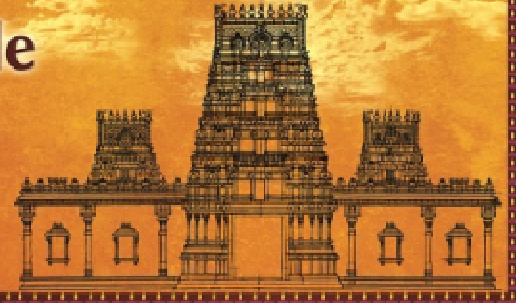




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Discourse By Sri Swami Abhishekananda Chaitanya Giri Maharaj

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A Guide to Successful Life

Saturday, June 4, 2016

(10:30 am-12:00 pm)

At MPRH

Swami Abhishek Chaitanya Giri Maharaj was born in Maharashtra, India and studied Psychology and Behavioral Sciences at Bombay University. During this period, he saw and heard Pujya Swami Chinmayananda for the first time. The Master's strong conviction of Truth remained with him long after this first introduction to Vedanta.

Under the able tutelage of his Acharya, Swami Anubhavananda, his favourite texts emerged as Swami Vidyananda's Pancadasi and the eternal Bhagavad Gita. The first milestone day came when he became Brahmachari Abhishek Chaitanya. Then came the next big step: Swami Tejumayananda, Head of Chinmaya Mission, appointed him Acharya at the Chinmaya Mission flagship, Chinmaya Residential International School, Coimbatore. The degree in Psychology now tempered with the wisdom of Vedanta made him an ideal teacher. Under the guidance of Swami Vishwatmananda, a senior disciple of Swami Akhandananda, very intense sadhana was undertaken, witnessed, and approved by none other than the Banke Bihari of Vrindavan.

In 2011, he met Swami Ramananda of Jagadguru Sannyasa Ashram in Rishikesh. Even though the older Swami was suffering from 3rd stage cancer, he was profoundly impressed by the young brahmachari, and expressed a wish to anoint Br. Abhishek Chaitanya as his heir in the ashram. The Brahmachari accepted it as the Lord's Will. On 2nd February 2013, the brilliant young brahmachari was initiated as Mahamandaleshwar Abhishek Chaitanya Giri Maharaj in an elaborately traditional Pattabhisheka (ordination ceremony) held in Kashi, on the banks of the sacred Ganga. The title was conferred upon him by the August Acharya Mahamandaleshwar Swami Punyananda Maharaj of Niranjani Akhada. Immediately thereafter, Swamiji moved to the Pavitra Bhumi (sacred ground) of Rishikesh where the Jagadguru Sannyasa Ashram is located.

He travels around the world enthraling avid listeners with his unique style of discourses on Vedanta. Abroad, Swamiji continues to be an integral part of The Swarupa Iyengar Yoga Institute in Malaysia. He is warmly welcomed wherever he goes: Malaysia, Hong Kong, Philippines, Indonesia, and recently, France, and Italy. Swami Abhishek Chaitanya Giri Maharaj is an inspiring example of the subtle Triveni – the merging of the 3 paths of Karma, Bhakti and Gyana. He accepts and guides whoever approaches him, seeing only the positive in each one's personal inclinations, urging every individual toward the final goal. His own establishment in his faith in Adi Shankaracharya and his teachings is firm and steady making him the perfect guide to the Ultimate Goal--freedom from all limitations otherwise called Moksha.

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