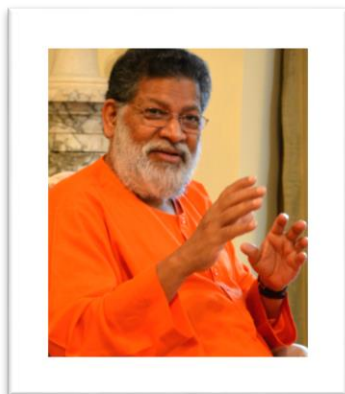


Guru Purnima Message - 2009

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Guru Brahma Guru
Vishnu Guru Devo
Maheshvarah

Guru Saakshaat
Param Brahma
Tasmai Sri Gurave
Namah.

Guru indeed is
creator Brahma,
protector Vishnu and
liberator Mahadeva,

Guru is one with the transcendental Brahman
that is my Atman;

Salutations to the supreme Gurudeva.

Guru is the remover of darkness, our watchful
eyes, the all illuminating sun of the world.

Guru is light and love and leads us to our inner
soul.

Guru is a metaphor for our journey that begins
when all else ends.

In a foggy morning, in the middle of Ganga, in a
rocking boat, energy and experience united in
passionate love.

The spring air danced in joy.

Fireflies wove golden fabric in excited
anticipation.

The blue sky closed its million eyes in coy
shyness.

The Guru was being born.

The dawn of wisdom.

The mantras remained hidden in the hearts of the
Rishis.

Wisdom buried in the mantras.

World lost in darkness.

Sage Vyasa cast his net, like his fisher folk
ancestors did for generations, but now for pearls
of wisdom.

The Vedas came to light.

Then the high noon of Vedic culture.

We live in a world of metaphors.

Guru is our metaphor for life.

Vyasa is our metaphor for Guru.

Love is our metaphor for Vyasa.

A love that bloomed in a rocking boat, on a wavy
Ganga in a spring morning.

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