

Is Mahavatar Babaji an eternal being?

Mahavatar Babaji is said to have been an Indian saint and yogi who was called a deathless guru. He was a practitioner of Kriya Yoga. Legends surround him like his: being in communion with Jesus, an ability to put out special vibrations and his being ageless. Babaji was featured on the cover of the Beatles' 1967 album *Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band*.

In the acknowledgement section of his book *Mind Like Water* so-called Christian author Jim Ballard wrote:

For their guidance and inspiration, I wish to acknowledge the great line of masters; Jesus Christ, Bhagavan Krishna, *Mahavatar Babaji*, Lahiri Mahasaya, Swami Sri Yukteswas and Paramahansa Yogananda. Jai gurus! (Emphasis mine).¹

There are powers and principalities behind pagan gods and goddesses not to be toyed with (Eph 6:12).

In the Book of Revelation it is written:

And the rest of mankind, who were not killed with these plagues, repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship demons, and the idols of gold, and of silver, and of brass, and of stone, and of wood; which can neither see, nor hear, nor walk (Re 9:20).

God said no other gods should be worshipped:

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them. Ex 20:1–5a.

Hindus worship many gods; but, Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me (Jn 14:6).

Exercise is good for the body but yoga claims to offer more than physical health benefits. The Divine Life Society says:

Real Yoga is the attainment of the highest divine knowledge through conscious communion with God. The word Yoga comes from the Sanskrit root "Yuj" which means "to join." Yoga is the science that teaches us the method of uniting the individual soul with the Supreme Soul, of merging the individual will in the Cosmic Will.²

Another proponent of yoga claims:

Kundalini can be awakened by attaining perfection of certain *hatha yoga* postures called *asanas*, by certain breathing exercises.³

¹ Wiley; 1 edition (September 5, 2002).

² Sivananda Ashram Rishikesh, India, 13 Jul 16: http://www.sivanandaonline.org/public_html/?cmd=displaysection§ion_id=356.

³ Pranashakty: 13 Jul 16: <http://www.pranashakty.com/pages/kundalini.html>.

Men are made to live forever—somewhere (Ge 9:6). If Babaji was in fact a man who died and is not a legend as some say, then he lives in eternity. The bible says to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord (2 Co 5:8). Each man will be judged by the creator God according to his relationship—or lack thereof—with Jesus Christ (Is. 40:28, Jn 5:22). Some will hear, “I never knew you; depart from me, you who practice lawlessness!” Mt 7:23. Others will hear, “Well done, good and faithful servant...Enter into the joy of your Lord (Mt 25:23).”

Nephilim⁴ look for bodies to live in on the earth (Lk 11:24).⁵ We are not ignorant of Satan’s devices (2 Co 2:11). So-called ghosts possess human beings and appear to be deceased individuals.

It is forbidden for men to attempt to communicate with the dead⁶ or to make use of spiritual powers of darkness (Deut. 18:9–14). These are works of the flesh (Gal. 5:20).

Babaji did not teach what the Spirit of God teaches (Is. 40:13, 14 , Jn 14:17, 26, 16:13, 1 Co 2:10, 13, 2 Cor. 13:14); therefore, he could not have been in a right relationship with the true and living God (Jer 10:10) had he not repented of his error (Mt 12:31, 32). God’s Spirit will not disagree with his word (Gen. 6:3). False teachers point to themselves or another way; but, they do not rightly point to Christ for salvation and hope (2 Pe 2:1).

Babaji may have had special abilities; but, they would not have been of God (Lk 24:49). Indeed, they would have been demonic (1 Tim. 4:1).

Men age. Methuselah, the longest living human, lived to be 969 (Gen. 5:27)—just short of 1000 years old. With the Lord one day resembles a thousand years and a thousand years resemble one day (2 Pe 3:8).

The Psalmist wrote:

For in your sight a thousand years
are like yesterday that passes by,
like a few hours of the night. Ps 90:4

The Lord may return at the midnight hour when the dark appears to be darkest and hope is seemingly lost—one day for a thousand years, two days for two thousand years and the dawn of the third day may be near. Now, is the time for men to be right with their maker.

⁴ Low ranking disembodied foul spirits or imps (Ge 10:8). These angels “kept not their first estate” (Jud 6). Fallen angels are of a higher rank in the kingdom of darkness (Is 14:12–15).

⁵ The presence of these beings caused Noah’s Flood. Part of their judgment was their roaming the earth.

⁶ Called necromancy.