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A celebration of Neem Karoli Baba, one of the most influential spiritual leaders of our time, the divine guru who inspired and led a generation of seekers—including Ram Dass, Daniel Goleman, and Larry Brilliant—on life-changing journeys that have ultimately transformed our world.

In 1967, Baba Ram Dass—former American Harvard professor Richard Alpert—left India to share stories of his mysterious guru, Neem Karoli Baba, known as Maharajji. Introducing idealistic Western youth to the possibilities inherent in spiritual development, Ram Dass inspired a generation to turn on and tune in to a reality far different from the one they had known.

From the spring of 1970 until Maharajji died on September 11, 1973, several hundred Westerners had his darshan (in Hinduism, the beholding of a deity, revered person, or sacred object). Those who saw him formed the Maharajji satsang—fellow travelers on the path. *Love Everyone* tells the stories of those who heard the siren call of the East and followed it to the foothills of the Himalayas. The ways they were called to make the journey, their experiences along the way, and their meeting with Maharajji form the core of this multicultural adventure in shifting consciousness.

The contributors share their recollections of Maharajji and how his wisdom shaped their lives. All have attempted to follow Maharajji's basic teaching, his seemingly simple directives: Love everyone, feed everyone, and remember God. All have found their own way to be of service in the world and, in so doing, have collectively touched the hearts and souls of countless others.

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Craig Bergland says

Of the books I have read that use the experiences of Western devotees to offer a look at Maharajji, this one is far and away the finest in every way. In writing and presentation, it brings the reader into the ashram with Baba back when he was in the body and reinforces my experience that he never leaves us, dwelling now within us. Highly recommended.

Anuradha Goyal says

Detailed Review here <http://www.anureviews.com/love-everyo...>

Preston Bryant says

Love is all.

Cherie says

Great collection of stories about those who were connected with Maharaji...love the flowing format that really makes you feel like you are there, and captures the initial disbelief and later adoration of his devotees.

Derek Meier says

This is an Awesome Book! A really fun read, and one that will take you closer to Divine Love, that deep wellspring of love that is in you always. This book's pages will help you find that wellspring of love and reveal it to you. Best to read before bed, so your dreams may be filled with visions, gifts and visitations of great Ones.

Ravi Chander says

Beautiful description of Neem Karoli Baba. I have been to the Taos Hanuman Temple in New Mexico many times but did not truly know who he was until I read this book. Love is the true religion, which is what the

Baba embodies.

For those who may not be aware of who he was, this is the Saint that Steve Jobs wanted to meet when he went to India.

I recommend this book to anyone who has no interest in religion, but wants to know if there is a God and if so who he or she is. Simple answer, God is love. And the way to practice that religion is to love your fellow beings and show it by living it. That is what you get from this book.

Sandhya says

Beyond words and profound

This book.. what can I say. Flood gates opened .. meaning both heart and eyes. Tears were steaming from my eyes as I read every one's personal experience with Baba.

Mark says

Spiritual Passage to India
by Mark Chmiel

Love everyone, feed everyone, and remember God.
Neem Karoli Baba

I recently gave Ram Dass's Be Here Now to Laura, an exceptional Maryville University graduate and psychology major. Previously, I had mentioned to her that part early in the book about Richard Alpert's growing disenchantment as an upwardly mobile psychology prof and his eventual breakdown/breakthrough with Neem Karoli Baba ("Maharajji"), who became his guru. I thought she might appreciate both the design of the book and some of the teachings, which she'd probably not come across in upper-level psych courses.

Like Ram Dass a devotee of Maharajji, Parvati Markus has recently compiled ardent testimonies in Love Everyone: The Transcendent Wisdom of Neem Karoli Baba Told through the Stories of the Westerners Whose Lives He Transformed. The influential psychologist Daniel Goleman was one of those Westerners, and his experience in India was crucial to developing a more holistic and powerful psychology: "In the West I had been in the heart of American psychology, and here was a sea of love, totally off the map of Western psychology. It was so clear that we had missed something really important about human abilities, human potential, about the heart. Here was a being who was endless love and presence. It wasn't some temporary state; it was who he was. That's what really got me."

Markus's book covers the years 1968 to 1973. Many people went to India at a young age (late teens, early twenties), and eventually returned to the U.S. to integrate what they had experienced in ashrams and following the guru around India. People went into the professions, raised families, got stuck, got unstuck, achieved fame (e.g., Krishna Das). All of them had been marked for life by Maharajji, as the following remarks indicate...

“He never asked for anything. Not a dime, not a commitment, not anything.”

“The true miracle was his state of consciousness, his being, that infinite love, that oneness with God, that beyond the beyond. That is so priceless. His presence—that’s the whole thing.”

“I began to get this extraordinary feeling of coming home.”

“I felt that for the first time in my life I was home, that my life was not a mistake.

“...After a while, we understood and even expected, in the very core of our being, that Maharajji did indeed know everything. Our past, present and future were all available to him like an open book.... You’d see your desire for attention, your reactivity, your anger, your greed, your sexual secrets... and you knew he saw it all. Nowhere to run, nowhere to hide. Many tears were shed while facing your inner darkness.”

“These were tears of homecoming—the feeling of finally, finally having come back.”

“We all had our moments of feeling unworthy of the extraordinary love that Maharajji showered upon us. Our desires, our moral defects, our personal issues would come up and block the light that was always shining on us from Baba.”

“Simultaneously I felt this upwelling rush of compassion that rose to my heart, and I felt such love for these people whom I didn’t even know.”

“That’s the moment that most of us had, where all the pretense of your life, who you think you are, crumbles and you feel that love in your heart for the first time.”

“From the first time with Maharajji, he was lover, father, best friend, child, and so much more to me, all in one.”

“He was showing me that he had visited me in my dream state and told me to come meet him.”

“I knew I was with someone who knew God personally.”

“I felt so grateful that he called me to give me the teaching about death, because clearly that wasn’t Maharajji. I could feel it.”

“Maharajji said to love everyone. Even Monsanto. Even the army. It turns out to be the best teaching. Finding out how to do that, that’s what it’s about.”

Ram Dass observed that the Westerners learned from Maharajji and other Indian devotees that they could identify more with their souls than with their roles. And Jai Uttal came to realize that there is a much bigger context for the devotion that Maharajji attracted: “the path of bhakti wasn’t for ourselves, our own experience, our own bliss. Rather, it’s for service, it’s for guru, God, the devotees, the visitors, the universe of suffering people.”
