

“I owe this present life to Pujya Swamiji”— A letter from an ardent devotee

Om Shree Gurubhhyo Namah.

Pranams to Pujya Swamiji and to respected Swamijis, Swaminis and devotees,

Pujya Swamiji gave me permission to join the first three year course which started in 1990 at Coimbatore Gurukulam. After my eight year study and seva, Pujya Swamiji told me to go to Gujarat and share the teaching. After spending some time in a contemplative life, I went to a small town in North Gujarat for starting an Arsha Vidya Centre. But as if the prarabdha would have its say, I fell very ill and became so emaciated that I was hardly able to take any food. And this was the period in my life when the end of my life might have happened as it was predicted in my son's horoscope by one well known astrologer that he would lose one of the parents. At that time my wife's health was quite alright. So I thought if the end was likely to happen for me, I must get Pujya Swamiji's blessing before that. At that time, in the year 2000, Pujya Swamiji was at Rishikesh ashram and with extreme difficulty I reached Rishikesh. Pujya Swamiji was literally shocked to see my condition and asked me to see him next morning. After enquiring in detail about my health, Pujya Swamiji gave me a biscuit after holding it in his hand for a minute and asked me to take it in his presence. I did so and what a miracle it was! Since that time on ward I started recovering. Thus Pujya Swamiji really gave me a new lease of life by saving me from a likely end of it.

Earlier I had a conviction that Pujya Swamiji is Parameswar, but since this incident, it is no more a conviction but a reality for me because who else other than Parameswar can revive the life. Thus I owe this present life to Pujya Swamiji.

If we want to have darshan of Parameshwar, we have to wait till Parameshwar takes an avatar like Rama or Krishna. But we need not wait for that to happen because Pujya Swamiji is sakshat Parameswar right here and now in the form of a teacher. Hence Pujya Swamiji's darshan is indeed Parameshwar's darshan.

Parameswar is nithya suhrud and serves the moving and non-moving jagat and thus Mother Earth feels blessed when Parameshwara takes an avatar. Now do we not find Pujya Swamiji equally a suhrud to each and every one and serving the entire humanity? So also our scriptures declare that in the presence of a gyani who has attained oneness with Parameswara like our Pujya Swamiji, mother Earth remains blessed in the presence of Pujya Swamiji.

I heartily pray that Pujya Swamiji will have a healthy and long life.

*Ever in the service of my Teacher,
Vithalbhai Patel*