

**7** *steps in the life  
of Shri Mataji  
Nirmala Devi*





I belong to a family of very enlightened people. My father was a linguist and he was master of fourteen languages. He knew about 26 languages and he translated even Koran-sharif into Hindi language. My mother was in those days, was a honours in mathematics. So both they were very well educated and enlightened people.

At the time of my birth my mother dreamed something which she could not explain. But after that she had a great desire to go and see a tiger in the open field. My father was a great hunter, because tigers were a menace in the area where we were living. It was a hill-station called Chindwara. So there was a king who was very much interested in my father.

Somehow or another a letter came that there is a tiger, very big tiger and they are frightened of him that he might be a maneater. So my father took my mother and moved to that place. And they were sitting in what we call as a Machan. Where they built something for people to sit on top of a tree, from where they can shoot nicely. And then my mother tells me that a big huge tiger, of very big size, very beautifully appeared on the field and she felt tremendous love for the tiger.

It was a full moon day and she felt extremely compassionate towards the tiger and when my father raised his gun to shoot, she stopped and she wouldn't allow him. The tiger went away and he never came to that forest again. But that made my father think, because he himself is a realised soul.

That must be somebody what we call a Goddess Durga, who is fond of the tiger must be born to my mother, because the symptoms where rather funny that the lady should like to see a tiger. So he told my mother: "Now are you satisfied?" Because they were struggling with the gun. He said: "Is there of Durga sitting in your womb, that you are trying to protect a tiger?" She said: "Yes, yes stop it now, I won't allow you!"

Like that there were many incidents in my life, because I am of a Christian family, Protestants and when I was born my mother didn't feel any labour-pains or anything just I was born. She did not know how and I had no blood on my body, nothing. I was clean washed that is why they called me as Nirmala.

But my grandmother said that she should be called as Nishkalanka. That means the one which has no spots on her. But that is the name of a man. So they said alright we call her Nirmala meaning the same – Immaculate. Now all these incidents. And then my father, being a realized soul, he felt tremendous vibrations from me and he felt that this life is great and that she will do something great in this life. I do not know why, but I don't know if he dreamed or he understood it, but all the time if I remember when he talked to me, he used to say that: "You have to find out the way of giving "en mass" realisation all the time."

**Shri Mataji Nirmala Devi**  
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**FREEDOM**

**2.**  
*India's  
 independence*  
 15/08/1947

But it so happened in my childhood, when I was about 7 years of age. My father was a congressman, he had joined-congress when I was 4 years of age. He used to live with a style very westernized - you see. He threw away everything and became a real Indian and started leading a life of a martial. Then he made us study our languages, Sanskrit he made us study in an Indian school not in a missionary school.

Because missionary is very, very unkind. They threw us out of the school, when my father was in the congress. They were against us completely. Then at the age of seven years, I happened to go with my father to Mahatma Gandhi. He was about 70 miles living with us. But the first time he took me down and Mahatma Gandhi, he liked me very much. He said: "Leave this child here!" So I had not taken clothes or anything to stay there and my father sent to me everything. And he was very fond of me. But I was a little girl. But he understood that there was something about me. He consulted me on very serious problems sometimes, surprisingly. Like one day he wanted to make me a prayer-book alright, so he asked me: "How should I put these series and all that." So I told him, how to put the series and he put the series in that way.

I used to go back for my school and again to go back to Gandhiji. Every year like that. And he called me Nepali. He gave me a name "Nepali". Everybody used to call me Nepali that time. Then I grew up with him very intimately, he was a very, very kind person for children. Otherwise an extremely strict man, with himself and with others, very strict. A big disciplined man. And he would make everybody get up at 4 o'clock, have your baths everything be ready for your morning prayers at 5 o'clock - you see - and he used to walk very

fast. I also learned walking fast with him. In his company I had to walk fast. And he had been extremely loving and a very nice person. And he would listen to me, because I was a child. Supposing I had forced him to eat more or something then he would have laughed and accepted. Very kind person. But with others, he was very strict and I used to tell him that: "Why are you strict with them too much?" He said: "But you are a little girl, you got up in the morning, why can't they get up?" I said: "I am little, that's why I get up, they are big, so they can't get up." Like that you see a little child.

Then my father went to jail and my mother also went to jail five times. My father went to jail twice. Once for about two and a half years and he was the only supporting member of the family. By the way we came from a very old royal family, which is called as Shalivahanas. They have a calendar also in India. And then, when they took my father to jail we had to leave our house and we had to live in huts and had all kind of problems. But also me, they pestered a lot because I helped many people there. I joined effort to movement and in a very serious way I became the leader there. But we were young people. I thought unless and until I take a very positive stand, it may not work out with them. It is not gracious to say how they tortured me. What they did to me. But they really tortured me. I was a young girl of nineteen years that time. It is over now, so it is finished. After that my father went to jail again and then when he came back, he got elected as the member of the central assembly, later on as the constructor of the assembly and then of the parliament.

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3.

*Marriage to  
Sir Srivastava  
07/04/1947*

It was a Easter Monday when I got married that day, and also My baptism took place on Easter Monday. But you know our Easter Monday always changes according to the Monday it comes. So it was quite a big venture for Me to marry. Actually, I did not need it at all. But as you know in India, they won't spare any girl from marriage, and they have been after My life since I was about eighteen years of age. So somehow I managed. But I was in the medical college Lahore, and suddenly the disturbances broke out there, of a very serious nature. And I came back, and there was no possibility of My going back.

Then the whole thing – planned, I think Divine planned it for My marriage, because I had to accept them. And as My husband was there, there were many proposals also, which they chose this one, and I was married. In a way arranged,

because I had never talked to him about it, he had not talked to Me, but he had seen Me once before.

So, for Me it was all right because everybody's so much worried in My family about My marriage all the time. But all throughout I feel that I looked after My husband's relations, family, though he had none. He had only one sister whose grandson is Vinay. And all the rest of the family, all those relations of his, I really looked after them. And he was counting, he said, "You have looked after thirty-five nephews," only nephews and how many nieces and how many ... Because it was nature, you see, of compassion, which all they were this time, worried about all these people.

**Shri Mataji Nirmala Devi**

*Farewell Talk. Burwood Ashram, Sydney, 7 April 1994.*





4.

*Opening of  
Sahasrara  
05/05/1970*

My father said: Before you do not develop this technique of giving “en mass” realization do not talk about religion. Let nobody know that you know anything about it, because they will crucify you or... (He was rather worried that people won’t understand) ... or you may write another Bible or Gita – no use.

First of all you must give them realization. If they get their realization then they will realize that there is something about it, about this human awareness. For example, he always used to give an analogy. Supposing we are born on the tenth storey and everybody is on the ground. You must at least make them climb two storeys so they know that there is something above. Otherwise no use talking about it.” And he said: “This is the mistake between the saints and the incarnations was, that they never realized that these people are still on the ground. They have to still enter into the medium. So that is what you have to be very careful that first of all you must give realization to them.”

So I was seeking the ways and methods, working it out inside myself through my own style of meditation in the sense that I would work out all the permutations and combinations and when I met one person then I would see what problems that person had, how you can overcome it, like that I would try to study that person internally.

And I went to many people to find out, but I found they were great hypocrites. I saw so many of these Gurus, most of them. When I saw them, I was surprised they were all hypocrites. Money making and also I went to Rash Neesh to see him and he said that I should come to his program. I did not

know what sort of man, because he was talking about Gita and I thought he might be knowing something about it.

I went there but my husband said: “No, I won’t allow you to go to this program. So he arranged his own... There I could see all the things which were going on. And that is the day somehow or another I said: “I must open the last chakra!”

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“Then I decided to stay the night at the seashore. I was all alone and felt very good. There was no one around to say a word. And then in meditation, I felt that the time had arrived when the Sahasrara must be opened. The moment I desired for the opening of the Sahasrara, what I noticed was that the Kundalini rose like a telescope within me, opening one stage after the other, traveling upward – khat, khat, khat. The color of it was like the mixture of all the colors of these lamps put together, which you used for decoration. It was like the color of melted red-hot iron.

Then I saw the external structure of the Kundalini that kept on rising up, creating sounds at each chakra. The Kundalini rose up to pierce the Brahmrandhra. Piercing mine was not a big deal, but then I thought it would now become easier in the world. I felt at that moment whatever energy was there above, suddenly entered within me like a cool breeze from every direction. It was then, that I realized that now there was no harm in starting the work.

**Shri Mataji Nirmala Devi**

*Diwali Puja 1995, Nargol, India.*



But today it is the day I declare I am the One who has to save the humanity. I declare I am the One who is Adi Shakti (Holy Spirit) – who is the Mother of all Mothers, who is the Primordial Mother, the Shakti of the Desire of God – who has incarnated on this Earth to give meaning to itself, to this creation, to human beings, and I am sure that through My Love and Patience and My Powers I am going to achieve it. I was the

One who was born again and again. But now I have come in My complete Form and with complete Powers. I have come on this Earth not only for salvation of human beings, not only for their emancipation, but for granting them the Kingdom of Heaven – the Joy, the Bliss – that your Father wants to bestow upon you.

**Shri Mataji Nirmala Devi**  
*London, Dollis Hill, 1979*



6.

*World Tours  
& en masse  
Realisation*

Now, people say, “You travel so much.” – My Passport is so big; this is the third passport I have; so big I cannot put it through the slit – but I don’t travel; I am just sitting there. I don’t think, I don’t travel; I am sitting there as I am sitting here. I can sit anywhere. Just not to think, to be in thoughtless awareness, is the first sign that you have achieved your ascent – nirvichar samadhi. So many of you achieved it.

On My birthday I don’t know what to say; it comes and goes, and comes and goes. Seventy-two years have passed; I don’t think about it. I also don’t feel My age at all, in any way. Because I don’t think about it. It is there; till I have to live I’ll live. When I don’t have to live I won’t live; that’s all. That’s not My job. My... if there’s anything My Love wants to do, it’s to give Realization to everyone in the world; whatever they are.

**Shri Mataji Nirmala Devi,**  
*Birthday Felicitations. New Delhi (India), 21 March 1995.*



Then in the second era, now, you will not desire so much that Mother should be there – you'll take it over from Me. This is the divine desire I'm telling you about, and you have to work on that from today onwards. I am with you, you know that; but need not be in this body, because I don't know if I exist in this body or not. But once this desire starts working, you will see tremendous miracles happening. When the child is born to a mother, automatically she gets milk. So the nature is so connected with the whole thing. In your divine desire also it is connected. And it is very evident when you are a divine person.

So you may find Me anywhere: you are walking on the street, suddenly you might find Mataji walking with you. So this is the second era we have started, and you should not be shocked if you see Me sitting on your bed and putting My

hand on your head. Or you may see Me in the form of Christ walking into your room, or as Shri Rama. That has to happen, so you should be prepared.

Already so many miracles have taken place on you, but on a grosser level. We have seen the light coming on My head, and the photographs have shown some miracles to you. But many things will happen, that you will see something that you could never imagine. This has to happen, just to convince you that you have reached a certain height of your evolution in the new area of Pragyalek. Because this is a new state into which now you will be entering, on a horizontal basis.

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