

2013

INDIA is one of the oldest civilisations in the world. From Harappa and Mohenjo-daro, lost in the mists of time, to 21st Century India, a land of many cultures, religions and ethnicities, a thriving, modern country of agriculture and industry, but still maintaining its arts and ancient crafts.

The greatness of a country is measured by the contributions of its people. Its kings and philosophers, its scientists, its artists and musicians. Our scientists were the jewels of ancient India. Their mastery of mathematics, astronomy, medicine and literature date back to thousands of years. Our architects wrought miracles of construction, our musicians propounded theories of music that are still followed today. The world is re-discovering the value of Ayurvedic medicine.

Across the length and breadth of this land, thousands have contributed to all forms of art, philosophy and science through the centuries. Many are famous and many more have died unknown.

Across this vast field of achievements, this population of contributors, we have chosen **GREAT INDIANS OF THE 20TH CENTURY** who have made a difference to the course of our history and have had a world-wide impact.



Dear Friends,

We are now more than a decade into the 21st century. It seems the right time to think of the people of the last century who shaped our art, our music, our politics, our philosophy and our sciences and built the foundations on which we stand today.

It was extremely difficult to select only 12 from the many to whom we owe a debt of gratitude. I have tried to choose at least one person from each field. Some hard choices had to be made. Often I regretted that the year has only 12 months.

I have selected those Indians who are well known and admired, not only in India, but world-wide. I am sure many of you will feel that I have omitted some luminaries, and admit I have. This is obviously a personal choice, and I apologise to all the great Indians who have not been mentioned here.

Again – only twelve months!

I hope you will enjoy the little biographies and you may even find new and interesting factoids in them.

I wish you all a very happy and prosperous 2013.

Pradip Burman
Chairman

ABOUT THE ARTIST

Gautam Partho Roy has been a painter for over 30 years. He has had over 50 national and international exhibitions.

It is difficult to try and classify his style, as Gautam is extremely versatile. His earlier calendars for us, the "Warriors of Light" and the "Nine Durgas" went from mystical visions to the tribal art style.

He admits that this calendar was challenging.

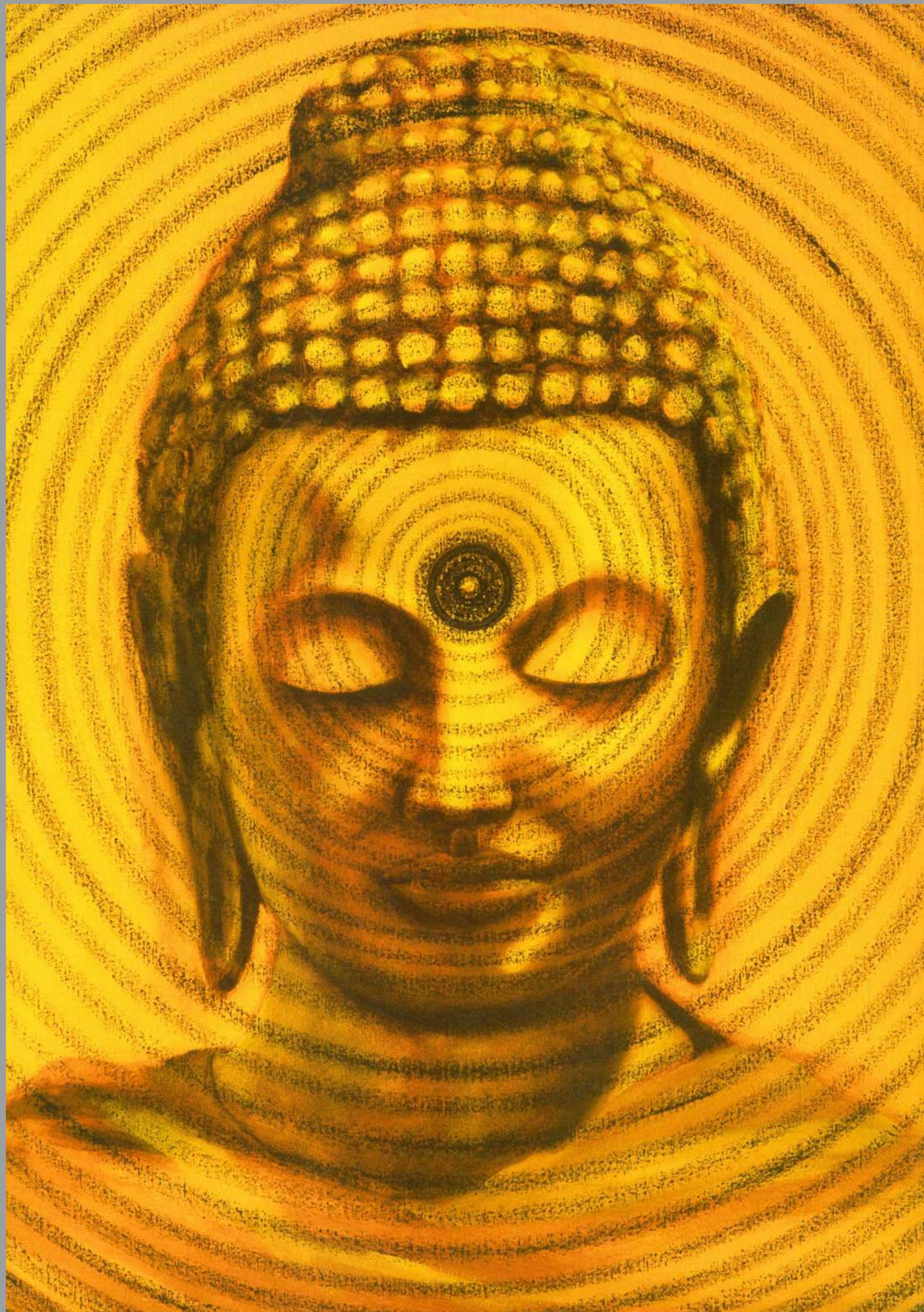
Gautam sees the world in magical colours. He was asked to use only charcoal.

Eventually we compromised on ink and watercolour wash, but still we insisted on a monochromatic rendition.

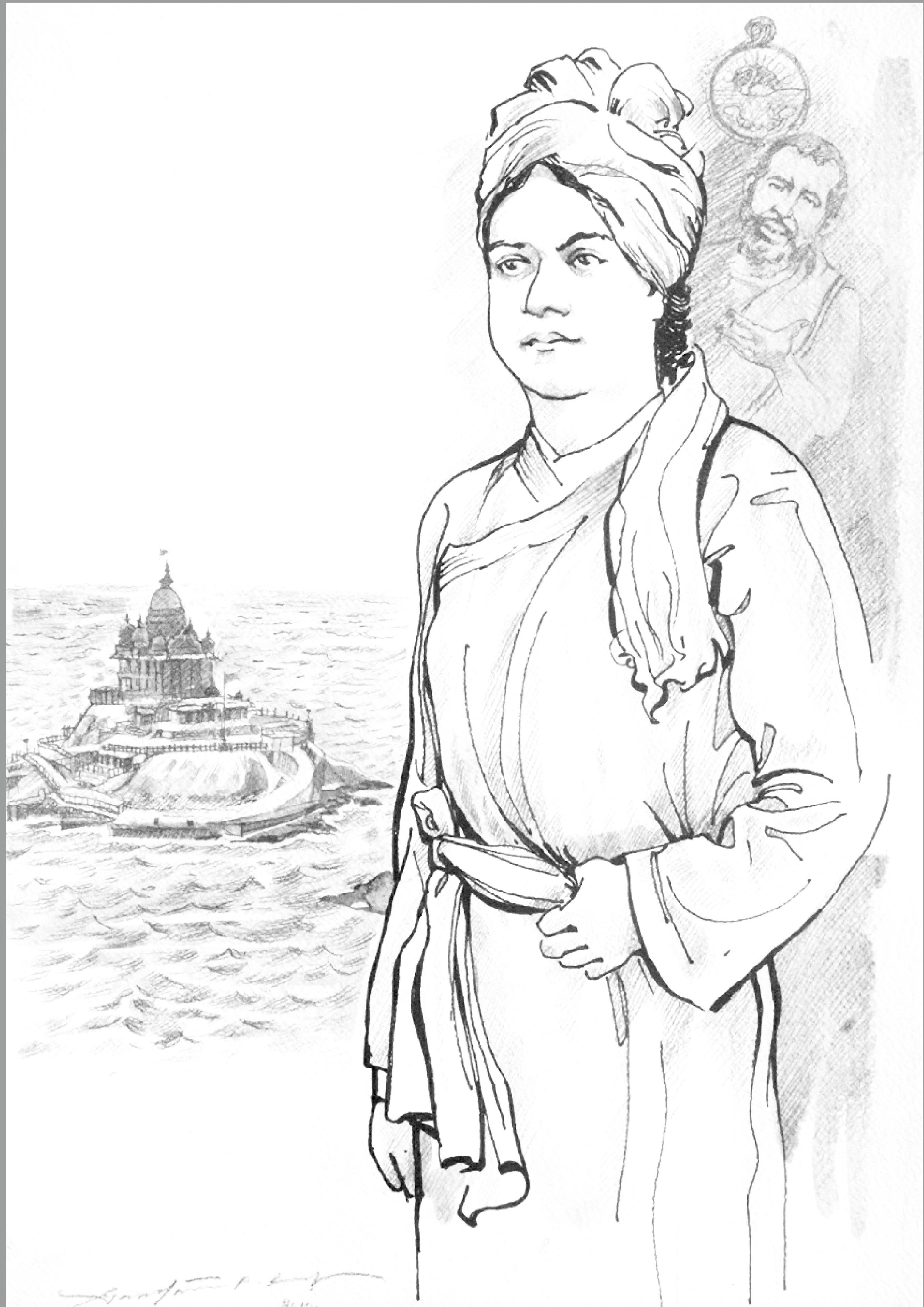
The paintings you see here are the results of 6 months' work, a testimony to his willingness to accept a challenge and a shining tribute to his talent.



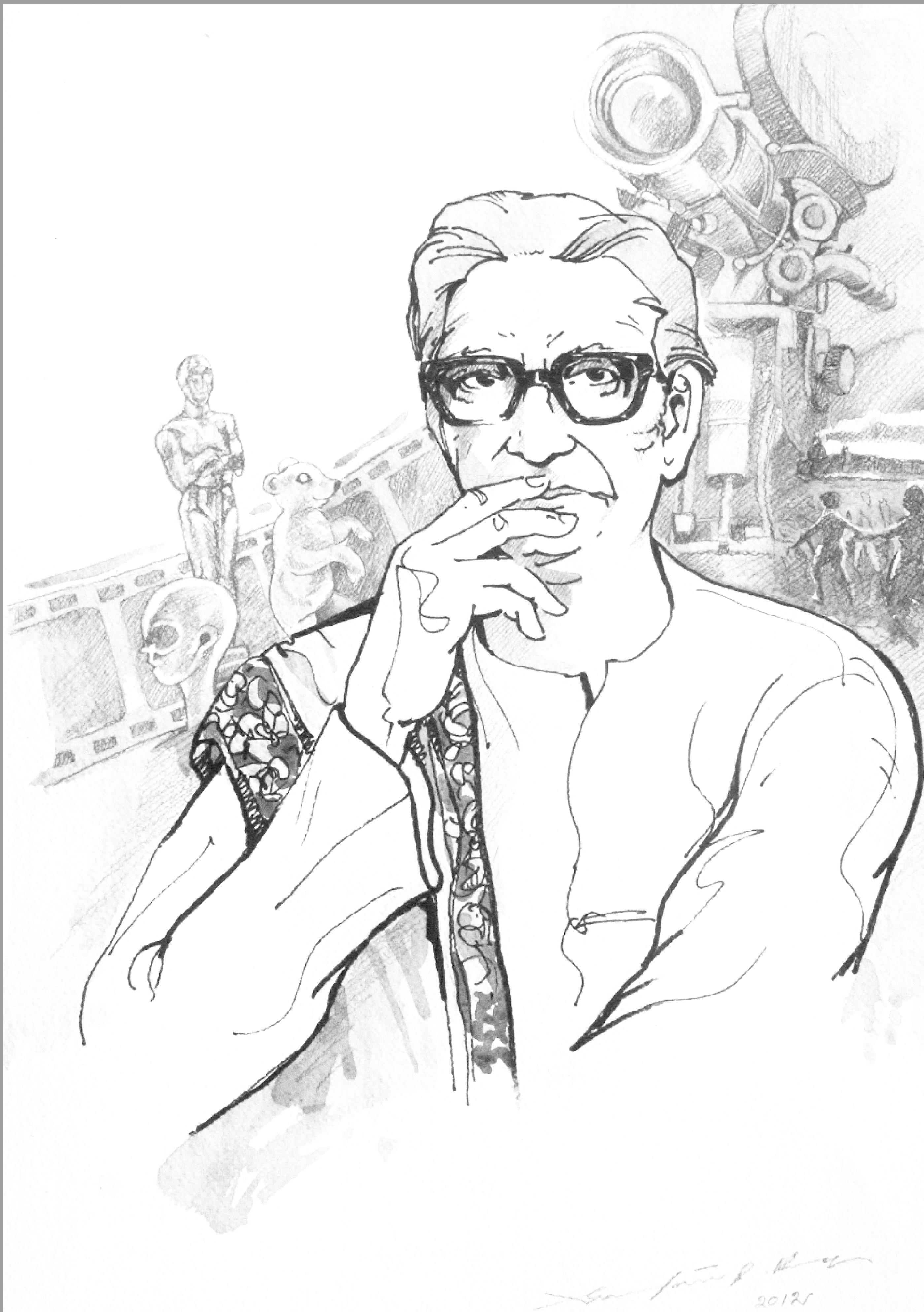
Gautam Partho Roy



Gautama Buddha



Swami Vivekananda (1863-1902)

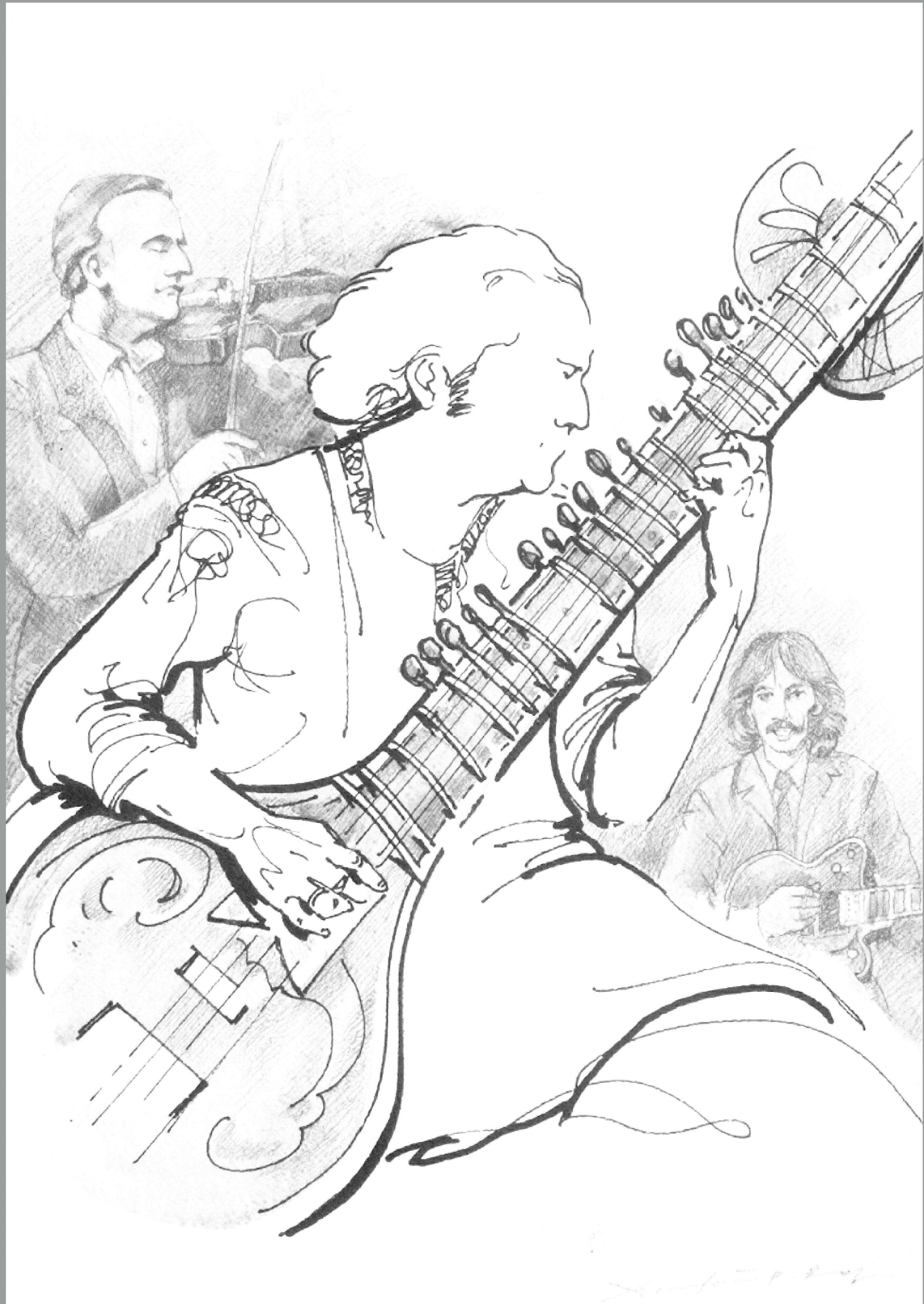


Satyajit Ray (1921-1992)

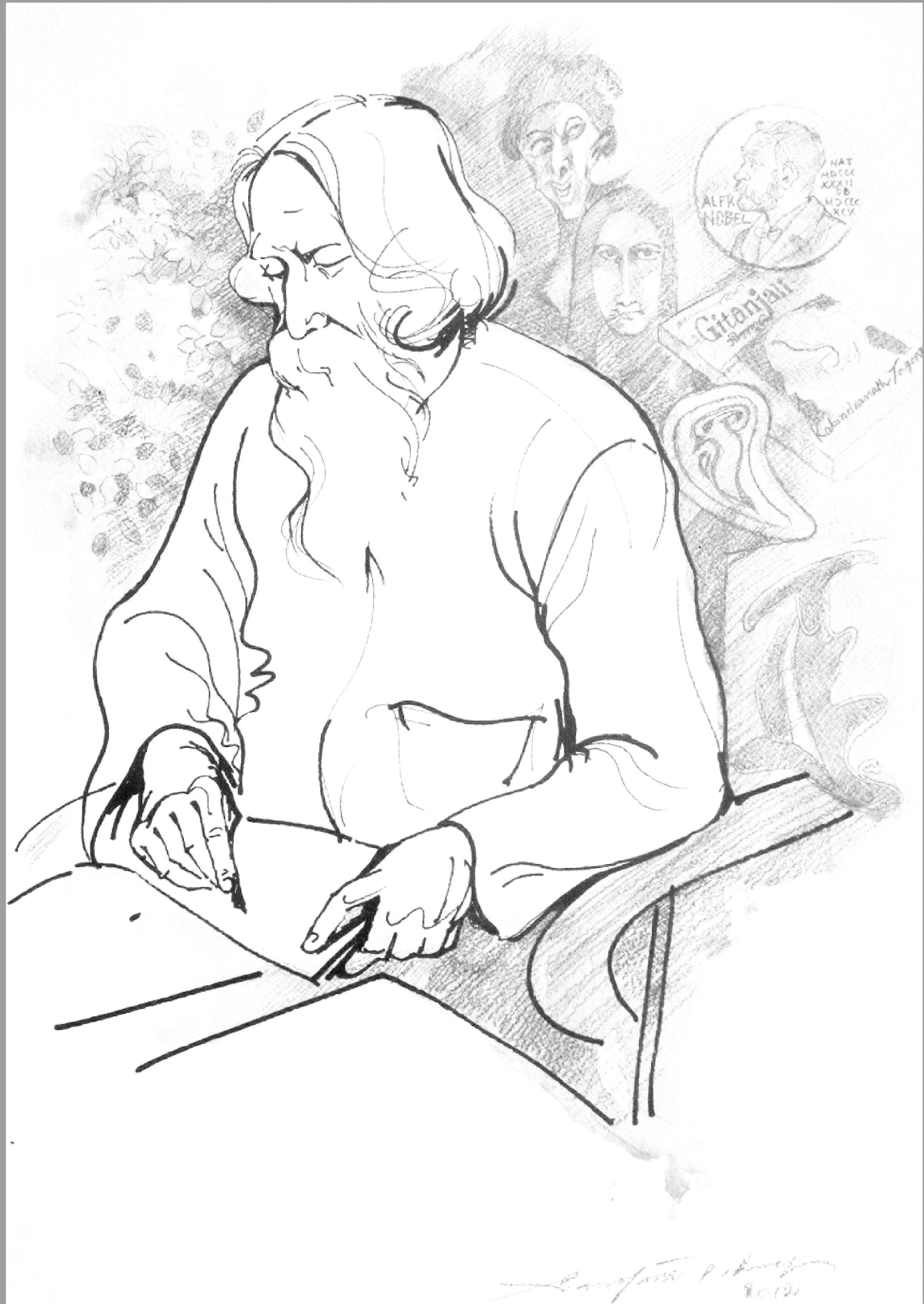
Govinda Dutt
2012



Leslie Claudius (1927-2012)



Pandit Ravi Shankar (1920-2012)



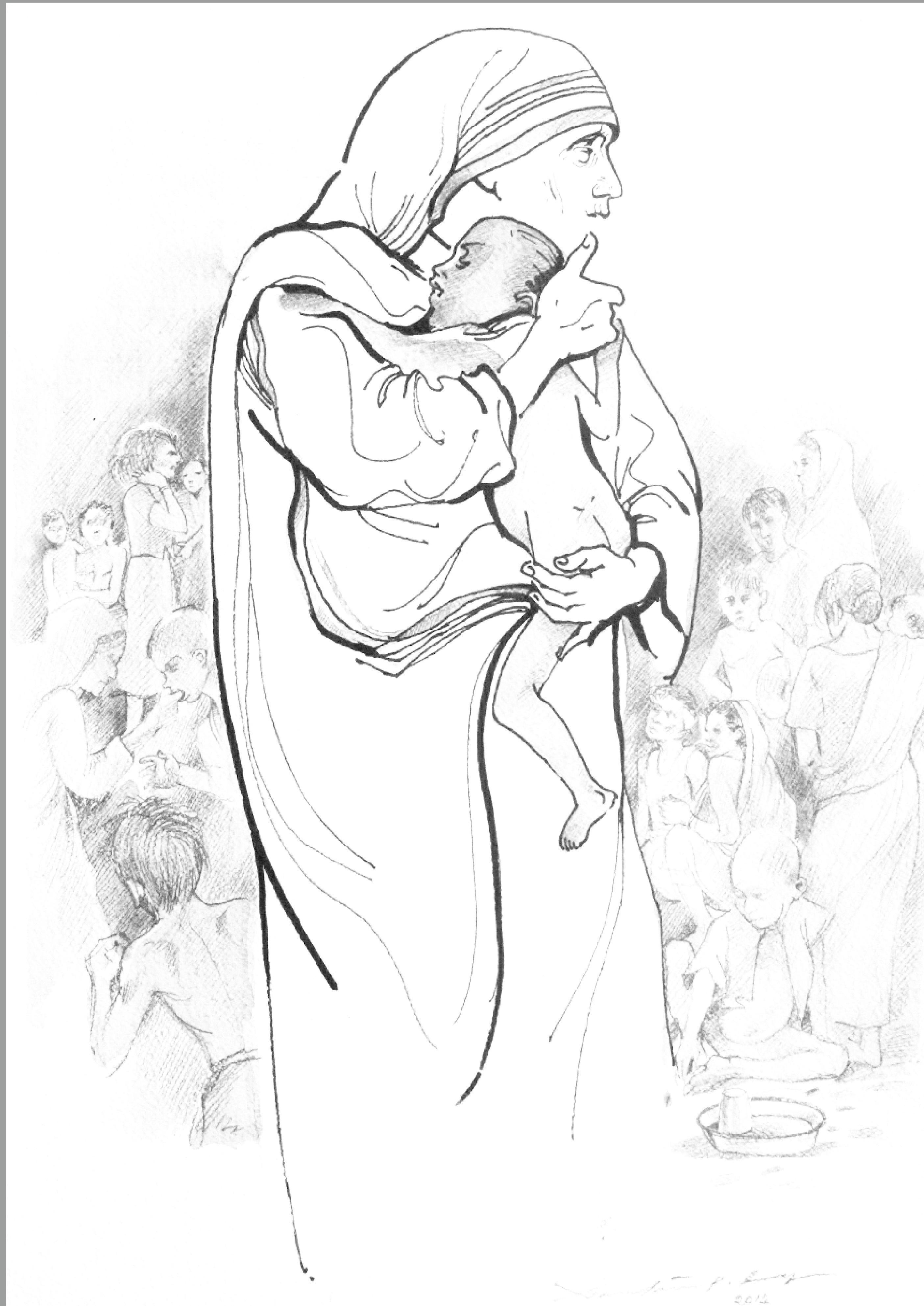
Rabindranath Tegore (1861-1941)



Tenzing Norgay (1914-1986)



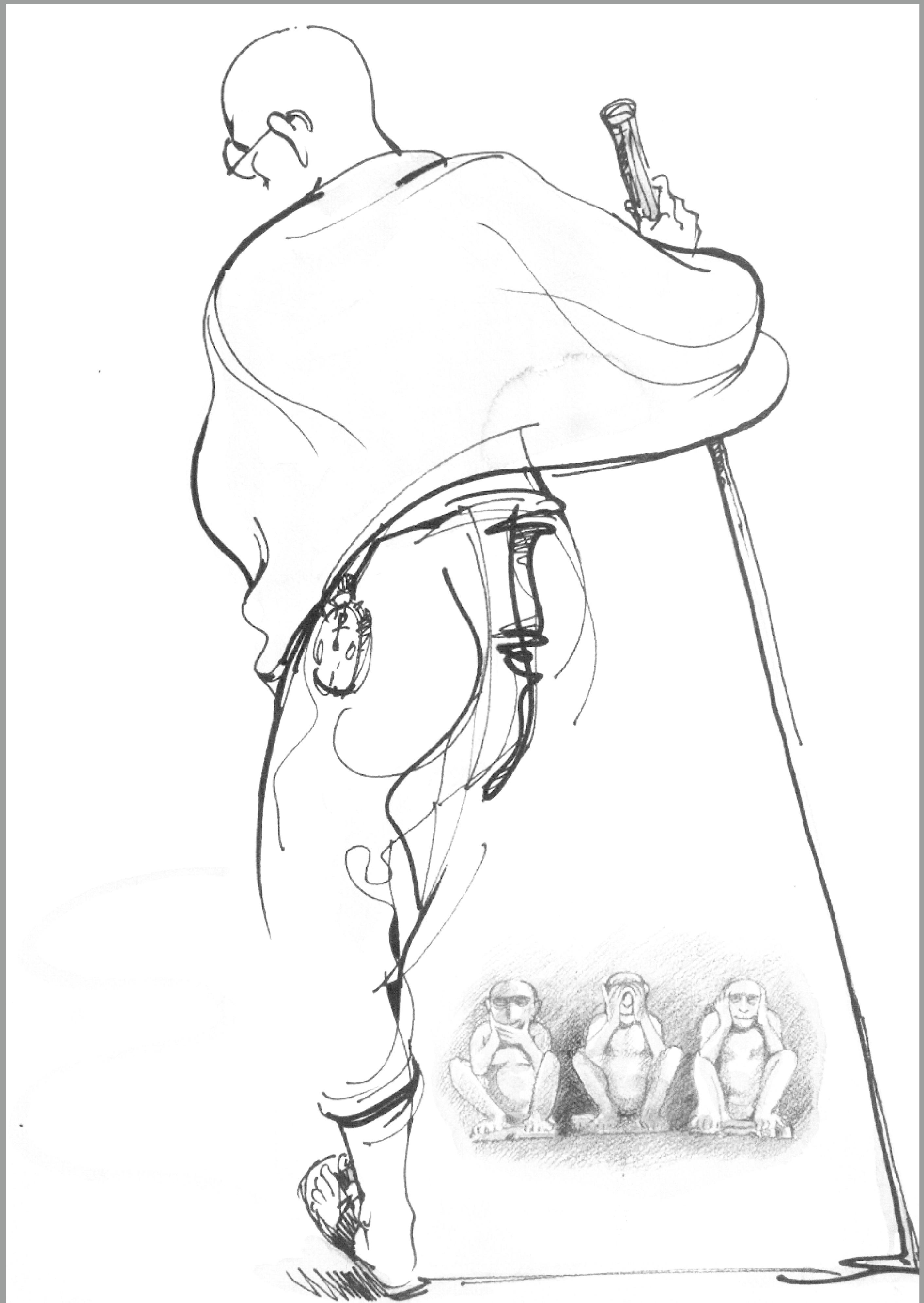
J.R.D.Tata (1904-1993)



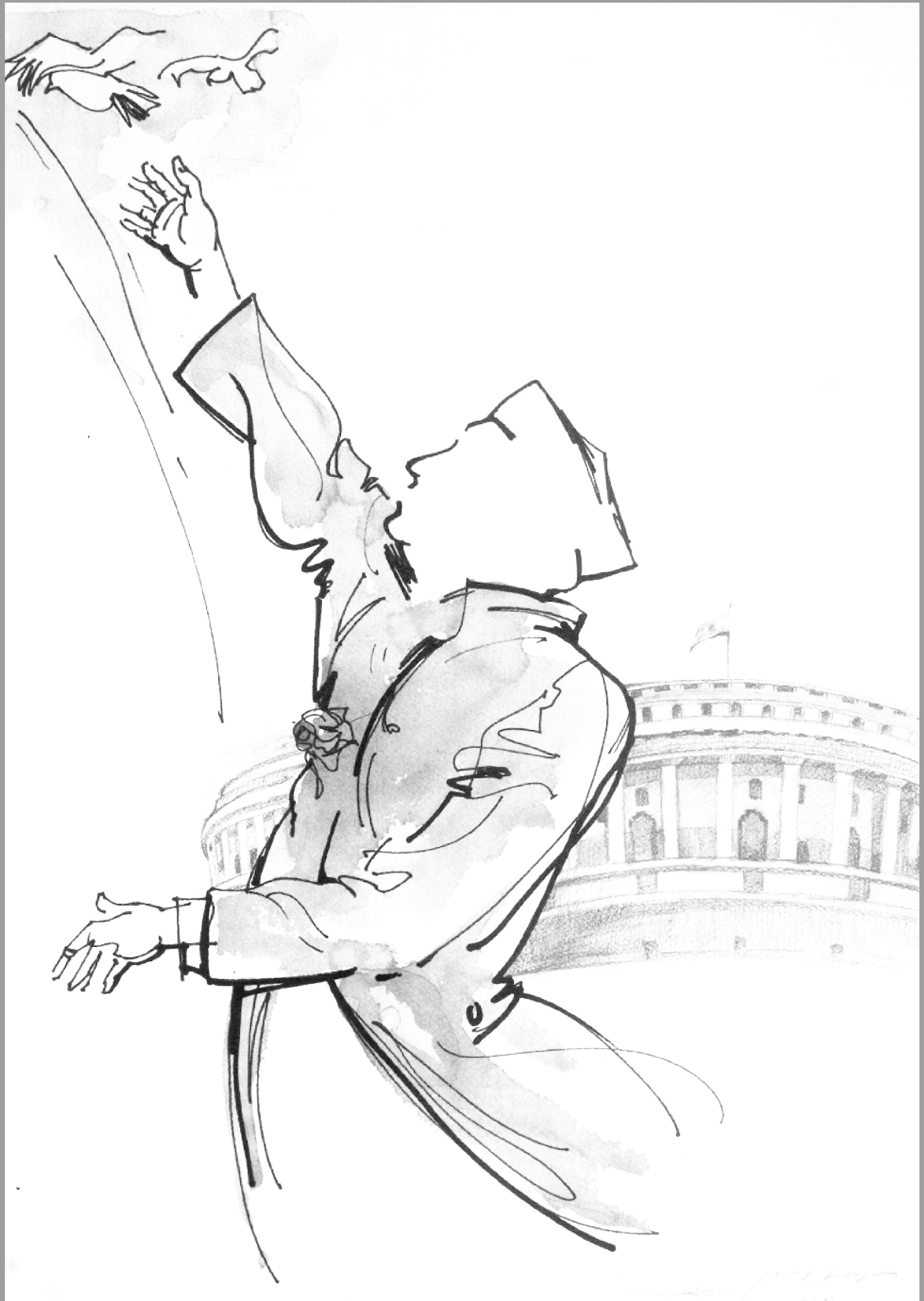
Mother Teresa (1910-1997)



Maqbool Fida Hussain (1915-2011)



Mahatma Gandhi (1896 - 1948)



Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru (1889-1964)



Sir Chandrasekhara Venkata Raman (1888-1970)