

Sandy Jones and William Samuel Brief Life Sketch and Teachings



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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.

William Samuel (1924-1996) was a prolific writer of truth, science, religion, and spiritual awakening, and among the foremost of Sri. Ramana Maharshi devotees who has been able to explain his teachings 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."

He grew up and eventually returned to live in Mountain Brook, a village on the outskirts of Birmingham, Alabama in USA. "The Universe is my home," he would say, "but I choose to walk the quiet fields and hills of Alabama." Samuel devoted his life to the search for truth, a quest that took him twice around the globe and included the years he spent in China during the second world war.

William visited Sri. Ramana Maharshi and was with him for about a week. When he was about 21 years of age in 1944 when he visited India while serving as an infantry captain in the US army during the second world war in China. When William left he realized that he had gained tremendous insight of Awareness.

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 and his lineage. He has made Sri Ramana Maharshi's work truly liveable. 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. Two of Mr. Samuel's books; 'A Guide to Awareness and Tranquillity' and 'The Awareness of Self-Discovery' will be of invaluable guidance and assistance to the seekers of 'Truth – Awareness'. 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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