



Self-Realization Fellowship

Founded in 1920 by Paramahansa Yogananda

Voluntary League Appeal

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Dear Friend,

As 2018 draws to a close, we would like to express our deep gratitude for your support of Paramahansa Yogananda's ever-growing mission this past year. And we also want to share with you some of the exciting initiatives that your continued help will allow us to bring to fruition in the year ahead.

Release of new expanded edition of the SRF Lessons

Foremost among our priorities is the publication of the new edition of the *Self-Realization Fellowship Lessons*. Now that we have completed the necessary upgrades to our press and bindery equipment (made possible through your help), we are getting other key pieces of this large project in place. One of these is working out the logistics of transitioning students from the current to the new edition of the *Lessons*, and another is enhancements to the SRF website (see below). SRF President Brother Chidananda will share more about these and other aspects of the new edition of the *Lessons* in a livestreamed *satsanga* on December 12. Please check our website for details about how to tune in as we get closer to the date.

Launch of a redesigned website

For the past few months, we have been redesigning the SRF website. New features include:

- A section for *SRF Lessons* students and members only, containing a wealth of newly developed content to supplement your study of the new edition of the *SRF Lessons*—including audio and video recordings about the teachings and techniques, guided meditations and chanting, and more
- Streamlined navigation to make it easier to access the trove of inspiration and information
- Optimized displays that will improve the experience of visitors using smartphones and tablets
- New content that will allow visitors to gain a deeper understanding of Paramahansaji's teachings and SRF's services and programs

We expect to launch the redesigned website in the next few months.

Additional publications

In addition to the new edition of the *SRF Lessons*, we look forward to bringing out other publications in English and nine other languages. One of the first will be an ebook edition of

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God Talks With Arjuna, Paramahansa Yogananda's acclaimed translation and commentary on the Bhagavad Gita. This has been requested by many SRF members; the release is expected in the next few months and will be announced in an upcoming SRF eNewsletter.

Your support allows Paramahansaji's mission to touch many lives...

Your gifts make possible all these initiatives and the many other ways we share the teachings of Paramahansa Yogananda. They help fund living expenses for the monks and nuns who have dedicated their lives to Paramahansaji's mission and to serving you. They enable us to preserve the shrines associated with Guruji's life as centers of spiritual renewal. They assist in maintaining the information technology infrastructure that is so vital in today's digital world, and allow us to meet the many other daily expenses that come with ministering to a worldwide spiritual family.

The most thrilling fruits of your contributions, though, are the positive changes they help bring about in the lives of those on this blessed path. So many write to us about how the SRF teachings have helped them find enduring peace and happiness. For example, one person recently sent the following note of gratitude:

From the first day I learned about Paramahansa Yogananda, something changed inside me, and my life changed dramatically from that very moment. I firmly believe now my soul was desperately searching for God and I couldn't ignore the calling....For the first time in my life I realized that God's friendship is an absolute necessity for any human being to be happy in a world that is so confusing....I am beyond convinced that these teachings are the key to my inner happiness and what I've been searching for throughout my life.

We invite you to support Paramahansaji's spiritual work—a gift can be made either by returning the enclosed reply card or by going online to donatesrf.org.

In Paramahansaji's spirit of divine love...

Our Guru once said, "So many people need help in this world! And God does help them, through those who are willing instruments of His love."

All of you who have helped Paramahansaji's work of Self-Realization Fellowship—whether through your donations, prayers, or acts of service and efforts to live according to his spiritual ideals—are truly instruments of divine aid to a world in need. May you feel the blessings of your gifts of love and service returning to you many times over.

In divine friendship,



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