

A lecture-workshop delivered by Joe on Guru Purnima

Welcome All.

Firstly I would like to open my talk with a little prayer.

Dear God and Swami,
Thank you for all our blessings.
Thank you for the opportunity to speak today.
I also ask and thank you for a blessing of wisdom, guidance and direction in today's talk.

Thank you God and Swami.

Ok, has anyone gone to a course or seminar where the speaker loves the sound of their own voice?

And after twenty minutes you are checking your phone for messages, getting on to Facebook or hoping someone does text you?

I have been in those courses and seminars too, so I promise I will keep this to five minutes or so.

So based on knowing you will only be listening for five minutes I ask with respect that you can listen just for those five minutes.

If I bore you, I promise to give you your money back.

Swami means the world to family.
Swami has been a true blessing to us all and it will be one thing I will always be grateful for.
Swami is a huge part of our everyday life.
We thank God for bringing her in to our lives.

I am going to do a little exercise now and I will start by asking you all to bow your head and close your eyes.

And No cheating, keep your eyes closed please. It's important and a significant part of the exercise.

Keeping your eyes closed, I will just talk for a minute or so.
I would like everyone to think about having a chat or spending time with your Guru Swami one on one.
Keep your thoughts to yourself as I do not need to know them or hear them.

So while you are thinking these thoughts let me ask you
What would you say?
What would you ask?

How does it make you feel right now to know your guru is with you listening to you?

How would you feel if she wasn't with you?

Ok, could everyone open their eyes now please.

What is the first thing you notice?

Yes, Swami is missing. How does that make you feel, as she is now entering the room?

You have all been blessed, as have my family with Swami's love, grace, wisdom, guidance and teaching.

Do not take this for granted.

Please take this moment to think about your relationship with Swami and make sure you do not have any regrets by not talking to her now.

Not meditating now

Not connecting with her now.

Don't leave it until later; there may not be a later.

Don't start something later when you can start it today.

Please do not take her physical presence for granted.

Let's say in some years time Swami has been called by God and Maharaj to do other work somewhere else and she is not physically with us then how will that effect you if you haven't worked on it now.

Please don't say

Only if I was closer to my guru

Only if I meditated more

"Only if," is saying I was lazy now.

You have this time NOW.

If you do not make the connection in the physical with Swami now, how do you expect to be able to make it in the future in the astral?

Do you really think your connection is that great now that you could connect in the astral?

If so, that is great. If not then now is the time to work on it.

In real life the more you spend time doing and practicing things the better and more connected you become.

So meditate more
Pray more
Love your guru more.

If your Swami gives you 100% then why give her only 99% back? And when I say 99% I am being polite. Some might not give her 10%. I am not judging I am asking or challenging you to ask yourself what you do give Swami back.

Please enjoy Swami's love and teachings now so you can learn and teach.
You may not preach to the world.
You don't have too.
But living and teaching your kids, family and friends helps keep the lineage alive.

Swami is an amazing person both physically and spiritually. All of us here know that, but what are we doing to give back to our guru? I know I could do a lot better.

Everyone here should look at themselves right now and know they are special.
You are all one of the very chosen few to have Swami in your life.
Don't waste that opportunity because this may be your last chance.

Please give Swami all your love and respect; her journey has taken her to you.

Dear Swami, my family and I love you and we are very blessed to have you in our lives.

We are also truly grateful to have a Guru such as you in everyone's lives that are here today.

Thank you Swami.

Thank you for your time.