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## Guru and discipleship processes

During a question and answer session at the recent UK retreat in London, a kriyaban asked Shibenduji to elaborate on guru and discipleship processes.

A beautiful analogy was presented to explain the phenomena.

A guru can be understood as a lamp constituted of three components: one is the container, two is oil and three is the wick. The container is compassion, the oil is omniscience/ omnipresence and the wick is wisdom. The wick is alight with the Flame (energy of understanding or Chaitanya).

A disciple is also a lamp constituted of the same three components, but there is no flame, as the energy of understanding has not happened.

Through guru and discipleship processes, a fusion between guru and disciple may occur, which enables the flame to be shared – the disciple's wick can thus be ignited through contact with the guru's flame. A deep and divine Insight may get shared without any interference from 'I'-ness in any form whatsoever.

Jai discipleship-process

Jai guru-process