

Mahakaola Shrii Shrii Anandamurtijii

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I was in company of BA'BA', since 1954, when i was initiated by Ba'Ba' at Jamalpur. At that time, I was at Purnea. Atmosphere was not conducive to performing Sádhana there. At that time, there was no literature of Ananda Marga, Caryacarya - part i and part ii were published.

I went through the philosophy of Ananda Marga. It appealed to me very much. Caryacarya part ii equally, if not more, impressed me very much. Everything had been described so rationally that I was elated to go through them. I was fed up with the irrational approach of dogmatic dharma.

Later on, when Subhasita Samgraha series were published, I enjoyed them also.

I had started practising asanas since my boyhood; but i could not continue the same without a guide. So, after initiation, I again started doing asanas and fasting on Ekadashi. The cult of Sádhana, the philosophy, social outlook, and almost every aspect of ananda marga impressed me. At that time, i had many chances to come in contact with BA'BA', who gave much valuable suggests, instructions and advice, which were pragmatic.

I availed the grace of BA'BA' much before the establishment of Ananda Marga. He had been guiding me since my boyhood. So much so that i could have taken sanyasa(monkhood) at the age of 13 years. But being inexperienced, i had to postpone it till a certain age. Had I taken sanyasa(monkhood) at that early age, I would not have gone elsewhere enjoying the blessings of BA'BA'. Since I failed to pass the 'test of courage' at that time, I was deprived of the previous association with BA'BA'. Of course, that would indeed, have been a different life.

BA'BA' often used to say that we are accompanying him for a long time. We do not know him; but he knows us. Once, he said to me at the grave yard at Jamalpur in 1966 that 150 years before i was with him on a different planet and i enjoyed much bliss with him.

Afterward when i became a whole-time worker of Ananda Marga and was posted at Ananda Nagar, i again enjoyed that bliss.

Once, i had been sent to Calcutta for some collection. At that time, BA'BA' came to Calcutta from Patna on the occasion of Durga puja. I contacted a producer of films, Ravi Sarkar. He asked me as to which organisation i belonged to. I mentioned Ananda Marga, whose Propounder was Shrii Shrii Anandamurtijii. He seemed to be happy to hear this name. I questioned him if he knew Shrii Shrii Anandamurtijii. He said "i am his close relative and we used to play together. When i was 7 years old,

he (BA'BA') used to raise my Kundalini upward. I enjoyed this kind of spiritual bliss for a long time. At that time i used to think that he had mastered some magic. He insisted on seeing BA'BA'.

I , at first, hesitated to do so. Because i knew that it could be difficult for me to arrange an interview with BA'BA'. But he did not listen to my arguments and accompanied me where BA'BA' was staying. I conveyed the matter to the then P.A of BA'BA'. He consulted Smt. Uma Dutta, she confirmed that BA'BA' had a relative of that name and the matter could be referred to BA'BA'. When the P.A. Referred the matter to BA'BA', BA'BA' confirmed the name i.e., Ravi Sarkar, but expressed his inability to see him unless he (his relative) came to BA'BA' exactly in the same way as others came to him whole-timer as he (BA'BA') was, BA'BA' asked me to convey the matter to him psychologically so that his feelings might not be wounded.

I, conveyed the message of BA'BA' to him. He felt sad and went back. One day BA'BA' said to me that he (Ravi Sarkar) would come to him. I have referred this because we knew about BA'BA' when, BA'BA', first, gave initiation to Kalikanandajii. At that time, he was 18 years of age. BA'BA' used to raise kundalini, when He was only seven years old. That was much more inspiring.