

## **David Godman - Brief Life Sketch and Teachings**

David was born in 1953 in Stoke-on-Trent, a city in England. He was educated at local schools and in 1972 won a place at Oxford University. During his second year at Oxford University, while reading Sri. Ramana Maharshi's writings for the first time, he fell into a state of silence which transformed the way he viewed himself and the world. Finding it impossible to study for exams, he dropped out in his final year and rented a house in rural Ireland, where he read Sri. Ramana's books and practiced self-inquiry.



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The following year, in 1976, he decided to take a short trip to India. Despite his intention to stay for only six weeks, he has been there almost continuously ever since, residing mainly in Tiruvannamalai where Sri. Ramana Maharshi's ashram is located.

He spent the first eighteen months just meditating, practicing self-inquiry, and occasionally walking round Arunachala the holy hill in Tiruvannamalai. In 1978 he began to do voluntary work for Sri Ramanasramam. He looked after their library from 1978 to 1985, edited their magazine for a short period of time, and from 1985 onwards did research for his various books. In 1993 he went to Lucknow a city in the state of Uttar Pradesh in India and spent four years with Sri. H.W.L. Poonja a well known devotee of Sri. Ramana Maharshi, also fondly known as Papa Ji. David returned to Tiruvannamalai in 1997 and has since been researching and writing new books on Sri. Ramana Maharshi.

David is the author and editor of a number of extraordinarily informative books about Sri. Ramana Maharshi and his disciples. His first book 'Be As You Are' has become the standard anthology of Sri. Ramana Maharshi's writings.

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