

Types of Guru and Gurumantra

Preface

The importance of the Guru is exceptional in the life of the disciple, because he cannot realise God without the Guru. What is the difference between Guru, Sadguru and Parātpar Guru ? How to recognise a fake Guru ? What are the attributes of a true Guru ? What are the misconceptions about the Gurumantra ? Which is the true Gurumantra ?,etc. Such issues have been dealt with in this Text.

May the spiritually curious become seekers, may the seekers become disciples and may disciples become Gurus - this is the prayer unto the Guru's Holy feet ! - **Compilers**

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