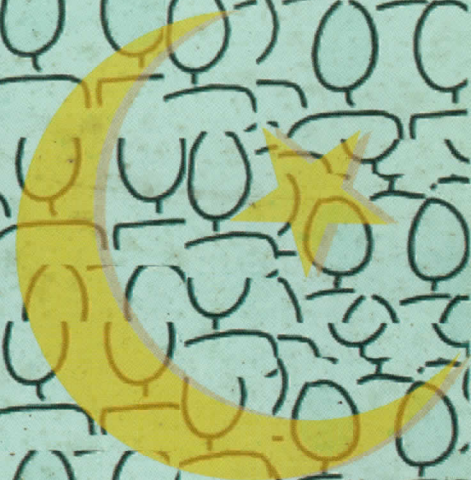
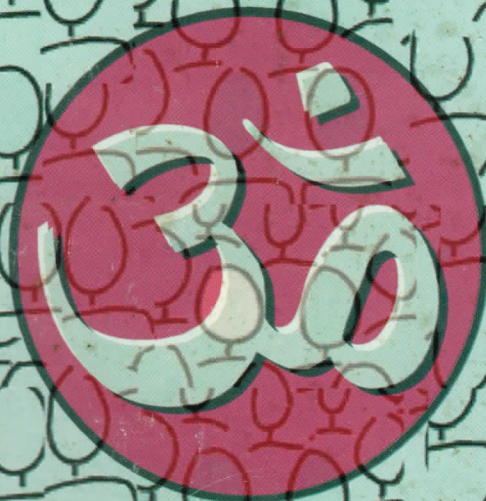
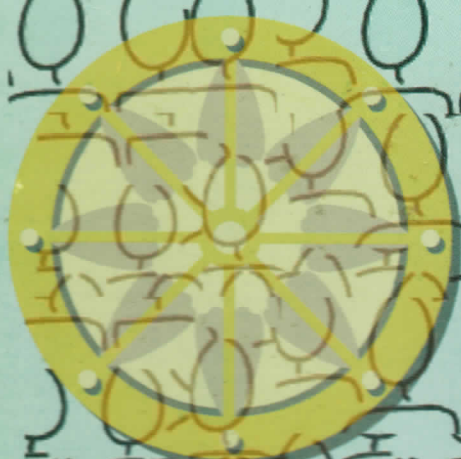
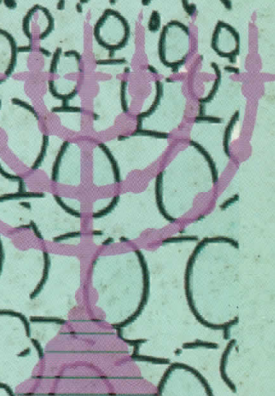
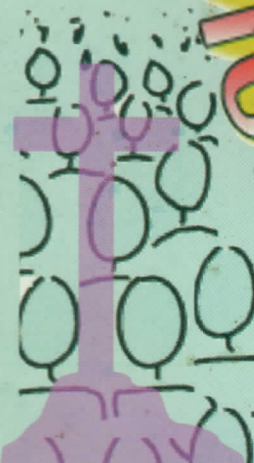
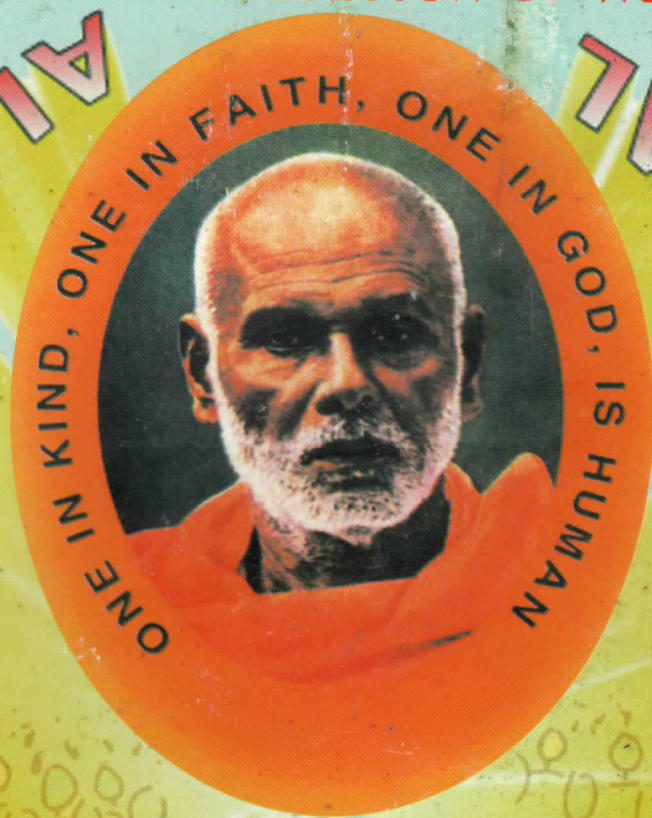
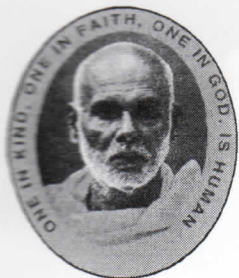


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EDITORIAL

Sree Narayana Guru was an extraordinary phenomenon that strode galactically over the spiritual paradise of India during the late 19th and early 20th century. He was a Yogi, visionary, poet and a social reformer. While trying to uplift the oppressed by fighting against the malignant systems of the society, He was simultaneously pursuing truth by delving into the depth of Vedic lore. But the genius of the Guru was not confined to a particular organization, religion or region and was so vast and transcendental to embrace the entire humanity. However the trail flared by this extraordinary master continues to inspire millions of people, not only in India but also all over the world. Today we are celebrating Sree Narayana Gurudeva Jayanthi (the birth anniversary) of the Great Saint, Philosopher and Humanist. It is the combination of various aspects in His life and work that has made the influence of Guru so far-reaching in this transforming society.

Sree Narayana Guru's philosophy is essentially human oriented and not the usual God-centered. He preached that awareness could only manifest in and through self. Neither the Absolute, nor the Universe, nor the other human becomes real unless there is Self and Awareness of that Self. The inexorable law of karma (the law of cause and effect) governs this world. Each action - whether good or bad - has a reaction. According to our own state of consciousness we thus create "heaven" and "hell" for us, here and beyond; binding ourselves with our own actions, we are caught in the circle of give and take.

We (human) are subject to many errors. Different practices and meditations on the level of body and mind lead us into the astral world where lots of pitfalls and dangers await us. From one life to the next, and from one cosmic creation to the next, the living entity makes a determination to act in a certain way, and then entangled in the reactions to those acts. But karma is not eternal. Although we are reaping the results of our activities from time immemorial, we can change our ramifications of karma. Change is possible when we become situated in the mode of goodness, insanity, and understand what sort of activities we should adopt. If we do that, then all the actions and reactions connected to our past activities can be changed. But all of one's activities depend on the will of the Super Soul (God), seated within as a friend and guide. As long as one is not liberated from material nature, one has to perform his duties according to religious principles and in this way gradually rise to the platform of real knowledge. The true purpose of religion is to better man's relations with his fellows. We have succeeded in establishing a broad based movement for the dissemination of the philosophy and teachings of Narayana Guru in North America.

We have succeeded to some extent in approaching our common goal in the promotion and preservation of our culture and heritage. The initial steps toward bringing the fragmented pieces together have been taken. With the blessings of Narayana Guru and the true dedication of our members that day is not too far. All our success was made possible with the unity of our dedicated members and our fellow organization. On behalf of all the beneficiaries of that rich culture and heritage, we pay our respect to all dedicated people who volunteered their valuable time to make some awareness of Guru to this society especially to younger generation by their deeds even at a small pace... Let us take this opportunity to invoke the Guru's blessings on us and to thank each and everyone for their wholehearted cooperation.

"One who performs his duty without attachment, surrendering the results to the Supreme Lord, is unaffected by sinful action, as the lotus leaf is untouched by water," says the Bhagavad-Gita. We are fortunate enough to have lot of benevolent people of sufficient following and principles to lead us. That ensures credibility and as well as acceptability of this organization.

We wish you all a very happy Gurudeva Jayanthi and Onam celebrations.

May the blessings of Guru be with you and your family always!

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