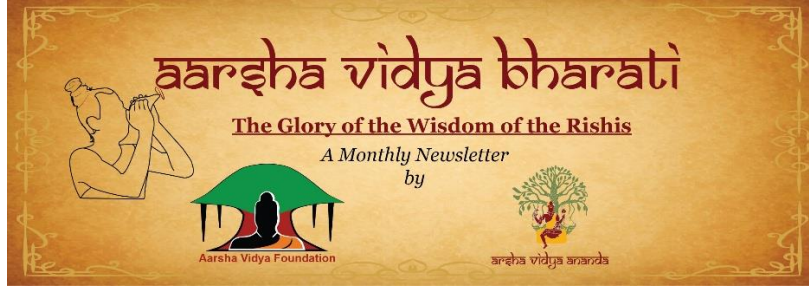


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Swamini Brahma Prajnananda conferred a Ph.D (Philosophy) on Sankara Jayanti

This is what she shared on the auspicious occasion.

Pujya Swami Dayananda ji would have been sitting in his easy chair. I would have offered my pranaams by touching his feet.

My hands would have lingered enjoying this sacred moment of gratitude and surrender. Looking up to meet his gaze and struggling to hold the heavy book in hand, I would have said - 'Swamiji, the Phd is done. It is dedicated to the guru of gurus' He would have chuckled and taken the thesis in hand.

After pausing for a while, he would have said - 'It is a good contribution to the parampara'. I am proud of you'. I would have replied 'It's Swamiji's teachings and blessings all the way'

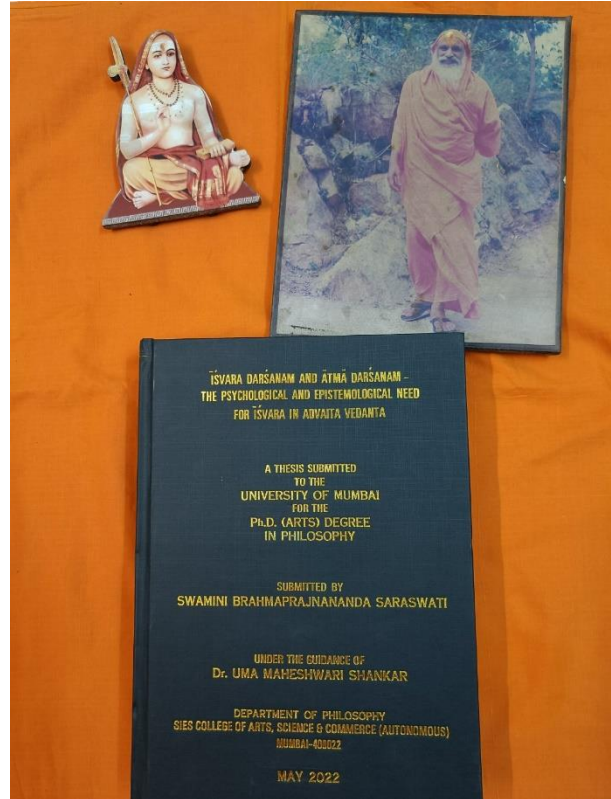
The smile in his eyes would have been wider than the smile on his lips. We would have spoken some more. Before leaving, I would have offered my pranaams again.

My hands on his feet would have lingered again ...

In gratitude and surrender to the entire guru-shishya parampara

Offered in reverence at Jagadguru Adi Shankaracharya 's lotus feet on this auspicious Shankara Jayanti 2023

॥ ॐ श्री गुरुभ्यो नमः ॥





With her supportive Ph D Guide, Dr Uma Shankar Maheshwari after the viva voce conferring her to be a PhD. Delighted that Swami Brahmavidananda ji also joined the Viva voce online.

The thesis is on Vedanta (of course!) and is titled *Īśvara darśanam* and *Ātmā darśanam* – The psychological and epistemological need for *Īśvara* in Advaita Vedanta.

Simply put, the thesis establishes the glorious vision of Advaita Vedanta. It includes the *sāmpradāyika* method across the Upanishads, Gita and the *Brahmsūtra*-s revealing *aikyam*, oneness of *Ātmā* and *Īśvara*. In so doing, it establishes the primacy of *Īśvara* in Advaita Vedanta both for the psychological transformation that is brought about which glides into seeing that *Īśvara* is indeed *Ātmā*. The next step in the process begins, of finalising it for publication and finding a

suitable publisher.