

A. Ramana, Dee W. Trammell 1929 ~ 2010

On February 15, 2010 at 10:46 am EST, AHAM's Founder and Spiritual Director passed away at AHAM Ashram in Tiruvannamalai, S. India.

A. Ramana's (Mr. Dee W. Trammell) early childhood was spent in Texas. After a serious burn, at age five, he enjoyed a unique consciousness of being one with all life. But at age nine, a trauma caused the loss of this consciousness. He underwent a lifelong quest to regain it through a wide range of experiences and spiritual paths. He established and managed several successful businesses, attended seminary at the Unity School of Christianity in Missouri, and was also appointed Director of the nationally-known Napoleon Hill Institute in Los Angeles.

His search ended with his spiritual enlightenment in Houston, Texas in 1973, when he was mystically drawn to a photograph of the sage, Bhagavan Sri Ramana Maharshi. With diligent practice of Self-Inquiry he stabilized his abidance in the true Self. Shortly afterward, the Yogi-saint Paramahansa Muktananda immediately recognized his transformed state of consciousness and gave him the name Ramana after his guru Ramana Maharshi. Ramana in Sanskrit means "playing in God," aptly describing Ramana's playfulness.

In 1978, in a mystical visitation his guru inspired Ramana to found the Association of Happiness for All Mankind (AHAM), which he did in collaboration with Elizabeth MacDonald, a dedicated student of his at the time. Since then Ramana and Elizabeth have focused their lifework entirely on creating and teaching AHAM's consciousness-transforming curriculum..

Today, Ramana's work lives on, with Elizabeth MacDonald as AHAM's Spiritual Director – assisted by AHAM's Staff, Stanley Davis, Jr., Jan Sundell, Vivian Zelig, several volunteer resident staff and the entire AHAM Community – at the 40-acre AHAM Meditation Retreat and Spiritual Training Center near Asheboro, North Carolina (south of Greensboro).

Ramana spent each winter at AHAM's ashram in Tiruvannamalai, South India, near Bhagavan's shrine at the foot of the Holy Hill Arunachala, holding Sat Sangas, presenting programs. He is now absorbed in Arunachala and dust at the feet of his Master.