

Sadguru's Snapshot

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A friend of mine recently got a “smart phone” and used it to take my picture. Now when I call him, my picture is flashed on his phone and he knows it is me. It was just a snapshot, but it made me think every time I call him, that is the image of me he will see, and that image will stay with him.

When others see the image, they may only know me by that single image and could form an opinion about me. I would trust my friend to correct any crazy conclusions they might draw about me like commenting, “he actually is much smarter than he appears”.

All of us at one time or another in our lives are judged by someone else's view of a snapshot of our life. One moment in time, one thing that we do or don't do and it instantly gives an image of who we are. We have all done it too formed an opinion about others based on a snapshot we see of them, right or wrong.

Our lives are more portfolios than snapshots. Why should others judge us simply on the basis of a snapshot. Even if it is a good picture they see, it can still represent only a small part of who and what we are. Sadguru knows how all the pictures work together to form a true image of who we really are.

You can do your job successfully for years, have one bad moment, make one bad choice, and you are the poster child for what is wrong with your profession. Some people are unable to live down or outlive the negative impression they left in a single moment of weakness or stupidity.

I thank Sadguru Mata Ji for She knows our whole story. She looks at the snapshots of our lives from beginning to end and puts every moment in

proper perspective. We need to learn to do the same. We've all had bad days, bad times, and bad seasons in our lives. It's called life, and we need to be considerate to others in putting things in right perspective, just like Sadguru Mata Ji shows us.

As believers, we are not perfect. We should strive to do right, but we should not act like, “we can do no wrong” even while we are doing right, so that when we do mess up, there is room in others' hearts to forgive us and keep things in perspective. Sometimes our self-righteousness leads others to root for our downfall, and then they “blow up” the snapshots of our mistakes, frame them, and display them for all to see, with the result that our testimony loses credibility.

Sadguru Mata Ji told me that She has called us to live a supernatural life, not a superhuman one. We get hurt, we get angry, and can make mistakes just like anybody else. They are just snapshots. How we get into situations is not the testimony, it's how we come out of that, is what really matters.

We are created in God's image, so let Sadguru Mata Ji mould you to be like Her and others will see Her in you. That is an image worth saving. That is Sadguru's snapshot.

