

Experience with Swami Vishwananda

When I was in London I heard that my aunty who was 92 years old was very ill. I arranged to go and see her with her daughter in Nottingham. The day before her daughter phoned and told me that we can't go tomorrow because her husband was not well. I was a bit sad because I had already tried to see her before and it didn't happen, so this time I really wanted to go. Then I thought if I am meant to see her I will see her.

The next day I was doing my daily routine at home. In the afternoon my son phoned me and said Swamiji is in London and we are going to see him, would you like to come? We were very excited, and obviously said yes and we went to see Swamiji and had a good time. It was a wonderful surprise to see Him.

My son told me that it was good I didn't go to Nottingham; otherwise I would have missed an opportunity with Swamiji. I also felt very grateful. The next weekend I went to see my aunty in Nottingham; she was in bed but she still able to speak. After that I came to Springen and during Navarathiri 2011 my aunty died. I couldn't go to her funeral, but I was happy I went to see her when she was alive.

This experience showed me that Swamiji is in control of everything, and even though we may have a plan, God's plan (God's will) is the one that will manifest. We have to learn to surrender to his will and put our expectation aside.

It is sometimes the case that obstacles are placed in your way, and what you had hoped to happen does not occur. Then you have to accept the situation the same way. Everything happens to you for a reason. Sometime it is not very easy but you try your best to be calm, and have full faith in Swamiji and to always trust that there is a bigger picture behind it. You have to believe and love whatever you are doing, and leave the rest to Swamiji.

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