

Our Most Munificent Acharya

(An excerpt of a devotee's experiences during his visit to U.S.A.)

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His Holiness Sri Sri Sri Chinna Jeeyar Swamiji came to New Jersey 3 days back and is leaving tomorrow (8/3/04) to India. I just returned home after attending a pada puja at one of His disciples' near Paramus and I suddenly started feeling very depressed and touchingly sad of being alone.

Such a glorious personality with unfathomable love on humanity! HH Sri Swamiji is a great devotee, also He is an epitome of Divine love and compassion. His loving glances can change the way people live and think. He is the embodiment of all strikingly wonderful qualities. Though everyone praises Him, extols Him to the sky, even a boy can see that He is totally beyond acknowledging it. A simple and observably most humble and innocent smile is often the response to such glorifications from His disciples.

Personified humility feels shy in front of HH Sri Swamiji's personality for not being adequately humble. His affectionate cool glances have great therapeutic effects on the minds of the disturbed. One can observe excellence in all aspects of His living. Be it HH Sri Swamiji's tidy dressing, His refined way of speech, the perfectly put Sri Vaishnava mark on the forehead, the affection in the way HH Sri Swamiji addresses people in general, the elegance in the manner of His distributing thiruvaram, the lucidity and potency in His speech that can uproot ignorance in the receptive... everything can be conspicuously observed and learnt from.

At the same time, He is the embodiment of detachment and renunciation. He is beyond any influence of the material world and its "gunas". He doesn't endeavour to comfort Himself in any possible way. When He walks, His feet

move with great precision, beauty and purposiveness; His presence permeates a strange feeling of divine happiness and peace in everyone around. Every morning, its an inexplicable joy to see the glowing face of HH Sri Swamiji and take the teertham (Holy water) from His lotus hands. Tears roll down my eyes when I think about His leaving tomorrow to India. Having spent just three days, but with so much love of Sri Swamiji, sometimes it appears almost impossible to go on in life without His presence, His single glance, reciprocation or at least His deeply fulfilling nectarine words echoing in the heart.

Having taken renunciation almost 25 years back, He never stopped serving this society on behalf of His Acharya ever since. He is the beacon of hope for everyone. No one can be "not" touched by His loving glance or smile. I recollect the scene of people waiting for His darshan at night 2:30 p.m some days. They don't care whether they took any food or water; they don't care if their bodies long for some sleep, they just want to see Sri Swamiji, even for a moment, and ask Him how He is doing, How his health is...

HH Sri Swamiji has touched the hearts of millions, with His speech, with His extremely sweet and loving reciprocations and with unsurpassed divine beauty in His appearance. Sri Swamiji's love on His disciples is one thing and His disciples love upon Sri Swamiji is another thing worth mentioning. HH Sri Swamiji's disciples try to make sure Sri Swamiji is comfortable all the time, let it be while during the speech, or while getting into a car or while just standing talking to people around; they are always there, trying to sense and provide anything, even before Sri Swamiji needs it. They never speak even a word in front of HH Sri Swamiji and are seen always serving



HH Sri Swamiji in great humility. They partake prasadam only after Sri Swamiji has taken it. Often when time permits they fill the surroundings with joy and smiles with their "Jai Srimannarayana Swami, when did you come etc..."

We went to different people's places for performing puja and sometimes I too got the most fortunate opportunity to hold the pa:dukas of Sri Swamiji and I kept them closest to my heart. I cannot describe the joy, as an A:lwar said "Dhanam Madi:yam Thava pa:da pankajam", I have my fate in those 2 padukas. I made sure they are safe and neat, without any dust, and kept them on my forehead and rolled over all my head, face, body and also on other devotees' heads; my joy knew no bounds every time I did this. Its like taking a cool shower in scorching sun light. As I write this, my mind recollects Sri Swamiji glancing over me and it makes me very sad inside reminding the moment of separation tomorrow, but at the same time, with the consolation that my eternal life is going to be under the shade of His padukas.

I also came in contact with Sri Srimannarayana (of Atlanta), a boy of 12 years who finished Divya Prabandham, trained in Sri Swamiji's school, whose love upon us has been boundless. He used to bless me with prasadam (so also to others) and made sure I and my wife got it everyday. Thus, he extended humble services to the

devotees of Sri Swamiji. He is now in NJ teaching "Divya Prabandham" to the interested.

Living without being with HH Sri Swamiji (mentally at least) is living without knowing what it "means" to live or to love, at least for me, nay..... for millions of His devotees around the planet. The entire fortune of humanity culminates in the existence of such a single personality on Earth. His mere presence appears to justify the hardships of the suffering humanity. May HH Sri Swamiji bless us with the dust of His lotus feet to be eternally and most lovingly connected with His service, always doing something in His service to please Him and to bring satisfaction to His heart.

Having written this, now I feel that the most practical way of feeling "connectedness" with Sri Swamiji always, is to involve in His mission whole heartedly, make His mission our own mission in life.

When we are in His service, we are nearest to our A:cha:rya. Be it Gi:tha Jyo:thi, Vedic Schools Project, Tribal/Blind schools project, Tsunami Project or protest against some of TTD's hooliganism over Tirumala Hills, writing O:m NamO: Ve:nkate:sa:ya Project etc., let us be sincerely a part of them, knowing well that "pleasing our A:charya is pleasing Lord". Lets learn what we should offer to such Divine mission and lets joyfully lead our

VEDIC ACADEMY BY JET - ABOUT TO COME UP IN HYDERABAD !

A new project of establishing an international level Vedic Academy in the form of a University, *to preserve and propagate the universal glory of the ancient Vedic tradition and culture in its original sanctity and authenticity*, is going to come up in Shamshabad area of Bhagyanagar under the aegis of HH Sri Tridandi Chinna Srimannarayana Ramanuja Jeeyar Swamiji.

HH Sri Swamiji blessed the Chairman & Managing Director Sriman J.Rameswara Rao of Myhome group who contributed 50 acres of land for this project. Sriman Rao along with his associates and volunteers, took the leading initiative in supporting this noble cause, aiming at the **Universal welfare of the society**. Foundation stone was laid by the Divine grace of HH Sri Swamiji on 12th Feb 2005 amidst enchanting recitation of Vedic Hymns by Scholars of JET Veda - Agama school. A number of devotees, well wishers and their associates attended the function. Many people were excited at the magnanimity of the project and also some of them readily contributed their heartfelt participation in this huge project. **Shall we too join and make an indelible mark in the annals of the history of Vedic Glory !**

