

# Baba Muktananda's 27th Mahasamadhi Anniversary

## Jai Gurudev!

Dear Friends,  
Greetings and good wishes to you all!

October 3rd, 2009, the autumnal full-moon night, marks the 27th Mahasamadhi anniversary of our beloved Baba Muktananda. The solar date is of course October 2nd.

Although the physical form of our Guru is no more, the Guru-Tattva—Guru principle—is ever present. In fact, it is the Guru principle which has taken the form of the external Guru.

Indeed, by the process of shaktipat, the Guru has awakened the inner Shakti, and it is the Guru in the form of Shakti who leads us forward, guiding our every step.

But in order for this to happen surrender is necessary. If one surrenders to the inner Shakti with an overwhelming feeling of love in the heart, and the attitude of an observer to Her kriyas, love and detachment begins to increase. Mother Kundalini is all-knowing and her work is always for our welfare. Her kriyas work to remove accumulated impressions and mental tendencies by bringing them to the surface. Baba has described this process in the following way:

*“The Shakti is referred to as a volcano that devours all faults and sins from within. As long as you have not surrendered to the Shakti Principle, you remain a mere human being, incomplete. As long as you are incomplete as a human being, you have to undergo the consequences of all your karmas. But when that Maha Shakti is awakened she permeates your entire body, all of its three million subtle nerve channels and all of its blood cells. Then all of your work is done by the Shakti Principle and you imbibe the joy of being a true human being.”*

What a great gift the Guru bestows on the disciple! How can one ever repay such a debt? The fact is that one can't. We can only bow our heads in salutation with love and humility.

*Sadgurunath Maharaj ki Jai!*  
Paramgurudev Nityanandaya!  
Sadgurudev Muktanandaya!

With great respect and love,  
Swami Prakashananda

