

QUOTES ON MA

Ma Anandamyee was a person who shed calm and steady spiritual light. Her teachings transcended the narrow ritualistic barriers of religion. For a long time to come they will continue to be relevant to each of us in the appreciation of Truth."

- Indira Gandhi

"I have seen a divine light of Jesus over the holy face of Ma"

- Queen Mother of Greece

"Shree Anandamayee Ma was the foremost, elevated and an inspired in the spiritual world"

- Gyani Zail Singh

"The message of Ma Anandamayee is of compassion, truth and love. She believed that this is the basis for all religions, which were but different paths leading to the ultimate goal. Her contribution to the composite culture of India was valuable, as was her reaffirmation of our ancient heritage."

- Shanker Dayal Sharma, Ex-President, Republic of India

"A celebrated spiritual figure with a wide circle of disciples and devotees Shree Ma Anandamayee preached the message of love, compassion and tolerance and emphasized the unity of religions and the brotherhood of mankind. It is more important than ever before to revive and revitalize this time - honoured message."

- K.R.Narayan, Ex-Vice-President, Republic of India

"Ma Anandamayee was a saint who devoted her life to the cause of enlightening masses with religion and spiritualism. She was a firm believer in universal religion based on pure love to God, mutual love and compassion, truth, tolerance and non-violence. Her teachings are of great significance today when violence has become order of the day and moral values are eroding fast. I appreciate the work done by Sangha towards spreading the teachings of Ma."

- S.B.Chavan, Ex-Home Minister, Republic of India

"Her life is a beacon for us. She personified the essence of India with its spiritual values, sacrifices and tolerance. Her appeal has cut across barriers of caste, creed or religion and drawn people from all sections of the society."

- Madhavrao Scindia, Ex-Minister of Human Resource Development, India

"A personality of the like of Shree Shree Ma Anandamayee takes birth rarely in hundreds and thousands of years to give light to the world. A glimpse of Her face gave deep satisfaction and immense solace. Shree Shree Ma Anandamayee preached for eternal peace, self-elevation, service to humanity and universal fellow-feeling. The whole world is passing today through a crisis of value. Materialism has reached to a point of madness. The teachings of the Ma have eternal relevance but more so in today's situation."

- Bal Ram Jakhar, Ex-Agriculture Minister, Govt. of India, New Delhi, India.

"It is heartening to know that the Sangha has drawn an ambitious programme of celebrations during the year in various spheres - religious, devotional, social, cultural and literary programmes. These programmes I hope will go a long way in disseminating the teachings of 'Shree Shree Ma' of universal love and compassion, truth, tolerance and knowing oneself for knowing the ultimate. Let us remember her and emulate her teachings to sublimate our lives."

- A.B.Vajpayee, Ex-Prime Minister, India

"Ma Anandamayee was one of the greatest spiritual lights of 20th Century which shone on this earth and illuminated the hearts of millions of people. Shree Ma Anandamayee Sangha will be doing great service to humanity by providing various social, religious, cultural and philanthropic activities."

- Motilal Vora, Ex-Governor, UP, India

"Amongst this countless list of Seers and Saints, Shree Shree Ma Anandamayee can very rightly be listed amongst those who shine more brightly than others. She is certainly amongst the tallest who have enlightened and inspired millions in the 20th Century not only in India but in other countries as well. I have had personal experience of meeting Ma Anandamayee on a number of occasions at her Ashrams in New Delhi, Haridwar and Dehradun. The aura surrounding her presence, and her words of advice and comfort were over of compassion Love and Understanding. She believed in the Universality of Religions. With there being only one Creator, regardless of the Faiths we believe in, the colours and complexion of our skin, whether we are rich or poor, all are members of the same large Worldwide Family. This is the type of even Casteist Fanaticism is posing to be a major destructive force in our National and International efforts to work

towards a Better Tomorrow based on Non-violence. Co-operation and Peaceful Co-existence; concentrating of Development and renouncing Division and Destruction. Ma Anandamayee may have left on physically, but her fragrance and light remain."

- Romesh Bhandary, Raj Bhawan, Agartala

"Spiritual poverty is the bane of the present day world. The materialistic view of life taken by Man has brought him in constant friction with nature and greed has made him a restless soul. The teachings of Shree Shree Ma Anandamayee are like a breath of fresh air and help guide him in these turbulent times."

- Siddhartha Shankar Ray, Ex-Ambassador of India

"Shree Shree Ma Anandamayee was an abode of love and compassion for all rich and poor irrespective of caste, creed, colour and religion. A serene and saintly figure Shree Shree Ma Anandamayee affirmed the faith and convictions of all religious disciplines and laid emphasis on self-discipline in one's thought, speech and action. She firmly upheld the traditional values and the scriptural injunctions, leading to the path of self-knowledge. We are fortunate to have had spiritual personalities like Ma Anandamayee in our country. It is for us now to follow the footprints and the values cherished by her."

- Madan Lal Khurana, Ex-Chief Minister, New Delhi

"Shree Shree Ma was the embodiment of that radiant ineffable bliss which characterizes divinity, whose spiritual teachings and universal compassion reached out to generations of human being and whose boundless love touched so many of us individually. Her material presence spanned almost the entire twentieth century, and she remained throughout a refuge of strength and comfort to all those who came for her blessings, regardless of caste, creed or community. Her material self is no more, but her immortal spirit continues to inspire, to love and to protect all those who seek her."

- Late R.S.Pathak, Former Chief Justice of India

"Seeing the radiant face of Ma Anandamayee and hearing her laughter, you guess that she is an incarnation of joy. Touched by the caress of her glance you know that her heart is overflowing with love for all beings. Listening to her teaching, so simple and clear, you understand that she is in possession of all Wisdom."

- Jean Herbert

"She is all-powerful and yet she behaves like an innocent girl and takes pleasure in calling herself a little child. This supreme simplicity as well as complete absence of egoism is the most remarkable features of Mother's great personality,

not to speak of other qualities which are countless. The infinite can never be described fully."

- Raja Durga Singh (Yogi Bhai)

"I am ready to sacrifice the adorned post, even everything else, if I am allowed to stay with Ma. Perhaps, no more to elaborate in this connection."

- Henry Petit

"She is her own proof. She is self-luminous Svayam Prakash."

- B.Sanjiva Rao

"Mataji is everywhere and at all times for those who want her. Nothing is more delightfull than complete surrender and a great plunge into the ocean of Truth, Goodness and Beauty, with which Mataji surrounds herself."

- Collin Turnbull

"My visit in India brought success after the darsan of Sri Ma."

- Jennifer Jones

"Even when devotion is not our dharma and we cannot follow the marga of worship and japam, we recognize the greatness of all such being as Mataji, and along with her worshippers, but on our own path find help and stimulation from the force of love which passeth understanding and which is her Grace."

- Ethel Merston

"Just imagine that a tree - a beautiful, strong, old berch for instance approaches you with calm steps. What would you fell? 'Have I gone crazy?' You would ask yourself. 'Or perhaps I am dreaming?' Finally you would have to concede that you had entered a new dimension of reality of which you had hitherto been ignorant."

- Melita Maschmann

"With great reverence may these written lines constitute loving adoration to the Being, who is known as Sri Sri Ma; the Unmanifest That, which manifested to Matri-swarup a century ago in 1896, became as Nirmala, meaning the pure (devoid of the impurities of Rajas, Tamas and Sattva and of Avidya) and later became known everywhere as the Bliss-filled Mother, Sri Sri Anandamayee Ma ! Verily Anandamayee or Anandrup -Brahman ! "

- Swami Chidananda

"Sri Sri Ma Ananda Mayee Ma is a Well-known spiritual leader of modern times. She embodied in herself the ancient culture of India and centralized in her personality the power of the Supreme Creator of the Universe. Wanting nothing for oneself and giving everything to others is a predominant characteristic of all saints and sages throughout the world. Sri Ma was such a fire of renunciation, coupled with a tenderness of charity and compassion to be seen only in a mother. Greatness is indeed her name."

- Swami Krishnananda

"Ma had no constraints in thought, action or words. Her simple words and expressions contained the seeds of universal truth and wisdom applicable to all mankind without any inhibitions of faith or belief."

- Govind Narain

"I am grateful for giving me an opportunity to pay my homage to the jewel of Indian Womanhood and the glory of Sainthood, whom the world knew as Shree Shree Anandamyi Ma."

- Vimala Thakar

"Here was one who was actually divine."

- Gurumaharaj Balanandaji

"Offering my obeisance to Sri Ma Anandamayee, who is divinity, faith and compassion personified."

- R.K.Trivedi

"During the long years of my associations, I have seen Ma in various aspects, in varying moods and phases. She was a living perfection in movement and action. Sometimes one may wonder how God would walk, talk and more about in our midst. Not different from Ma, I imagine. She looked resplendent in all Her majesty - a Queenly grace combined with Her. Ma was without ego and without desire. And without desire, there cannot be any fear or anger. She was 'Paripurna'. Although unattached, expression of her face would change according to Her 'Bhava and interestingly no two photographs of Her are alike when taken on two different sittings on the same day."

There was something Omniscient and Omnipresent about Her. She knew what was happening around and could possibly happen in future. Nothing could be concealed from Her. Ma had Her own way of imparting instructions.

- Sarvan Khalvidam Brahma

"The very work Anandamayee which has been put as a prefix before Ma, shows that Ma in Embodiment of Bliss. In Taittiriya Upanisad it is said that 'This world has come out of Bliss, It exists in Bliss, It dissolves in Bliss. He who knows the Blissful Brahman is not afraid of anything."

- Hari Mohan Joshi

"How was this phenomenon possible, that every person associated with Ma, felt that he or she had a special place with Ma, intimate and heart to heart relationship, no one else could excel in!"

- B.K.Shah

Our beloved Anandamayee Ma is a cherished memory that will always live in my heart. How vividly I recall her beautiful smile, and the glow of divine joy that suffused her being. My soul was filled with unforgettable sweetness in beholding her humility and complete absorption in God. She had so much lost the thought of self that we saw in her only beautiful reflection of the Universal Mother, whose love she showered on all.

Whether she was absorbed in silent meditation or responding to the many who sought her blessings, we observed how her life shed its radiance on those around her - effortlessly as a flower exudes its fragrance. She had the clear sight and guileless divine simplicity that sees to the core of truth, where all that is external or superfluous falls away. In her unpretentiousness and utter devotion to God, she captivated those who came to her, and drew them with her into the world of divine joy she was ever beholding. With the graciousness of one who never sought to attract souls to herself but to the one. Beloved, she welcomed all devotees of the Divine. Paramahansa Yogananda had a deep regard for her, and when he met her many years ago, they shared the complete understanding which flows between the souls of great lovers of God. Though Anandamayee Ma's form has melted into His ocean of bliss, the monument of love she created in so many hearts remains, and here spirit is absorbed in Him. During this, her Centennial year, we here in the ashrams of Gurudeva Shree Shree Paramahansa Yogananda join devotees of God throughout the world in honoring her, and in sending our friendship and good wishes to those who are carrying on her work. How lovingly she must be aware of your efforts. Through her life of selfless love, blessed Anandamayee Ma has awakened in many the longing to seek the Universal Mother. As she lived and moved and had her being in the Divine, so may we all draw closer to that shining Goal, that we may share in her eternal joy.

- Daya Mata, Self-Realization Fellowship