

Lagos 14th May Public Programme

The beautiful crystal ballroom of the Oriental Hotel was packed. There were 300 people at first, then, 20 minutes before the programme started, more space was created and chairs added, filling the space to capacity with an audience of 400 plus.

The backdrop of the stage of was made of three large canvases with the theme of the retreat: "Time and Transformation". The central canvas had a beautiful logo - a heart held in the palm of the hands. In the centre of the heart was the continent of Africa. A dot marked the location of Nigeria. From this dot rays of light spread across the African continent. It was a beautiful and meaningful image.

Sister Vedanti conducted meditation with a background meditation commentary. The evening began with the candle lighting ceremony with the distinguished guests

Mr. Ram Jethmalani, a famous criminal lawyer from Delhi, a devout Sindhi and great orator, took the podium. Being an avid reader of philosophy, he quoted verses after verses in Sindhi that delighted the audience. He said Hinduism is not a religion but way of life therefore Hinduism does not advocate either wars, or violence.

Dr Ram Buxani, President of the worldwide ITL Group from Dubai, talked about the journey of Sindhis after partition and related their success stories.

Dadi shared: As Hinduism is a way of life, then what would have been the religion of Bharat? The religion of Bharat must have been the eternal deity religion based on divinity of character.

The Lagos BK Sindhi group put on a hilarious play, relating how a successful businessman burden by bills and business was suddenly recalled by the Lord of Death but bargained a deal of 30 more days to live, and during that time a transformation took place. He learnt meditation from the local Raja Yoga centre. He became calm and peaceful and led a life of elevated service. When the Lord of Death returned, he granted him 30 more years because more men like him were needed on earth to become God's helpers. The entire play was in the Sindhi language and it thrilled the audience

The evening ended with gifts from Dadi and Sindhi folksongs sung by a professional singer flown specially from Mumbai. Dadi joined the guests to dance on stage.

The evening was indeed a super success. Baba's magic had already begun.