

On the occasion of the 44th Jayanthi of HDH Bhagavan Sri Nithyananda Paramashivam.

May His Divine Holiness receive my deepest gratitude and fullest felicitation for the invaluable goodness which his spiritual ministry has provided to my students, my university, and my community. His followers here in Delaware, Ohio have welcomed Ohio Wesleyan University students into the temple, have assisted them in gaining an intellectual understanding of the *sanatana dharma*, and have guided them in pursuit of their own spiritual growth. Such careful nurture by these local followers can be attributed only to their own experience of growth and fulfillment through the ministry of His Divine Holiness.

Even as the Christian gospel (Matthew 7:16-20 *passim*) teaches:

Ye shall know them by their fruits.

Even so every good tree brings forth good fruit;

A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit. Therefor

by their fruits ye shall know them!

The virtues of welcoming, teaching, and nurturing by these local followers are the good fruits of the good tree of His Divine Holiness's receiving, teaching, and nurturing all those who seek spiritual fulfillment. May his 44th Jayanthi be a joyous one.

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