

Happy Guru Purnima!

Guru Purnima
July 25, 2010

Jai Gurudev!

Dear Friends,
Happy Guru Purnima!

This year Guru Purnima—the Guru’s full moon day—falls on July 25th in the U.S..

The full-moon falling in June/July, the Hindu month of Ashada, is dedicated to the Guru. The day is celebrated by expressing our love and respect for the spiritual master who has awakened our inner shakti and placed us on the path to liberation. It is a day for remembering our guru’s life and teachings.

The *Yoga Vasishtha* describes the characteristics of a true Guru (*Sadguru*) in the following words:

*He who, by his gracious look, touch, or word,
gives to the disciple an experience of his identity
with the Absolute is indeed the true Guru.*

Dear friends, we have had the good fortune of spending time with such a Sadguru, our beloved Baba Mukthananda. We have experienced that gracious look. We have felt his divine touch, and have received the sacred mantra from him. Therefore, may you all experience your identity with the Absolute.

*Sadgurunath Maharaj Ki Jai!
Paramgurudev Nityanandaya!
Sadgurudev Mukthanandaya!*

With great love and respect,
Swami Prakashananda

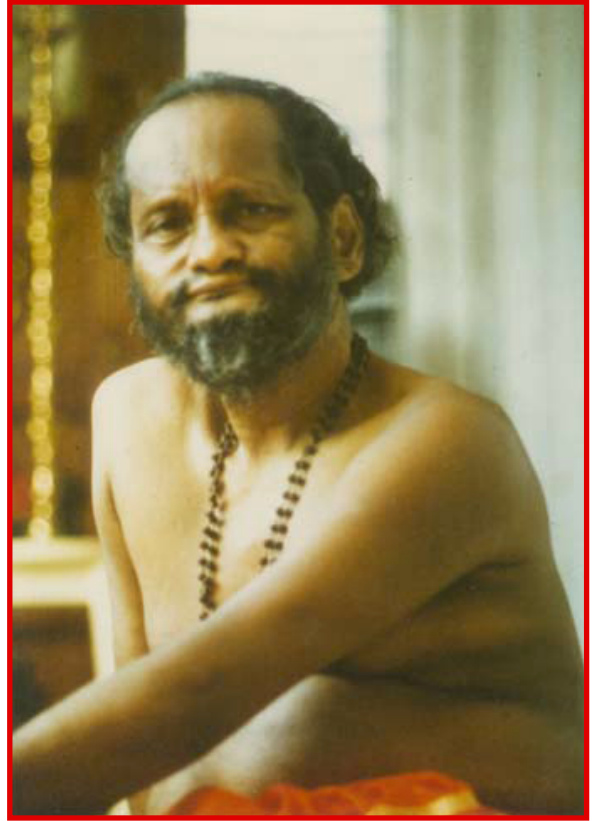


Photo Courtesy: Swami Ramananda Seva Foundation