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## PREFACE

**M**y journey with my Guru started over 25 years ago. On one fortunate day, Dada J.P. Vaswani was addressing a small crowd of people at the Sadhu Vaswani Bal Centre on Queens Road, Bangalore. My cousin had invited me to attend this spiritual discourse. Initially, I was least interested in attending it because I believed that my faith in Lord Shiva, my God, was more than enough to give me all the happiness, joy, and success. However, I decided to go for it eventually. That changed my life! As soon as the talk was over, I stepped forward to seek blessings from the spiritual man. Little did I know that my life would change after this meeting and he would become my Guru - my Master for life!

The first meeting was magical. His eyes gazed into mine, and our eyes were locked till the magic of his love enveloped me. He held my hand, and we both forgot that there were hundreds of people around. We were lost in a conversation that lasted several minutes as the crowd patiently waited for him to reconnect with them.

The first meeting built a bond between Dada, as he is fondly called and me. His love, humility, simplicity, philosophy and oratory skills floored me. I was sold! It was the beginning of a new journey - a new chapter of my life that would change and transform me completely. It was God's grace that I met the man who would be my Guru for life.

Today, as I look back at the two and a half decades that I have spent with him, every moment with him is invaluable, and I am indebted to Dada for devoting so many years to help me become who I am. He is far beyond a Guru and a Mentor. He is the very God that I pray to - my Lord Shiva who has appeared on Earth as my Guru and my Master.

I consider myself to be the happiest man in the world and if this is so, the cause and reason is one - Dada, my Guru, my Mentor, and my Master. He has led me from darkness to light, from sorrow to joy, from doubt to faith, and from despair to hope. In this book, I share all these experiences with you.

I share the wonderful and insightful interactions I have had with him - the hours, days, and meetings we have had together. We have had several hundred discussions where he not only patiently listened to my not-so-intelligent questions, but also responded with utmost intelligence and gave me advice about which direction I should choose for my life. As my guide and my mentor, he transformed my life in so many ways. I

was a rough rock. He brought out the diamond in me!  
He polished me, cut me, and made me shine. All  
credit of my life success goes to my Guru - Dada.



**Lord**  
**Make me,**  
**Mould me,**  
**Shape me so that**  
**you are not ashamed of it.**





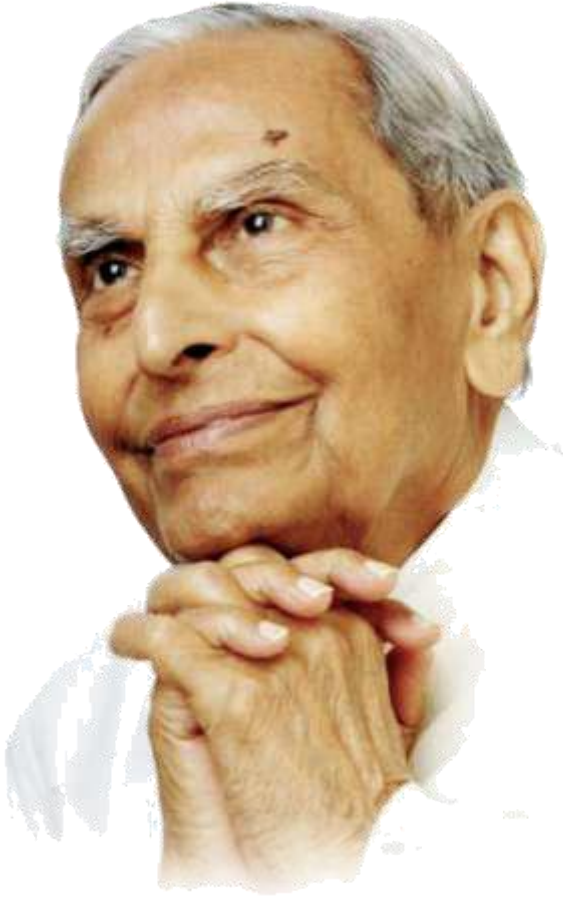


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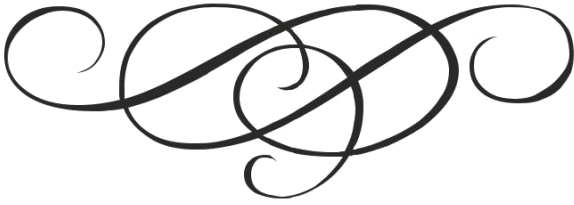
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**Dada's Life Story**



# Dada's Life Story



**S**ometimes words fail to express how beautiful the sunrise and sunset are, how ecstatic a piece of music is, and how amazing an experience of love is. I am at a loss for words when I try to talk about my Guru - Dada J.P. Vaswani (Dada Jashan Pahlajrai Vaswani). He is a unique personality, second to none. In all my 50 years of life, I haven't come across a person like him who is so humble, calm, peaceful, loving, caring, intelligent, compassionate, inspiring, generous, and kind. I am not saying this just because he is my Guru, but because he is what he is.

He was born on 2nd August 1918 in Hyderabad, Sindh province (presently in Pakistan) to Mrs. Krishnadevi and Mr. Pahlajrai Vaswani. He was one of seven siblings. His was a simple family. Pahlajrai, his father, worked with the Hyderabad Training College for Teachers in Karachi. Krishnadevi, his mother, was a housewife, and one of the first few women to have

benefited from English education, which was a rarity in those days.

He was a brilliant student. He passed the B.S. examination at a young age of 17. He was awarded a fellowship at the D.J. Sindh College for standing first in his class. His M.Sc. (1948) Thesis on "The Scattering of X-Rays by Solids" was examined by Nobel laureate Dr. C.V Raman. After completing education, he worked as a fellow at D.J. Sindh College at Karachi.

Dada gave up a career in academics, which could be very lucrative, to follow in the footsteps of his illustrious uncle and his future Guru, the great philosopher, educationist, and humanitarian Sadhu T.L. Vaswani.

Along with his Guru and his followers, Dada moved to Pune India in 1948.

In order to propagate his Master's ideals, he edited three monthly journals – the Excelsior, the India Digest, and the East and West Series.

Dada's experiences with his Master are unique. He often gets teary-eyed when he recalls the moments spent with his Master. On 16th January 1966, after Sadhu T.L Vaswani shed his physical body, the baton was passed on to Dada J.P. Vaswani to lead the Brotherhood Association, which was renamed as Sadhu Vaswani Mission in 1978.



As the leader of Sadhu Vaswani Mission, Dada has led the mission in all its efforts to reach out to the poorest of the poor through their humanitarian initiatives. He has inspired many people to live happy and meaningful lives through his numerous books and booklets. He has transformed people's life by inspiring them to live with meaning and purpose through his innumerable talks and discourses.

Dada has appeared in several television programs, including Zee, Sony, and others. He talks about how this human life is a gift to us and we must treasure it and make the best of it before the journey is over. Dada promoted the very dear concept of compassion to one and all started by his Master T.L. Vaswani through the Meatless Day campaign, which is promoted every year on Sadhu T.L. Vaswani's birthday on 25th November.

A new Association called Stop All Killing (SAK) was started to encourage people to love and care for animals. Dada strongly believes that one must have compassion and reverence for life and should not kill. He believes that today, because man has no compassion towards animals and kills them, man is not hesitant to raise his sword against his own brothers and sisters. This is causing violence and terrorism around the world.

He is an embodiment of love and compassion and of saintliness and humility. Dada has authored many books on secrets of happiness and non-violent living.

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