

The Siddha Yoga Meditation Prison Project

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Dear Tom,

Baba Muktananda began the Siddha Yoga Prison Project in 1979. With Gurumayi Chidvilasananda's continued support, the wisdom, blessings and grace of a Siddha Guru are experienced by thousands of incarcerated Siddha Yoga students around the globe.

We honor your commitment to participating in the In Search of the Self, Living Siddha Yoga Wisdom, and the Home Study Courses. You are now a graduate, having completed the seventeen year program successfully. Well done! To mark this occasion we present you with a beautiful certificate. The certificate includes an image of a peacock feather taken from the wall of Baba's Samadhi shrine in Gurudev Siddha Peeth, the Siddha Yoga mother ashram in India.

A Siddha uses many methods to shower blessings. Both Baba and Gurumayi have used wands of peacock feathers during darshan and intensives to bestow blessings and shaktipat on their students. The feathers hold and conduct shakti. Fans of peacock feathers are used in Indian temples during worship ceremonies. The peacock itself is a symbol of infinite consciousness, and the circle made by the unfurled tail feathers symbolizes the oneness of all creation. The many eyes in the feathers, smaller circles, represent the perfection of each individual within the whole. Together they remind us that there is unity underlying all diversity.

May this peacock feather pictured on your certificate, remind you of the perfect love and unity within your own heart.

The gifts we receive from a Siddha's teaching are hard to quantify or represent outwardly. The gifts exist in our heart and manifest in the joy the teachings bring to our every day life.

As we grow and put effort in our sadhana, the teachings unfold for us, take on rich new meanings, and provide different insights that guide us. May the grace of the lineage of Siddha Yoga Gurus continue to unfold the highest potential in you and each of us.

With Great Love and Respect,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Robert Pacini". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Robert Pacini
Prison Project Director