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Hari Om Dear Friends,

I was searching for spiritual path for a long time, and finally I had found it in yoga in 1994. I know that yoga is still my personal spiritual path. I understand (perhaps) the relationship of master and disciple and I still feel like a disciple even now when I am leaving YIDL and swAmi.

I found out about E.V. having "some experiences" with swAmi from her ten years ago. I couldn't understand it at that time and so I blacked it out of my mind. This year in spring I got some information about the scandal, from the Fellowship I had received official emails stating that there is a group here that wants to destroy swAmi and his work. Eventually I found by coincidence the site [jogavdennimzivote.blogspot.com](http://jogavdennimzivote.blogspot.com) (ABUSE). There I read different official statements of Swami Chidanand and abused women and I gained the impression that I recognize Eva's story in one of them.

In summer around Guru Purnima, J. P. called me that it was found that Eva is the person who is against YIDL. Nothing more, nothing less. One month later P.N. and O.S. contacted me in a similar way. From all sides only the information that Eva was lying and organizing in Czech Republic campaign for Swami Chidanand. That was too much for me and I started as someone, who cares for truth more than for rules, finding the truth, personally and also on the abuse website. Eva is not behind any campaign she just cares about the truth. There is no organized campaign whatsoever. People who contacted me from yoga didn't read anything on abuse website as they told me themselves. They were using false information.

I asked people in the establishment of YIDL (for example J. L.), why they only try to discredit Eva instead of meeting with her and offering her help and why they only issue those above mentioned official statements. They all just cared for not hurting swAmi and yoga. No one has expressed desire to meet with abused women, let alone helping them. It is not just about Eva. But I trust Eva 100%. I believe that the other do not lie either.

So I was dealing with it inside of myself for a long time. I lost trust in Swamiji and the organization of YIDL, their ability to follow the principles they teach: humanity, compassion, truthfulness, openness ... Even other things bother me: intimidation, closing their eyes and ears to problems. It is still an open chapter for me; the whole situation is of course very troubling to me.

I wanted to leave in August, but I stayed because I promised to my students at the beginning of Summer that my classes will continue in Fall. The last straw that just accelerated my decision, are reaction of members of YIDL to the article in magazine Respekt this week.

Under these circumstances I am ending my activity in the organization of YIDL, starting February 2012 I will not continue teaching yoga classes. I'm willing to bring to the end those classes now in session, if YIDL does not have problem with it. I'm not going to be active against swAmi or against YIDL, I do not condemn or look bad at anyone who stayed in YIDL, nor anyone who left. I received a lot of good here. I will continue to do my sadhana.

I wish you all a lot of love, happiness, harmony and God's blessing.

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