Ode to Sri Ramakrishna Paramahansa

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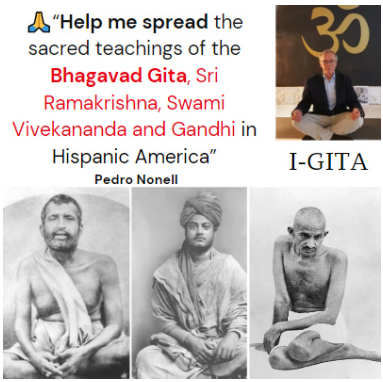
"Yato mat, tato path"

As many faiths, so many paths.

Who Weeps for God?

A reflection on the spiritual evolution of humanity based on shlokas IV-7-8 of the Bhagavad Gita, the teachings of Sri Ramakrishna and Swami Vivekananda.

"When goodness declines,
when evil increases,
when the purpose of life is
forgotten.
I manifest Myself,
I incarnate as a man.
I return at all times and places,
to reestablish the Dharma,
the path of principles." Gita IV-7-8



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Foreword

Sri Ramakrishna Paramahansa (Calcutta, 1836-1886) is perhaps one of the most important spiritual teachers of humanity in recent centuries. His message of peace and above all that all religions are valid: they are different paths to God, but they are not God at all (principle of harmony between religions), are laying the foundations for a new way of understanding religion and spirituality.

"Yato mat, tato path" (As many faiths, so many paths)

Sri Ramakrishna was the first person in history to show through direct experience the transcendental unity of all religions. Many Hindus regard him as an incarnation of divinity like Krishna, Buddha or Jesus. Gandhi and Sri Aurobindo regarded him as an incarnation: the prophet of the new era.

Swami Vivekananda (1863-1902) was a Hindu monk and the main disciple of Sri Ramakrishna. If India is today the spiritual power of the world and the third largest economy, it is thanks to the enormous work he did travelling around India, to arouse the masses with the powerful message of the Gita: "Rise and fight!" and "Be free, that is the whole religion." During his travels in the United States and England, he introduced the Bhagavad Gita or Vedanta to the West, as well as the teachings of Ramakrishna.

The quoted verse (shloka) of the Bhagavad Gita is the leitmotif of this Ode to Sri Ramakrishna:

«When goodness declines, when evil increases, when the purpose of life is forgotten, I manifest Myself, I incarnate as a man. I return at all times and places, to reestablish the Dharma, the path of principles». Gita IV 7-8.

The historical argument is based on the monumental "Study of History" by the British historian Arnold J. Toynbee.

I sincerely hope that this reflection on the spiritual evolution of humanity based on the teachings of the Bhagavad Gita will be to your liking.

Om Namaste! Shanti, Shanti, Shanti

Characters

Black Eve (narrator, dramatic soprano)

Since 6 million years ago, Africa has seen the most important steps of humanity, three authentic revolutions, until we became what we are: Homo Sapiens. Africa should be the protagonist of the history of the human race. Humanity, each and every one of us, has a common African origin; we all come from a small group of individu-als from East Africa, dating our origins between 300,000 and 100,000 years ago. From this African origin, Homo Sapiens colonized the world. We all come from the same woman, the so-called "Black Eve." Eve timelessly recounts the guiding thread of this ode.

Prophet (bass)

All the teachings of the prophets cited in this Ode have been unified in the figure of the Prophet (anonymous and timeless).

Chorus & Yoga Ballet

The chorus combines the story of Eve with the repetition of a series of mantras. The yoga ballet performs a series of Asanas based on the narrated leitmotif.

The text of this Ode to Sri Ramakrishna will be part of a musical composition for piano and voice that I am composing, hence the existence of the choir and the yoga ballet.

The simple graphic at the beginning of each scene should help the reader to imagine the setting where the scene takes place.

I recommend the reader to imagine these characters, "even if they are not there," as if they were an active part of this ode. I believe that it will facilitate its objective, which is none other than to thank the wisdom of Sri Ramakrishna, the man who knew nothing except God, and of Swami Vivekananda, who said: "May the day come when there will be as many religions as there are men," defining a new form of direct relationship between man and God, without dogmas, without myths, and which make the human being strong and free.

Africa, Black Eve, 200,000 years ago



Choir and Yoga Ballet
Africa, OM

Eve
I, Black Eve,
the mother of all humanity,
I was born in Africa.
Although you may not
remember,
He was already incarnated.

Love and spirituality,
knowledge and social sense,
He granted to man.
And the man differentiated
himself,
from the other species.
The first religions were born.

Choir and Yoga Ballet
Africa, OM

Africa: colonization of the world. 100,000 years ago



Choir and Yoga Ballet
Africa, OM

Eve
From Africa homo sapiens
departed,
and the world colonized.
Since then he hasn't stopped
moving.
No other Homo,
survived to sapiens.

Choir and Yoga Ballet
Africa, OM

Egypt, 2,000 BC, Abraham



Choir and Yoga Ballet
OM, Shalom, Shalom, Shalom,
Ahimsa.

Eve
When the Pharaohs reigned,
In Abraham He became
Incarnate,
and to Jews, Christians and
Muslims,
part of the path He explained.

Prophet:
And the Lord said to Abraham:
"I am God Almighty,
Walk before Me, and be
Blameless".

Choir and Yoga Ballet
OM, Shalom, Shalom, Shalom,
Ahimsa.

India, approx. 1,500 BC, Vedas



Choir and Yoga Ballet
OM, Shanti, Shanti, Shanti,
Ahimsa.

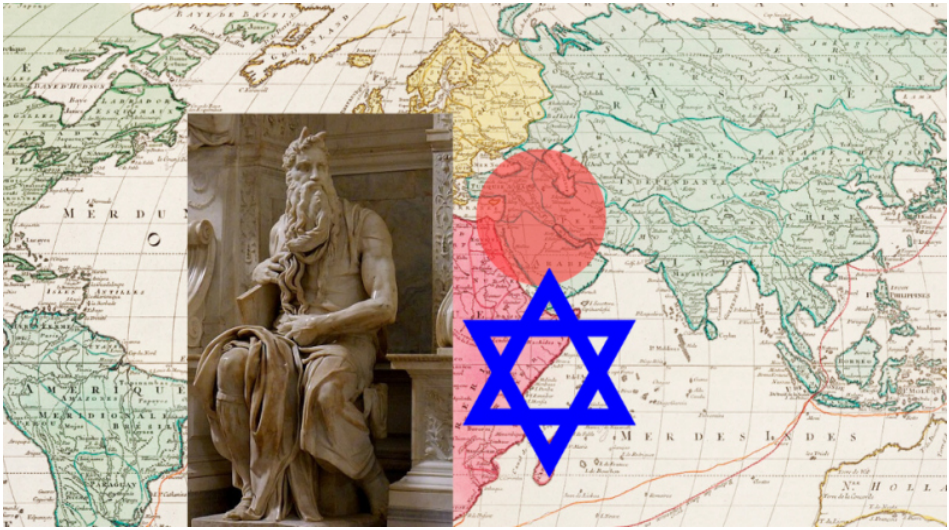
Eve
He again Incarnated,
the Vedas and the Sanatana Dharma,
the eternal religion,
He taught us.

Prophet
“Truth is One,
the wise call it,
by many names”.

Eve
India, Ahimsa adopted.
The axial age began:
the great spiritual revolution.
Man was liberated from the local tyrant,
giving him consciousness of humanity,
of belonging to something higher.

Choir and Yoga Ballet
OM, Shanti, Shanti, Shanti,
Ahimsa.

Middle East, 14th century BC, Moses



Choir and Yoga Ballet
OM, Shanti, Shanti, Shanti,
Ahimsa. Shalom, Shalom,
Shalom.

Eve
To free the Hebrew people,
He became incarnate in Moses,
and the Pentateuch transmitted
to us.

Prophet
The Lord said to Moses:
"Honor your parents,
Do not kill, do not steal,
Do not covet anything from
your neighbor."

Choir and Yoga Ballet
OM, Shanti, Shanti, Shanti,
Ahimsa. Shalom, Shalom,
Shalom.

Egypt, 1372 BC



Choir and Yoga Ballet
Aten, OM, Shanti, Shanti,
Shanti, Ahimsa.

Eve
In Akhenaten He again became incarnated,
And the monotheistic Hymn to the Sun,
to Aten dedicated,
bequeathed to us.

Prophet
And Akhenaten said:

"Living Disk that creates Life,
with Your perfection You fill the countries,
You are before our eyes,
but we still do not know Your path."

Choir and Yoga Ballet
Aten, OM, Shanti, Shanti,
Shanti, Ahimsa.

Violence around the world, 8th - 7th centuries BC



Choir and Yoga Ballet
OM, Shanti, Shanti, Shanti,
Himsa, Himsa, Himsa

Eve
Violence in the world increased,
warring states in China,
Assyrian militarism in Egypt and
the Middle East,
civil wars in India and Greece,
nomadic invasions in India
and Persia.

Choir and Yoga Ballet
OM, Shanti, Shanti, Shanti,
Himsa, Himsa, Himsa

Persia, 7th and 6th centuries BC? Zarathustra



Choir and Yoga Ballet
OM, Shanti, Shanti, Shanti,
Ahimsa.

Eve
In Zarathustra He became
incarnate again,
the path of goodness,
He taught us.

Prophet
And Zarathustra said:
“Goodness and evil,
twin spirits,
born in the beginning of the
universe,
are in thoughts, words and
deeds;
the wise will choose Goodness”

Eve
And Ahimsa again confirmed.

Choir and Yoga Ballet
OM, Shanti, Shanti, Shanti,
Ahimsa.

India millennia later, 6th century BC? Krishna to Arjuna



Choir and Yoga Ballet
OM, Shanti, Shanti, Shanti,
Ahimsa.

Eve
The sage Vyasa compiled
the sacred Bhagavad Gita,
with the wisdom that Krishna,
the incarnation of Vishnu,
taught Prince Arjuna,
for the benefit of all mankind.

Prophet
"At the beginning of time,
this imperishable Yoga I
expounded,
Thus transmitted,
the wises learned it.
But with the passage of time,
in the world it diminished."

Eve
And He taught us,
that good always prevails.

Prophet
"When goodness declines,
when evil increases,
when the purpose of life is
forgotten;
I manifest myself,
I become a man.

I return in all times and
places,
to reestablish the Dharma,
the path of principles" .

Eve
When violence reigns,
He is incarnated in Prophets,
known, anonymous and
forgotten,
men and women,
of all races and places,
reformers and restorers,
no religion wanted to be
founded.

Choir and Yoga Ballet
He comes with us,
He shows us ways,
all of them valid.
Yato Math, Tato Path

Eve
But with the passage of time,
due to the pettiness of a few,
we forget the essence of the
path,
colliding with others.

Prophet
"Led me from the unreal to the
Real.
Led me from darkness to Light.
Led me from death to
Immortality"

Choir and Yoga Ballet
OM,
Shanti, Shanti, Shanti,
Ahimsa.

India, 563 / 483 BC? Buddha



Choir and Yoga Ballet
Duhkha, OM, Shanti, Shanti,
Shanti, Ahimsa.

Eve
In the Buddha He again
incarnated;
knowing the causes of suffering,
and how to avoid it,
was his way,
and the Noble Eightfold Path.
And Ahimsa again confirmed.

Prophet

«It does not matter whether the
world is eternal or finite,
or whether soul and body are
distinct,
or whether Buddha exists after
death.

I did not speak of these,
because they do not lead,
either to the absence of passion,
or to tranquility,
or to Nirvana.

And what did I explain to you?
Suffering, its causes and
how to destroy it».

Eve
Thus the Buddha transmitted to us,
his Four Noble Truths,
Whatever you think,
there is old age, sorrow,
suffering and death.

Choir and Yoga Ballet
Duhkha, OM, Shanti, Shanti,
Shanti, Ahimsa.

India, 599 BC / 540 BC?, Mahavira



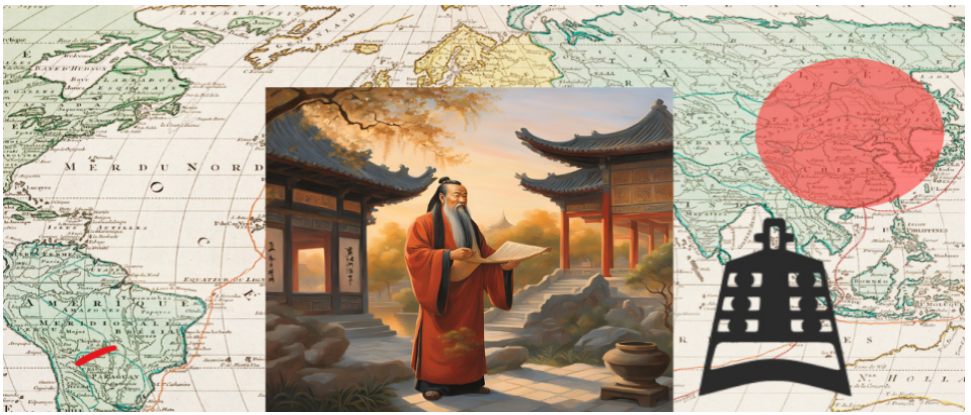
Choir and Yoga Ballet
Ahimsa, OM, Shanti, Shanti,
Shanti, Ahimsa.

Eve
In Mahavira He again
incarnated,
and through Jainism,
the path of Ahimsa was
enshrined:
do not practice violence,
against people, animals or
plants.

Prophet
“Practice detachment,
Tell the truth and do not steal,
Respect every living organism.
Follow the path of Ahimsa”.

Choir and Yoga Ballet
Ahimsa, OM, Shanti, Shanti,
Shanti, Ahimsa.

China, 551 BC, Confucius



Choir and Yoga Ballet
Golden Rule, OM, Shanti,
Shanti, Shanti, Ahimsa.

Eve
In Confucius He again
incarnated;
the importance of tradition,
and the universal golden rule,
in the Analects He transmitted
to us.

Prophet
«Benevolence consists in,
not doing to others,
what you do not want
done to you».

Choir and Yoga Ballet
Golden Rule, OM,
Shanti, Shanti, Shanti,
Ahimsa.

Laozi (China, 6th century BC?)



Choir and Yoga Ballet
Wu-Wei, OM, Shanti, Shanti, Shanti, Ahimsa.

Eve
In **Laozi** again He incarnated,
And showed us another path:
the Tao Te Ching,
the Wu-Wei: non-action.

Prophet
“The wise works without acting,
teaches without speaking,
Creates, but does not possess,
achieves, but does not retain”.

Eve
And it helped us not to try to understand.
the infinity of the Absolute.

Prophet
“The Tao that you can name with words,
is not the Eternal Tao.”

Eve
And again Ahimsa confirmed.

Choir and Yoga Ballet
Tao, OM, Shanti, Shanti, Shanti, Ahimsa.

Greece, 6th century BC, Philosophy, Pythagoras



Choir and Yoga Ballet
Philosophy, OM, Shanti, Shanti, Shanti,
Ahimsa.

Eve
Except for some like Pythagoras,
Who perhaps reached India,
Hellas instead of spirituality,
showed us the path of philosophy.

Prophet
And Anaximander already intuited:
"Many Universes coexist,
all are perishable"

And Socrates affirmed:
"There is only one good:
knowledge.
There is only one evil:
ignorance.
I only know that I know nothing.
Only God is the ultimate wise"

Choir and Yoga Ballet
Philosophy, OM, Shanti, Shanti, Shanti,
Ahimsa.

Roman Empire, 3rd century BC



Choir and Yoga Ballet
OM,
Shanti, Shanti, Shanti.

Eve
And so philosophy was
transmitted to Rome.

Choir and Yoga Ballet
OM,
Shanti, Shanti, Shanti.

Galilee, Jesus, Christianity, year 1 AD



Choir and Yoga Ballet
Love, OM, Shanti, Shanti,
Shanti, Ahimsa.

Eve
Under Roman tyranny,
He was once again incarnated
in Jesus,
He who went about doing
good,
and showed us the way of
love.

Prophet
«Love is patient, love is kind;
It does not envy, nor boast.
Nothing is wrong done,
it does not hold a grudge or
become angry,
it does not rejoice in injustice.
Love delights in truth"

Eve
And the Ahimsa path reminded
us:

Prophet
« Do not resist evil,
If anyone slaps you on the right
cheek,
offer the other also.
Love your enemies ».

Choir and Yoga Ballet
Love, OM, Shanti, Shanti, Shanti,
Ahimsa.

Roman empire, 1st-5th centuries AD



Choir and Yoga Ballet
OM, Shanti, Shanti, Shanti

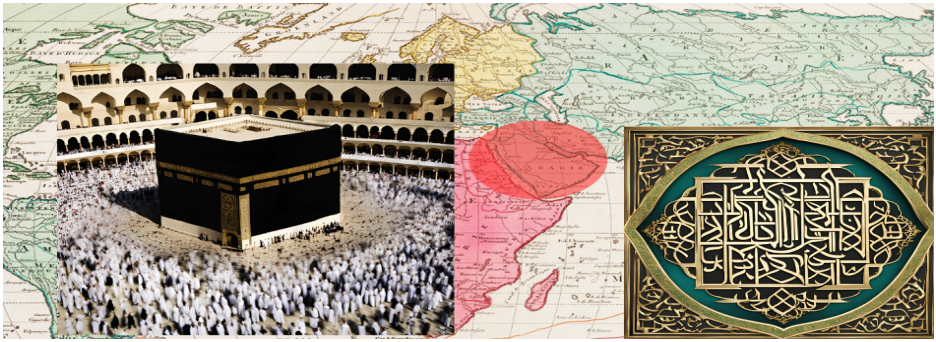
Eve
Greek philosophy was
syncretized with Christianity,
Marcus Aurelius left us his
Meditations,
Saint Augustine, the Civitas
Dei.

Prophet
And Marcus Aurelius said:
"Everything is intertwined with
each other,
sacred is their common bond,
Everything contributes to the
order of the world."

And Saint Augustine said:
"You have made us for yourself,
our hearts are restless,
until they rest in You".

Choir and Yoga Ballet
OM, Shanti, Shanti, Shanti

Arabia, 570 AD, Muhammad, Islam



Choir and Yoga Ballet
Salam aleykum, OM, Shanti,
Shanti, Shanti, Ahimsa.

Eve
In the face of the Achaemenid
and Roman threat,
In Muhammad He was
incarnated again,
albeit as the "seal of the
Prophets",
in the Five Pillars of Islam,
of the Holy Quran,
a new path was shown to us:
that of social justice,
not to bury newborn girls alive,
to protect widows and the
weakest.

Prophet
«The offerings given by Allah,
are for the poor,
to free them from slavery».

Eve
And again he reminded us,
respect for other paths.

Prophet
"To each of you We prescribed,
a law and a method.

Had Allah willed,
He would have made you one nation,
united in religion".

Choir and Yoga Ballet
Salam aleykum,
OM, Shanti, Shanti, Shanti,
Ahimsa.

Expansion of Islam, 7th century AD



Choir and Yoga Ballet
Salam aleykum,
OM,
Shanti, Shanti, Shanti,
Ahimsa.

Eve
And Islam reached Africa, Asia and Europe.

Choir and Yoga Ballet
Salam aleykum,
OM,
Shanti, Shanti, Shanti,
Ahimsa.

India, 1469, Guru Nanak, Sikhism



Choir and Yoga Ballet
OM, Shanti, Shanti, Shanti,
Ahimsa.

Eve
Under Muslim domination,
in the face of tensions between
Islam and Hinduism,
He was incarnated in Guru
Nanak;
through Sikh Daram,
He showed us another path:
that of moral rectitude,
that of equality between men
and women

Prophet
"God is neither Hindu nor
Muslim,
I follow the path of God.

Salvation comes only from
truth,
Look to the brotherhood,
of all mankind,
as the highest order
by the yogis appointed.

From woman man is born,
within her he is conceived,
with her he marries,
woman becomes his friend,
through her future generations
are born".

Catholicism (West, 15th century AD)



Choir and Yoga Ballet
Freewill, OM,
Shanti, Shanti, Shanti,
Ahimsa.

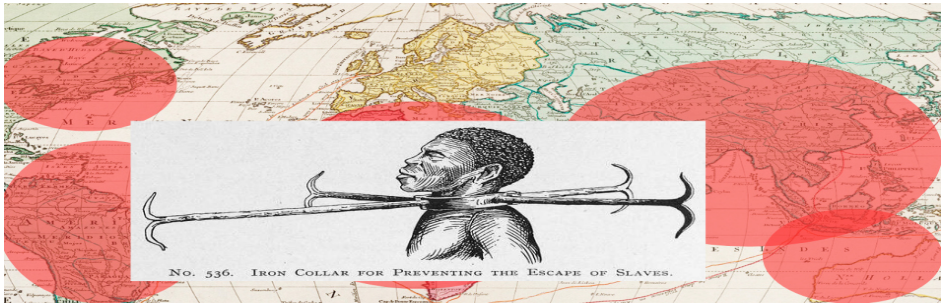
Eve
In the West, Christianity
evolved.
With Isabella and Ferdinand,
America joined the West,
Viracocha and Quetzalcoatl
disappeared,
Catholicism became globalized,
free will triumphed,
the Law of the Indies was born.

Prophet
And Saint Teresa said:
"And without love everything
is nothing"

And Baruch Spinoza said:
"God is an absolutely infinite
being,
a substance consisting of
infinite attributes,
each of which expresses,
an eternal and infinite essence."

Choir and Yoga Ballet
Freewill
OM,
Shanti, Shanti, Shanti, Ahimsa.

Darkness (West, 17th and 20th centuries)



Choir and Yoga Ballet
OM, Shanti, Shanti, Shanti,
Himsa.

Eve
When England led,
Protestantism dominated,
Sola Fide free will won.
The worst of the West emerged,
Slavery bled Africa dry,
Colonization expanded,
Blood religious wars devastated
Europe.
And centuries later, in Mali,
Ahmadou Hampaté Bá recalled
the words of Ramakrishna:

Prophet
"When I meet a believer,
whether my brother is a
Christian or a Jew, a Buddhist
or one of the African religions,
I listen.
We must forget our
differences...
Each one must follow himself,
And reach God by following his
own path."

Choir and Yoga Ballet
OM, Shanti, Shanti, Shanti,
Himsa.

«Goddess Reason» (Europe, France, 18th century)



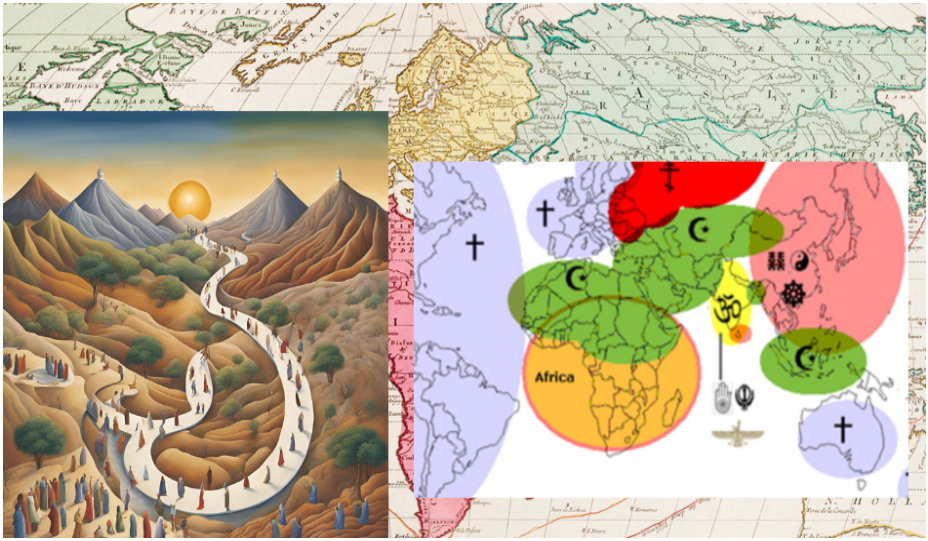
Choir and Yoga Ballet
Himsa.

Eve
In France the revolution
triumphed,
rationalism displaced
spirituality,
and the "Goddess Reason" led.
Science became dogma,

In the search for God,
man gave up:
materialism, nihilism,
agnosticism, atheism…

Choir and Yoga Ballet
Himsa.

Divergence of paths (19th century)



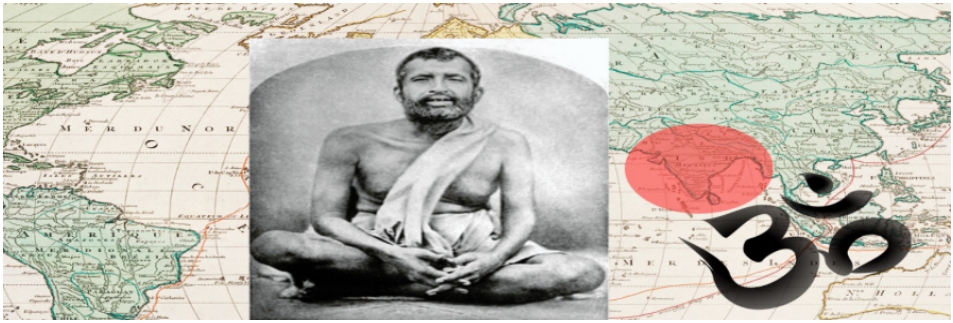
Choir and Yoga Ballet
Himsa.

Eve
But with the passage of time,
these paths diverged,
they became exclusive,
irreconcilable, violent,
the meaning of the path was
lost.

Man forgot that,
it was possible to see God.

Choir and Yoga Ballet
Himsa.

Sri Ramakrishna Paramahansa (India, 1836)



Choir and Yoga Ballet
Yato Mat, Tato Path, OM,
Shanti, Shanti, Shanti, Ahimsa.

Eve
Under the British Empire,
in Sri Ramakrishna He again incarnated,
the illiterate monk who saw God,
the Prophet of Harmony among Religions,
the Avatar of the new age,
there is no God,
because you cannot find Him,
the one for whom women,
were the image of the Goddess Kali,
the one for whom religion is realization

Prophet
And Sri Ramakrishna said:
«At night you see many stars,
but not when the sun is awake.
Can you say that there are no stars during the day?
Oh man, you cannot say that
because you cannot find Him,
in the days of your ignorance»

Eve
When his disciple Swami
Vivekananda met him,
he asked him:
"Master, have you seen God?»

Prophet
And Sri Ramakrishna said:
«Yes, I see God as I see you
here,
but much more intensely.
One can Know Him, See Him
and Talk to Him,
as I am seeing you and talking
to you,
but who cares?
They shed torrents of tears,
for wives, children or wealth,
but who cries for God?
Surely God manifests Himself,
to whomever cries for Him»

Eve
For years he searched for God
through Hinduism,
uniting dualists and non-
dualists;
the God with multiple forms
and names,
and the God without form or
name.
the oneness of Sanatana
Dharma he achieved.
He searched for God through
other paths,
Christianity, Islam and
Buddhism.

Prophet
And Sri Ramakrishna said:
«The same God revealed
himself to me,
incarnated in Christ,
speaking through Mohammed,
as Vishnu the Preserver,
or Shiva the Consummator».

Choir and Yoga Ballet
Yato Mat, Tato Path,
OM, Shanti, Shanti, Shanti,
Ahimsa.

Sri Ramakrishna: so many paths, so many religions



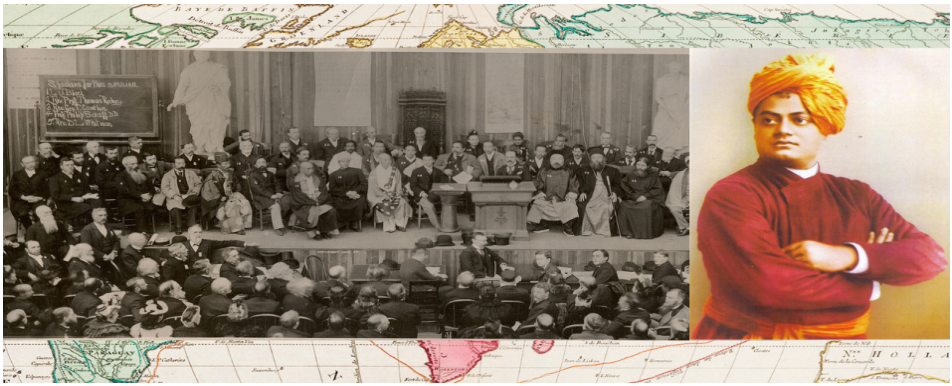
Choir and Yoga Ballet
Yato Mat, Tato Path,OM, Shanti, Shanti, Shanti, Ahimsa.

Eve
And the path of harmony between religions taught us.

Prophet
And Sri Ramakrishna said:
"The Savior is God's messenger;
wherever in the world,
where religion declines,
God sends him.
It is the same and only Savior who,
having immersed himself in the ocean of life,
arises in one place and is known as Krishna, and,
having immersed himself again,
appears in another place as Christ.
Everyone should follow their own religion.
So many religions, so many paths."

Choir and Yoga Ballet
Yato Mat, Tato Path,
OM, Shanti, Shanti, Shanti,
Ahimsa.

India, United States, 1893, Swami Vivekananda



Choir and Yoga Ballet
Yato Mat, Tato Path, OM,
Shanti, Shanti, Shanti,
Ahimsa.

Eve
And his disciple Vivekananda
traveled to Chicago,
in the first Parliament of the
World's Religions,
he enlightened the public,
the Vedanta, capable of
integrating all religions,
he taught the West.

Prophet:
And Swami Vivekananda said:
"Sisters and brothers of
America!
The Bhagavad Gita taught us:
O Lord, the different paths,
that men take,
whether they appear crooked or
straight,
all lead to You.
I am a Hindu, and I feel good.
The Christian has to be a good
Christian,

the Muslim, a good Muslim.
Hinduism cannot live without
Buddhism,
nor does it exist without
Buddhism.

Be free: that is the whole
religion! ”

Choir and Yoga Ballet
Yato Mat, Tato Path, OM,
Shanti, Shanti, Shanti,
Ahimsa.

Barbarism. 20th century, world wars, Marxism, Nazism



Choir and Yoga Ballet
OM, Shanti, Shanti, Shanti,
Himsa.

Eve
England and France colonized
much of the world,
the West moved towards
totalitarianism:
Marxism, Fascism, Nazism…
replaced religion.
War became global twice.
The most devastating weapon
of all time was created.

Prophet
And Krishna said:
"I am the mighty world-
destroying Time,
now engaged in destroying the
worlds".

Eve
The West lost its moral and
spiritual leadership.
Science and religion were
reconciled.

And Einstein said:
When I read the Bhagavad Gita,
And reflect on how God,
this universe created,
everything else seems
superfluous to me

Choir and Yoga Ballet
OM, Shanti, Shanti, Shanti,
Himsa.

God returns in all times and places

Choir and Yoga Ballet
OM,
Shanti, Shanti, Shanti,
Himsa.

Eve
And rest assured,
when violence returns,
when the meaning of life is forgotten,
even if you do not understand,
even if you do not recognize Him,
He will return again,
and reestablish Ahimsa and Dharma

Prophet
And Krishna said:
"When goodness declines,
when evil increases,
when the purpose of life is forgotten.
I manifest Myself,
I become a body.
I return in all times and places,
to reestablish the Dharma,
the path of principles."

And Sanjaya thus ended the Bhagavad Gita:
"Wherever Krishna,
the Master of Yoga, is,
wherever Arjuna is,
there reigns Fortune and Victory,
Prosperity and Eternal Righteousness.
Sat-Chit-Ananda,
Existence Absolute,
Knowledge Absolute,
Bliss Absolute"

Choir and Yoga Ballet
Yato Mat, Tato Path,
OM,
Shanti, Shanti, Shanti,
Ahimsa, Ahimsa, Ahimsa

My religion: to be strong and free

Ramakrishna taught us that all paths lead to the one and only God and that it is possible to see Him. Vivekananda said that he wished the day would come when there would be as many religions as there are people and also that being free was the whole religion.

All the messengers and prophets have arisen on earth in times of violence and loss of the meaning of life. All of them have revealed parts of a single essential truth whose source can be none other than the one God, whether you call it Allah, Brahman or Sat-Chit-Ananda.

True Knowledge, the self-knowledge of the true self and of the Absolute Reality, which in Sanskrit is called Apara-Vidya or spiritual science, is immutable in time. Any other knowledge (Para-Vidya), such as the Western sciences, is finite.

Since Black Eve, finite knowledge has not stopped growing all over the world, so people from different times and places have achieved finite knowledge that is, at least in theory, ever higher. A scientific theory like quantum mechanics could hardly be understood in the time of Jesus or Confucius, although many centuries before, in Vedanta, this concept of continuity of everything, based on the All is One, was already used. And so, all this wealth of knowledge, created by billions of people during more than 6,000 years of civilization, has allowed, for better or for worse, for humanity to be what it is today.

This finite knowledge should be used for the common good of humanity and lay the foundation for assimilating higher knowledge or Apara-Vidya.

Swami Vivekananda expressed it perfectly: “Western science plus Hindu spirituality” and I believe that this is the approach with which we should live spirituality, and do so without dogmas, without chains that restrict our freedom, and always remember the divine right of the soul to be free. All religions have taught me something, and for this reason, I cannot define myself exclusively as Christian or Hindu, as Guru Nanak so well expressed when he said that God was neither Hindu nor Muslim.

My religion is to achieve union with God, and to try to see Him in the heart of all humanity.

My path is Christian love,

And also Hindu tolerance and universality,

My path is also Jain: non-violence and respect for all living organisms,

And also the goodness in thoughts, words and actions of the Zoroastrians,

I sense that my path is also Taoist, although sometimes I don't understand it,

My path is also that of social justice in Islam,

And also that of the righteousness and equality between men and women of the Sikhs,

My path is also that of Sri Ramakrishna, who made me understand the validity of other paths,

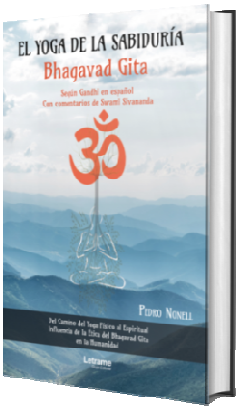
And my path will be, I hope, that of All is One, the Sat-Chit-Ananda

This is my religion, and it makes me strong and free...

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Namaste!





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