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### **A Tribute to Swami Asheshananda Maharaj**

During a visit to Portland in 1974, a friend took me to the Sunday lecture of the Vedanta Society. The moment we sat down, tears came and I began to cry. I felt surrounded by motherly love and peace. It was as if I had come home after a very long journey. That day, Holy Mother touched my heart through Swami Asheshanandaji.

Several months later, I discovered the Vedanta Society of Sacramento. Over the years, Swami Asheshananda, bundled up in his warm hat and coats, visited Swami Shraddhanandaji Maharaj and gave lectures at our center.

Although I never again visited the Portland Vedanta Society during Swami Asheshananda's lifetime, I am forever grateful that Mother led me there. And the loving, motherly atmosphere created by Swami Asheshanandaji was surely his offering to Her.

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