

# All Hail to the Teachers

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Dear James,

I am writing as an expression of my deep, sincere gratitude to you, to the teachers before you, to the inspired teachings of Vedanta and to my dear friends, Suzanne and her husband, who invited you to Lake Helen, Florida, to give a workshop that I attended in May 2011. At one point during your Sunday morning dialogue my ignorance was removed and knowledge of myself was revealed. In that moment I realized all that I had been seeking all of my life: the pure, peaceful radiance of awareness that always is and that I always had but appeared to be "hidden."

Since then the teachings have become my companion, bestowing wisdom and inspiration. The practice of self-inquiry guides me through the *vasanas* when they arise in my awareness and temporarily disturb my peace. What an ingenious tool to end the ego/mind suffering! Anguish has disappeared from my life. The sweetness of freedom is always present.

Thank you for this, for your tireless work, which I know you love, but I am nonetheless grateful for your link in the chain of realized beings.

May all beings find peace. May all beings realize their true self. May your life continue to be graced with beautiful blessings.

*Shanti Om.*

~ Respectfully, Sunanda