

burned incense made of her fragrant woods, and lit candles in her honor. The goddess of nature would follow George into his later years, when gardening became an important part of his meditations.

At day's end, John, Paul, and Ringo joined George on the roof of his bungalow.

They sat quietly listening to the swoosh of Ganges water as it blended with a whisper of wind blowing through gnarled trees and across ancient valleys in the distance.

They all appreciated their time in India, but it was George who took away a lasting impression that this was his real life's work, to go deeper into India's millennial teachings and realize his eternal relationship with the Divine.

On return to London, he met disciples of A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, founder-*acharya* of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness. George identified with the American devotees, young people his own age who had rejected materialism for higher ground. In their company, George began to chant the Hare Krishna mantra daily and to read the *Bhagavad-gita*.



At Friar Park (1996). From left: Krishna Yoga teacher Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, George's then wife Patti Boyd, George, Krishna devotee Dhananjaya Das