

The World Is the Guru

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Ravi: *Hari om*, Ramji. I just saw your Westerwald seminar after getting the newsletter. I had some free time after a long while so I went through the whole thing.

I am self-realised but not really having *moksa* yet. The *ragas* and *dveshas* are still operating. It's not that there was anything new in the talks for me but the talks gave me a sense of deep peace. A sense of what *moksha* or *nirvana* may be like. As Swami Chinmayananda told you, "Any fool can realize the self but to stay with it is the tough part." As you said, having a *guru* is essential. That's what I'm lacking here. Constant service to a *guru* would be the fast track to *moksha*.

Service with *bhakti*: I'm doing my daily *puja* in the morning and visit temples with a lot of *bhakti* now. I particularly liked the Mahabaleshwar temple in Gokarna. The *atma linga* is present there.

Thanks you for everything, Ramji. I will come for *darshan* when you visit India next.

~ *Hari om* and *pranam*, Ravi

Ram: Hi, Ravi. Lovely to hear from you. Yes, service to the *guru* with *bhakti* is great. If you don't have a physical *guru*, take everyone and everything as the *guru* and serve the world. It is as good as having a *guru* because reality is non-dual and the world is *Isvara*, so by serving the world you serve *Isvara*. When you are ready for a proper teacher *Isvara* will send one to you and the *moksa* will come. Be patient.

~ *Om* and *prem*, Ram