

Krishnamurti Speaks About His Discovery

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P68gYpBDTQo>

(The Krishnamurti Podcast, Ep. 32, The Urgency of Change,
Interview by Wilfred Thomas, Brockwood Park, England, 1970.)

Towards the end of April 1909, C. W. Leadbeater, while at the Adyar beach with Ernest Wood, in Madras, saw a number of Indian boys playing there. This is what he mentioned to Wood on the way back to the Octagonal Bungalow, his residence at Adyar:



... one of the boys he had seen on the beach had “the most wonderful aura he had ever seen, without a particle of selfishness in it”. He predicted that the boy one day “would become a spiritual teacher and a great orator.” “As great as Mrs Besant?” asked Wood. “Much greater” replied CWL. For those who knew his profound respect and admiration for Annie Besant the above statement was nothing short of extraordinary. (Source: Krishnamurti –The Years of Awakening by Mary Lutyens, London: John Murray, 1975).

When, later on, Annie Besant confirmed CWL’s discovery and announced that the body of the young Krishnamurti would be used by the Boddhisatva Maitreya, the World Teacher, she was ridiculed and attacked, including by members of the Theosophical Society, and so was Leadbeater. The crisis intensified when Krishnamurti, in August 1929, dissolved the Order of the Star in the East, and organization formed by Mrs Besant and Leadbeater in 1911 in order to prepare the world for the Coming of the World Teacher. While the TS had over 45,000 members at the end of 1928, its membership dropped sharply to 31,000 in 1931. For a study of the impact of Krishnamurti’s decision to dissolve the OSE on the TS please see:

http://www.cwlworld.info/Krishnamurti_TS_Ripples.pdf

The video, whose link is available above, and uploaded on YouTube, has Krishnamurti reminiscing about his ‘discovery’, a subject he does not normally discuss.

Some of the points he made are: ‘[they said that] he is going to be a great teacher’. That those who discovered him ‘were serious people; they were not charlatans; they were not using a guru gimmick or trick.’ ‘They sincerely believed in what they were doing. They staked all their reputation on this boy.’ ‘There was no question of drugs, or hypnosis or suggestions.’ His discoverers said, ‘this boy is going to be used by the Great Teacher’. ‘They sincerely, honestly, deeply believed’ this to be so. ‘They were clairvoyant.’

In October 1980, after an absence of forty-seven years, and at the invitation of the President of the Theosophical Society, Radha Burnier, Krishnamurti visited Adyar, the place in which he resided as a boy, located near the beach on which he was discovered, in the Bay of Bengal. He walked all the way from the main gate to Mrs Burnier’s residence, called Parsi Quarters. During that visit Krishnamurti said to her: ‘Adyar is a sacred place. You must look after it.’ Which she did. (PO)