

## Sandy Jones and William Samuel Brief Life Sketch and Teachings

From a very early age, Sandy Jones was always seeking to understand “who are we?” and “what is life and how does all this exist?” One day in 1975, on vacation with her husband and three kids, she came across a book titled "A Guide to Awareness and Tranquillity". She read the book and the wisdom contained in it changed her life forever. She wrote to the author of the book William Samuel who became her teacher and friend.t?"



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William Samuel (1924-1996) was a prolific writer of truth, science, religion, and spiritual awakening, who is able to share the Truth in words that reach the Heart of us. William writes in a simple, concise and lucid way. Those who knew him best considered him a humble, soft-spoken teacher who communicated truth in a unique and powerful way. He was one of those rare people who could synthesize teachings from both East and West to offer a clear explanation of the nature of enlightenment. He taught using simple language best summed up in this, one of his well known sayings: “Every teacher, book, writer, practitioner, sage, guru or peanut vendor, by whatever name, title or label they go by, is an aspect of the Awareness (Identity) ‘we’ are. We are forever looking at our Self... ..There is no way there, but to be there.”

In 1944, William Samuel went to India, we calculate that William must have been about 21 years old at the time. It is believed by many that William visited Sri. Ramana Maharshi those years ago. However, this is not certain as William never mentions the name of the Guru directly, but only hints to such.

Here is the story in William Samuel’s words.

“Some years ago I was honored to be the first American student of a renowned teacher in India. For fourteen days a group of us sat at the feet of this "Master," during which time he spoke not one word—not so much as a grunt—until the final day when he bade us farewell and assured us we had learned much.

And to my surprise, I had. It took months before the seeds of those silent days began to sprout one by one, revealing that there are indeed many things for which the uptight, recondite babble of books and teachers is more hindrance than a help.

There is no one reading this book to whom the Truth has not been revealed many times and for whom the Truth needs only to be *lived*. Additional enlightenment and its *tangible* experience called "healing" come with the LIVING—that gentle meadow of soft grass just beyond the wailing wall of words.”

William also mentions that this “silent” Guru eventually became quite well known in America as a venerated teacher of non-duality.

William Samuel's own awakening, together with his unique genius in bringing together Christian Science and Eastern thought, offers an indispensable guide for any seeker wishing to awaken. Among those who are delighted and moved by William's work are the devotees of Sri Ramana Maharshi. Somehow William’s work seems to bring a bridge of understanding the Eastern philosophies in very down to earth Western words. I am told that William’s writing has made Sri Ramana Maharshi's work truly understandable and livable.

I believe you will find that Sri Ramana Maharshi's teachings along with William Samuel's message create a real and powerful synergy that quite often opens the doors of perception wherein seekers are able to find and live that which they have so diligently sought.

Before William passed away in May 1996 he made Sandy Jones his literary executor and gave her the rights to all his work. Read Mr. Samuel's books; 'A Guide to Awareness and Tranquillity' and 'The Awareness of Self-Discovery' and "The Child Within Us Lives! A Synthesis of Science, Religion and Metaphysics" they will be of invaluable guidance and assistance to the seekers of 'Truth, Awareness and the Absolute'. To obtain a copy of William's books or to communicate with Sandy Jones visit his website – <http://www.williamsamuel.com/>

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