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## Adi Da Samraj in New Zealand



You are not suffering from what you are not experiencing right now. You are suffering from what you are experiencing. When those limitations are transcended, then That Which is inherently Free, or Love-Blissful, is inherently Obvious. It is just so. It is always so.

— Avatar Adi Da Samraj

# *Celebrating the 30th Anniversary of Adi Da Samraj's Visit to Aotearoa*



This issue commemorates the 30th anniversary of Avatar Adi Da Samraj's only visit to New Zealand, from 30 March to 7 April 1988. His devotees here were overjoyed to welcome their Divine Heart-Master, and poured out their love and devotion in service to Him. It was an incredible Grace, a ceaseless opportunity for service and a critical Call to true spiritual relationship to Him, the Very Being of Consciousness Itself.

Avatar Adi Da stayed at a devotee house in West Auckland; the current Adidam Centre and Ashram had not yet been acquired. He visited the Dawn Horse Bookstore on High

Street, the Auckland Museum and the Zoo, as well as some land at Anawhata which the community of devotees owned at that time.

Throughout His stay in New Zealand/Aotearoa, Avatar Adi Da asked many questions relating to traditional Maori spiritual practice. Avatar Adi Da and devotees were invited to visit Waipapa Marae at Auckland University, where they were welcomed by Master Carver Paki Harrison and whanau (family). Adi Da Samraj demonstrated a deep interest and concern for our flora and fauna, in particular the native Kauri forests.

Avatar Adi Da exhorted New Zealand devotees to real, profound practice. In a most generous offering, He answered questions on two extended occasions that were open to "lay members" who were not yet formally practicing the Reality-Way of Adidam.

Some of these Talks can be found on *The Fundamental Purpose of Existence* and *The Commitment to Real-God-Realization* DVDs. An excerpt follows here, in which Avatar Adi Da replies to a man who asks whether he can practice "on his own".



## *Avatar Adi Da Samraj* *Discursing in New Zealand, 1988:*

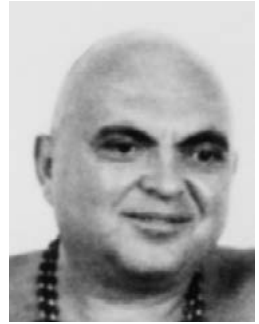
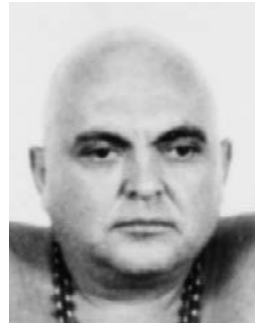
**T**he mass of humankind has nothing to do with Real Spiritual life—because, basically, what people are dramatizing is the willfulness associated with their own karmas, their own limitations, their own separateness, their own ordinariness...

Therefore, everybody becomes a philosopher. Everybody becomes a “self-guru”. People are “self”-generating their own “dharma”, by piecing this and that together from what they read in books, thinking in their rooms, and indulging themselves. To what end? To become one of the Adepts, a Great Realizer, to Divinely Translate Beyond? No such “self”-indulgent and “self-guruing” individual has ever Realized Real God. This has never happened...

The choice is really yours. I have Given you My Teaching. I have Given you the Opportunity. A gathering of My devotees has appeared that has taken responsibility to communicate the Teaching I have Given, and the Opportunity for the formal devotional relationship to Me—to serve those who are interested in it, and to offer them access to Me. All that having been Given to you, you “consider” it, and then make your own choice.

— *My “Bright” Sight*

**EUNICE MADDEN:** In the Question and Answer occasion we seemed to enter a different realm as we listened to Avatar Adi Da’s Divine Instruction. There was a stillness and depth with intuitions of the Profundity of Adi Da’s State. At the same time we felt the simple enjoyment of His animated Discourses, His Humour and Love. When I asked a question, He began to Draw out of me the limitation on devotion it revealed. All of this occurred in a most loving, serious but almost teasing way, so that the laughter from everyone, including me, was just wonderful and liberating.





### **Avatar Adi Da Samraj with Timothy Toye at Anawhata, New Zealand, 1988**

**TIMOTHY TOYE:** It was a fine sunny autumn day in April when we showed Beloved Adi Da the natural highlights of the property that the New Zealand community of devotees owned at the time. We made our way to the highest point on the land, looking directly down to the beach, hundreds of feet below, and far out over the ocean. I noticed how Beloved Adi Da planted His staff very firmly and intentionally in the ground, while He stood and surveyed the area. I felt how He was making His Mark, Blessing my native country and its inhabitants by coming to New Zealand. I felt how our service to receive Him epitomised Spiritual life—the Guru appears in the life of the devotee and the devotee makes room for Him, giving the things of his or her life to Him, and thereby becoming available to receive His Spiritual Gifts.

### **Who is Avatar Adi Da Samraj?**

Avatar Adi Da's entire human lifetime was a unique demonstration of His Eternal Form—the State He calls the "Bright", the Conscious Light that is Reality Itself. From His birth on 3 November 1939 on Long Island in New York, to His passing from the body on 27 November 2008 on the Island of Naitauba, Fiji, His Life is the story of the Intervention of the "Bright" in human time. His Eternal Revelation is of the Divine Reality, the Prior Condition of every one and every thing, and He has established unique means for the transformation of all beings.

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