

# GURU VAIBHAVAM - 4

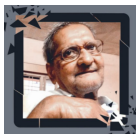
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If we want peace, we must go to the house in our Heart. We need to have dispassion to go to that house. Refuge at the lotus feet of the Guru helps to dive into the depths of the Heart. Without the Guru's grace, we cannot reach the home in the Heart.

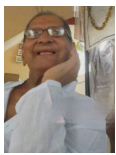


Sadguru Sri Nannagaru quotes Bhagavan "He is your Guru, in whose presence your mind experiences unworldly peace and radiance without any relation to your effort or spiritual practice.



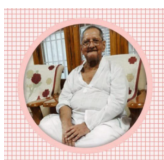
Guru grace is always there, whether his body is alive or not. The instant Guru's grace touches you, your worldly bondages will drop off. You will experience that you are not merely this body.

The Guru is not a stranger. Over a period of time, as we intensely worship, meditate and long for God, He himself will don the garb of a human being and come to us. He is the Guru.



The ocean is always full, whole, complete, fathomless, and unending. The Guru's love for us is just like the ocean. Even if you can at least understand what Guru's love is like, you will attain liberation.

The Guru takes care of where to lead you and when to change the course of your life. Initially, he will tell you respectfully, if you do not listen then he will whack you on your head. Whatever he does it's purely out of his grace on us, the one who understands is blessed indeed!



The Guru's grace suffices, you need not work hard and do exercise or sit-ups. His one glance suffices, for you to drown in peace. To push the Jiva to his origin, which is the Self, is something that a Guru alone can do.



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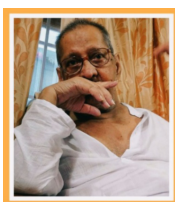




An ignorant person will never understand a Jnani's worth however hard he tries. When thieves break into your house, they take with them all your household items. The thief who breaks into your Heart and takes away your sorrow is the Guru.



There are plenty of grand and magnanimous words in the shastras. We need to hear these words from the Guru. The Guru teaches the essence of shastras. Though shastras may urge us to follow certain values, we will not be able to put them into action till we hear them from the Guru. Guru's words come from the Heart. Hence, we feel like following when the Guru utters those words.



In Guru's presence, you will receive a peace that you never felt in your life. Some of the Gurus work silently towards your spiritual progress, without any words.



The Guru's silence is filled with power. Our intellect cannot comprehend it. It is to be experienced. It makes our minds pure.

When the Guru's grace enters your Heart, it happens silently. It is the Guru alone who gives you the awareness that there is a truth (beyond the mind) in your Heart, and he is the one who bestows upon you the desire and wisdom to seek the same.



Dried leaves move in whichever direction the wind blows. Likewise, if your mind is as fickle as this, the Guru gives you the strength to withstand the force, face it head-on, and swim against the current of the tendencies. He purifies your mind and gives you the eligibility to attain self-realisation. Such is the glory of the Guru.



Even if you are unable to do big and great sadhanas, if you continue doing whatever you can, your tendencies will get subdued in the presence of great souls and Jnanis.

If you sit by a Jasmine plant, you will smell its perfume, even if you do not ask for it. Similarly, when you sit in the presence of Maharshi's and Saints, you will gain some purity of mind and desire for liberation even if you do not ask them.



The disturbances and unrest that have been troubling you for years will leave you and go away when you are seated in the presence of the Guru. That is the glory of the Guru.



In the presence of the Guru, our mind transcends the waking, dream, and deep sleep states and temporarily becomes one with the ocean of peace. This happens by his grace and with no effort on our part. Ordinarily, we are aware only of these three states. We have no idea about the fourth state, Turiya, which is the base for the three states. The Guru is always in the fourth state. Only when the three states are transcended, it is possible to experience the peace of the fourth state, which is made possible only by the Guru. This peace, experienced in his presence is incomparable and inexpressible.



By listening to the words of the Guru you would progress to the sorrow-less state; Your disturbances would change to peace and your sorrow would change to happiness. That is the goal of these discourses. Whether you have money, academic qualifications, or not, if you understand this subject properly, you will be able to lead a happy life. Even if the physical body were to face death, you will be able to leave the body with peace and happiness.



The Jnani swims in an ocean of bliss. He does not distribute that bliss because he wants to distribute. He does so because that bliss cannot be contained; it brims over and overflows.

If I have bhakti that just one Gopika had, I would be liberated. I would be liberated even if the dust from a Gopika's feet touched me! said Chaitanya Mahaprabhu. The Gopikas' love for God is beyond this world, beyond this physical realm. We cannot describe their devotion and love in worldly terms, as there exists nothing else in this world to be compared to! Their love is natural!!

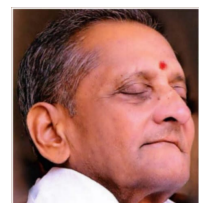


If we learn the kind of love that the Gopikas had for Krishna, we could come out of ignorance and body bound 'I' easily without any pain or strain, or tiredness. We will not have the feeling that we are working hard or straining ourselves( in the name of sadhana).



If the Gopikas drank milk, it was the remembrance of Krishna that touched their lips. Such was their love. Such was their devotion.

Just as you wake up into the wakeful state from the sleep state, the Guru awakens you into Turiya (the fourth state)/ Self and brings into your experience the Knowledge, Happiness, and Peace that it bestows.





The real Guru resides in your heart. The Guru you see outside sends you inwards towards the inner Guru. The work that a guru does is to take the evotee to a sorrowless state, a state where one does not even know what sorrow is like.

God is nothing but the Self within. The Self cannot be perceived by our eyes. We cannot grasp the things that cannot be seen. Hence, the Self takes a form, assumes some attributes, and comes into this world, expressing some of its power. When we cannot comprehend the attribute-less Self, we must worship its form with attributes.



Even though we do not understand what truth is, the God-Incarnate (Avatara Purusha) knows it. When we worship a God-Incarnate, he will take us to the truth; He will not leave us till we reach the truth.,

The Guru's work is not limited to teaching about Self-realisation. From the inside, He gives us the strong desire to strive towards Self-realisation and also provides help in attaining it. Such a person alone can be called a real Guru.



A Parama Guru is different from a Guru. Even if you stray from your goal, if you get temporarily entangled in worldly difficulties, He gives you the mental strength and support to keep you from identifying with the circumstances. He separates you from the entanglements and turns your mind towards the goal. Whatever

goal it is that you are trying for, He provides you with its experience as glimpses. Such a Guru is a Parama Guru.

The Guru always does the internal work. When his eyes are closed, he sees himself. When his eyes are open, he helps us to grasp his true nature i.e. the self.



The Guru seems to talk to us with closeness and moves amongst us. In reality, what he does is that he removes our weaknesses without letting us know and eventually takes us to the state he is in.

The weakness that has been accumulated through past lives are burnt and reduced to ashes by the Guru. This is the work the guru does!







Our mental ailments are transparent to the Guru like an object in a glass jar. When you visit him, you will never return empty-handed. You will return filled with pure thoughts! Through holy company alone can pure love come forth. Love is indeed real worship. It teaches humility and to lead your life as per the Guru's will, whom you love so much.



If your mind becomes as pure and as unblemished as the Self, then the mind will assume the form of the Self.

If you do not give up your love for the Guru, do not lose faith in the Guru, do not let your attention slip away from the Guru, then the Guru swallows all the useless rubbish from your mind and gives you a mind useful for spiritual progress. That is the glory of the Guru.



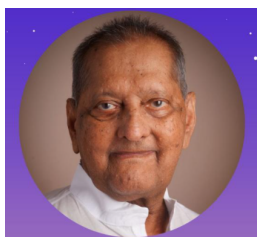
The Guru's work shows you the harm your weaknesses might bring, makes your intellect grasp the point, and then give you the strength to overcome those weaknesses and eventually take you to Self-realisation.

If you learn to reconcile with God's will (destiny), then you will attain liberation here and now, unrelated to your spiritual practice of Japa, Puja or Dhyana.



The Guru will actively be with you and drive you inwards through all your lives till you attain Self-realisation.

The shepherd likes the sheep that have a tendency to lose their way more than those that can stay on the correct path. We, on the other hand, call all those on the right path as relatives. If someone has lost their way, we say that they are not related to us. We leave the sheep who have lost their way. But the Guru saves the sheep that have lost their way!



We must have respect for the Guru. If we do not have respect towards the Guru, our minds will not be able to grasp the virtues from His words. So, we must always have an attitude of respect towards the Guru.

The Guru is the representative of God. There is nothing above Jnana (Self-realisation) in this world. In the Gita, Lord Krishna said that there nothing even equal to Jnana.



The Guru knows what is good for us better than we do. Hence it is imperative that when we visit God or Guru we ask for nothing else except His compassion and grace.



You may feel (looking at your mind's behaviour) that you may not attain liberation even in 10 lives. But, by the grace of the Guru, your mind will suddenly fall into the cave of the Heart!



Sadguru Sri Nannagaru

The Guru means the one who dispels darkness. To the ignorant, the Guru is as much a necessity as a lamp is in darkness or as essential as a lamp in darkness.



Sri Ramakrishna's disciple, Latu believed whole-heartedly that He who is Rama, He who is Krishna is indeed Ramakrishna. He rendered service to Sri Ramakrishna with complete faith in his heart. Hence even though he did not practice great Sadhanas, did not practice listening, or self-study of holy books, Samadhi state chose and embraced him. By the Guru's grace, anything is possible.



We cannot know the Guru by seeing him using sense organs or think about him using the mind. When you see the Guru with an introverted perception, you will understand the glory of the Guru.



The Guru is omniscient and omnipresent.

The Guru draws out all past tendencies accumulated through past lives, burns them to ashes, and fills your heart with knowledge, bliss, and light. Such is the glory of the Guru.

