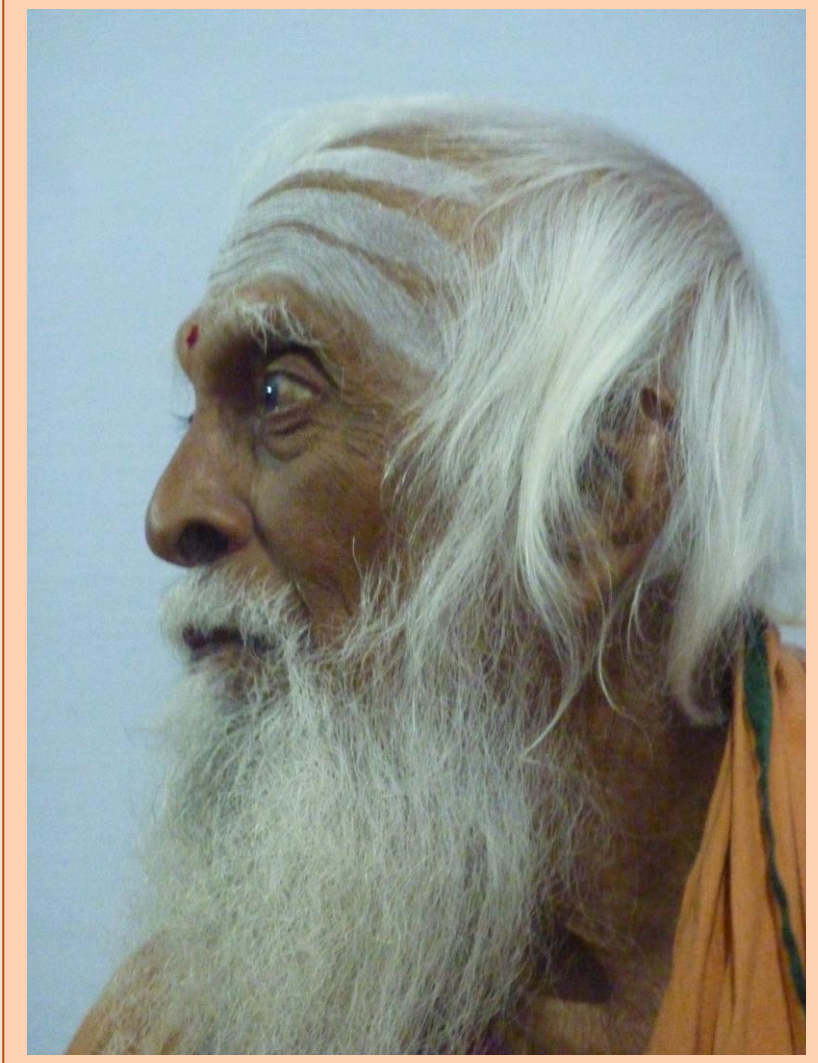


## Letter to a devotee on Surrender

*By Swami Shantananda Puri Maharaj,  
VASISHTA GUHA [16-6-95]*



My dear \_\_\_\_\_,

NARAYANA SMARANAM

Your letter of 1/6/95 received today was as always a source of pleasure. My joy is doubled to know that you visited Sri Ramanasramam along with your wife and she liked it.

Recently, a germ of an idea has crept is that I should spend about ten months from Dec'95 middle at TIRUVANNAMALAI in SADHANA. It is becoming stronger. I have neither decided

about it nor told anybody but you as it is yet pre-mature. It also depends on whether anybody will be prepared to give me shelter for 10 months continuously.

From 4-9-95 to 27-9-95 I shall be at MA ANANDAMAYEE'S Ashram at Pune but address will be:

C/O DR. \_\_\_\_\_  
AAA 106, HARE KRISHNA MANDIR ROAD  
MODEL COLONY, SHIVAJINAGAR, PUNE - 411016

On 28/9/95 I may leave for certain villages near Ghazipur, Lucknow, Kanpur, etc. for about 20 to 25 days but the programme is vague & so no addresses can be given. By 31-10-95 I shall be at VASISHTA GUHA. My Guru's birthday is on 1-12-95. Soon after that I may leave GUHA again. DEPENDS ON LORD'S WILL & NOT MINE.

As I told had you, the first & main part of surrender is:

- (1) Annihilation of our own ego that I am somebody – It means equanimity towards both praise & insult, internal humility & accepting LORD as the Supreme most friend & guide & everything (all in all).
- (2) As a corollary to the former it means also having 100% faith in GOD & so accepting all happenings, occurrences & situations in life (including events which, in your opinion, is a calamity or misery, with equal cheer & faith that He always does the BEST for us at all times with the ultimate JOY (MOKSHA) in view & in our ignorance we are not aware of it.

WITHOUT GOD'S GRACE & GURU'S BLESSINGS ONE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SURRENDER. SO PRAY CEASELESSLY, "GOD, BE GRACIOUS TO ME. WITHOUT THY GRACE, WHAT SADHANA I CAN DO? YOU ARE MY EVERYTHING."

WITH ALL LOVE, HARI OM & BLESSINGS

Yours Lovingly,  
Shantananda

PS: MY LOVE & REGARDS TO MR. VG

\* \* HARI OM \* \*

**Note:** All the capital words / emphasis / sentences are as written by Swamiji. No significant editing has been done in order to retain the original form of the letter.

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