

SELECTED QUOTES FROM THE LECTURES OF SWAMI BODHANANDA

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"Every failure becomes a stepping stone toward the higher mountain peak of experience. Failure is not a problem. Lack of effort is the problem. When you make one step forward, God takes ten steps towards you."



"The grace of God descends upon you when you discover your total and utter helplessness. God's grace descends upon you like a cool shower. When

God chooses to bless you, he gives you the full measure. Your effort is very tiny."



"When you go to the Ocean (of God) you can take as much water as you want. It all depends upon the vessel you take to the ocean. It depends on how pure you are."



"Enlightenment cannot come as a result of evolution. Awakening is not a result of evolution. Awakening is a 'waking up'."





"Grace will come only when you make an effort, and that effort becomes surrender. Offer that effort to the Lord. Making that effort, offering those

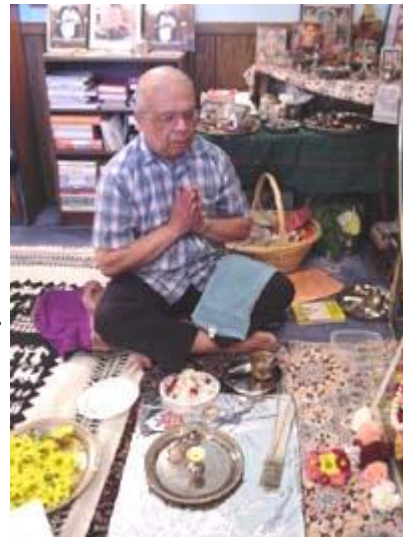
efforts at the feet of the Lord, and waiting for His Grace - that is what is called surrender."



"Faith in oneself and faith in the guru gives you enormous energy."



"Your effort has to be adequate and appropriate - effort under the guidance of a teacher, under the guidance of your own conscience, or under the guidance of a holy scripture. Surrender those efforts at the feet of the Lord. Through those efforts and through the surrendering of those efforts, the flood gates will be opened. Offering



ones effort is called sannyas. Sannyas means to 'offer totally.' Thus, you become a sannyasi. You surrender your ego, and you receive the Grace of the Lord. And as a result of that Grace you can wipe off the impact of all your past habits and karma."

