## Happy Guru Purnima!

Jai Gurudey!

Dear Friends,

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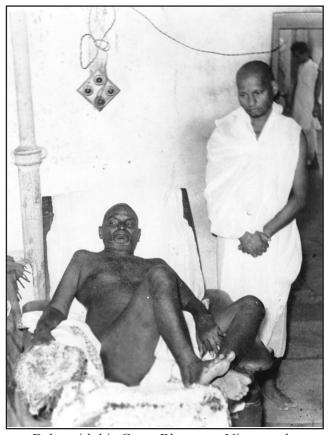
This year Guru Purnima—the Guru's full moon day—falls on July 27, 2018. This day has been dedicated to the Guru since ancient times. On Guru Purnima one remembers their Guru with great love and gratitude for the many blessings they have received from him.

The great poet saint Tukaram wrote:

There is no rest without the Sadguru.

Before seeking anything else, hold fast to his feet.
He can give you his own state in a moment.
In no time he can make you identical to himself.
Even the analogy of iron and the philosopher's stone is inadequate.\*

The greatness of the Sadguru is unfathomable. Tukaram says: How blind people are! They have wandered off and forgotten the true God.



Baba with his Guru, Bhagavan Nityananda

\*The philosopher's stone is said to be able to turn iron into gold, but it cannot turn iron into another philosopher's stone.

We have been fortunate to have met such a Guru, our beloved Baba Muktananda. By his divine touch, word, or look, we were able to experience the inner Self. He has opened a window within us through which we can perceive the whole universe. And he has awakened the sound of So'Ham which constantly reverberates within us. I therefore offer my salutations to Sri Gurudev.

Sadgurunath Maharaj ki Jai! Paramgurudev Nityanandaya! Sadgurudev Muktanandaya!

With great respect and love,

Swami Prakashananda