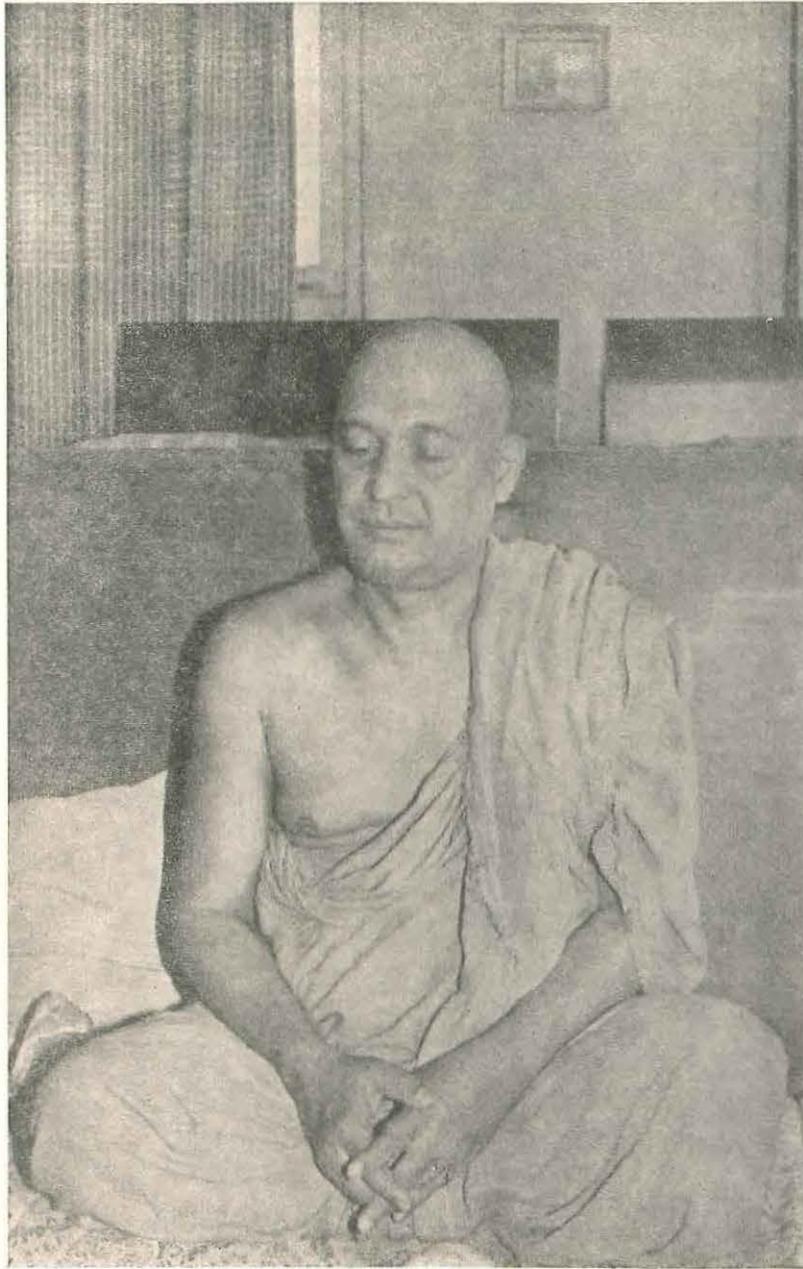


## Guru Poornima Message



The role of guru is to realize the karma and the total destiny of the disciple, and then, according to that, he suggests what the disciple should do. Before the guru teaches the disciple, he will have to discern the level of his evolution. And he will have to find out to what degree he is attached to worldly things, and to what degree he can transcend them. That is the main role of the guru in the life of a disciple. Just as a jeweller analyzes the jewels in detail, similarly the guru analyzes the total karma, destiny, nature and potential quality of the disciple.

Then the disciple allows his guru to handle his ego. If you allow me to handle your ego, then I can tell you what to do, otherwise not, because the ego is very hard stuff. That is the basis of your individuality. Because of the ego, you are different from me. If you remove your ego, then there is no difference; we are one. Sometimes in an individual there are two egos. When you have two egos, then you will find difficulty in adjusting with yourself. In the same way, I have an ego and you have an ego. And therefore we are two and not one.

A disciple should withdraw his ego, so that the guru can understand him. Without removing the ego, it is not possible for the guru to understand the disciple. Ego is like a hard shell, and if I want to penetrate into you, I can't, because you are closed. And therefore in spiritual life, or for spiritual life, the guru/disciple relationship is not only most important, it is the only important thing.

*Swami Satyananda*

**HERE COMES SWAMIJI**

*Here comes Swamiji with all his disciples,  
 Walking in Ganga Darshan, up and down.  
 A darshan of his makes us joyful,  
 And a bow to his lotus feet fills our hearts with bliss.  
 A word from his mouth, encourages us all.  
 A slap with his hand brings back our awareness.  
 A lecture of his increases our faith,  
 And a smile from his face, makes us all bright.  
 Every action of his is so nice,  
 That it reminds us of Swamiji  
 Even when he is in the West.*

**Swami Sanandan Saraswati  
 (Age: 16 years)**

**GURUDEV'S WISH**

*Our Gurudev is Paramahansa  
 And we are small hansas.  
 We must carry some yoga on our backs,  
 I know it is our Gurudev's wish.*

**Swami Srimurti Saraswati  
 (Age: 16 years)**

**GURU**

*Guru is the light that shines to show the way  
 Guru is the pathmaker that helps us on our way.  
 Satyananda is my Guru, and he has shown me the way.  
 Satyananda is my Guru, and it will stay that way.*

**Swami Gurumayananda Saraswati  
 (Age: 12 years)**