

SWAMI SADATMANANDA'S ADDRESS DURING ARADANA AT RISHIKESH

During the first aradana of Pujya Swami Dayananda Saraswati at Rishikesh on September 12, 2016 a few disciples spoke about Pujya Swamiji. Swami Sadatmananda addressed as follows:

सुहृदे सर्वभूतानां गुरवेगुरुणां तथा । दयाया निघये चैव नमस्ते सर्वनन्दिने ॥
स्वजीवनोपदेशाभ्यां शिक्षयन्सर्वदा मुदा । चरितार्थस्वसंज्ञाय नमः सर्वहितैषिणे ॥

Many of us may have mixed feelings. On one side, there is a feeling of missing Swamiji and on the other side there is a joy to see that the spirit of harmony, togetherness with which he lived and guided us to is still alive and growing..

Pujya Swamiji was an epitome of so many great qualities, each of which can make a person great. While thinking of his qualities and glories I found that each alphabet reminds us of his glories and qualities:

A –accommodative, B-broad minded, C –clear in his vision, D-diligent in his work, E-empathetic, energetic, F-foresighted, G-generous, H-honest, I-intelligent, J-joyful, jovial, K-knowledgeable, L-loving, M-magnanimous, N-nonjudgmental, O-open minded, P-pure hearted, Q-qualitative thinker, R-rational, reality-oriented, S-straightforward, T-traditional teacher, U-unique communicator, V-visionary, W-worshipable for worshipables, X-extra ordinary in many things, Y-young at heart, Z-zealous.

Pujya Swamiji guided us when he was in his physical form and even now he guides through the lessons he has taught us through his teaching and life. I follow this principle-what would Pujya Swamiji have decided in this regard? यथा ते तत्र वर्तेन् तथा तत्र वर्तेथा: this way of thinking helps me a lot. Just as Pujya Swamiji used to say: 'My understanding of Ishvara validates me', similarly my understanding of Pujya Swamiji guides in handling different situations.

I pray to Pujya Swamiji who is even physically merged with Ishvara and known as Sri Dayanandeshwar to guide all of us and keep us united sharing with, guiding and nurturing each other in all possible ways.

I take this opportunity to invite all devotees, Swamijis, Swaminijis and well wishers of Arsha Vidya family to the opening of Swami Dayananda memorial called 'Gurutirtha' and Silver jubilee celebrations of Arsha Vidya Gurukulam, Anaikatti, Coimbatore on 20th November 2016."

The garland of alphabets and Swamiji's address was widely appreciated by Pujya Swamiji's disciples.

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