



## Maharishi Purusha Capital of the Western World

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### Legacy Giving, Planned Gifts, and The *Purusha* Endowment Fund

*Society takes care of them, feeds them, and they are professionally motivated for no other work but to unfold the Diviine... Dedication to the Supreme Intelligence of Nature — that is natural in some people, [and] to those people I want to give full assistance so they can completely, one-pointedly focus on developing this Omnipresence, Omniscience, Omnipotence of the Light of God. — Maharishi*

Bequeathing assets to the Maharishi Purusha Program<sup>SM</sup> through planned giving is a good way to help insure that the Purusha<sup>SM</sup> program can continue to bless the world with greater peace, harmony, and enlightenment for many generations to come. Whatever the size, your contribution will serve as an investment to create and maintain a bright future for the world.

Below we have outlined multiple ways to leave a lasting legacy through your estate. Any arrangements you make can be altered at any time so that your lifestyle need not be affected if your circumstances change.

A successful gift – one that will benefit both you and the Purusha program – starts with careful planning. Planned giving combines an appreciation of the current needs and long-term goals of Purusha with an inventory of your own financial, tax and estate planning objectives. The result is a gift that delivers more benefit to us than you thought you'd ever be able to provide, and at the same time saves you taxes and/or preserves your estate.

If you are interested in learning more about a planned gift to the Maharishi Purusha Program, please contact us. Of course, in considering such a gift, you may wish to consult your legal and tax advisors. We will be happy to speak with you or your advisors to answer any questions you may have about a planned gift to Purusha.

#### Gifts Through Wills and Living Trusts

A will or living trust that includes Purusha as a charitable beneficiary is no different from any other will, except that it includes bequest language to benefit Purusha. Your bequest provision can take many forms, such as naming Purusha for a specific dollar amount, a set percentage of the total value of your estate, or the remainder of your estate after you have provided for family. Please go to [purusha.org/legacy-giving.html](http://purusha.org/legacy-giving.html) for sample language to use for each of these options.

## Retirement Plan Designations

For many individuals, qualified retirement plans such as Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs), 401(k)s, 403(b)s, and Keoghs may represent a large percentage of their net worth. By naming Purusha on the change of beneficiary form for your retirement plan, you can designate Purusha to receive a portion of the funds left in the account at your passing. Not only is this simpler than drafting a codicil to your will, it also has tax advantages. If your qualified plan assets pass to someone other than your spouse at your death, they may be subject to both income and estate taxes. For some individuals, this can result in more than 70% of the account's value going to the government in taxes. When Purusha is designated as the beneficiary, no income or estate taxes are due on the funds given to Purusha.

## Bank and Investment Account Designations

Another way to contribute to Purusha is to designate Purusha as a beneficiary in your regular bank or brokerage accounts.

## *Purusha Endowment Fund*

Brahmananda Saraswati Foundation (BSF) recently announced that in addition to managing endowment funds for the support of the Maharishi Vedic Pandits®, they are happy to receive donations and bequests to their endowment fund for the support of other TM® organizations, including MUM, Purusha, Mother Divine<sup>SM</sup>, and Maharishi Foundation, the US organization that teaches the TM program in the United States. In this way donations or bequests can go to one foundation (BSF) and the donor can specify what percentage or amount they want to be restricted for which organization. BSF will then distribute the income from the BSF endowment fund to the specified organizations. The Board of Trustees consists of all the leading administrators of Maharishi's worldwide organization, including all of the Rajas, and is professionally managed to generate a good return on its investments. For more information on BSF and their endowment fund visit: <https://donate.vedicpandits.org/donate/endowment.php>.

Your bequest to the Purusha Endowment Fund can take different forms, including naming Purusha for a specific dollar amount, a set percentage of the total value of your estate, or the remainder of your estate after you have provided for family. Please go to [purusha.org/legacy-giving.html](http://purusha.org/legacy-giving.html) for sample language to use for each of these options.

## Additional Ways to Contribute:

Additional ways to contribute include donating insurance beneficiary designations, outright gifts of life insurance, charitable gift annuities, charitable lead trust, precious metals, etc. Please see our website for more details.

*Jai Guru Dev*

**For More Information visit [www.purusha.org/legacy-giving.html](http://www.purusha.org/legacy-giving.html)**