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FUND RAISING

**Badrinath Ashram**



## Do help us to build Babaji's Kriya Yoga Ashram in Badrinath, Himalayas: a spiritual haven for you and all Kriya Yoga initiates

Babaji's Kriya Yoga Order of Acharyas is now requesting donations from Kriya Yoga initiates and other interested persons, for the purpose of building an ashram in Badrinath, Himalayas. We have just returned from our pilgrimage to India with 50 initiates from 12 countries. The highlight of this trip as with all of the other pilgrimages we have made to the Himalayas was our visit to Badrinath. Where we are able to have Babaji's darshan so easily. We have long dreamed of having a permanent Kriya Yoga Ashram in Badrinath. But land for purchase is scarce and purchase by westerners is nearly impossible; the cost of construction is also very high and local builders are not experienced. Aside from these obstacles, electricity supply is unreliable, and we wondered who could manage it.

In one year, all these insurmountable obstacles have dissolved. The obstacles began to be overcome in the fall of 2006, when we received an unexpected email from an old friend, Rohit Naithani, who offered his support to Babaji's Kriya Yoga. We had not heard from him since 1999 when he led us to Santopanth Tal, the sacred lake where Babaji initiated Yogi Ramaiah in 1954, 30 km north of Badrinath. It was interesting that only a few weeks earlier, we had decided that it was too difficult for us to continue to organize pilgrimages to the Himalayas. Since that time, Rohit, a resident of Badrinath for the past 20 years, has received the first and second level initiations, worked in our Bangalore ashram for several months, organized our recent Himalayan pilgrimage. In addition found a very nice plot of land, 10,500 square feet (110 feet x 110 feet)(1,000 sq. meters, 34 x 34 meters) for our proposed ashram. The plot will be purchased by Babaji's Kriya Yoga

Trust -India, which was given charitable status in March of this year. Our offer to purchase this beautiful piece of land has been accepted by the owner. We hope to finalize the purchase very soon. We began raising funds in July, and by coincidence the cost of this plot is exactly the amount that we have raised so far from donations: \$35,000. Jai Babaji!



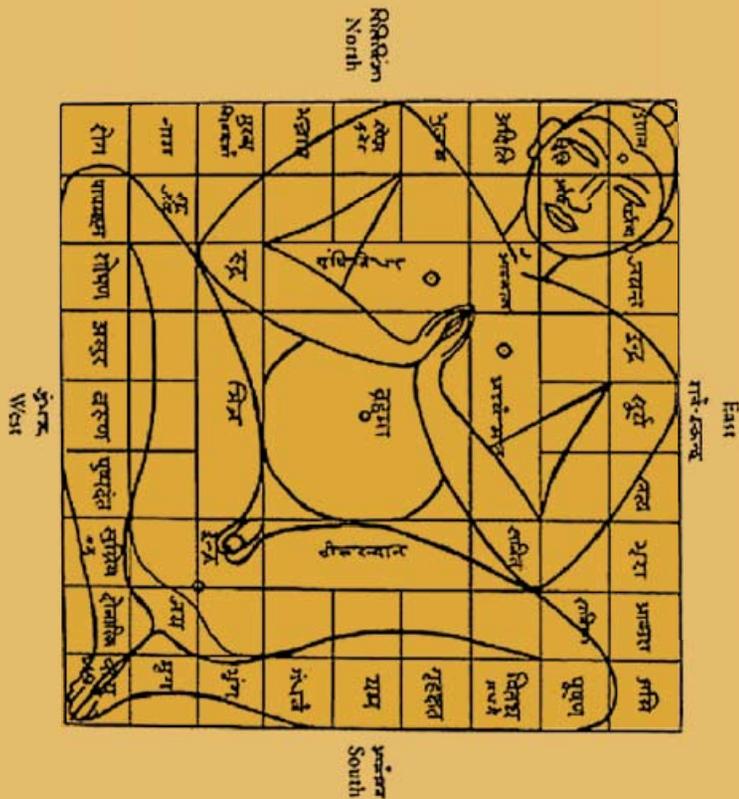
The Site

## The land has an ideal location

**The land is in an ideal location.** It is surrounded by government land, which will prevent construction in future of adjacent buildings. Only ashrams are to be built in this area. The land is on a gentle slope facing east, just below the steep path that rises up to the base of Mt. Neelakantan. It is a 15 minutes walk to the famous temple of Sri Badrinarayan, the destination of tens of thousands of pilgrims every year. There are no other buildings near it. It has a magnificent view of the valley of Badrinath. An amazing waterfall is just to the south about a quarter of a mile.

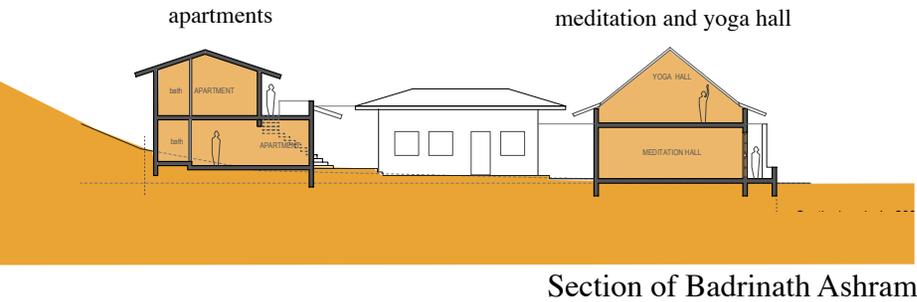
## The elements of Vastu

<u>Direction</u>	<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Element</u>	<u>Planet(s)</u>	<u>Deity</u>	<u>Building Placement</u>
N.E.	most spiritual	water	Jupiter / Ketu	Shiva	Yoga/Meditation Hall
North	wealth	air&water	Mercury	Kubera	bookstore
N.W.	communication	air	Moon	Vayu	office
S.E.	potential internal energy	akash& fire	Pluto / Venus	Agni	Yagna (Fire Pit)
East	renewal & rebirth	fire&water	Sun	Indra	Yoga/Meditation Hall
South	law& justice	fire&earth	Mars	Yama	bedrooms, bathrooms
S. W.	nocturnal	earth	Rahu	Narutti	bedrooms
West	fame, fate, karma	earth/air/ water	Saturn	Varuna	Guest rooms
Center	creative &balance	Akasha		Brahma	Brahmasthan, open space

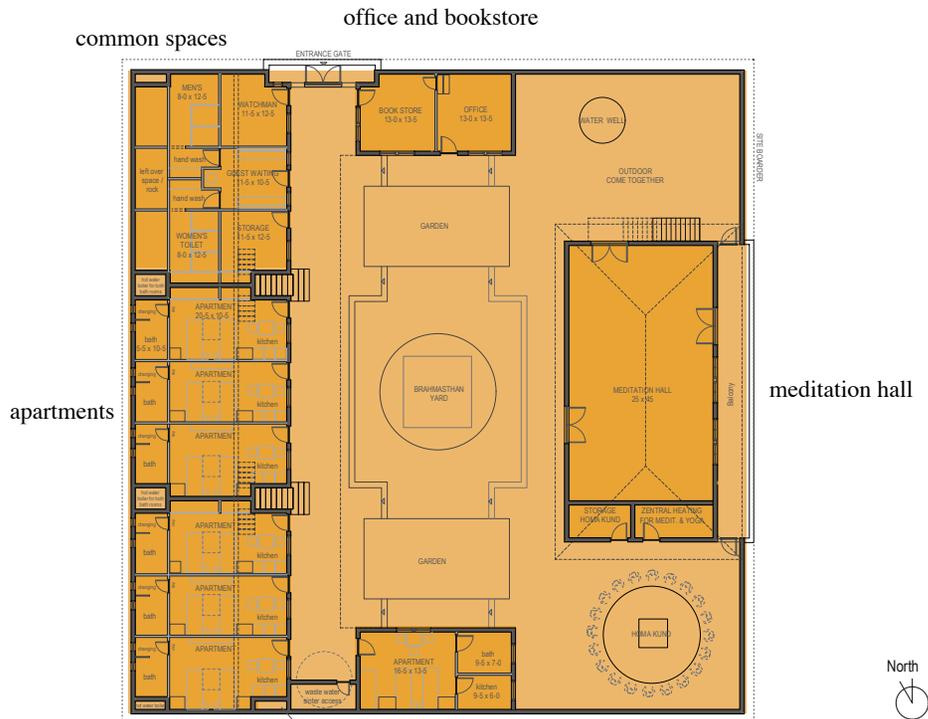


The floor plans are according to the VASTU Purusha Mandala

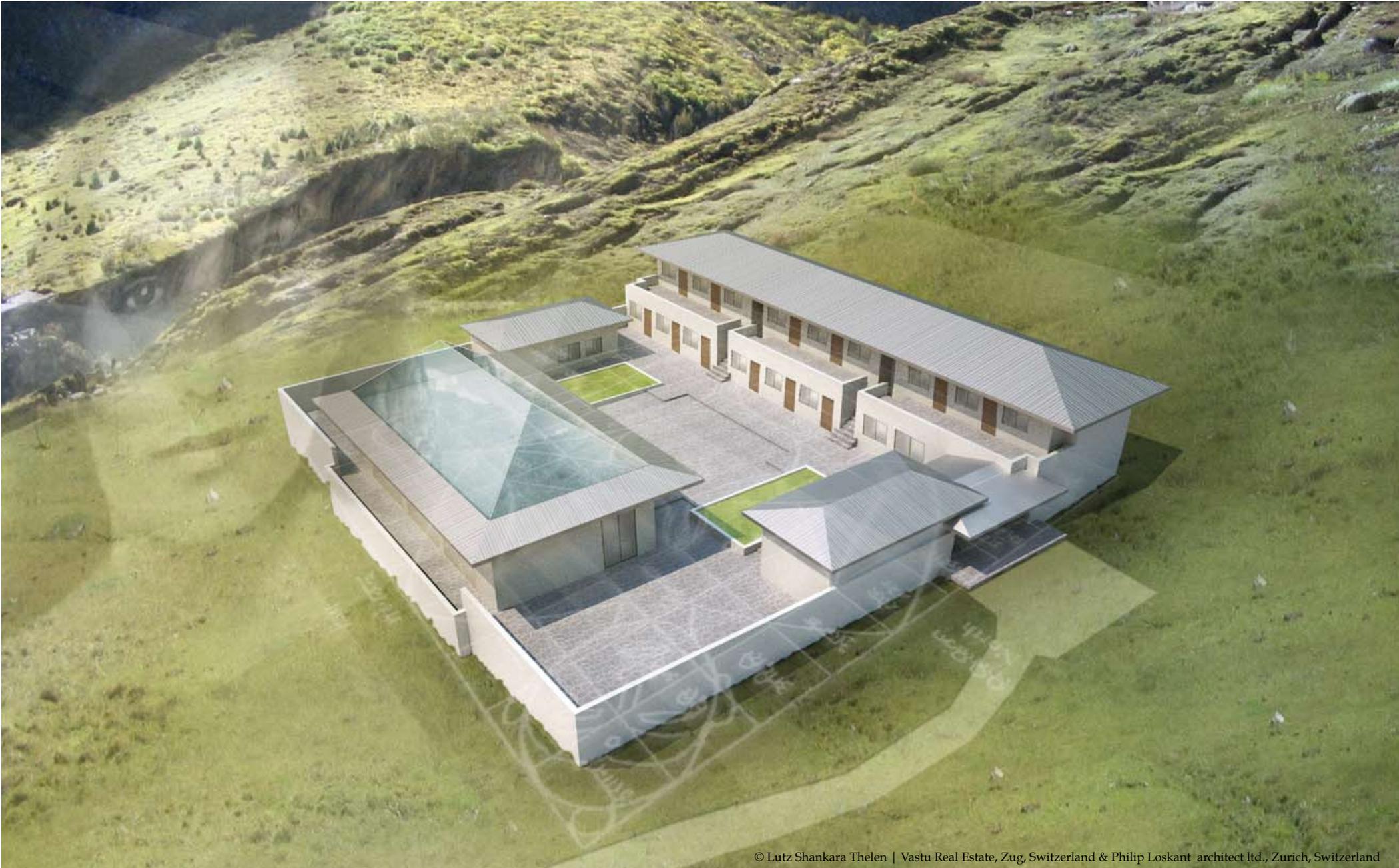
# Facilities and Design



We propose to offer pilgrimages to Badrinath every year, which will include about 10 days of program. In addition, other acharyas will organize and lead other programs regularly during the season. The ashram will be built according to ancient Indian vastu (see below). It will be built as a living, breathing example of yogic architecture. It includes the following features: at the rear, two rows of heated apartments, nine of which will be about 15 by 16 feet, each with kitchen, toilet, shower and sink, (with hot water), and two beds; plus two slightly larger apartments for the ashram manager (Rohit) and for visiting acharyas, and communal toilets for day visitors. In the north western second floor there will be a six beds dormitory with kitchen and double bathroom. At the south end of the property there will be a 3 bedded stand alone apartment. So, room for 25 guests, plus acharyas and Rohit and his wife. These apartments will be on two levels, with 6 on the upper level and 6 on the lower level. In front of them will be a courtyard and garden, about 30 feet across, and 110 feet long. Across the courtyard will be the 2 storied main building, which will measure about 32 feet across by 53 feet in length. The ground floor will be a meditation hall, nearly 1,700 square feet in size, with a bank of windows around it. The second floor of this main building will be capped by a tall, pyramid shaped, plexiglass Yoga hall with an A-frame, roof, like an alpine style house. This will serve to protect the building below from the effects of snow and ice according to local experts, who have found that metal, sloped roofs protect their concrete buildings. It will have a steep roof, and be 53 by 32 feet, with a wooden frame. Plexiglass is inexpensive and strong, and if on a steep plane, will not be damaged by the weight of snow. It will afford a panoramic view of the surrounding peaks, including Mt. Neelakantan, to the west. >>



# Design of the Badrinath Ashram Project according to VASTU the Yoga of Architecture



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>> To the north of the main building there will be two buildings on either side of the main gate: a watchman's apartment, and an office/bookstore.

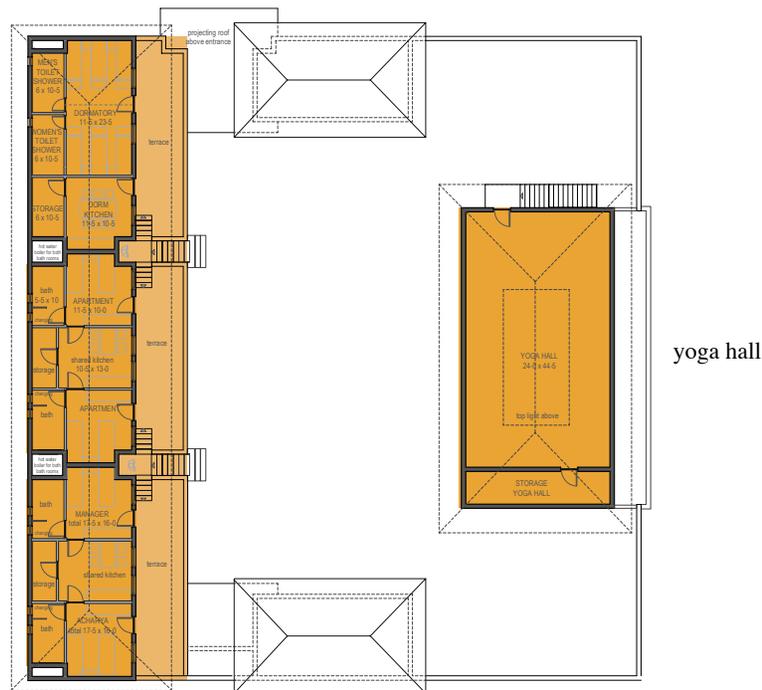
There will be large areas for gardens on the northeast and center of the property, and a homa, mantra yagna pit, in the south east corner.

The floors of the yoga hall and the apartments will be made of wood, above the concrete slab. Badri has a new hydro electric dam and generating system now, so a ready supply of electricity is available, and we will heat all of the rooms with electric heaters at the base of the walls.. The individual apartments will have small electric European style water heaters too, and either gas or electric ranges. There is even high speed internet connection available now. The vastu and architectural design has been donated by Lutz Thelen and his associate architect Philip Loskant of Vastu Real Estate in Zug, Switzerland.

### Local Charitable Activities

This ashram will enable us to offer charitable activities to the local community and visting sadhus and pilgrims. We are planning to provide tuition, books and book bags to local school children, and meals to visiting sadhus. In addition, there will be free yoga classes and satsangs for visiting pilgrims.

dormitory and apartments



Second Floor Plan of Badrinath Ashram



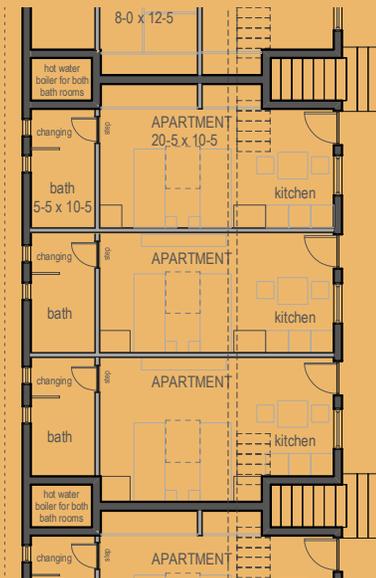
## Cost and financing

The total cost of the construction of the ashram, as described above, is estimated to be about \$100,000. For anyone donating \$5000 USD or more, an apartment will be available to you with prior reservation. You will “name” the apartment and it is yours to use whenever you are visiting. **Monthly or quarterly contributions by credit card authorization may be convenient for many donors.**

We will hire a good contractor and laborers from Rohit’s family home town of Dehradun rather than a local suppliers to ensure quality.

We invite anyone who wishes to participate in the construction to contact us about the building schedule during the periods May 1 to November 15, 2008, and 2009. Also during our pilgrimage September 19 to October 7 to Badrinath, we will be able to give some support to the construction efforts.

The ongoing operating costs of the ashram will be met by lodging fees paid by visitors. There is a big demand for apartments in Badrinath, by both Western spiritual seekers and Indians. We will make the apartments available to them, with priority to our own initiates. If you have donated for an apartment, you will always have priority. However, during workshops we may ask that you share your apartment with one other person.

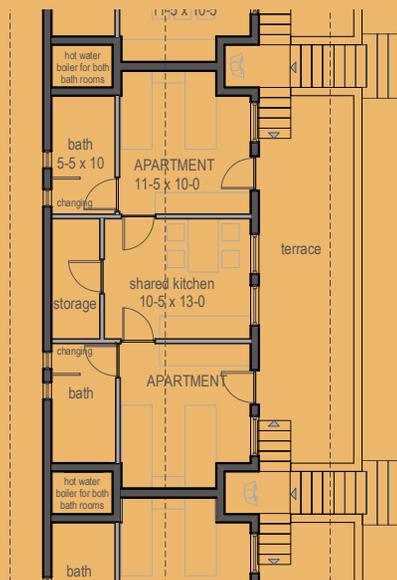


Ground Floor’s Apartments in Detail



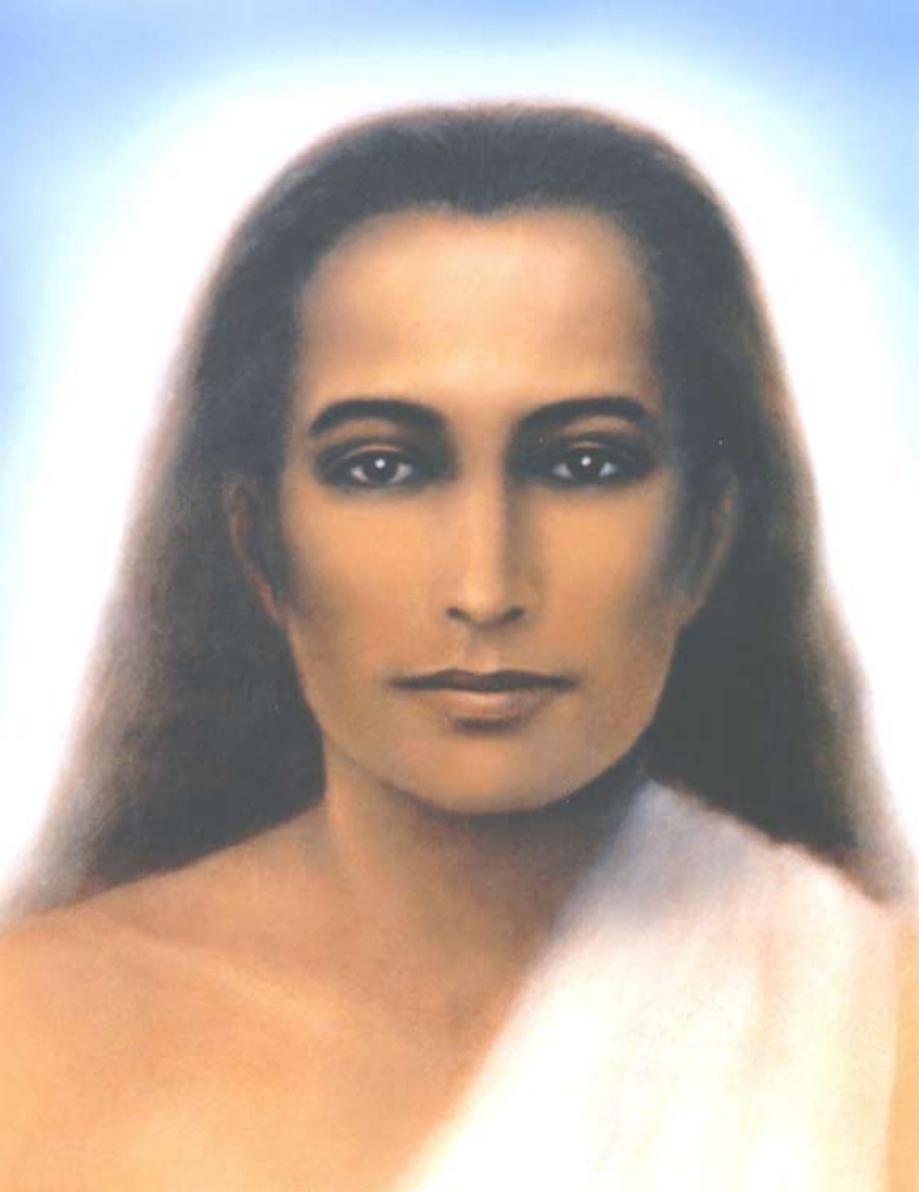
## Why are we proposing to construct an ashram here and now?

1. We have attempted over the past 10 years to acquire land and build an ashram in India: first in Pondicherry, and over the past years in Bangalore, without any success. With hardly any effort we have raised sufficient funds for this land purchase.
2. Rohit Naithani has proven himself to be a trustworthy and competent manager and sincere devotee of Babaji during the 9 years I have known him and particularly during the past year, working with us.
3. There is no other place where devotees of Kriya Babaji can come closer to Him, spiritually, than Badrinath. His grace and presence are felt there palpably by all. The air in Badrinath is spiritually charged; with little effort the mind is quieted. Badrinath continues to have a magnetic pull on everyone who is drawn to Babaji. Tens of thousands of Indian pilgrims come every year. Many foreigners come there seeking Babaji.
4. Badrinath is not likely to become like Rishikesh, due to its remoteness. It will remain a wonderful spiritual haven for spiritual seekers. Our ashram will be a unique facility, which will serve many persons in their sadhana. We can offer initiation seminars by acharyas willing to spend time there, and yoga classes by our instructors on a regular basis. The Acharyas of Kriya Yoga will go there regularly to conduct special programs and retreats.



Second Floor's Apartments in Detail

**Our next pilgrimage to Badrinath will be September 19 to October 7, 2008.**



## **Yes, I want to support the Badrinath ashram project! Your support is needed!**

We request everyone to contribute generously to this project. Your donation will be tax deductible if you live in Canada, the USA or India (and other countries). **A periodic contribution over the next two years may be the most convenient means for many of you.**

From **Canada and the USA** please send your cheque to:

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Canada J0E 1P0**

(or via our website [www.babaji.ca](http://www.babaji.ca))

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