

Guru Dev Legacy Trust

Newsletter from the Chairman May, 2016

The Trust has been very active and there are a number of exciting projects underway.

Ashram Newsletters

The Trust continues to make progress electronically archiving copies of “Shri Shankaracharya Upadesha,” the weekly newsletters of Guru Dev’s ashram containing discourses by Guru Dev. We hope to complete the scanning by year’s end.

Beautiful Book from our Board Member

The Board is supporting the publication of a book titled Reminiscences by a Board Member whose father was a direct disciple of Guru Dev. The book contains his father’s “reminiscences” of Guru Dev, along with correspondence between them, as well as correspondence with Maharishi.

Restoration of Archived Wire Recordings

In the late 1960’s, old 16 mm film footage of Guru Dev was discovered at a cinema in Lucknow, India, along with a collection of “wire recordings” of Guru Dev singing devotional music and giving discourses. Some rough tape recordings were made of the wire recordings but, unfortunately, the wire recordings themselves were stolen. Both the film footage and the tape recordings have been available for some years and can now be found on YouTube. The quality of the voice recordings has always been poor, however. The Trust has engaged a professional recording engineer to restore the tapes. He has been able to reduce some of the background noise using modern digital technology. We are very grateful to an anonymous donor in New Zealand who is funding the restoration of the voice recordings.

Upcoming Book - The Nectar of Vedanta

Another of our Board Members is preparing a book titled the Nectar of Vedanta. It presents Vedanta through the teaching of Swami Brahmanand Saraswati (1871-1953) and his principal followers, Swami Shantanand Saraswati (1913-1997) and Maharishi Mahesh Yogi (1918-2008). The Nectar of Vedanta is scheduled for publication by the Trust.

I hope you enjoyed reading of your Trust’s activities. In my next letter, I plan to preview some beautiful translation work being done both in Europe and in Fairfield, Iowa.

In the meantime, the Trust will continue with its mission of preserve and publish materials pertaining to the life and teaching of Guru Dev. We appreciate greatly your interest and continued support.

With warm regards,

Dan Friedman
Chairman