



Self-Realization Fellowship

Founded in 1920 by Paramahansa Yogananda

Voluntary League Appeal

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“This work has been sent by God to India, to America, to the world, through Babaji, Lahiri Mahasaya, and my gurudeva, Sri Yukteswarji. You will see that in the beginning it will start as a gentle zephyr. Gradually it will become a stronger breeze. In time it will become a mighty wind, a force that will do tremendous good....”

—Paramahansa Yogananda

Dear Friend,

The year ahead looks to be especially promising for Paramahansa Yogananda’s work of Self-Realization Fellowship.

The initiatives in 2015 will build on the phenomenal success of *AWAKE: The Life of Yogananda*. SRF has worked closely with award-winning CounterPoint Films in the distribution and promotion of this acclaimed documentary. The film has now screened or is about to be shown in more than 350 theaters across North America, both through traditional theatrical bookings and an innovative Gathr® theatrical on-demand service that allows individuals to request a screening of the film in their area.

This year SRF will continue to help to distribute *AWAKE* to audiences around the world, including plans for distribution on DVD and on-demand streaming video (later this year).

AWAKE has been an inspiring messenger of our Guru’s work. Since its release last fall, sales of Paramahansaji’s *Autobiography of a Yogi* have almost doubled; and attendance at SRF temples and centers—as well as applications to receive the *Self-Realization Fellowship Lessons*—have significantly increased. These are thrilling indications that the “gentle zephyr” of Kriya Yoga that began more than 150 years ago has become a “stronger breeze,” and is well on its way to becoming the “mighty wind” that Paramahansaji predicted so many decades ago.

We hope you feel joy in playing a part in this divine mission. For it is your support in all its myriad forms that allows us to share our Guru’s message. For example, grassroots efforts from SRF members and friends have been key to the extraordinary success of *AWAKE*. (We invite those interested in bringing the film to their city or town to visit the *AWAKE* website at www.AWAKEtheYoganandaMovie.com and request a screening.)

Your help also will enable SRF in 2015 to launch a new online bookstore that is easier to navigate (particularly when using mobile devices), and to bring out several new e-books, digital audio recordings, and translated editions of Paramahansa Yogananda’s works. We

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look forward to updating you on these initiatives in the months ahead, as soon as plans are finalized and release dates are set. (We invite you to stay current with all SRF activities, events, and publications through our monthly eNewsletter. To sign up simply visit our website at www.Yogananda-srf.org and click on the “eNews” link at the top left corner of the home page.)

In addition, please know that your gifts allow us to preserve as places of pilgrimage the shrines where Paramahansa Yogananda lived and communed with God, maintain an inspirational website in several languages, and provide personal spiritual counsel to individuals and more than 500 SRF meditation centers and groups around the world.

We invite you to support us at this time through a contribution to our spring Voluntary League Appeal. Your financial help and, even more importantly, your prayers and ongoing efforts to live according to the ideals of our Guru, are necessary aids in the continued outreach of his divine teachings.

Special Project in 2015

Additionally, we would like to request your continued assistance with a large and vital project—the renovation and earthquake-retrofit of the main SRF nuns’ ashram at the Self-Realization Fellowship Mother Center in Los Angeles. We need to ensure the safety of the nuns by upgrading this nearly fifty-year-old building to existing California state seismic codes.

Thanks to the outpouring of support in response to our appeals last year, SRF has raised more than \$2 million, and we have nearly completed the first phase of the project. The second phase begins in April, and we would be deeply grateful for any help you can contribute toward the \$1.1 million still needed to complete the project.

Together we are making a difference

So many devotees write to us about how the SRF teachings have helped them find lasting peace and happiness. Whether they hail from the world’s most remote corners or most populous cities, the message is the same: the effects of the Guru’s teachings are tangible and transformative.

One new devotee touchingly expressed what receiving the *Self-Realization Fellowship Lessons* means to her:

I so much look forward to the teachings arriving in my mail box. A sense of excitement moves me at the glimpse of the envelope. The words ring so true to me, and the messages are amazing and beautiful. I am on an inner journey, and my experience of God working in my life is more evident to me each day.

For your past and continued help, your prayers, and your sincere efforts to follow the liberating path shown by the Great Masters, you have our heartfelt gratitude.

In divine friendship,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mother Center".

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