

## Guru – Lesson 1

### Activity One - What Does the word Guru mean?

Gu means darkness and ru means light. *Guru* scatters darkness through light; he imparts wisdom which roots out ignorance. Render unto him as much homage as he deserves, but, not more.

Below are a list of situations where you might be ignorant. The Guru's task is to take out this ignorance. Next to the list of situations there is an empty space. In that space write what advice you think a Guru might give to get rid of the ignorance.

<b>Situation of ignorance</b>	<b>What advice might a Guru give to get rid of the Ignorance?</b>
<p>Bhavna is at school. Her friends are teasing her because she does not have the latest trainers for P.E. She is crying her eyes out at the end of school, all she can think of is how nasty these people are to her and how much she hates her parents for not getting her the trainers. She prays to her Guru for help and asks him to convince her mother and father to buy her the trainers. What advice might her Guru give?</p>	<p>Clues: Does the body last forever? What is the goal of life? What did Jesus say when someone smacked him on the cheek?</p>
<p>Anil is walking along the road one day with his friends. He sees an old lady walking with difficulty. Suddenly a violent gust of wind sweeps past and the old lady falls down. His friends start laughing at her. Anil feels that he too should laugh so that he can be part of the gang. For some reason though he has a nagging doubt. He prays to his Guru to ask him permission to laugh at the old lady. What advice does the Guru Give, and what doe he tell Anil to do?</p>	<p>Clues: When the Buddha saw the four signs of suffering one was of old age. Will we stay young forever?  The saying as you shall sow so shall you reap.  Our Balvikas motto tells us that to get to God we must behave in a certain way. What is the Balvikas motto?</p>

WHAT IS THE FUNCTION OF A GURU?