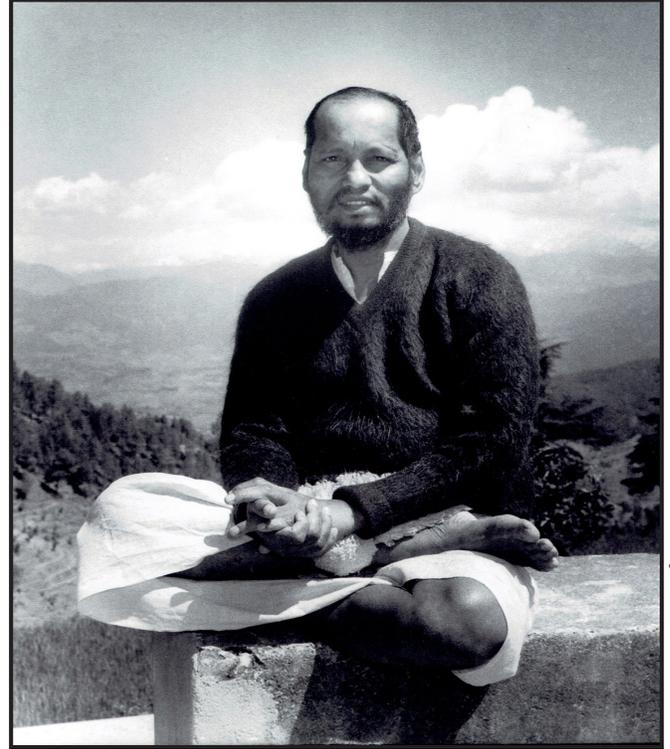


Baba Muktananda's 36th Mahasamadhi Anniversary

Dear Friends:

On the auspicious and holy day of Baba's mahasamadhi anniversary I send good wishes and much love. The solar day is on October 2nd while the lunar date this year falls on October 24, 2018.

For over a year before his imminent departure Baba had been preparing his devotees in many subtle ways. When the time arrived he made it a point to make sure that his long time devotees would be present. And as if they had heard a subtle call, many devotees who had not visited the ashram for a long time suddenly showed up. They came from all parts of India and around the world. He called them to come and have their last darshan of his physical form. We have heard of similar experiences from devotees of Bhagawan Nityananda when he left his physical body as well. It was the master's last expression of his love and compassion towards his devotees..



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But it was not the last experience of their grace. Indeed, Baba and Bhagawan both said that they would be more effective in bestowing their grace without the restrictions of the physical body. This is something that many have experienced in their own personal lives. Although they had never met Bhagawan or Baba when they were in their physical bodies, many have met them in the subtle plane. And although they are all pervasive, they reside in the hearts of devotees, guiding them along the spiritual path. In his description of the day Bhagawan left his body Baba writes in his book, *Bhagawan Nityananda of Ganeshpuri*:

"The devotees thought Bhagawan had left them and gone. But where could he go? He was always here, he is here, and he will always remain here... He has not gone anywhere. He gives this assurance himself. Many people have his darshan in different places. He appears in dreams and gives guidance... Some see him during their meditation in the form of light and are thrilled and happy to have this darshan... Shree Gurudev's mission did not end with his body. It is even stronger now and continues to increase steadily. His influence is ongoing and will never end... Therefore, I can say with certainty that even now Shree Gurudev is present. His presence is immortal, full of consciousness, and all pervasive."

My dear friends, this same message also applies to our beloved Gurudev, Baba Muktananda. May everyone continue to experience his divine grace.

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

With great respect and love,
Swami Prakashananda