

Dear Devotees of Sathya Sai,

As I write this editorial the festival of Ugadi (telugu New Year) is being celebrated in Prasanthi Nilayam, and it's being called SARVAJIT, which means 'all conquering' or 'Victory in all fields'.

According to Swami, this year would be a victorious one, which, I'm sure, will be a landmark in this Avatar's advent. It is also Swami's promise of Peace in this year, of which He said, "...of all the years, this year is significant to recognise the innate Divinity...this year indicates the fulfillment of all our desires and ambitions..."

With this in mind, Swami has advised us to develop good thoughts, then one is bound to be successful. He also said that the year 'Sarvajit' is followed by 'Akshaya', which after a gap of a few years will be the year of plenty.

"Few more years are there for Akshaya year," Swami announced. "There are 60 years between Prabhava (first year in the telugu calendar), and Akshaya (the last year in the telugu calendar). This body has witnessed two Akshayas. God incarnates in human form in the year Akshaya. This body was born in the year Akshaya. This body is 83 years old now. This is most important year. Sarvajit represents the successive fulfillment of all our aspirations. This year will see developments in ethical, spiritual, political, moral and technological fields...This year will be a successful one for all of you. This year is most sacred, '-jit' means Victory. Sarvajit means, 'Victory in all fields.'" Therefore, consider this year as very important. You will not come across anybody who is failure in this new year Saravjit. Celebrate this new year with all devotion and sacredness."

(It gives me, personally, great pleasure in bringing you this news and enormous joy in knowing that Peace and Prosperity is now descending on this sad world of ours by the Will of Lord Sai. -Ed.)

"Today is a highly sacred day," Swami continued, "From today onwards, we will be undertaking a new project, of rural project. Every village will get what they need. Even

the children will be taken care. In two months all villages will have all the facilities. There is a lot of pollution in towns. This is a very expensive project. But I never worry about money. Money comes and goes. Morality comes and grows. No one should raise funds on My name. I will provide all the funds for any sacred act. Whatever you want come to Me. Never doubt My Divinity. Never be afraid of anything. I will take care of your wellbeing. Be ready, and all of you join and work together."

Upon His visit to Chennai Swami emphasised major changes that are about to be brought into being. "In the public meeting in Madras (Chennai) which was attended by chief ministers, governors and other people, I told very clearly there shouldn't be any differentiation of states... You belong to a nation...India. All Indians should be united. All should be united. The whole world should be united. All the classes in the society will come together during this year of Sarvajit. All will be united. There won't be any trace of differentiation. This is going to happen very soon."

Sai Baba concluded with, "I bless you all to be peaceful, healthy. Let the whole world be happy. If you are happy, I am happy. I am not separated from you. Always have God in your hearts." -Ed.

Annual Satsang

I am happy to advise you that the Annual Satsang will be held this year, on Sunday July 8th, at 1.30pm - 6.0pm.

The venue will be the Marino Institute, Griffith Avenue, Dublin 9. More details in the next Newsletter.

It is not correct to say that the qualities and attainments needed for temporal progress, and spiritual progress, are different from each other. the spiritual is only the purification of the temporal. Success or failure in both depends on one-pointedness. For every item of work, one-pointedness is very import.

-BABA

The Maha Yagna Lingam

Prior to the Athi Rudra Maha Yagna at Prasanthi Nilayam, one of the organisers, a Karnataka Youth member, was allotted the responsibility of getting the Lingam. Swami advised that an agent in Bangalore should be approached for this and he went to the marble factory in Jaipur, which he found was run by Muslims and all the employees were also Muslims.

The Sai Youth was asked to wait as the making of the Lingam had commenced. They had chosen a good white marble, without any cracks or bubbles, for the purpose. The interesting thing was that all work in the factory was stopped and all the employees gathered around where the Linga was being made and commenced doing Namaaz during the entire duration of the making of the Lingam, which took four hours!!

The routine in the factory, whenever a Lingam was being made, all gathered around to offer prayers to the Almighty and the holy task was undertaken with an attitude of devotion.

When it came for the bill to be made out the Sai Youth told them to make the bill out in, "Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba's name". After being asked to wait, the person in charge brought his 90+ grandfather to the scene.

The grandfather stated that it was his good fortune that he could at last make a Linga for BABA. He said, "You know, 40 years ago Baba had come to this factory which was a small workshop then. I had offered Him one small Linga which was made here, but Baba said, "When (the) time comes He would take it from him. It is only because Baba stepped into my small workshop (that) it has grown into this big factory...I can't charge Baba anything, please take this and just give it to Him."

Swami awaited the arrival of the Lingam and when He saw it He asked them to come to the interview room. There they removed the wrapping, and Swami asked them to place

it on His lap. Reluctantly, they placed the heavy 8kg. Linga on His frail delicate lap as they had no other option but obey His command.

Swami gently stroked it and said, "This is a perfect one". When they took it from Him, they noticed that it was now heavier and Swami asked how much it had cost. They narrated what happened at the factory, whereupon Swami asked the Sai Youth to return to the factory and give the owner Rs.11/-

When the Lingam was being placed into the silver bowl, they found that it now weighed 11kgs. instead of the 8kgs. when it was placed on Swami's lap! They now realised there was a significance to this number 11, - the Linga weighed 11kgs. the amount to be paid was Rs.11/-, the Arti Rudra Maha Yagna was conducted in 11 days and on each day the Rudram was chanted 11 times!!

How often I intervene for both your spiritual and material needs, when you turn to Me inwardly, saying, "Please, You take care of this!" after which you close your eyes and sleep peacefully! -BABA.

Divine Shivarathri Night by Nishani Pather

At midnight in the small town of Gauteng, South Africa (a tiny place called Lenasia), at Auntie Mumsie's house, all devotees were in a queue to wash the Lingam with milk and sour milk. There were two members pouring milk and sour milk on the other devotee's hands to wash the Lingam. Suddenly the devotee holding the sour milk bottle felt it become heavy and called for Auntie Mumsie, who took the bottle and turned it upside down. A jelly-like sour milk fell and formed into a solid white Lingam. I cried to have been blessed to witness the entire process which took place. The vibration and the presence of Swami was beautiful.

At 3 am the devotees were once again in the queue and again the sour milk bottle got heavy. We thought it was another Lingam, but when the member swirled the bottle he saw rudrashk beads loose inside the bottle...

All the sour milk was poured out but the beads were held at the bottom of the bottle...All tried, and failed, to take them out with their fingers. Then suddenly, as if the right time had come, a complete threaded rudrashk mala fell out. The beads felt soft like paper and later they turned hard.

On the Thursday before Shivarathri night, another Lingam (brownish) was found with the main Lingam which was kept in a bucket of water.

Our Swami is everywhere; He does not only reside in Puttaparthi.

Never think that someone else is putting you in trouble. You should not blame others for your difficulties and problems. Our sorrow and difficulties are of our own making...Develop firm faith in Swami. You should always feel, "Swami is with me." Do not at all worry about sorrow and difficulties. These are all like passing clouds. Clouds cannot overshadow the sun forever...they come and go.

Hence, keep your mind pure and steady. Develop courage and fortitude. -BABA.

Rays of Virtue & Grace

The following is an article that first appeared in the Feb. 1971 issue of Sanathana Sarathi:-

Yoga teacher, Indra Devi, of the 'Indra Devi Yoga Foundation', addressed the Fourth All-India Conference of the Sri Sathya Sai Seva Organisation, at P.N., and gave a report of the activities of the Sai Family in California.

"A recent fire, the biggest ever in that area, had destroyed 3,000 homes and thousands of acres of forest. It was threatening to burn down both our branches on the Mexican and USA sides. Devotees in Sai Nilayam, -the American Retreat, -had no time even to save their belongings from a tent pitched near the house; the fire was spreading so fast. They all fled in cars...praying to Baba.

"The entire mountain caught fire and was engulfed in a blaze of flame. After the fire subsided...they found that the house had

remained intact! Inside was covered by a thick layer of soot except for the Meditation Room which had pictures of Bhagavan! In that room, the carpet had remained white!"

She was in Chicago lecturing about Baba, when she was told of the fire, it was suggested to her that she fly home, she replied, "What for? It is Bhagavan's place. If He wants to protect it, He will! If He thinks it should be destroyed, let it be."

"What! So much faith you have in Him?" they asked. "Yes. I do," she replied.

On another occasion she was driving alone when she fell asleep at the wheel. It was raining heavily, and she was tired. "The car skidded and making a swift turn, swerved across to the other side of the Freeway when cars were dashing into the opposite direction at a speed of 65-70 miles per hour!...Having lost control of the steering wheel, I awaited the unavoidable crash.

"Luckily there was a narrow strip of grass there, dividing the two halves of the Freeway, instead of the usual iron grilles. 'Stop, Stop, Stop!' I finally pleaded with the car, in despair. At that moment, my eyes fell on Bhagavan's photograph. I realised only then that my foot was still on the gas pedal!"

The police arrived (she had a flat tyre), and one of the officers said, "You must have a special guardian angel." She replied, "A very special One!"

She stated that the year had not been a good one for her and "-that included the use of witchcraft and black-magic, to do away with me."

She never liked wearing jewellery but Swami produced a ring for her. "When I went to my room I didn't feel too happy about it, because it did not have His image." Next day Swami asked for it back, and blew on it, transforming it into ring with a single diamond. "You wanted My image in it? You will see it whenever you want, but, no one else will," Swami said. "Wear it, especially when going out...it will let Me know when you are in danger so that I can protect you."

Back in California, she looked at the ring and clearly saw in it Baba sitting in a white car. She made a note of the date and time. On

another occasion she saw Swami addressing a crowd that was sitting in a semicircle. On her next visit to P.N. she checked the details with Brother Kasturi, and he confirmed the white car and also that Swami was addressing a gathering in Kerala, and they were sitting in a semicircle!

Kasturi jokingly asked her, "Are you spying on Him?"

The Deer & The Camel

The year Swami went to tour East Africa, Swami recounts His meeting with Idi Amin. "He was young and very energetic. He was tall and hefty. He had a number of wives. He was very fond of Swami. He used to have the darshan of Swami both in the morning and evening. I was very short before that giant. The sight of Me beside him was like the view of a deer by the side of a camel. People were surprised at his love and devotion towards Swami. He was well educated and was the President of his country, Uganda. He was known for his stern nature. Such a person shed tears when I started on My return journey. He told Me, 'Swami! I have never shed tears since my birth. Today, I am very sad and have a feeling of separation because Swami is leaving us.' He covered his face with a handkerchief so that others may not notice his feelings. His hands were very strong. He held My hands firmly, expressing thanks for My visit. He also prostrated before Me. He held My feet so tightly that it became difficult for Me later to climb the ladder for boarding the aeroplane. At the time of My departure, he pleaded with Me, 'Swami! I will surely come to have Your darshan shortly. Otherwise, You please visit our country again. I cannot bear the separation from You.' The situation in Uganda then was such that he could not leave the country.

"During My stay in Uganda, he planned to host a dinner for Me in his house. He therefore came to the house of Dr. Patel to personally enquire about the arrangements to be made in this regard. He collected all information as to how to organise the dinner, what should be the menu, who are to be

invited as guests, etc. He arranged for brand new utensils for cooking various dishes. He also arranged for new tumblers for the guests. Finally, when I visited his palace for the dinner, all his wives stood in rows on either side and greeted Me with veneration. He introduced them to Me, one by one. I stayed in Kampala, the capital of Uganda."

Sai Baba had earlier promised to return to Bombay for Guru Purnima. The Africans would not let Him go, they fell at His feet and prayed, "Bhagawan! Please spend this holy day with us," with tears in their eyes. They posed for photographs with Swami. His next visit was to Tanzania where crowds came for His darshan dressed in traditional dresses and danced in ecstasy upon seeing Him.

On the day of His departure, they all stood in front of the plane, pleading, "Swami! You should not go from here. You must be here only!" The pilots and officials counselled them to move away, which they did with much sorrow. This trip to East Africa was a memorable one for Swami, and He spoke lovingly of the many places He saw of the countryside and animals from a small plane that took Him across Lake Victoria, viewing the crocodiles, hippopotamuses and large herds of elephants. Once while travelling by jeep they passed close to lions relaxing. When the jeep passed over their tails, the lions were not bothered; they drew their tails near their mouths and kissed them. "I was really moved by their love and affection... Such intense feeling of love is not to be found among the human beings today. The humans hate one another. Even the mother and child hate each other. The husband and wife hate each other. But, we could not find even a trace of hatred in those wild animals. I could witness an unparalleled and intense feeling of love and equality in those wild animals... Hence, oh! human beings, I wish that all of you should lead a life of mutual love. 'Love all! Serve all!' - this is My exhortation to you."

Always respect another's opinion and another's point of view.

-BABA.

He Takes Care of Everything - Welfare & Fairwell

(This is a edited transcript of a talk delivered by Dr. T Ravi Kumar, on Oct. 1st 2006)

Many people say that God should give us experience, then we will get faith. But Swami says, 'You have faith, I will give you experience!'

How is it? He says: 'You say, 'I want to learn swimming first and then jump into the water.' But I say, 'Jump into the water and I will teach you swimming'.

Bhagavan tells us the importance of having faith. Faith is to believe that there is God, and that God cares for each one of us.

Dr. Kumar went on to state that his father had a very serious illness and went to see his doctor, who confirmed cancer, and advised an immediate operation and that '...all will be find'. Mr. Kumar had his op. and was alright for a month, and visited his doctor again, only to be told that he needed a further operation, then '...no problem! One more operation.'

This went from one, two, three...five..ten...and then twenty five times! The surgeon lifted his hands in defeat and told Kumar's daughter to take him home, confessing '...the knife has failed! It cannot cure cancer! I have done all that I can do...Take your father home...in a few days he is going to pass away...let him die peacefully amidst you.'

After bringing her father home, Mr. Kumar's daughter met and talked to a friend, a Sai devotee, who suggested they both went together to Whitefield. 'Bhagavan is there; He is God and He will save your father.' Having gone and had Swami's darshan, she returned and spoke to her father, who was not impressed, saying, 'I have been worshipping God and if that God is not going to save me, no new God is going to save me.'

Having been away from his work for six months, he was asked to report back. After speaking to the director about his condition for some time, he was told that a client from abroad had come and wished to see someone called Sai Baba and would Mr. Kumar look

after this man and the office car would be at his disposal. He had no option but to do as the boss requested.

Mr. Kumar, and the client, sat under a tree in Brindavan awaiting darshan, when the 'gates of heaven opened', and out came Swami, Who walked straight over to them and asked Kumar, "Why did you have twenty-five operations? The doctor is saying that you will die; he has given you only a few days. You will not die! Your cancer is cancelled!"

Dr. Kumar stated that his father lived for another thirty-eight years and died just short of his 89th year, -of old age!

The Sarva Dharma Symbol

The birth of the Sarva Dharma symbol, which we all know and revere in every Bhajan Centre, was created by Swami. One afternoon Indulal Shah and N. Kasturi were doing Pada Seva of Bhagawan, in a room on the 1st floor of Prasanthi Mandir.

They became aware that Swami was drawing a sketch on a piece of paper, which He later handed to Kasturi. To their surprise, they saw the symbols of five religions drawn in a circle, while the centre showed the back of Swami's own head, mostly depicting its matchless hair. "Swami, why the back of your face and not the front?" Kasturi asked.

Swami replied, "So that you may not keep the paper in the safe and do nothing about it!" To clarify the point, Swami pointed out, "This will be the symbol of the Sai Organisation, - five religions in the circle with the symbol of Prasanthi, viz. the Lotus in the centre." (Source: Diary 2004 -Religion of Love)

Q.What should we do when we get link letters or chain e-mails?

A.Tear them up and consign them to the waste-paper basket or delete them.

"Divine incarnations such as Sri Sai Baba do not need to resort to blackmail to spread His Name by promises of wealth and warnings of punishment. Baba Himself has stated that the purpose of His incarnation is to bless the devotees with His Grace, "My

mission is to give blessings". He also said that He would never be angry with anyone. The Grace of Baba is ever falling on us as a waterfall, but it is our ignorance which, acting as an umbrella, obstructs us from receiving it in full measure.

"To think that one will get Baba's Grace by passing on the letter to 10 or 20 people, and to do that with a feeling of fear, is foolish. It is an insult to the Divine Baba that He would be angry if we do not do that and will, like (the) devil harm us. It is those who do not even know the basics of spiritual sadhana or teachings of Sri Sai Baba, who initiates these letters. Some seek to justify this by saying, "What they are asking us to do is to write the holy name of Sri Sai Baba. What harm is in that? What do we lose by doing so?" It is sheer delusion to believe that to pass along such anonymous letters, like a coward, would constitute service to Baba. It seeks to degrade us to the level of the ignorant persons, so lacking in self-respect, that we would stoop to the level of sending anonymous letters. Any encouragement given by us to this foolish practice would be a transgression against the tradition of devotion to Sri Sai Baba. Our advice to those who receive these letters, is "tear them up and consign them to the waste-paper basket, or delete them".

(Source: Sai Bhakti Sadhana Rahasyam, Chapter - Link Letters)

I take charge only when you become capable of surrendering completely to Me. It is precisely for this that I am waiting.

-BABA.

The Blind Cured!

Miraculous Cures and Materialisations have become commonplace experiences within the confines of Swami's love. Seeing Him materialise rings, vibhuti, medallions, etc., after a time become as normal events. But healings are different as they are each quite a unique experience.

A student who was cured of blindness TWICE, is a case in point. He had his eyes burnt with acid while he was performing

experiments in the laboratory.

The second time there were no eyes left at all when he visited the Doctor. However, when he went for darshan, Swami gave him vibhuti and asked him to remove the bandage the next morning. Of course the Doctor could not believe what she saw when she removed his bandages, - his eyes had reappeared and he could see clearly!

If you say this sincerely, "Thy will be done," which amounts to; "You take care of this," I intervene with My full Omnipotence and resolve the most crucial situations, even those that seem impossible. -BABA.

SSEHV Guidelines

Codes of Practice for SSEHV volunteers, have now been issued, and they give important guidance for those who wish to teach Human Values in schools, clubs, etc.

These Guidelines are for the protection of the teacher and the children, but particularly for the Sathya Sai Organisation. The safety of the children and adults taking part is paramount, that is why appropriate public liability insurance should be checked before embarking on any SSEHV course, in public places. If this is not done then the good name of Swami could be besmirched should any complaint or litigation be taken against the Sai Organisation, or individuals within it.

Should there be any doubt about this it is imperative that one should immediately contact Ms. Rosemary Marron, the Co-ordinator, for clarification. A copy of these Guidelines may also be had from her upon request. -Ed.

A Sadhaka must not give way to any dispiritedness, despondency or feeling of failure; he must be patient and bear with fortitude.

-BABA.

The Lord Within

For me personally, the most important statement (and there have been many) made by Sathya Sai Baba, has been the reference to

God being present within everyone. It is so far removed from the 'God who dwells on high' teaching. It certainly brings it all down to earth!

Our Beloved Swami recently stated; "God is present in everyone. He resides in every heart. So, do not confine God to a temple, a mosque or a church. Where man is, there God is. God takes the form of man. As you do not realise this, you indulge in criticism of others. Whom are you criticising? Whom do you adore? Inquire for yourself. God is present in all. So, when you criticise others, it amounts to criticising yourself. When you love others, you love yourself. If you criticise others, you criticise God.

Whomever you salute, that salutation reaches God. Whomever you denigrate, the denigration too reaches God. When you help others, you will receive help tenfold. If you harm others, you will be put to harm ten times more. Always bear this in mind."

Everything is God, including man. Man must understand that, and live his life so that the divinity latent in him shines. -BABA.

"No Cancer" (Sourced: Hindustan Times)

The BJP political party leader, Vash-want Sinha, went to visit Sathya Sai Baba, and on his own admission was never an 'instant devotee'. He met Sai Baba for the first time in 1992 with the former PM Chandra Shekhar. "It was curiosity, not faith, that took me there."

Sinha's doctors had diagnosed him with cancer and recommended a major surgery but during his visit to P.N. for Swami's darshan, Swami scribbled the words, "No Cancer", on a piece of paper and walked on.

However, while Sinha considered Swami's words as prophetic, yet he decided to take no chances. He went in for a 'mild procedure' and chemotherapy. "All because of Baba," Sinha believes, he is now in the clear.

I am willing to grant anything, but nobody asks! And even those who ask, ask for grass, but don't ask for Grace. -BABA.

Chinese New Year - 2007

(Sourced from 'saibabanews')

The advent of the Chinese New Year has a unique link with animals. Every Chinese New Year is designated by one of the 12 animals. The twelve animals are: Rat, Ox, Tiger, Hare, Dragon, Snake, Horse, Sheep, Monkey, Rooster, Dog, and Boar. This New Year is the Year of the Pig.

Swami in His Divine discourse in 1997, stated that the origin and root of the word, 'china', gave a new meaning to the tradition and civilisation, saying that 'china' means, 'my heart is my country'.

The Chinese New Year is the longest and most significant celebration in the Chinese calendar. Following the lunar calendar, each month in a Chinese New Year is beginning on the darkest day. New Year festivities traditionally start on the first day of the month with the new moon and continue until the fifteenth day, when the moon is brightest. The 15th day of the New Year is called the Lantern Festival, which is celebrated at night with lantern displays and children carrying lanterns in a parade. This New Year is supposedly the 4705th in the order starting on 18th Feb. 2007.

For the Chinese, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day, are celebrated as a family affair, an occasion to reunite and offer thanks to Heaven and Earth, the family deity and the ancestors, etc. Sacrifice to the ancestors, the most significant of all the rituals, would unite the living members with those who had passed away; departed relatives would be remembered with great respect as they were responsible for laying the foundations for the fortune and glory of the family.

Mr. Jagadeesan, Sai Co-ordinator for Far Eastern countries, spoke during the Chinese New Year, 1997 and said; "When I first heard about the Avatar in 1966, I became a very strong anti-Sai Baba. One day we had an argument about Baba in my auntie's home. I criticised Swami for two and a half hours and at the end I challenged Him. I said, 'If You are who You say You are, show me a sign.' Dear Brothers and Sisters, Vibhuti came on

Baba's picture!

"Swami, many years ago, You warned the world that the time would come very shortly when human values would decline rapidly and that unless Education in Human Values Programmes are launched, there is no hope for the world. We are witnessing times of rapid change in human values and things like basic Culture, Religion and Tradition are rapidly being lost. Let me give you a small example; The Singapore Government passed a law that a father or mother can sue their sons or daughters to look after them. This law has been passed because of the neglect by youngsters of their parents. The great Chinese tradition of filial piety is declining. Everyone thought that this was a ridiculous law. On the first day when the office of this agency opened, seven Chinese families came forward to file suits. In one Chinese family, there were seven children, and the mother was quoted as saying that, 'my daughter prefers to feed her dog rather than feed me.'

"In Sathya Sai Vahini, many years ago, Swami said, the first step to ensure peace and harmony to mankind is for each one observing the Dharma or Code of conduct laid down for him in his own religion. If one holds his own faith and its essential principals mandatory one can serve himself best and also serve others well... Dharma in this context means action in accordance with the Tradition and Cultures of the land... If we can bring Tradition, Religion and Culture back into our homes, we revive Dharma."

Mr. Billy Fong, the first National SAI Youth Co-ordinator anywhere in the world, said, on the same occasion in 1997, "Many Chinese are not having daily prayers. Many Chinese are not showing respect or do not know how to show respect to parents. Many Chinese are not doing communal prayers. I was such a (person) and would have continued to wander in this wilderness until Bhagawan Baba came into my life. Because of Him, thousands of Chinese are now having daily prayers...now respect their parents...and have communal prayers in Sai Centres."

The Divine Discourse during Chinese New Year -1997, Swami said that there is no

greater happiness than contentment. Man is perpetually in quest of happiness...only spiritual happiness can give true happiness. Many people in the world consider religion as identical with Dharma. But Dharma is quite different from religion. Religion is like a river, (while) Dharma is like the ocean. "The ocean is the final destination of all rivers."

"Indifference, bad company, disrespect, arrogance and jealousy, these five tendencies reduce man to the level of the animal. No one with these vices can be called an educated person. To get rid of these vices, it is necessary to take note of some of the good qualities in animals and birds. Man can learn any number of good qualities from animals, birds, insects and worms. One animal which is viewed with contempt is the donkey. But there are quite a few virtues man can learn from the donkey. The quality of patience to be found in a donkey is not to be found even in man. Whatever burdens may be heaped on its back, it bears them all with forbearance. It puts up with any amount of beatings. Even when it is starved of food and water, it presents a calm face. Man has thus to learn of forbearance from the donkey."

"Today people have no faith. They remember God in times of difficulty and forget Him when they are alright. How many follow the ideals of Swami? They only multiply their desires. What greater folly can there be than this?"

"There is one thing to be learned by all people whether they are from China, Japan, India or America. The God Who is in all of them is one and the same. Your love of God should remain unwavering, whatever may happen. Love is God. Live in Love. This one truth will protect you at all times. Leave all your bad qualities here and take back good thoughts and good habits. That alone will justify your coming here. Become good and improve the society."

"When you go back to your country with good qualities, people will mark the change in you after your visit to Puttaparthi. Treat Prasanthi Nilayam as a spiritual workshop (cheers). No charges are levied here. Everything is free. I am ready, -make the best

use of your stay here.”

I must tell you that you are luckier than men of previous generations. The accumulated merit of many previous births must have granted you this luck. You have got Me and it is your duty now to develop this relationship that you have achieved by sheer good fortune. In four or five years time you will see Yogis, Maharishis and Munis, crowding here and you may not have such chances of asking Me questions and getting the answers, of approaching Me and directly speaking to me.
-BABA.

Respect Women...

“Boys when they get married after their education, receive dowries at the very time of marriage. This is wrong. It even amounts to a sin. A girl who has been brought up well is offered to a young man in marriage. That itself is a great gift. Why should one ask for money along with the bride? The parents of the girl may give her whatever they choose. But the bridegroom should not expect or accept anything. This is the attitude one should have towards gifts from others. It is because many of these immemorial injunctions have been given the go-by that today Bharath is experiencing various troubles.”

- BABA.

(Sourced from: Sathya Sai The Almighty)

Healing With Love

Dr. Narendranath Reddy, USA

Compassionate Divine Healer, Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba, cures people of physical and mental illnesses by His very looks., His touch, His kind words, His vibhuthi, His materialised medicines, His dreams and His answers to the prayers of the devotees. His life, His message, His ideals, His humanitarian works can all be enshrined in the one word “LOVE”. His spontaneous expression of Divine Love comes in the form of Divine miracles, one of them being healing the people with incurable diseases, which have failed all the modalities of treatment in

modern medicine. Our family has been fortunate to have been the recipients of such Divine Grace. My mother has multiple medical problems including diabetes, hypertension and rheumatoid arthritis. Due to severe peripheral vascular disease with ischemic pain, she became debilitated and was bound to the wheelchair. Despite having a family full of physicians, all of the medical treatments that we tried were to no avail. In spite of her condition, she wanted to see Bhagawan for His 79th Birthday. During the trip Swami showered her with His Love and called her for an interview. She expressed to Swami that He alone can cure her and not all the other physicians combined. She went to the interview room in a wheelchair, but came out walking with Swami holding her hand. When she returned to the USA, all of her doctors and friends were amazed. She was a completely different person, able to walk without anyone’s assistance. In this way, the Divine Physician had cured her. My father had acute and severe back pain in 1996 and was severely incapacitated. In desperation my mother summoned me to come and help them in this critical situation. I immediately left from Los Angeles to Bangalore where my father was brought by ambulance from Puttaparthi.

An MRI of the spine was done. We consulted an orthopedic surgeon in Bangalore, a neuro radiologist and a neurosurgeon in USA. They all recommended that he should go through surgery right away to relieve the pressure on the nerves. When I asked Swami, He advised the surgery to be cancelled and gave the best medicine: materialised vibhuthi from His Divine Hands to be rubbed at the site of the pain. Needless to say the pain improved remarkably and till to-date he is able to function well without any neurological deficit. This shows how our sweet Lord is better than the most eminent neurosurgeons.

Swami says; “I must also point out to the doctors serving here that perhaps even more than the drugs they prescribe, the sweet, soft words they speak, and love and sympathy they evince, can cure better and quicker the

illness of their patients.”

Putting His teachings into practice not only influences us but also our family, friends and those we serve.

Do you want Me to take care of things or not? You simply must stop worrying! I will lead you only if you surrender completely. And when I have to take you along a path which is difficult to that which you'd expected. I myself will carry you in My arms. -BABA.

FOOD CONTROLS THE MIND...

“It is a fact that plants also have life like animals. But animals are endowed with mind, and nervous systems too, while the plants do not possess the same. The animals cry and weep when they are being killed. It is not the case with plants; as such, equating killing of animals and destruction of plants is faulty logic. Further, killing the animals and eating their flesh leads to the creeping or dissemination of the animal qualities and behaviour into the man (meaning that man acquires the beastly qualities by eating animal flesh). Thus follows our acquiring the beastly qualities, (tamasic nature) of the buffalos or the sheep. Hence, meat eating should be discarded.

Food conditions the nature of the mind. Mind guides the thinking. Thinking results in action. Actions lead to commensurate or matching results and effects. This chain of action between the food we eat and the results of our actions highlights the fact that meat eating leads to beastly actions and the concomitant evil effects.”

(Sourced from: Sathya Sai, The Avatar of Love)

Extract from ‘Living In The Presence Of God’

Divine Messages received & recorded by Mrs. S.M.Dewan

No one can remain evil, forever. Evil is only the simple ignorance of one's own goodness. The education of the spiritual world can never be attained by an external

source, - the one that finds the inner guide will surely receive the highest education. Such learning, My child, once received, stays deeply rooted within, and such a soul that lives life in this world with this vision of the inner world crosses every limitation and boundary of effort and reaches the state of super consciousness where no time, no fear and no desire can ever obstruct his blissful existence.

Do not be afraid of those that seem to threaten you with their own weaknesses. Those that choose the easy paths that are filled with short term pleasures will soon realise that it ends abruptly. They, too, will be forced to turn around, one day, they too, will realise at one time that their sins were caused by their own irrational thoughts, impure feelings and wasteful actions. Do not waste your time in trying to lead the one that is determined not to move from his own grave. Do not look behind, My child, to see if he follows. Let his own self rebel, let his own strength from within arise to burn his anger - let him find his own strength of purity that can sweeten every bitterness. By reacting and responding to his wicked ways - by pleading with him to change - you will only ignite the desire within him to control you with his own petty fears.

Know, My dear, that you are your own master. No one can break the journey of the soul but your very choosing of ignorance. Ignorance is that darkness that falsely gives the image of the resting shade; in reality, My child, it rests its load of weaknesses upon you. Each soul comes to realise in this life his own dark visions of unreal knowledge - hence, concentrate at all times, upon what you have to give up, focus on your own work, build the strength for your own effort - and let the belief in perfection inspire those you wish to lead or change. The change that comes with the effort of one's own example is much more forceful than the empty words of found knowledge.

The world has lost its faith in goodness, My child - so much so, that the good have become the victim of suspicion and sarcasm. Do not be disappointed, when your efforts are

not seen, recognised and rewarded. Your vision to see God, in all, will awaken when you build your very own faith in the strength of your will to remain good. It is your own inner light of truth that will let the world sparkle with the glitz of its reality.

Leave behind the pain of worry, and walk towards the world, where faith awaits. Each one will learn by his own folly, such is the lesson of life, My child. There is none that live without Me, I even watch over those who close their eyes away from Me. None are lost, for I walk with even those that choose to live life in a wild manner, driven by passions and bound by desires. I have left none, I will only rescue the moment one calls to be saved - I harbour no resentment, I forgive and forget all. Yes! I am the mother; the child that has wronged, is too, in My heart. Hence, I say do not worry about leading or changing the ones you are attached to - their path, however far, will too, one day, mingle with that of the truth. With that belief, live your life and carry the burden of only your own change. Come - step into the family of God, and let the Mother of heavenly skies shelter all the ones that carry the hidden Divine love!

When in pain, you pray for My help, but of the kind that you yourselves desire. You do not entrust yourselves to Me, instead you want Me to adapt Myself to your request. You are like those patients who tell the doctor what medicine they need instead of asking him! Do not do this! -Baba.

Newsletter Notice

Due to the recent hike in postal charges, - 48c to 55c, I will have no option but to increase the subscription of our Sathya Sai Newsletter, to 10.00 euro on all new and renewed subscriptions. This will also cover print and envelope costs as well.

I regret having to do this, but I hope you will continue to find the Newsletter full of useful and informative articles.

By continuing to subscribe to it you will be contributing to its continuance far into the future. I would not like to see it fall by the wayside in favour of the e-magazine. Indeed,

I occasionally I receive compliments for the help and guidance it gives one, from time-to-time.

I shall do my bit in continuing to produce interesting and uplifting articles about our Beloved Lord Sai, on your behalf. Sai Ram. -Ed.

God has many invaluable things in His stores. You may ask for paltry and insignificant things because you do not know what precious gifts He can bestow upon you. There is no dearth of anything in His store. Therefore, you should not ask God for anything in specific. When the time is ripe, He will give you what is best for you. God knows and acts appropriately, based on the right time, place and situation. That is why you find sometimes that He Himself comes and gives you things unasked. It is therefore very difficult to understand God. An ignoramus, who fails to understand this principle, often misinterprets it. -BABA.

A Prayer To Sai Baba:

LET OUR LOVE FOR YOU DEFEAT
ANGER.
LET OUR LOVE FOR YOU DEFEAT
HATRED.
LET OUR LOVE FOR YOU DEFEAT
LUST.
LET OUR LOVE FOR YOU DEFEAT
GREED.
AND LET OUR LOVE FOR YOU WIN
YOUR HEART.

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