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Subject: Re: OGT---O m m mm sha l o m m  
Date: Fri, June 7, 2013 5:10 pm  
To: "dhshapir@uci.edu" <dhshapir@uci.edu>  
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Ananda asks Buddha " is friendship and family half of the spiritual life? "

Buddha responds, "no it is the whole of spiritual life"

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 7, 2013, at 4:30 PM, [dhshapir@uci.edu](mailto:dhshapir@uci.edu) wrote:

> Hi wonderful beloved family. My shabbat one good thing is the fascinating  
> way the universe sort of **presents** interesting learnings. As you may know  
> in 2005-2008, i spent each day reading a page or two of the biographray of  
> Ramakrishna, (it's about 1500 pages long!). One day at Zinc, an Indian  
> woman saw me reading it, and we talked, and she told me there was a  
> Ramakrishna monastery in Trabuco Canyon. I thanked her, and promptly lost  
> the scrap. Two weeks ago (8 years later, I found it. I googled and found  
> the talk that day was "control of the mind." SO, off i went:) Who'd have  
> thunk it...  
> Attached are some pictures/commentary of the setting (and mom made some  
> wise comments on it, too.  
> A couple of his great lines:  
> \*Truth is One. Sages call it by many names.  
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> \*God's winds are always blowing (but you must raise your sail)! :)  
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> of course, on shabbat, we don't have to do anything but be (hmm, but maybe  
> that is a way of raising our spiritual sails, just being, floating, being,  
> effortless effort? Oh, paradoxes beyond my pay grade...especially as we  
> enter shabbat. But what i do know is how happy i am to be involved with  
> such a wonderful loving, wise, adorable, cute family sangha.  
> love love poppers of .....just floating along....ommmmm shalom....  
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From: "Shapiro, Johanna" <jfshapir@uci.edu>  
Subject: RE: HALF OF MY SHABBAT MISSIVE I'M THINKING OF SENDING.  
Date: Thu, June 6, 2013 10:49 pm  
To: "Shapiro, Deane" <dhshapir@uci.edu>

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Oh this is totally fantastic! The photographs are exquisite - I can see where Josh gets his talent. And they are arranged so as to truly take us on a journey. I felt as if I was accompanying you to the temple. Your commentaries were perfectly tailored to the visuals - so spiritual and uplifting. I made some Talmudic comments, which you're free to include or not for Shabbat. I LOVE this, and PLEASE send it. It is full of beauty and wisdom, perfect for Shabbat. Love, J

From: "Shapiro, Johanna" <jfshapir@uci.edu>  
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Date: Fri, June 7, 2013 4:37 pm  
To: "Shapiro, Deane" <dhshapir@uci.edu>

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This is beautiful, both the cover and the magnificent Rama Krishna "journey" you take us on. Thanks for including my comments, I think they fit with Shabbat. It truly is a "kismet" story about how this all happened, very interesting to share that as well. I like your shabbastic interpretation of "raising your sails," just blowin' in the wind :-). And we do have a great family sangha, I'm really feeling it :-).

CAN WE MEET?!!! Love, J