

A letter to Pujya Swamiji

Dear Pujya Swamiji,

I want you to know I am thinking about you every day, always. On the one hand, there is all you have brought to my life personally and the endless and eternal gift of Vedanta. The love I feel for you is boundless. On the other hand, you and all you teach is in every session with every client I see every day. Sometimes your teaching as it flows through me and sometimes direct quotes from you offered to my clients. My clients have come to know of this great guru of Dean's from India. Your influence reaches to the everyday lives of people here in Wisconsin whose day to day lives are traditional USA working people and overly busy professionals. They have come to know the brilliance of your teaching of Sastra. They choose to come for sessions long after the original distress they came to resolve is eased. They are coming because the very Vedantic Psychology (of Pujya Swami Dayanandaji) that brought them through their challenges continues to help their lives to flourish and blossom.

With one client have I walked through Tattva Bodha, Value of Values and much of the Bhagavadgita Home Study Course. I am still not sure who is learning more, she or I. She has fallen in love with you through your words and my stories of my time with you. One on one I have taught her basic Sanskrit to enhance her experience of the Sastra. We sit together twice a week and you and the wisdom that you teach and the wisdom that you are abide with us. Professionally she trains school teachers. She is planning to use her learning from "Value of Values" in her teacher training programs in rural Wisconsin. I have endless stories of how your teaching penetrates my life and the lives of my clients every day.

Mostly what I imagine is going on here is that through all you have taught me you have managed to help set me free to joyfully do the work I am here to do every day. You ignite a fire in me and inspire my work even after 32 years as a psychologist.

You are in our hearts every day as I wish you all the well-being there is in world. We hope to see you again soon.

*Dean Lesser,
Psychologist from Wisconsin &
Wife, Eliana.*