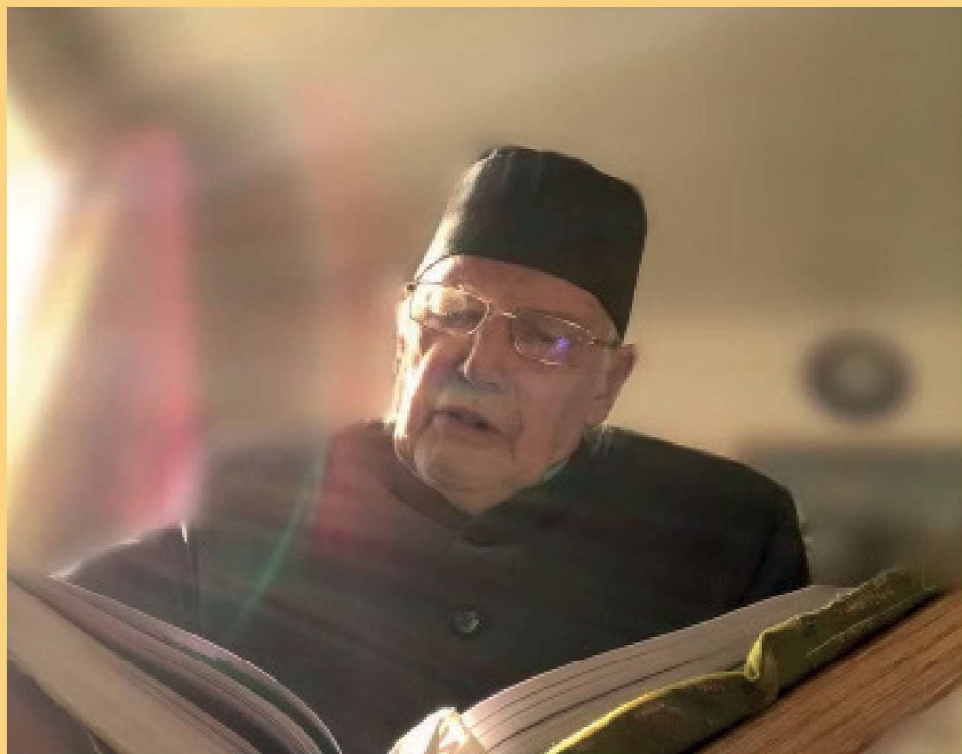




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Foreword

*'Street noise, chatting strangers, the saw's repeated sound,
The opening ear, in everything, mystic speech always found.
Stage by stage, level by level, the seeker leaves the ground,
Reaches to where the whirlpool of divinity carries him round'.*

The Golden Gate is a remarkable work of wisdom, spiritual eloquence and artistic beauty. This extensive explanation of deep spiritual meanings can only be fully appreciated, as in many mystical books, if read again and again. Each time the reader finds new and deeper meanings in the text, new doors may open, life may be transformed through the reflection and appreciation of the words of a spiritual master. It is steeped in truths and secrets, meant for the hearts of the real seekers.

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The Golden Gate Part One

INTRODUCTION

The golden gate opens wide and we are invited inside.
Leave behind the baggage of pride and time and tide,
Leave behind the world of ingenuity and of cleverness,
Leave behind the world of indolence and forgetfulness.
Leave behind the world of insolence, hatred and crime,
Leave behind the thoughts of self and such like slime.
Leave behind the doubts and diffidence of every day,
Leave behind the worldly ways of back biting and play,
Leave behind the insanity of anger and greed and lust,
Leave behind the depressive and continuous mistrust,
Leave behind the empty pleasures that pass as fun,
Leave behind the passion for stick, sword and gun.
Leave behind the ambition for fame, glory and gain,
Leave behind the empty promises none can sustain,
Leave behind the love of wealth and of miserliness,
Leave behind the love of this world's powerfulness.
Leave behind the arena of jealousy and unjust strife,
Leave behind the blaming of your body for your life.
In fact leave behind every false and any artificial act,
Anything causing you to forget your Beloved in fact.
Though all this and all the rest have their purpose too,
They will not pass through the golden gate with you.

1

How was it that we arrived at this door to a higher place?
The history of this journey we should be able to trace,
In some ways it means nothing at all once we are here,
But marks left in time and place may draw a seeker near.

2

There is a spiritual wind that breathes a great blessing,
It is said twice a year that everyone it will be touching.
Most pause a moment, wonder, then get on with duties,
A few see in it the evidence of endless new possibilities.

3

Those sitting beneath a tree of tasty fruit, ripe for eating
Who hold out their skirt or hands to catch them falling,
Will feast on a new direction or on a new wider horizon,
Most will rub their head and wonder what is going on.

4

For the few it has begun, the journey they were wanting,
Though they do not know it yet, their real life is starting.
But where to begin where to find a friend who can guide,
There are so many false smiling faces concealing pride,

5

So many half-cooked blind enthusiasts wanting to lead,
So many who think it's more than enough just to read,
So many who know something and think it's everything,
So many well- meaning ones who gave up more seeking.

6

Not to mention the frauds whose real interest is in money,
Or those who relish fame and fortune or just pomposity.
The key to solve this puzzle, lies in your own sincerity,
Look inside your 'self', deep and long and yes fearlessly.

7

Do not accept any reasoned excuse yourself may offer,
Look to see what you really seek, is it selfish pleasure?
Following this or that random person is only confusing,
Seek the true guide within by prayer and yes by pleading.

8

If you are sincere, the Divinity your prayer may heed,
You will be given guidance, wisely, according to need.
If your sincerity is shallow or false or a pretence actually,
You will be given a guide of this kind, a fraud, unhappily.

9

If you are half sincere but your sincerity is not really deep,
You will find a guide suited to you, half wise, half asleep.
If you are truly sincere, a friend of the Divinity will appear,
And you will know from deep inside that guidance is here.

10

Now with that guidance you will not need the words I say,
But things in the world of cause and effect have their way.
So, I will tell you what Divinity allows, maybe it will help you,
And if you do not need it's guiding, you will still find it is true.