

He is non-judgmental

Swamiji often delivers speeches before giving *darshan*. He does not plan the topics he chooses to speak about, they simply flow. Often it turns out that many questions that people have wanted to ask him are answered during his speeches. Once I asked him to talk about world peace. He answered that this might be a good idea and he later went on to talk about the importance of peace in the mind. He said that the outside world would never provide stability or security for a person and that these very qualities would have to be found within inside each person.

I have been to many *darshans* with Swami Vishwananda over the years and I have found that every one is always a new and unique experience. Swami is aware of everyone's thoughts but he doesn't want to talk about this. Once as I was sitting near him in the front during a *darshan*, I noticed many incidents that could not be explained with a conventional worldview as Swami gave *darshan* to each person: He asked a child to take education more seriously as he had skipped out of school. He gave another child only a sweet and told me that this child was just coming for the sweet. He gave me a handful of *vibhuti* packets to give to someone at the back of the room as this person was in need of it and had to leave soon. When I hoped for a special piece of *prasad*, he asked for the whole bowl and picked out my favorite piece.

These numerous miracles occur all the time around him. I once mustered the courage to ask Swamiji if he knew every single person's thoughts when he gave *darshan*. He simply smiled in return and I guessed that he must know the thoughts of everyone all the time. The point is that he understands my reasoning behind my thoughts from a deeper perspective than I do myself, and he is absolutely non-judgmental about it.

Many time after darshans I found that situations in my life would sort themselves out. For example, a business issue that wouldn't work out for weeks would suddenly just resolve itself.

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