Recommended Disclosure

The Community Dharma Project offers the following recommended disclosure to support informed choice by those considering Integral Yoga teacher training, mantra initiation, or other significant commitments within the Integral Yoga Tradition, as well as those considering employment with an Integral Yoga organization.

Two complete versions are provided. The second offers additional Guru-tattva context. Each version is intended to be used in its entirety; select the version appropriate to the setting rather than combining or rearranging them.

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In the Yoga and Vedanta traditions, Guru-tattva refers to the spiritual principle through which spiritual wisdom is revealed. Through the Guru, spiritual wisdom and grace are transmitted. Guru-tattva itself cannot be reduced to the Guru's human form or individual personality.

With this understanding, each person remains free to determine the nature of their own personal relationship with Swami Satchidananda.

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