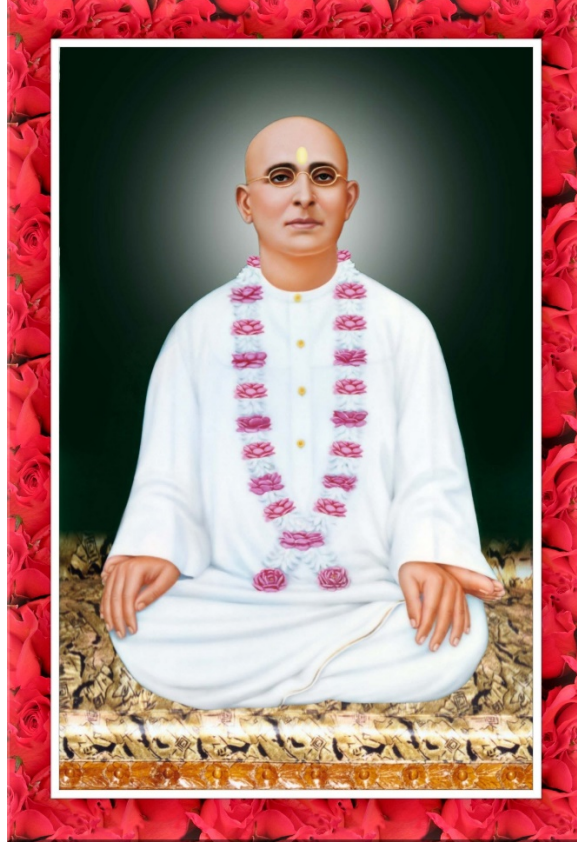




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अपने गुरु का आदेश पाकर श्री श्री स्वामी स्वरूपानंद जी महाराज ने १३ वर्षों तक आगरा नंगलापदी, कृष्ण-द्वारा के अन्दर, गुफा में बैठकर तपस्या की। तपस्या के दौरान श्री स्वामी जी मधुकरी (भिक्षा) करते रहे। फिर मधुकरी छोड़ धूनी पर खिचड़ी बनाने लगे, फिर उसे भी छोड़ नीम के पत्ते उबाल कर खाने लगे, फिर अपनी साधना में इतने तल्लीन हो गए कि बिना भोजन के, केवल हवा के सहारे ही रहने लगे। ऐसा उल्लेख मिलता है कि, उनकी साधना के प्रभाव से उस गुफा से “हरी-हर” नाम की आवाज आने लगी, तो भक्तजन उनको "हरिहर बाबा" के नाम से संबोधित करने लगे।

तपस्या के दौरान महाराज श्री का शरीर काँटे की तरह सूख गया, तभी कुछ भक्तों ने इसकी जानकारी श्री श्री १००८ दादा-गुरु जी को दी कि, बाबा स्वरूपानंद जी इतनी घोर तपस्या में लीन हैं कि, उनको



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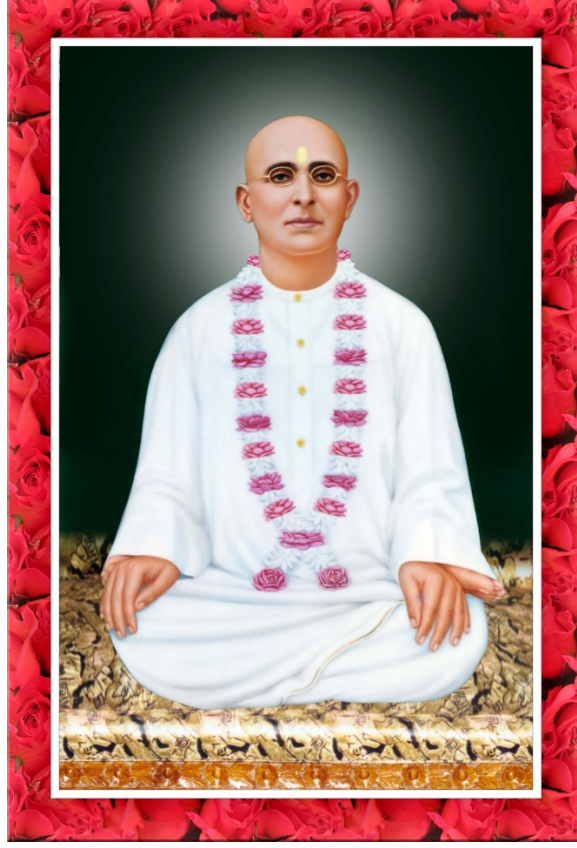
शरीर की कोई सुध नहीं है और उनका शरीर इतना कमजोर हो गया है कि हाथ से छूने पर त्वचा ही अलग होने लगती है। इतना सुन श्री दादा-गुरु जी मौन हो गए तथा, उनके नेत्रों से अश्रुपात होने लगा। उन्होंने भक्तों को आज्ञा दी कि, श्रीस्वरूपानंद जी के शरीर को रुई में लपेटकर हमारे पास ले आओ।

श्रीगुरुदेव की आज्ञानुसार भक्तजन उनके शरीर को रुई में लपेटकर टेरी ले आये। वहीं दादा-गुरुदेव ने अपनी योग-साधना से श्रीस्वामी स्वरूपानंद जी की चित्त वृत्ति को ब्रम्हाण्ड से पिंड देश में उतारा और, उसके बाद थोड़ा-थोड़ा तरल भोज्य-पदार्थ उनके शरीर को दिया जाने लगा। जब शरीर में चेतना आई, तब श्री श्री १००८ दादा-गुरुदेव ने, स्वामी श्री स्वरूपानंद जी से कुछ माँगने को कहा, तो श्रीस्वामी जी ने विनयपूर्वक कहा कि, "मेरी इच्छा यही है कि 'गुरु-नाम' का डंका आलम (दुनिया) में बजे।" उनके ऐसे भावों को देखकर, श्री श्री १००८ दादा-गुरु जी ने, श्रीस्वामी जी को अनेकों वरदान दिए। दादा-गुरु महाराज जी ने अपना रूहानी जानशीन (उत्तराधिकारी) श्री श्री १००८ शाश्वत ज्योति स्तम्भ, भक्ति प्रेमावातर श्रीपरमहंसावतार स्वामी श्रीस्वरूपानंदजी महाराज को बनाया। श्रीस्वामीजी का संपूर्ण जीवन, अपने सद्गुरुदेव की शिक्षाओं के प्रसार में ही समर्पित रहा। "हरी-हर बाबा" (तत्त्व-वेत्ता प्रातः स्मरणीय श्री श्री १००८ श्री स्वामी स्वरूपानंद जी महाराज) ने अपने पूज्य गुरुदेव की आज्ञानुसार, कलिकाल में जन-जन के कल्याणार्थ तीन मुख्य आध्यात्मिक-केंद्र बनाये- श्री चकौड़ी आश्रम (पाकिस्तान), श्री आनंदपुर (मध्यप्रदेश), एवं श्री नंगली साहिब (उत्तरप्रदेश), जहाँ से जीवन-पर्यंत उन्होंने भक्ति, सेवा और ज्ञान का प्रचार किया।



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Swāmī Śrī Swarūpānanda Jī Mahārāj Paramahansa

According to the order of his Guru, Śrī Swarūpānanda Jī practiced severe austerities and meditation continuously for 13 years inside a cave at Nangalāpadī, Kṛiṣṇā Dwārā in Āgrā. Many a resident of Āgrā felt attracted by this Great Soul and placed some eatables near His seat with a thought that He might accept them. But Śrī Swarūpānanda Jī had no affinity for eating or drinking. He ate boiled neem leaves only. As such His divine body was reduced to a skeleton. In this manner many seasons came, displayed their effects and left. He was so intensely involved in spiritual practice inside the cave that a



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divine sound "*Hari-Har*" started resonating from the cave and for this reason, devotees called him "*Hari-Har Bābā*".

After few days the devotees jointly sent a letter by way of an appeal to Śrī Paramahansa Dayāla Jī, stating that the *Hari-Har Bābā*, being absorbed in His own bliss, was sitting in an open place without any shelter. He bore the summer, winter, rain and storm on His delicate body. He must be experiencing extreme discomfort physically but He was not responding to the various requests to build a shelter. In view of the above, it may be permitted to build some sort of a shelter for Him. At that time Śrī Paramhansa Dayāla Jī was delivering a spiritual discourse at Tal. When He read the letter tears flowed from his eyes. The devotees present there asked Śrī Paramahansa Dayāla Jī as to what was in the letter. He replied that the said letter was meant for 'Swāmī Swarūpānanda Jī' from the devotees of Agra requesting him to order him (Śrī Swarūpānanda Jī) not to suffer extreme difficulties and allow them to construct a the cottage. Now what could be explained to them? He had attained 'fearless stage' (*niṛbhaya pada*) i.e., renunciation.

After thirteen years of severe spiritual practices of Śrī Swarūpānanda Jī, the First Guru, Śrī Paramhansa Dayāla Jī considered that the time had come to uplift the masses spiritually and accordingly sent a few disciples in Agra to bring Śrī Swarūpānanda Jī to Ṭerī. His physical body became so delicate that even a delicate touch of the hand was causing the peeling off of his skin and hence the devotees wrapped his body with soft cotton and brought him to Ṭeri. Due to intense meditation His physical body had weakened completely and yet such



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was the radiance that none could look at His glowing face even for a few minutes.

Śrī Paramhans Dayāla Jī arranged tremendous care for Śrī Swarūpānanda and a few devotees were already in service to help improve His weakened health. After few days of adequate care He gained health quickly. One day, for bestowing his overflowing blessings to Śrī Swarūpānanda Jī Mahārāj, Śrī Dayāla Jī Mahārāj asked him to express his wish. Śrī Swarūpānanda Jī replied, "My only wish is to enlighten the entire world with the glory of Guru-Nāma". Hearing the wishes of his disciple, Śrī Dayāla Jī Mahārāj Paramahansa blessed him with many boons and behested him to deliver spiritual sermons in order to uplift the masses. In obedience to these commands, He began awakening the slumbering humanity and also initiated to propagate the practice of *Nāma* from village to village and town to town. He declared Him as his spiritual successor and thus Śrī Swarūpānanda Jī Mahārāj Paramhansa became "Second Master" of *Advait Mat*. Later on He established three spiritual centres for propagation of spirituality- Śrī Chakauḍī Ashram (Pakistan), Śrī Ānandpur (Madhya Pradesh) and Śrī Nagali Sahib (Uttar Pradesh).