

Brother Ishtananda

"The Guru Disciple Relationship"

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We must learn to please the Guru. To know what the Guru's job is and what the disciple's job is. We don't have the full vision of the Guru Disciple relationship.

Sister Gyanamata (name means Mother of Wisdom) – she understood the Guru Disciple relationship and had proper attitude toward the Guru. It is solely spiritual. Proper attitude: to please Master has been her central wish.

"The Guru will lead you out of the slums of self to the heights of self-realization!"

The things that happen to us are not important – it's what we become that is important.

Always pray to please God and Guru is every way.

How do you think you would please the guru? Mrini Mata – the purpose is to get rid of the ego.

Whenever we get rid of a little bit of the ego, God is pleased.

Every time we get rid of a little bit of ego, we make it easier for Master to help us.

We need to allow and let the Guru strip off the ego.

Complete renunciation of ego. The purpose of the Guru.

We have one consciousness, but when we identify too much with the world it becomes the ego.

Through meditation we loosen the grip of the body and ego. Consciousness becomes like a pure, calm lake at dawn. Then we experience who we really are.

"Love the Guru. Period. The essence of the spiritual path." ~ Brother Anandamoy

God comes as Guru to give us unconditional love. No sense of judgment from Master – only unconditional love.

Master – my only job is to take you back to God.

The blessing of diksha – initiation of the Guru – leads to complete freedom in God.