

## **Brother Chidananda**

### **2017 Self-Realization Convocation message on Thursday night, 8/11/17**

(DISCLAIMER: These notes are our best attempt to capture the essence of what was said at this class. There is always a degree of human error involved when taking notes and we have transcribed them to the best of our ability.)

Brother said that Mrinalini Mata was assigned a monumental work by our Guru. She worked on it for decades, a comprehensive revision and enhancement of the SRF Lessons.

Master said to Mrinalini Mata, "The Lessons will be your life's work." She finished them just a few days before she passed on, August 3rd, 2017.

It is so right and proper that the new lessons are announced at the Convocation. The new editions of the lessons will have material not available when the early editions came out. There will be some unpublished writings by Master. The details will be coming later on. It was her special genius to put the vast amount of material into a manner members can access easily.

The SRF Lessons are unique because they have the actual techniques. During the 3 decades Master was in form, he used a variety of ways to teach. He traveled and spoke to thousands of people. He had classes for those who wanted a deeper spiritual life~~~Lesson students.

In the beginning, he had one sheet of paper and elaborated from it. In 1934, he wrote the first lesson. For 14 years he worked on them because he had said he would send weekly lessons. It was hard on the staff because he gave this assignment and then left on his year and a half trip to India.

Towards He drew on Mrinalini Mata to help him with so many books, he spent hours with her and helped her feel complete attunement with Him. She was distraught when she heard Tara Mata would not be living much longer. She asked Master who else can do this work and He replied, "You will do that work." It was tireless work.

Mrinalini Mata has edited the major books by Master about Christ and Krishna. The new lessons will speak directly to our souls, our hearts. It is a major milestone. In 2018, we hope to see each of you holding copies in your hands. Mrinalini Mata especially wanted this announcement at this Convocation.

She said these Lessons will speak directly to our minds and the potency will last forever. They will be permanently lodged in our consciousness. They will bring us attunement with our Guru.

Master said to all his disciples through the Lessons, "I am interested in the redemption of your souls, that you may achieve self-realization. I will step down to help you, wherever you may be."

Let us now all send love and gratitude to Mrinalini Mata. (It was a touching moment, very powerful. It must have been a difficult time for Brother Chidananda as he has worked directly with Mrinalini Mata for decades.)

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