

A Great Saint

“Lives of great men all remind us,
we can make our lives sublime.”

—H.W. Longfellow

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S hri Ram Chandra of Fatehgarh was a great saint and spiritual teacher of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. He was usually referred to with great love and devotion by his associates and disciples as Lalaji Saheb or Lalaji. During his lifetime, he was honoured and revered by various spiritual and religious groups, and, like Kabir, both Hindus and Muslims speak of him as theirs. His roots and training in both Sufism and Raja Yoga span a bridge between cultures and spiritual systems that historians will one day see as providing a revolutionary way forward for the whole of humanity into the modern age of spirituality. His vast research in the spiritual field lead him to remodel the age-old system of yoga for modern times, and he thus became the first Guru of the Sahaj Marg system of Raja Yoga.

His influence on humanity has been and continues to be vast, even if that is not yet apparent to many. It will come to light in the years to come. As happens to most great innovators and visionaries, it will be future generations who will really appreciate the contribution he has made to the evolution of humanity and to our knowledge of philosophy, psychology, sociology, natural sciences and spirituality.



Lalaji was a scientist par excellence of the spiritual realm, and his research on the inner universe of a human being is pure genius. He took the spiritual teachings that were available in his day to a completely different level and rediscovered the art of transmitting the subtlest *pranahuti* from the Source as a method to transform human beings.



At a time when the world was in great need of a change in direction, the power of Nature descended in the form of Lalaji. Such great souls are not born accidentally; they come when the world needs them, do their job and go, as required by Nature. Perhaps Lalaji's greatest gift to humanity was his role in teaching, mentoring and preparing the Special Personality who was to follow him as his successor and the first President of Shri Ram Chandra Mission. This gentle soul was Shri Ram Chandra of Shahjahanpur, also known as Babuji. Together, they formed a partnership which has taken spiritual evolution to new heights and opened the doors for all who wish to reach the highest goal of human existence in one lifetime.

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