

Part 1/2: History of AM

- Close our eyes, intro to what lecture is about, etc.
- Part 1 will go through history of AM, and Part 2 will talk about the lessons we can learn from it
- Part 1 (history) will be loosely divided into 3 sections:
 - o Birth of Baba to when Ananda Marga started having problems and Maitreya joined and left (about 1921-1971)
 - o From then until Baba's death (1971-1990)
 - o After Baba's death (1990-present)
- But first, let us remind ourselves why AM and Baba are important and why we are studying them
 - o (audience participation of why)
 - o **He brought the Sixth Seal, Paravipras, as his main message**

He is the person who also came up with the concept of Sadvipra, those who have the labor ability (Shudras), warrior ability (Ksatriyas), intellectual abilities (Vipras) and business abilities (Vaeshyas). He explained how different people have been taking over the society, and in each period they were the dominating force. This all made a lot of sense.

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We can see that Baba had a great revelation for humanity. He brought the concept of the Sixth Seal.

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Without Baba, of course, we would not have the concept of Sadvipra that he brought.

We changed Sadvipra to Paravipra (which means going beyond the intellect), because we also explained the cyclical movements for the last 12,000 years. "Para" means beyond and "Vipra" means intellect. These are the people that are intuitive, are ready to do physical work if it is needed, are courageous, are fearless, have the warrior abilities, intellectually keep themselves exercised (study, listen, understand the latest scientific facts, or what is happening in the world), and are also keen and understand the business part of the human and societies. Therefore, they can be shrewd business people if it comes to it.

At the same time they are Godly, incorruptible, and they understand that there is a God. They understand this Revelation. They also will become a leader in the society. Therefore they become a part of the Elects. These are the people who will become the facilitating body. They meditate, awaken their spiritual forces, direct that energy toward the creation of the Communities

of Light, and are willing to sacrifice and give of themselves to the community and divert the attention of the community to God, not to themselves.

http://www.Maitreya.org/FILES/Calling%20Elects/2006/12_02_2006_Maitreya_calling_elec.htm

- **Also brought concept of the cyclical movement of society; however, did not expand on it or explain it as deeply as Maitreya**

There was a question here about who brought the concept of cyclical movements to humanity. It was Baba, in Ananda Marga, who brought the concept of the cyclical movements and social movements, but he never explained it as we do in THOTH that before the flood of Noah there were no such classes and after the flood of Noah, the new human and the classes were created.

Of course, Baba never explained Daniel and the statue, the head of gold, the breast of silver, the brass stomach, the iron legs, and the feet of iron mixed with clay. Also, he never explained the historical facts of the emergence of the Ksattriyan class, the intellectual class, and the Vaeshyan class as THOTH explains it. Also the guiding lights that THOTH gives to the leaders for the future are not explained.

It is kind of, he was just like a forerunner. If I had never been in contact with Ananda Marga, I would never have known about that. That is why Baba is so important in our teaching, and he is considered as one sign. Of course, he was revealed as one sign but he also brought a lot of truth to humanity and THOTH.

http://www.Maitreya.org/English/Satsangs%201999+/2001/08_04_2001.htm

- **Brought back the essence of the Hindu religion (no idols, no dogmatic rituals, no caste system, etc.), which is really the essence of all Mystical Paths**
- **Also linked the Mystical Paths to social service, which is what they were missing, as well as universalism, etc., in preparation for the opening of the Seventh Seal**
- **Brought Maitreya in contact with the Mystical Paths, and allowed him to realize their Truth and unite them with the Judeo/Christian/Islamic teachings (the two Plans of God united)**

Therefore Baba was a major manifestation in the sense of Mystical Paths and the Far East part of the Revelation for the Mission.

As we said, there were two plans of God: One was for the Far East, and one was for the Judeo/Christian/Islamic/Baha'i, which really came mostly from the Zoroastrian Religion.

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One plan was the Judeo/Christian/Islamic/Baha'i that is connected to the Zoroastrian Religion. Another was the Far East Philosophies that we have Krishna, Shiva, Buddha, and all those revealers that worked with the Mystical Paths.

Actually Baba was considered to be the manifestation of Shiva. It makes sense that God again brought these two plans together and unified them. Baba found me and initiated me just like John the Baptist found Christ and initiated him. I would have never, probably, gone to the Mystical Paths if it were not the way it happened to me. I did not even want to be initiated and I was initiated.

In one sense you can say he was kind of a forerunner. In another sense he revealed the concept of the Sixth Seal, or Paravipras, or Sadvipras (according to him). Therefore he also had the Spirit of God on him as the Manifestor of the Sixth Seal.

Also in the Bible, when we study The Revelation, if you remember, the Fifth Seal is asking God, "When are you going to bring justice to humanity and us?" God said, "In a short time." It sounds like God is saying that, "I am going to shorten the 1,000 years with 200 years and then even shorter. And, I will reveal the last Revelation and will bring justice to humanity."

Therefore He shortened the time to 200 years. Then after Baba it was even shorter than that. Also He finished both plans of the Far East, which was Krishna, Shiva, the Mystical Part, and the Judeo/Christian/Islamic/Baha'i teaching. They came almost at the same time, combined together, and manifested as the Seventh Seal.

Without Baba probably I never would have connected to the Mystical Paths and added the Far East Philosophies to the Revelation, as many Islamic/Judeo/Christians did not do. They did not add the Mystical Paths.

We can see both were necessary to come at this time so I become complete from the East and the West, and I reveal this Revelation.

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Shrii Shrii Ananda Murti is the person who brought the Mystical Paths to me and purified the Mystical Paths as the way he taught it. Also he was from India, and he was not an escapist himself.

He actually was very much against being an escapist. His teaching was meditation internally and action externally. So he created an organization that was very dynamic, and a lot of people work in it.

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Baba taught how you can meditate and awaken your spiritual forces, at the same time not to be escapist. So the people who were in Ananda Marga were very dynamic people who tried to reach to the society and humanity.

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So we can say that he is the person who came from the Mystical Part of God's Plan and brought that to humanity. He has been prophesied also to come. He fulfilled the prophecies about the return of Shiva.

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For example, if he had not come from the Mystical Paths, if my teacher was a Moslem, or a Christian, or a Jew, I would not know about the Mystical Paths. So he really taught me the Mystical Paths. And I realized, of course, after the Revelation came, the Mystical Paths are also a part of God's Revelation.

We say that the Judeo-Christian, Islamic, Baha'i teachings do not emphasize the Mystical Paths. But we now bring the Mystical Paths as a part of God's Revelation, and we say also that this belongs in the Eternal Divine Path.

But if we did not know Baba, would we know about the Mystical Paths? We would not have.

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Also, he initiated me. It is just like when John the Baptist initiated Christ and then Christ realized that he himself had a mission to do. Therefore, we can see he has a lot of right to be a part of God's Plan, and his teaching is wonderful.

If you want to become a little peppy and feel, "Yes, I am going to do that," read his teaching. Once in a while pick up one of his books. He has such a peppy energy. It really motivates you to go and do things for God.

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He believed that he would change all the religions of the world. In a sense he was right, because this Revelation came after I was initiated by him and knew about his teachings, which resulted in this Revelation which will change all religions of the world.

His teaching is wonderful; it is great. I recommend that everyone knows what he taught. But it is strongly influenced by the Hindu religion. It is kind of, when you follow Ananda Marga, you almost have to become a Hindu.

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So that is all about Baba. But if you want to study about him, as I said, he has fulfilled the prophecies for his coming, therefore he is a legitimate Messenger of God.

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- **So, we are studying about him!**
- **You can also see the idea that Baba was a forerunner to Maitreya and brought much Truth to humanity when you compare some of our spiritual practices and rules/guidelines:**
 - 33 Virtues – The Fifteen Rules of Behavior (Caryacarya Part 2)

The Fifteen Rules of Behavior

1 Forgiveness

2 Magnanimity of mind

3 Perpetual restraint on behavior and temper

4 Readiness to sacrifice everything of individual life for Ideology

5 All-round self-restraint

6 Sweet and smiling behavior

7 Moral courage

8 Setting an example by individual conduct before asking anybody to do the same

9 Keeping aloof from criticizing others, condemning others, mudslinging and all sorts of groupism

10 Strict adherence to the principles of Yama and Niyama

11 Due to carelessness, if any mistake had been committed unknowingly or unconsciously, one must admit it immediately and ask for punishment

12 Even while dealing with a person of inimical nature, one must keep one-self free from hatred, anger and vanity

13 Keeping oneself aloof from talkativeness

14 Obedience to the structural code of discipline

15 Sense of responsibility

- 15 commandments – Yama and Niyama (general Hindu idea, clarified/focused by Baba, further clarified/focused/added to by Maitreya)
 - Sixteen Points corresponds to some Mission practices such as wearing langota, half-bath, fasting during full/new moons and 11 days after, etc.
 - Tandava (**visual aid**)
 - Samgachaddvam
 - Om Nam Kevalam – Baba Nam Kevalam
 - Yoga practices (we use the AM book, etc.)
 - The practices of all Mystical Paths such as meditation and Kirtan
 - etc.
- So it is clear that Baba is from God and brought much truth, and studying him and Ananda Marga can help us understand God's Plan and give us lessons for the future
 - However, remember that we study AM and Baba in relationship to the Maitreya and the Seventh Seal, and looking at them in this way, we can see that just like all the other religions, their teachings are not complete, and some parts are based on their situation, the personality of the Prophet, some compromise, etc. Therefore these parts cannot simply be accepted but need to be understood that they are purified by Maitreya's teachings
 - No mention of other religions, whether they are from God, etc; only Hinduism really talked about
 - Margiis don't know how to look at other religions, all have a different perspective
 - Too strict/restrictive in terms of spiritual practice and routine
 - Lost flexibility and Spirit (no mention of Grace)
 - Many are unable to do it, or can be Godly or Paravipras without needing such strictness
 - Some compromise clearly happened
 - Female dance Kaoshikii (created because of pressure by female Margiis, basically yoga postures, **visual aid**, Tandavii by Maitreya superior)
 - Some parts of Baba's teachings can be considered theory, not Revelation (the parts not emphasized by Maitreya in the Sixth Seal)
 - Examples:
 - Microvita
 - Writings on history of India, herbal remedies, etc.
 - So then it becomes clear that AM was not complete, and cannot be the last Revelation. In seeing this, we can analyze the history of AM and understand what has happened in a way the Margiis cannot, which is why their situation has become so confusing/alarming for them
 - **So let's go!**

Section 1 (1921-1971):

- Baba born at 6:07 AM (any numerologists here?) on May 21, 1921 or 1922 (Gemini), had 6 other siblings, 7 total (again, any numerologists?) (**visual aid: Baba as a young child with family**)
- Some stories, experiences, predictions, dreams, etc. attributed to his early age, similar to Maitreya, but can't say for sure they are true
- Went to middle school, high school, then college
- Story that initiated first disciple in college at 18, a famed robber that came to steal from him was instead initiated
- Graduates in 1941, starts working as an auditor in the accounts dept. of the Jamalpur railway station
- Enters the army for a few months in 1943 (**visual aid: Baba in the army**) before returning to work
- Initiates many people in secret from 1939-1955
 - o seems like these initiations were mostly specific spiritual practices, general idea being "meditate twice a day and follow yama and niyama", not too specific about his ideology yet
- In 1954, holds first collective meeting
- Ananda Marga Pracaraka Samgha (AMPS), meaning "Organization for the Propagation of the Path of Bliss" founded on January 1, 1955, officially registered on January 9
- Starts giving talks on ideology, many of which would eventually become compilations or books
 - o Concept of God is everything, merging into God, etc.
 - o Universalism, destruction of dogma, removal of sacred thread, ignoring of caste system (purifying Hindu religion)
 - o Internal spiritual progress and external work
 - o Samgachaddvam, etc.
 - o Focus of organization was on spreading the word and initiating more disciples
 - o Possibly first book created was Ananda Marga or Ananda Marga Elementary Philosophy
- First social service projects opened
- First acharyas (authorized to initiate others)
- In 1956, first book of Caryacarya was dictated, was the set of rules of how to run the organization, what the organizational bodies were, and so on, along with things like marriage ceremonies, birth ceremonies, etc. Baba added more and more to it over the rest of his lifetime. Became very important later after Baba left

- More and more books dictated, discourses written down, Margiis spreading the teachings to other parts of India, setting up debates with local Hindu scholars, initiating more disciples, etc.
- The idea of the cyclical movement of society may have been first given in 1958-1959 in discourses called Human Society
- PROUT introduced in 1959 in a book called Idea and Ideology
- Baba gets married to Uma Sarkar in 1959 (**visual aid: Baba's marriage**), has a child, Gautam, in 1960. Story is that the marriage was arranged and wife apparently unaware that Baba was a guru, although she eventually gave some talks at AM meetings, sang songs, etc.
- Ananda Sutram dictated in 1961: Said to be kind of like the Bible or Koran of AM, succinctly sums up its philosophy in sutrams, or easy to remember sayings; also recommended on our website:
http://www.maitreya.org/Supplemental/divines/Books%20recommended/Bookd_Recommended.htm
- **Visual aid: Baba in 1961**
- Idea of sannyasi order (wholetimers or WTs, dedicated 100% to AM) started in 1961, first sannyasin (avadhuta) in 1962, Baba began delegating more responsibility and leadership to them rather than the original family acharyas, created a lot of tension between them
- Spread of AM sped up, more and more people initiated and more work done with the new WTs, more social service projects opened, schools, hospitals, etc.
- In 1962, Ananda Nagar (City of Bliss) obtained, was to be the center of the organization and turned over the course of Baba's life from a barren plot of land in a poor part of India into a very vibrant and bustling place
- In 1966, Baba finally gives up job at railway station and works full-time for AM, although previously he had taken more and more leave time to travel, give discourses, etc.
- In 1967, first violence against AM in Ananda Nagar, 5 acharyas killed, said to be orchestrated by Indian communist party (the two groups would continue to have tensions/violence and still do)
 - o Start of problems for AM, influence had become too great, thousands of members, many in influential positions, and revolutionary ideas and attitude were alarming/threatening
- Around 1966-68, first outreach was done outside of India
- Baba leaves India for the first time in 1968, goes to the Philippines
- In 1969, federal government bans their workers from being part of AM
- AMURT established in 1970

Section 2 (1971-1990)

- In 1971, Baba arrested on murder and other charges and put in jail, pretty clearly for political reasons
- Also in 1971, Baba's wife leaves, taking his son and many Margiis and acharyas with her, some in very high places in the organization
 - o Details around this are not clear, some say she accused him of sexual misconduct, others say she just didn't like how he ran things, etc. etc., seems like it was a personal matter between them that was never understood by AM
 - o What happened to Uma Sarkar and Baba's son is also not clear, find no reference or information about them afterwards
- In 1973, Baba is poisoned by the jail doctor, sends protest letters to governmental officials (**visual aid: Letter to government**), starts a protest liquid fast (mostly yogurt water)
- **Around 1974, Maitreya is first introduced to AM, Satish, initiated without asking, meditation, experiences God**
- In 1975, Indira Gandhi declares state of emergency
 - o throws many political enemies in jail, including many prominent AM officials
 - o AM formally banned in India
- **Around 1976, Maitreya is given the name "Maitreya" in AM. A little later, begins feeling disillusioned with the organization, and starts moving away from it**
- In 1977, Indira Gandhi is overthrown and AM ban lifted
- Baba is acquitted and released in 1978, greatly weakened from jail and fast
- In 1978, three Margiis found guilty of conspiring to murder Indian High Commissioner
 - o Added to growing reputation of Margiis as radical, revolutionary, and often cultic or terrorist, aided by the Indian government's propaganda, Tantric practices (Tandava), etc.
 - o Listed by FBI/CIA as terrorist organization for a time, etc. Banned from coming to the US in 1979
- Visits several countries in 1979 where AM spread to while he was imprisoned
- Neohumanism given starting in 1982 (**in 1982, Maitreya first reaches out to humanity**)
- In 1982, 17 Margiis killed in front of many spectators, possibly the biggest and most famous Margii tragedy
 - o Remember the promise God gave in Revelation to those of the 5th seal and their brothers that were martyred, "the Kingdom will come in a short while":

"And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?" (Rev. 6:10)

"And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, **until their fellow servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.**" (Rev. 6:11)

- Discussion about microvita begins in 1983, culminates in discourse in 1986

- More projects started, discourses given and books written, AM expands further, some violence and controversy, etc.
- Baba leaves his body in 1990 (**visual aids: Baba isolating himself, Baba in 1989, last picture of Baba**)

Section 3 (1990-present):

- Baba leaves no explicit instructions on what happens after his death, who is the leader, etc. Margiis go to Caryacarya to try to figure it out, but even this is not completely clear, some things in later sections seem to contradict things in earlier sections, and the whole process is not made completely clear

“Caryacarya Part 1: The title of this small book means "Code." It is the social scripture given by Baba and it is a binding document for all Margiis, yet there are different editions and different versions. This happened because after it was first published in 1956, Baba dictated several additions to it in the 1960's, 1970's and 1980's. In 1995, three senior workers were appointed to study the various editions in Bengali, English, and Hindi in order to finalize one authoritative version. But some questions still remain. For example, in some versions it says that the Purodha Board [kind of like the Elder Body of AM] should be composed of five members, in others, three members. Another problem is that there are also different interpretations of these different versions. One example of this is that Caryacarya states that the Purodhas will elect the PP. But does that mean the election requires an absolute majority, or a simple majority, or should it be done by consensus? This has never been clarified.”

- An organizational leader is selected
- Tensions began about how certain parts of the organization were being run, disagreements between high-ranking acharyas/avadhutas/purodhas/etc.
- At the next period of elections in 1994, many of the current leaders were voted out and replaced, and a lot of people didn't like that
- Became more and more clear that a lot of the tension stemmed between Hindi Margiis and Bengali Margiis
 - o Long-standing rivalry with deep roots in Indian culture, disciples of Baba brought it with them to AM, but probably Baba generally kept it under control
 - o Most of high-ranking positions during Baba's life had been held by Bengalis, and apparently many Hindis resented this. Probably some Bengalis also lorded this over them. This became more and more exposed during this period
- Sidenote: In 1994 Satish (Dada Shambushivananda) became one of the AM leaders (part of the Purodha Board)
- More tensions and disagreements about smaller organizational matters deepened the rifts; Margiis transferred without consulting all leaders, seeming political plays based on certain groups or racial sentiment
- Some sources say that in 2000 Bengalis were assaulted by Hindis at a Margii gathering

- In 2002, Margiis in the Bengali central area, Kolkata, started holding their own programs separate from the central administration. Central administration responded by expelling a senior Margii (first example of expelling I can find in the history of AM)
- Also in 2002, more conflict/violence seems to have taken place between the groups
- In 2003, Kolkata Margiis elected their own governing body and claimed they were truly the legitimate AM, not the others (the others/Hindi group are usually known as Ranchi, which is where their administration is based, although Ananda Nagar seems also to be part of them)
- Ranchi responded by expelling the whole new governing body
- In 2003, more violence occurred, leading to the death of a Margii
- In 2005, a third organization was formed called Third Front/Unity/EC
- More organizations and defections have followed: For example, NYS seems not to want to have anything to do with Indian administrations at all, and probably others are similar
- Now there are many different organizations, split several ways depending on who you talk to:
 - o Ranchi, Kolkata, Unity/Third Front/EC, Didis under Didi Ananda Gita, overseas Dadas/Didis, Overseas Margiis, Indian Margiis
 - o Ranchi, Tiljala/Kolkata, Unity/Third Front/EC, Goenka and the Indian National Committee, Didi Ananda Gita
 - o Etc.
- Many court cases also filed, mostly between Ranchi and Kolkata, disputing leadership of organization, ownership of land, etc.
- In the meantime, many small pockets of Margiis try to keep doing good work, but have very little support and no centralized structure, many accusations that most of the money going to AM goes into legal battles and corruption, acharyas are not supported, etc.

Overall:

1. Baba said that “The unity of Ananda Margis should not be allowed to be jeopardized for any reason. Unity should be maintained even at the risk of your life.” So what went wrong?
 - a. Tensions between Bengalis and Hindis, between Indians and overseas, between family acharyas, sanyassis (the actual split is entirely within the sanyassi/leadership part), regular Margiis, etc.
 - b. Dogmas beginning to form (Baba is God, put him on a pedestal and do whatever we want), Margiis twisting Baba’s words to support their agendas **(read example)**
 - c. Everyone wants it to be fixed, but everyone has their own ideas as to how, or want their own agendas fulfilled

- d. Many/most are confused as to how this could have happened to their great Baba and AM, or are becoming escapist that “it must be God’s Will so it will work itself out”
- e. **Read joke about AM organization**

Part 2/2: Lessons and relationship to Maitreya

Margiis are confused and lost by the problems in their organization because they think it is the ultimate and fully backed by God, so they cannot understand why it is failing (just like the other religions). The question is: What is God’s Will and Plan? We have to look at what has happened within the understanding that there is a Reason behind it, and to see that reason and learn the lessons from it. We know there is no doubt that Maitreya is the Seventh Angel and the culmination of God’s Plan, so we have to look at it from that angle.

1. Did the spirit of God leave AM and Baba after Maitreya left?

Yes, that is a good one. You can say that probably Baba was also a forerunner for this Mission. Well, why don’t I just go ahead and answer the question? That is one analogy.

Actually it was after I joined Ananda Marga that Ananda Marga started going down. Sounds like it was finished, the Spirit was no longer in it. They started having a lot of trouble. Baba was thrown into prison. He stopped preaching and eventually completely isolated himself from everyone.

You can see the Spirit of God moved from Ananda Marga to this Mission. Therefore Baba was a major manifestation in the sense of Mystical Paths and the Far East part of the Revelation for the Mission.

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(After Maitreya is given the name Maitreya)

However, he was becoming a little disillusioned with the way things were being run there and the way things were handled. He found a deviation from what the ideology of his Guru was and the way it was handled. Also there were rumors starting in that organization about a lot of things. So he was getting kind of, not as good a feeling as he used to have about the whole thing.

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Just a lot of things started to go wrong. He was feeling a little disconnected. Sounds like after his name was established to be **Maitreya**, his relationship with Ananda Marga start to crumble!

<http://www.maitreya.org/FILES/Other/became-m.htm>

- a. Actually it seems like the Spirit of God might have started leaving even before Maitreya joined, problems were already beginning with Baba being imprisoned, etc. in the 1970's, Maitreya noticed that rifts and problems existed in the American version when he was there, and so on. Maybe AM had reached the necessary point for it to get to Maitreya, and it had already started collapsing
 - b. Many people say that the disagreements and problems that led to the split were around even during Baba's time but Baba did not let it escalate
 - c. Anything that Baba taught after Maitreya left was not included in the Sixth Seal or emphasized by the Seventh Angel. In fact, Maitreya had never even heard about things like microvita until we did this research. Could be true, but it is at least clear that God did not emphasize them or include them in the Seventh Revelation, Greatest Sign, etc.
 - d. The split is also a great sign that God is no longer with them
 - i. Why did Baba leave without giving instructions for a successor? It's not like he didn't have time or was killed unexpectedly
 - ii. It can be assumed that if God was with them they wouldn't have so many problems. Dogmas are being created, sects, biases, etc., and it is becoming another dead religion just like the others
 - iii. Perhaps it was only held together after Maitreya left by the strength of Baba's personality, and afterwards it totally fell apart
2. Why did the organization split?
- a. God was no longer with them
 - b. The organization grew so fast and so fragmented
 - i. Baba kept it all together, but really there were an extraordinary amount of different organizations and projects that he started
 1. 9 sectors of the world, each with their own organizational base
 2. As of 1990: AMPS General, 18 main departments (**read a few**)
 - a. Women's Welfare Department (WWD), supposed to act as largely separate from male-dominated part of AM and work towards helping women
 3. Education Relief and Welfare Section (ERAWS), 5 branches with various departments (**read a few**)
 4. Separation of sannyasi organization/affairs from family affairs and general Margii affairs
 5. Renaissance Artists and Writers Association (RAWA)
 6. AMURT and AMURTEL
 7. Ananda Marga Gurukula
 8. Etc.

- c. Lack of complete plan for organizational structure and how to proceed after Baba's death
 - d. Corruption of the head (if the head is sick...)
 - i. No plan for after Baba's death
 - ii. Disagreement about how to run things
 - iii. Creation of dogmas, not truly letting go of attachments, etc.
 - iv. For many the only unifying force seemed to be Baba himself, once he was gone all their disagreements and differences rose to the surface
 - v. Once the central part of the organization split, the problems really started
3. How do we prevent the same thing from happening to the Mission, and what is different about us, that we can be sure it won't happen?
- a. Have faith that God is with us, and will not leave, this is IT
 - b. Focus on the teachings instead of the Prophet/Guru
 - c. We have a very thorough and complete plan of what will happen after Maitreya is gone, and we have **The Plan** for the future
 - d. Also, we have started slow and low-profile (Thief of the Night)
 - i. Not fragmented but built up slow and strong
 - ii. Time and ability to work out every piece of how to keep it going, make sure all the bases are covered, and build a really strong and stable base and center
 - iii. This is the only Revelation where God has done this!
 - e. Maitreya will return twice more, and after that we will have the Eldest: The scepter shall no longer be left to the hands of humans!

Dan 2:44

“And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.” (KJV)

Since we believe this Kingdom will be established after the Seventh Angel comes (at the end time), after this (Seventh Angel) it will not “be left to other people.” This seems to be clearly saying that the Scepter will no longer pass to anyone. It will stay with Christ (the First Begotten Son) and God. Christ and God will Reign forever. This is also shown in The Revelation:

Rev 11:15

“And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.” (KJV)

http://www.maitreya.org/FILES/THOTH/Supplements.htm/passing_of_the_scepter.htm

- f. We must put the purity of the original teachings, and the unity and purity of the organization, as the highest priority. All are lessons to learn, not to argue, but to rejoice!
 - i. It will help that this is the only Revelation where everything has been Perfected and supervised, explained many times, clarified, etc. by the Prophet, so there should be little/no doubt as to what is meant, less room for interpretation and misuse, and more unity
 - ii. If it does, Maitreya has said that other Minor Manifestations, Avatars, etc. may come to earth to steer the Kingdom right again. So, all precautions and options possible are in place to make sure this one stays where the others did not

- 4. A few final thoughts
 - a. Margiis are extremely attached to Baba, most of them will be completely unable to let go of him and accept anyone else, some elevate him to the status of a God, have many omnipotent/magical stories about him, etc., all these dogmas and beginnings of a personality cult
 - b. However, Baba probably accelerated the spiritual progress of many people, they are meditating, focusing on universalism and social service, etc.
 - c. Perhaps these people will reincarnate as powerful and strong Elects to do the Mission in the future, once their attachment to Baba is lessened by a new life
 - d. Focus on what parts of AM are within the Mission, these are the important points. The rest could be useful, probably Baba's songs are beautiful, etc., but they are not the focus. They are theories, not revelations.
 - e. It is prophesied that even the Mission will fall apart after 1000 years (a long time). So, even with all these setups, it will not last forever. However, we have faith (and we must work our very hardest) to make sure it does last for a very long time. God really is with us, and we shall succeed. Sal-Om.