



'with my Buddha mind, I have found the universe, the grand nature world, now I live here in the garden of Eden'

A Little Japan

IN THE HEART OF LINCOLNSHIRE

Maitreya is the creator of the Pure Land (the Buddhist term for Paradise) Japanese Garden which sits quietly in the leafy village of North Clifton, Lincolnshire. A few hours spent in this idyllic garden with its pagodas, lanterns and ponds will leave you with a sense of deep peace and a connection with the divinity of Mother Nature.



Since Maitreya had the idea of creating the crystal garden, it has taken four years of devotion to reach completion and has required a great amount of investment (in funds, time and effort) for the building and the materials. Maitreya has worked very hard on his creation, particularly as

the opening day approached and he found himself working every day until Midnight to complete it on time.

He says 'the essence of the crystal garden is for spiritual inspiration, to bring awareness of the beauty of life and the miracle of creation. When we are aware of life, that all creation is, we realize the truth of ourself. Without appreciation there is no respect of life and we are led by ignorance, greed and fear, which makes our life frustrating and leads to a feeling of discontentment.

The crystal garden is Maitreya's expression of the glory of life, beauty of nature and harmony of creation. In it; nature, mountains, rivers, fields and oceans are created by countless crystals, gems and precious stones. Now the garden is radiating, a spectacle, shining with sparkling light, it is a reminder of how beautiful the universe is. It is inspired by life and when introduced in our heart and soul, will help our spiritual awareness.

Maitreya says 'the materialistic way of life that human beings have led up to the present time has not brought peace and happiness to mankind. We must realize this now for the fulfillment of the meaning of human existence, and must change the direction of the human race. It is through changing the orientation of our mind from materially orientated state of consciousness to a more spiritually oriented state. The latter comes from the awareness of life, this life is the Truth of the Universe and of all creation, which is a sheer miracle and life on earth is magical. The awareness of life is the awareness of our self. Self and Life are one.'

'It is the time for human beings to begin a spiritual way of life for the fulfilment of human existence. It is time for the spiritual revolution of mankind.'

Maitreya says

"Home is necessary for everyone. Not only Adam and Eve had lost their 'paradise' but every human being does. All creation and beings belong to the nature world 'paradise' but only human beings lose and fall from it. It is because they are hominids, the thinking animal produces own 'ego' self and dwells in the world of duality, separation - self and other, this and that, gain and lose etc.

The world is centred in materialism and led by human egoism, ignorance, fear, greed and anger. It is the land of discontent, conflict, struggle and ceaseless wars - history of mankind is history of war. Life there is hard and painful as the Buddha said, 'Life is suffering'. Everyone is searching the Truth, peace and happiness, and it would not be in the materialistic world of duality but in the nature world of ONENESS.

I created my Japanese garden here in the middle of England with over 35 years of dedication. It is a miniature of the natural landscape of Japan, which is mountainous country and mostly the land is natural in its original glory. Everyone who visits the garden amazes to find how beautiful it is and appreciates the sense of tranquility and peace, the profound experience of spiritual joy. The reason people enjoy the garden so much is not only because of its exquisite beauty and atmosphere of peace and harmony but also they rediscover nature where they originated, i.e. they find themselves having returned home, where they came from.

My garden is Japanese garden, but nature is nature, the origin of all creation and beings, including the human being.

The meaning of 'Paradise' in the ancient Samarian language is 'garden'. The truth of the 'garden of Eden' is the grand nature itself.

Meditation is to find the nature world of oneness. The glory of LIFE within, silently it is to find ones True self.

'With my ego mind I had created the world, the world of suffering. With my meditation mind I have ended the world'.

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