

Baba Muktananda's 38th Mahasamadhi Anniversary

Jai Gurudev!

Dear Friends:

On the 38th anniversary of Baba Muktananda's Mahasamadhi, I send good wishes and all my love. This year I am sending this message on October 2nd, the solar date, since the lunar date won't occur until October 31st.

When Baba took mahasamadhi many devotees asked me why he had left them, and what were they going to do now without his physical presence? They felt lost. But even before his mahasamadhi, Baba tried to comfort his devotees by telling them not to worry, that he could do more spiritual work without the limitations of the body. When he held a meeting with the ashram trustees and revealed to them that he was about to take mahasamadhi, a number of them were overcome with emotion and began to cry.

Seeing their reaction, Baba embraced each one of them and told them, "Don't cry. Don't ever think of me as having passed away." He then reminded them that although death was a reality of life, a true Guru remains in the hearts of his devotees. He told them Gurus also come and go in death, but the influence of even long past ancient sages are still present because their spiritual transmission is passed on from generation to generation.

And where would he go? Baba had already become one with the inner Self, and therefore resides in the hearts of all beings as the inner Self. This is not merely an empty statement. Here we are, thirty-eight years since Baba's mahasamadhi, and he continues to bless and guide us, including those who had never even met him physically. Great Siddhas like Bhagavan Nityananda and our beloved Baba transcend time and space. Bhagavan Nityananda is reported to have said on the eve of his mahasamadhi: "Those who take refuge 'here' (meaning himself) will always be taken care of."

You should have complete faith that this is true of our Baba as well. I assure you, those who take refuge at his feet will attain everything they desire. There is no need to go searching here and there like beggars. He resides within your own heart. If you are troubled and need guidance, call out to him and ask! And then listen quietly for his response. As Baba would often say about his own Guru, "Don't you know that I am sitting under the wish-fulfilling tree?" Dear Guru Brothers and Sisters, so are we!

Sadgurunath Maharaj Ki Jai!

With great respect and love,

Swami Prakashananda

