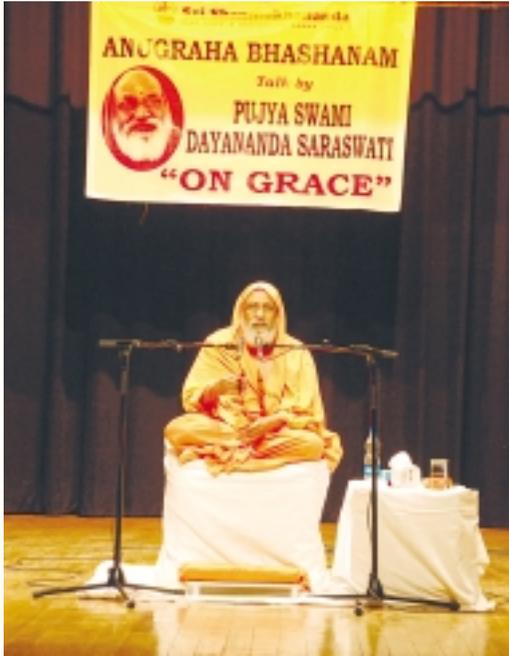


“ON GRACE” Talk by Pujya Swamiji in Mumbai



Pujya Swamiji arrived in Mumbai for a three-day program which started with a full-day seminar on “Personal Re-Organization” at the Padma Shri Subbulaxmi Hall on the 12th February 2011, a Sunday morning talk on “Grace” at the Sri Shanmukhananda Chandrasekharendra Saraswati Hall and an evening talk on the 14th February 2011 on “An essential verse of the Bhagawad Gita” at the Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan.

As always Pujya Swamiji held his audiences spell bound and time vanished while his upadesha flowed like the Ganges River in torrential form.

The Personal Re-Organisation seminar lasting the full day was supposed to break for lunch and then start the third and last session of the day. So absorbing was the seminar that the audience continued listening to Pujya Swamiji and submitted questions and the participants had a late lunch in the afternoon.

Pujya Swamiji’s rendition of managing one raga dvesha as a method of handling the world was revealing and absorbing. He suggested that instead of trying to change the world which is impossible, we need to change ourselves and accommodate the world and that no one could live without relating to the world. Success is managing ones raga dvesha in accordance with the principles of dharma.

At the evening function, the Hindi Edition of the “Bhagavad Gita” was launched and free copies were given to various dignitaries in the audience. Shri Shankar - President of the Shanmukhananda auditorium spoke in glowing terms about Pujya Swamiji and how lucky the audience was to hear him. Pujya Swamiji then went on to explain that “ all that is here is Isvara” and that the whole creation is the glorious manifestation of Isvara. There is nothing here other than Isvara so we can worship Him in any form we chose to. Worshipping Isvara by performance of ones’ actions, human beings can get success”.

The next day in the evening Pujya Swamiji delivered the “Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan” Memorial lecture on “An essential verse of the Bhagawad Gita”, and his own unique and wondrous way, linked Dharma as an essential way to Moksha, linking the two as two sides of the same coin. Dharma makes one fearless and accepting. Citing verse 46 of the 18th Chapter, Pujya Swamiji again emphasized the importance of recognizing that everything here is manifest as Isvara and that material and knowledge are inseparable.

As always Pujya Swamiji’s stay was too short and the Mumbai audiences were blessed as even the desert that needs the rain.