

In loving memory of Paramapadma Dhiranandaji

(March 6th, 1937 – April, 1st, 2011)



Dear Yoga friends,

On April 1st, 2011 our most venerable spiritual teacher left his physical body in deep peace and entered mahāsamādhi.

After performing the final rites according to the Indian tradition his ashes were immersed in the river Ganga.

As a true teacher of the authentic Kriyā-Yoga (from the line of Babaji, Lahiri Mahasaya, Sri Yukteswarji, Paramahansa Yoganandaji and Paramahansa Hariharanandaji) and as a true messenger of the authentic Kriyā-Yoga-tradition in Europe he has regularly led Kriyā-Yoga-seminars almost every weekend since 1977, mainly in Germany, Austria and Switzerland. During these 34 years of his life he initiated more than 30.000 students in the technique of Kriyā-Yoga.

In 1982 Paramapadma Dhiranandaji reached the higher state of nirvikalpa samādhi, the goal of the Yoga path. Though he was of a modest character he witnessed divine inspiration which motivated many of his students to follow the spiritual path. The goal of this path is to reach for and to feel the unity (yoga) with the transcendent being (ātmā) at any moment, ātmā being the essence of every human being.

It is the message of the Kriyā-Yoga path to feel absolute unity (yoga) with ātmā (yā) in every action (kri) as taught by Sri Krishna in the Bhagavadgītā and of which Paramapadma Dhiranandaji was an ideal living example. Though he has left his physical body he is still alive in our hearts.

Paramapadma Dhiranandaji has authorized Kripanandamoyima (Barbara Glauser-Rheingold), who had been his student for many years, to be his successor in the Kriyā-Yoga tradition.

For the last 25 years Paramapadma Dhiranandaji has trained many classical yoga-teachers. From 1986 to 1997 he led yoga-teacher training courses in Schorndorf, Germany, qualifying more than 140 yoga teachers all over Germany, Austria and Switzerland. From 1998 until 2011 he led another six teacher-training courses in Speicher, Switzerland, where more than 200 yoga teachers successfully passed their diploma. Before entering mahāsamādhi he appointed Yogacarya Karmananda (Jean-Pierre Wicht) his successor. Yogacarya Karmananda (Jean-Pierre Wicht), his former assistant and student for many years, is now head of the yoga-teacher-training school according to his tradition in Speicher, Switzerland.

One of Paramapadma Dhiranandaji's last messages to his students was: "God is your existence, God is your all, God is the sense of life at all." His teachings and messages will be engraved on our hearts forever and will always be there if we go inside and listen.

Jean-Pierre Wicht (Yogacarya Karmananda)