

## THE ARTFUL GURU

Swamiji looms so large in our lives you almost have to back up to see him. The tall trees are in his speech, the iron of the planets, the lakes reflecting the sun — as well as the fisherwomen warding off the “odor” of flowers with their fishy nets. As well as Sage Nārada emerging from the lake after an apparent moment, but having lived an intricate human life in that one moment. As well as the tiny speaking fish who outgrows all containers.

We know Swamiji’s wit, sometimes gentle, sometimes sharp. “Out of nothing, a spider spins his web! The intelligence, the wonder! And yet, sometimes you see the spider dead — caught in his own net. What a wonder!”

What a wonder is Swamiji’s grace of heart and head showering us with the story of the Pandavas who build a secret tunnel out of the wax house of mortality. Walking this scenic route with Swamiji, you forget to even worry about the destination. How can you, when the journey is this joyous?

Birthday Greetings, Swamiji!  
*Shakti! Bhakti! Mukti!*  
*Prem & Om,*

Sumitra



# ARLAND OF

## on the celebration of Gurudev's 95th birthday

### THE COSMIC TECHNICIAN

Dearest Swamiji,

Words cannot even minutely express the depth of my gratitude and adoration for your presence in my life. It is truly amazing that somewhere down the line, some good karma blessed me with You, Swamiji—a profound and enlightened Guru! Every teaching you have shared has been a blessing. Every moment in your presence has been a reminder of what is possible when one walks the path of *dharma*. You have illuminated the way not only through your divine and humorous teachings, but through the quiet and profound power of your example.

I feel the Divine Hand of the Cosmic Technician repairing my short circuits one by one with His powerful soldering iron! Even if it takes a million years, I will remember who I am and that is exciting! And, after all, as you have said Swamiji, there is no such thing as time... so it could happen right now!

Thank you for the grace you have brought into my life, for the transformation you have inspired through mantra, and for the boundless love that flows through your being.

*Prem and Om Tat Sat*  
Swami Sushilananda

### GUIDING US TO LIBERATION

Dear Swami Jyotirmayanandaji: Happy 95th birthday!

The profound love that you have expressed to us all through your teachings, writings, examples, live *satsangs* and peaceful presence has made such a difference in our lives.

Thank you for your love, light, blessings, inspirations and resolve to guide us to Liberation.

Wishing you continued good health and long life.

*Satyam, Shivam, Sundaram.*

*Om shantih.*

Love,

Jerry and Vidya Chapman

# APPRECIATIONS



## ***DIVINE LOVE***

Blessed Self,  
Adorations. *Om Namasivaya!*  
Pranam Gurudev. As you celebrate your 95th birthday, it is a great blessing for us to celebrate with you. I wish you a happy celebration.

Gurudev, by allowing these magnificent flowers of Divine Love to unfold from your Innermost Self to affect us, we offer them in turn to you with perfect humility and gratitude.

May the Divine Mother continue to shower Her Blessings on you. We thank God for your life.

Bhagavan Swami Jyotirmayananda Maharaj Ki Jai!

*Prem and Om*

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## ***DIVINE TRANSMISSION***

Just like the ancient Masters, when Swamiji teaches the scriptures he doesn't teach merely from his vast knowledge, nor even from his compassionate heart. No, he is what he is teaching -- he is the scriptures. This is how transmission can occur to his close disciples, directly from soul to soul. And this is possible because Swamiji lives consciously as the Purusha or Atman that we all are. This is how he guides us to live consciously as our True Nature, and he has been doing it for so many years now. Swamiji has spent 95 years in a physical form, and at least 60 years guiding us endarkened souls, and that's just in this lifetime. Jai Sri Swami Jyotirmayananda!

With my eternal gratitude,  
Swami Jyoti Purushananda

## ***A SMALL POETIC OFFERING ON YOUR SACRED BIRTHDAY***

Om, Beloved and Revered  
Holiness, Shri Swami Jyotirmayananda,

With deep humility and devotion, I send You this poem as a small offering for Your Sacred Birthday. It is but a simple reflection of the immense gratitude that lives in my heart for Your Presence, Your Light, and the immeasurable Grace of Your *Darshan*.

Wherever I may walk upon this Earth, I carry Your Name, Your Guidance, and Your Blessing within me. May this humble testimony find a place in Your Heart, not as words of praise, but as the sincere echo of a soul forever touched by Your Luminous Being:

*O Radiant Master,  
beacon of our days,  
Your gentle Light still guides  
our countless ways.*

*Through years and oceans,  
near or far we roam,  
Your living Presence makes  
the whole world home.*

*Each sacred moment in  
Your Holy Sight,  
Becomes a spark of  
everlasting Light.*

*In silent Darshan,  
hearts begin to rise,  
And touch the endless blue  
of timeless skies.*

*Wherever we walk  
beneath the circling sun,  
Your Grace reminds us  
we are truly One.*

*In every breath,  
Your Whisper softly stays,  
A golden Thread that weaves  
our nights and days.*

*At ninety-five,  
Your Lamp still brightly gleams,  
Awakening the souls  
who dare to dream.*

*I carry You wherever I may be,  
Your Name, my Prayer,  
my Path, my Destiny.*

*Om Shanti Om*

Gurudev Hamsah Nandatha  
Adi Vajrashambhasalem Ashram  
Wasa, British Columbia - Canada

## NECTARINE WORDS OF WISDOM

Param Poojya Swami Ji,  
*Koti koti Pranam.*

Third of February is a very auspicious day for all of us who had the privilege of meeting you in person and listening to your nectarine words of wisdom. So too it is for others the world over who benefited from the profound knowledge disseminated very kindly by you through your books, discourses, lectures and other communicative channels

It is your birthday and we feel so happy to felicitate you and convey our best wishes for a very healthy and happy birthday and for many, many years ahead. We pray to God that He may keep showering His Grace on you so that we and people at large continue to have your guidance for achieving the real goal of life.

Sukhvarsha, my wife, and I had the good fortune of having your *darshan* during May 2016 for 5 days in the Florida ashram. It was a God-sent opportunity to be in your close proximity and make the best of it, breathing the same air as your Holiness and touching your lotus feet. We hope and wish that we are able to repeat the experience.

We gratefully remember the help and love received from the Ashramites and convey our warmest love and regards.

*Hari Om Tat Sat*  
Sukhvarsha and Rajinder Chopra



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### OUR LIGHT AND GUIDE

Param poojya Swami ji,

Please accept *koti pranams* of Prabhakar in thy holy feet.

On the auspicious occasion of your birthday today, I want to offer my humble prayers and wishes in your lotus feet. I pray to almighty God for your health, well-being, and continued expansion of your divine mission of *jnana yajna*.

Swamiji, you are light and guide to countless devotees. As your lowest devotee, I feel blessed and fortunate to always have your divine blessings and protection all around me. We all are so fortunate to have you as our beloved Guru. It is possible only because of your mercy and *punya* karmas of our previous lives. Please continue to grace us all with your love and divine blessings.

On this holy day, I offer my sincere regards and gratitude to everyone who is connected with your divine mission.

With regards and prostration in thy holy feet.

Yours ignorant son,  
Prabhakar

### BY YOUR GRACE

Blessed Self, Adorations. OM TAT SAT!

*Pranam*, Gurudev. I prostrate at your Holy Feet, as you celebrate your 95th birthday.

By your grace, we ask for your blessings on this auspicious occasion. Thank you for your inspiration, wisdom and joy. May God bless you!

With deepest gratitude,

*Prem and Om,*

Sri Jaya

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## ***YOUR LIGHT SHINES FOREVER***

*Om Tat Sat*, our Beloved Gurudev! We are sending you our love, gratitude, and heartfelt wishes of supreme health, strength, highest vitality, long life, peace, prosperity, and everlasting bliss in communion with God.

We would like You to know that You are in our hearts and thoughts daily. In addition to our prayers, each day after breakfast, we read a letter from the *Message from the Master*. Miraculously, every daily message aligns with our needs and situation.

Dearest Swamiji, we are eternally grateful for the grace of being your disciples, and we love you, Swamiji! You are our spiritual father, the beacon of divine light, and the bestower of Divine teachings.

We rejoice in hearing your voice through recorded lectures as well as our thoughts and memories of *Satsang*, and we joyously bow to Thy feet and follow their trace onto God and the liberation of our souls. Along with the wishes, we are expressing our sincere gratitude and appreciation for all Your gifts, grace, and blessings. Your light shines forever!

Happy Birthday, Dearest Swamiji! We miss your presence!

With love and reverence,  
Savita and Pramod

## ***YOUR GRACE IS EVER PRESENT***

*Ananta koti* loving *pranams*, dear Pujya Gurudev, on the most joyful occasion of Your 95th *Janma Mahotsav*!!

We are supremely blessed that Your Divine Birthday on this Earth has led to our Birth days!

Every time I remember  
Your cherished Divine Lotus Feet,  
born is direct Divine support.

Every time I feel  
Your hand on my head,  
born is sweetest compassion.

Every time I remember  
Your smile,  
born is quickest relaxation.

Every moment I feel  
Your Grace,  
born is the assurance that  
Your Grace is ever-present.

Every moment I listen  
to Your teachings,  
born is wonderment and inspiration.

Every time I worry  
I have wandered,  
born are You in my Heart!

With overflowing gratitude for Your AMAZING DIVINE LIFE,  
I wish you a BLESSED BIRTHDAY, DEAR SWAMIJI!!

Wish You good health and loving care for many years more!

*Om Sri Guruve Namaha!*  
*Om Sri Ramaya Namaha!*  
*Om Sri Maatre Namaha!*

*Prem* and humble *Pranams*,  
Sannihita and Nilesh Murthy