

# A TEDstimonial

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**Katherine:** Dear James and Sundari, I send this to you with my love and gratitude, always for the work you do, seemingly tirelessly, to disseminate the Great Knowledge of the Self, in particular my gratitude for setting up Ted to teach in lieu of Ramji this year. Though we were initially sad, and maybe a bit dubious, it quickly became clear that we were really, really fortunate.

Ted is a Vedanta pro! His ability to unfold the knowledge in a cogent way, to field questions from all corners of the intellect, to wield Sanskrit like a scholar and at the same time maintain a pure state of mind, an attitude of friendship and selfless service was not just impressive, it directly impacted, in the form of dissolution, some stubborn lumps of *avidya* in this *jiva*.

Through his focused sharing of the teachings, unobstructed knowledge stood clear in the mind. Because of his patience with the repetitive nature of the *pramana* and *prakriyas*, methods of analysis (essential for assimilation), several points clicked in to place like ski boots into bindings and I was off down the slopes (good winter metaphor ☺). Additionally, it stoked the burning desire to do the work of *nididhyasana*, to fully assimilate the great knowledge and decondition the ignorance in the mind once and for all.

Ted was completely prepared in every way; he was calm, dedicated, sincere, humorous and impeccable with the knowledge. I can't thank you enough for supporting him in being the teacher he is. The whole *sampradaya* is fortunate to have him! So, needless to say, I highly recommend acquiring the talks via audio or video files, especially for people new to Vedanta or who are working on *nididhyasana*; it will be extremely helpful!

~ My love, devotion and respect, Katherine