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Written submission.

Being in Swami Aseshananda's presence was a wonderful study in how to mold your own life. When with you, he was all attention, loving, and would give you what you needed to move forward. One would accept whatever he was giving you because his contact was always grounded in your spiritual welfare. That was Swami's whole interest: how can I help? I always found him to be a person who acted in accordance with the time, place and circumstances. He seemed to be able to plug into what was going on with you and, of course, in that way he could be so insightful and give real guidance. Being a man of God, one caught something very tangible from him that you can't put into words. Even though my guru is not Swami Aseshananda, over a period of about thirteen years on visits to Portland, he contributed greatly to my understanding of spiritual life. Those years are very precious to me now and continue to be helpful.

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