

February 15, 2018

Subject: Let's work together!

Dear Kriya Yoga Initiate,

Om Kriya Babaji Nama Aum. I would like to congratulate and encourage you in your first steps as a sadhak of Babaji's Kriya Yoga, who has committed his or her self to the sadhana prescribed by our Satguru, Kriya Babaji Nagaraj. Babaji has said that the best way to honor him and to win His grace is by practicing his Kriya Yoga. For this purpose, please feel free to write to Acharya Satyananda, myself, or our ashram manager Vinod Kumar, if you have any questions related to the practice of Babaji's Kriya Yoga.

Our commitment to support you in various ways:

To support you during the coming months and years, we have published a one or two year correspondence course, *The Grace of Babaji's Kriya Yoga*, which you may begin any time. You may download for free the first lesson here:

http://babajiskriyayogastore.in/index.php?main_page=index&cPath=69&zenid=d475cb651ed7a7811d3842a00fbd064d

We have also published the following books, whose study will deepen your understanding of the practice of Babaji's Kriya Yoga:

- *Enlightenment : Its Not What You Think*
- *The Treasure Trove of Tamil Yoga Siddha Manuscripts*
- *Kriya Yoga Insights Along the Path*
- *Kriya Yoga Sutras of Patanjali*
- *Babaji's Kriya Yoga: Deepening Your Practice*
- *The Voice of Babaji: Trilogy on Kriya Yoga*
- *The Yoga of Boganathar, volumes 1 and 2*
- *The Yoga of the Eighteen Siddhas: an Anthology*
- *The Yoga of Tirumular: Essays on the Tirumandiram*
- *The Tirumandiram*
- *The Yoga Toolbox*
- *The Kriya Yoga Journal*: a quarterly publication, whose past issues are accessible on the "Articles" page of our website www.babajiskriyayoga.net

These will also inspire you and help you to overcome any difficulties you may experience. Particularly in the beginning, students may experience difficulties such resistance to change, difficulty in finding time to practice, self-doubt, and conflicts born of unrealized expectations. The practice of Babaji's Kriya Yoga is a long term process of transformation, which requires the intelligent application of one's willpower to the skilled use of the techniques you have begun to use. We are also ready to support you in this process by inviting you to repeat the first initiation seminar without financial obligation, to attend our daily yoga classes <http://www.babajiskriyayoga.net/english/pdfs/events/bangalore-hatha-yoga-classes-publicity-2016.pdf>

and monthly initiates' satsang meetings, and to practice at our ashrams in Bangalore, Sri Lanka and Badrinath.

Visits to our Ashrams

We are happy to announce the following developments and offerings:

1. Construction of the Badrinath ashram was completed in September 2017 after 9 years of effort. The ashram includes thirteen apartments, two large halls for the practice of Yoga and Meditation, yagna peetam, office, communal dining room, garden and bookstore. A pilgrimage group of initiates from South India and Sri Lanka will visit it during the last week of May 2018. For details on both the ashram and the pilgrimage, and recent photos go to: http://www.babajiskriyayoga.net/english/News-Notes.htm#badrinath_construction
2. Our ashram in Katirgama, Sri Lanka has recently been renovated and expanded. Those wishing to visit it for the purpose of doing sadhana are invited to contact srilanka@babajiskriyayoga.net. The beachfront ashram in Colombo also has guest rooms.

New Ecommerce bookstore on our website with “*Look Inside the Book*” facility

On the bookstore page of our website www.babajiskriyayoga.net, we are happy to announce the installation of the following new facilities:

1. An Ecommerce which allows you to make your purchases online in a highly secure manner, using your bank card, debit card or credit card, in partnership with the leading internet banking provider *CC Avenue*. Your card number and confidential data will be transmitted by encryption, and will be recorded only by our bank, not even in our own database.
2. Online free access, to a sample chapter and the “*Table of Contents*” in most of our publications via a “*Look Inside the Book*” link to its PDF which will permit you to evaluate it before purchasing it.

Request for assistance:

We need your assistance to publish new Indian language editions of our publications which have already been translated, formatted, and are ready for printing in 2018:

Voice of Babaji volume 2 and 3 in Hindi.

Voice of Babaji a new, much improved Tamil language translation.

Babaji and the 18 Siddhas in Malayalam

Babaji and the 18 Siddhas in Kannada

Voice of Babaji in Kannada

Voice of Babaji: Marati

Kriya Yoga Insight along the path in Kannada

Kailash, In Quest of the Source in Hindi.

For all the above we need about INR 7 lakhs

Indirect costs of the initiation seminars: When we began our mission of organizing initiation seminars in many cities across India twenty years ago, we did not even ask for a “suggested contribution,” out of respect for the principle that the teaching of spirituality should not be done in exchange for money. In the early years, students voluntarily did make contributions which were sufficient for us to offer a couple of seminars in India every year. But we could not afford to offer more than two seminars per year, usually because of our limited resources. But another reason was because the traditional Indian notion of contributing liberally to spiritual teachers when the teachings are highly appreciated was gradually replaced by a commercial or business mentality which encourages people to “try to get as much as possible while giving as little as possible in return,” in the modern “spiritual marketplace.” Consistent with our principle to “never allow money to become an obstacle to initiation” for sincere seekers, we have succeeded in recent years to offer eight to ten initiation seminars per year in India by asking only for a “suggested contribution,” which permit those with less means to participate even if they cannot contribute so much. This “suggested contribution” varies from place to place and is calculated by adding up all of the direct costs of a seminar (including hall rental, publicity, photocopies, and local travel) and dividing their total by the expected number of participants.

It should be emphasized that for twenty years, Babaji’s Kriya Yoga Order of Acharyas, Canada and USA has subsidized Babaji’s Kriya Yoga Trust (India). No funds have ever been transferred out of India.

It should also be emphasized that the Acharya is a volunteer and receives none of the money contributed by participants in the seminars in India, and that even the cost of the Acharya’s travel from abroad as well as his honorarium is paid entirely by the Babaji’s Kriya Yoga Order of Acharyas in Canada, a charitable organization.

Badrinath ashram: The Uttarkhand government’s tax department is expected to soon require our Trust to make a one-time payment of more than INR 10 laks which is now payable as a tax upon completion of the ashram construction.

Challenges to our ability to remain self-sufficient: During the past several years, the ability of Babaji’s Kriya Yoga Trust, a registered, tax exempt charitable organization in Bangalore, to cover the above described indirect costs associated with the seminars, and to remain self sufficient financially from the sale of publications has been taken away by the effect of high inflation, led by rent and salaries, and an inability to increase the price of our books, our sole source of income aside from donations.

To remedy this situation, we developed and implemented an Ecommerce bookstore. We encourage you to purchase our publications!. And we are making this appeal to initiates for donations.

I am sharing this information with you so that you will appreciate why we need your financial support to help us meet the obligations and future offerings described above.

Your donation will soon be tax deductible. We have recently submitted an application to the Reserve Bank of India to have donations made to “Babaji’s Kriya Yoga Trust” deductible from the donor’s taxable income, by recognizing it as a charitable organization under section 80G of the Income Tax Act. We are confident that our application will soon be approved. Our trust has benefited from exemption from sales taxes for many years, by being recognized as a charity under section 12A of the Income Tax Act.

Any amount of donation will be greatly appreciated!

Do make your Demand Draft or cheque payable to Babaji’s Kriya Yoga Trust and send to:

Babaji’s Kriya Yoga Trust
Post Box No. 5608, #52, 1st Floor, 5th Main, 18th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bangalore, KA 560 055
Tel: (080) 23560252 Fax: (080) 23444835 E mail: info@babajiskriyayoga.in

Or make a transfer to Punjab National Bank, Account Number 1261010100054476
Account Name: Babaji’s Kriya Yoga Trust,
Branch : St. Peters Pontifical Seminary, Malleshwaram West Bangalore 560 055
IFSC Code :PUNB0462500

In Babaji’s service

M. Govindan Satchidananda
President