

An Article from Sister. Denise, Canada.

Thoughts from the heart on the birthday celebration of Sister Kasturi – Oct.7, 2012

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Our revered sister Kasturi has left her mortal envelope a few months ago and today abhyasis in India and elsewhere in the world are gathering to celebrate her birthday. But during Her lifetime, Behenji did not want to have her birthday celebrated on a grand scale; actually she even used not to tell abhyasis about her birthday and celebration was kept within her family fold and a few abhyasis. Why was it so? What spiritual teaching lies hidden in there?

It seems that this was due to Her extreme state of dissolution – Laya awastha in the Master, in complete forgetfulness of herself.

This condition of hers used to express itself spontaneously through her sayings. The very first time I spoke with Behenji (that was over the phone), she immediately said: “Babuji is the only Master!” And a few months later when we arrived at her house in Lucknow, her first words were: “Welcome to Babuji’s house”, and we really felt that we had arrived home. On another time I asked her if we could put her name and Babuji’s name as the authors of Anant Yatra on the cover of the French version, she firmly said: “No, don’t put my name, only one should be remembered and that is Babuji.” We all have heard Her talk about Babuji again and again. How often did she say that He taught her everything, without Him she would not know anything, that He made Her.

But how deeply could we see her state of Oneness with Babuji, the infinite and all pervading Divine Personality? Did we really see that Babuji was standing before us in Her physical form? Could we see beyond the physical form?

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About 2 months after her departure from this world, I woke up at night and her remembrance came to my mind; immediately that disappeared and in its place Babuji was there; His smile could be felt all over, in the inner and in the outer; it seemed as if all the worlds were dancing in ecstasy with that smile whose power of attraction was such that not only the heart but the soul were flying to Him. Babuji was showing us that Behenji has completely dissolved in Him so that it now is impossible to remember her without seeing/feeling Babuji instead.

That is why Behenji did not want anyone to worship her; she did not want to mislead abhyasis, because only Babuji is acting and granting spiritual conditions to His abhyasis, none else.

So on this sacred day our heart is full of gratitude toward that great soul who relentlessly showed the abhyasis the path to Him, and to Babuji who gave us the gift of her making and presence among us.

Once someone asked her what one could offer her on her birthday, she simply replied: "**Offer yourself to the Divine**". She also wrote that offering oneself to the Divine is good but not sufficient for reaching God's realization; one must endeavour to lose oneself in the Divine in totality. And when asked as how to achieve laya-awastha she used to say: "**Jump into the Ocean of Divine Love and never come out of it!**"

May we all follow her steps and drown ourselves in the ocean of Divine Love in such a way that we lose sight of our own self forever by Babuji's grace. May Babuji's grace shower upon all abhyasis on that sacred day.

In Service of Babuji Maharaj

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