

Satguru

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गुरु ब्रम्हा गुरु विष्णू

गुरु: देवो महेश्वरा

गुरु शाक्षात परब्रम्हा

तस्मै श्री गुरुवे नमः

Gurur Brahmaa Gurur Vishnu

Gurur Devo Maheshwarah

Guru Saakshaata Parabrahma

Tasmai Shri Guruve Namah

This ancient verse from Vedantic times emphatically proclaims that SatGuru is none other than the God Almighty, the formless that has appeared in human form. As every form that appears has to go away, the formless works through the human form of Satguru and then let's the body go while continuing the work through another form.

If one studies the history, we will see there are so many examples that beautifully show how the light of God Knowledge gets passed on from one Satguru to another.

Baba Buta Singh ji graced Satguru Baba Avtar Singh ji with the duty to spread God knowledge. That grace is what makes a saint or a devotee into a Satguru. When Baba Avtar Singh ji knew that the work needs to continue through the body of Satguru Baba Gurbachan Singh ji, he graced him and bestowed him the spiritual powers to guide the devotees as their Satguru.

When Baba Gurbachan Singh ji had to leave the mortal form, he bestowed his blessings upon Baba Hardev Singh ji so that he could continue the work of the mission as a Satguru.

Such transfer of spiritual powers and authority has happened in many other places and times. Swami Vivekananda, one of the greatest philosophers from India has mentioned his experience with his Satguru RamKrishna Paramhans in his autobiography.

He says that his Satguru Ramkrishna ji had become very weak and frail due to throat cancer. He was unable to eat or drink properly. Everybody knew that his body will not sustain for too long.

One day, Narendra (Swami Vivekananda) being alone with the Master, Sri Ramakrishna looked at him and went into samadhi. Narendra felt the penetration of a subtle force and lost all outer consciousness. Regaining presently the normal mood, he found the Master weeping.

Sri Ramakrishna said to him: "Today I have given you my all and I am now only a poor fakir, possessing nothing. By this power you will do immense good in the world, and not until it is accomplished will you return." Henceforth the Master lived in the disciple.

Doubt, however, dies hard. After one or two days Narendra said to himself, "If in the midst of this racking physical pain he declares his Godhead, then only shall I accept him as an Incarnation of God." He was alone by the bedside of the Master. It was a passing thought, but the Master smiled. Gathering his remaining strength, he distinctly said, "He who was Rama and Krishna is now, in this body, Ramakrishna — but not in your Vedantic sense." Satguru was revealing himself as Formless Parabrahma right before he had to leave his body.

Our beloved Baba Hardev Singh ji worked day and night for almost 36 years and guided seekers of the truth to the light of knowledge. But as the wave that is born in ocean has to merge back into ocean , similarly the form of Satguru had to recede back into the ocean of formless. In 2016, to the deepest sorrow of humanity, we lost the human form of Satguru but before leaving the mortal frame, His Holiness graced Satguru Mata Savinder Hardev ji with the spiritual prowess to be the Satguru of current time.

Satguru is the light of knowledge that shines through human form and guides entire humanity. We will always remember the various Satgurus of different times that touched our lives. Their work will continue to motivate and inspire us. We will miss their bodily form, but a true devotee will always know in his/her heart that Satguru is eternal.

As Swami RamaKrishna's worked through Swami Vivekananda after leaving his body, today Satguru Baba Hardev Singh ji is working through the body of Mata Savider Hardev ji. I bow down to my Satguru and pray from the bottom of my heart to bestow her grace upon whole of humanity.