



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area. In the beginning of 1960, we were thinking of establishing a private limited company in the name of Lotus India Private Ltd., profits from which will be used for donations to Saints, religious institutions etc. Replying to my letter of 13th January 1960, Anirvanji wrote to me the following.

Om

Shillong
17.1.60

My dear Gautam,

Your letter of the 13th Jasoda Babu had already written to me about the starting of

the new enterprise asking for my good wishes. I had immediately sent a packet containing the very best. Now I see the inauguration day has been postponed! Never mind, I am sending another packet in addition. May the Lotus bloom in the full sunlight of the Divine Grace.

To lose all zest for work is not bad. It is rather good if you still go on working full speed. Then you see the fun of the whole thing. The sun rises and sets at such a slow pace. It seems as not to move at all. And yet it is shining all the time - shines indifferently over our loves & hates, peace & war, good & evil. It is alone & It fills the whole world with its light - and does not care.

Remember that shloka of the Ishopanishad? I want to see the most benign form of yours! That Purusha yonder there, He am I, He am I!

Madam Reymond has come to India, with her tourist party. She is now in South India, will be in Delhi on 8th February, then to Shillong and from here to Calcutta; perhaps on the 18th she intends to see you there.

"Nivedita" is going to be filmed by Sri Ajit Basu.

Please give my best wishes to Ram Swarupji & Sufiji. The memory of the Delhi days are still green.

With love for you all, with a special brand for Sharad.

Ever yours... A.

The next letter came as a reply to my letter dated 2nd February, in which I must have written about the attitude of the Jana Sangha, apolitical party with which I was closely connected during this period.

Om

Shillong

7.2.60

My dear Gautam,

Your letter of the 2nd, I think Jana Sangha's attitude is due to the placation of

the Muslims by the Congress in the past. That was a very great mistake that Congress made. From history it should have learnt that the Hindus are already tolerant by nature while the Muslims are not and so the former could not be very unjust to the latter if power came into their hands. The Congress has simply shelved the problem of communalism by declaring for a secular state! The rancour is still there & the Gout is doing nothing to bring out about an understanding between the two cultures.

However, it is heartening to hear that a large body of people are ready to fight aggression, though personally I think China will not attack India but simply follow the Pakistan policy in Kashmir. We are not going to get back the occupied territory & there is no use getting it back though one should always show fight! You can bark, if you don't bite!

The real problem before the country is character-building. This should be done both in the public and the private sector. The Govt. should cleanse its stables first. There has been so much corruption uptill now that people have lost all faith in the Govt. And a house divided is a dangerous thing.

Is your "Lotus" blooming? I am glad Mono is going to put up with you. She is full of praise for you & says she is very very happy with you.

With love for you all,

Ever yours... A.

P.S. Bimal will bring you a packet of books on the 14th. Himangsubabu of Path Mandir will be coming to Shillong on the 19th. I had asked him to bring the packet with him. Will you please contact him by phone & tell him that the packet is ready?

The next letter is in continuation of the above.

Om

Shillong

28.2.60

My dear Gautam,

You letter of the 22nd. All the books were brought by Usha from Bimal's house & when I learnt this, there was no time to inform Himangshu Babu..... I hear that Jashoda Babu is going to pay us a visit soon. It must be in connection with the Lotus India Company. After long consultations Lotus India Private Ltd. was actually inaugurated on 28th February, 1960. It was Sri Ramakrishna's birthday and the function was presided by Sadguru Omkara who was then at Calcutta with us! May your enterprise thrive!

How are you feeling under Naturopathy? Do you find any improvement in your health? Ofcourse any form of tapasya does one a lot of good.

There is a common basis of all spiritual sadhana. It has been treated scientifically by

the Sankhya & Yoga systems of India. Somehow Gurdieff had been in touch with this. In many things, he approaches quite near to the mystical teachings of India. Ofcourse all mystics speak of the same thing. But in occult things, opinions differ. This part of G's teachings often appears too complicated to me. I wonder if it is of much use!

(Bimal – Anirvanji's younger brother who was living in Calcutta with his family.)

Have you read Kenneth Walker's "The Teachings of Gurdieff"? There the system is explained very clearly.

Has Sharada's marriage been settled? Have you made a choice about the bride?

I showed your letter to Sandhya. She will write to you soon. Her school opens on the 7th March.

With love to all of you,

Ever yours... A.

-Sri Gautam Dharmapal