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## Dear Devotees of Sathya Sai,

It may be a little early but, nevertheless, I wish you all a very HAPPY CHRISTMAS! Isn't that what Swami always says, "Be Happy! Be Happy!" And what better time of the year to be happy, than at Christmas, surrounded by family and friends?

The years are rolling by quite quickly, now, (or maybe it's just me and old age!). Before long we will be in another new era, and one we all hope will be a peaceful one.

While I enjoy writing new pieces for this Sai Newsletter, I must say I also enjoy reading some of the old articles, particularly on Swami's miracles. They may bring a tear of joy, but also a hearty laugh! Like the lady who looks at Swami's picture on the wall, and He winks at her! Or saving car or air passengers from certain death, such as the occasion when a Sai devotee was driving her car which was full of ladies who had been doing Seva at Mother Theresa's old people's home in Colon City, Panama. They went every Thursday with food for everyone. The home was close to the Free Zone, of Panama Canal, so there was lots of container traffic. The lady driver failed to halt at a stop sign just as a huge container was approaching down on their car. They all screamed "Sai Ram!" The only way she could avoid an accident was to accelerate the car, but in her nervousness she hit the brake! But somehow the car accelerated, and an accident was avoided!

Swami's love and mercy are always with us.

Enjoy this issue; it's full of interesting articles. Ed.

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**All beings must get peace and true happiness; that is the mission on which the Lord comes again and again on this earth.**

**He selects a place full of holiness and takes on human form, so that you may meet and talk to Him, understand and appreciate, listen and follow, experience and benefit.** - BABA (1959)

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### Avatars Have Their Agenda Also

"Though Rama and Krishna were born with human bodies, people entertained the wrong notion that they left in ordinary way. Rama and Krishna did not shed the body in the human way. Rama stepped into the river Sarayu and vanished. He had earlier sent Sita away. Similarly, Krishna went to Dwaraka. Uddhava saw Krishna sitting under a tree, and then Krishna immediately vanished. It was not a body to be killed by a hunter. You must earn the capacity to understand Divinity." (...) "In fact, they (Avatars) cannot leave their mortal coil at the hands of anyone!"

- BABA (17 May 2002)

One must now conclude that Jesus did not die on the cross, as wished by His detractors. He lived, and later travelled further afield, indeed as far as Malaysia, according to Swami, to heal and uplift the downcast, before He passed away naturally in His eighties and was entombed in Kashmir, near where His mother Mary also rests.

**Humanness has declined on account of modern education. The sense of gratitude has become extinct. That is the reason why the country is facing several difficulties today. The most important quality of a human being is gratitude. The villagers of those days used to conduct themselves with a great sense of gratitude, respect and courtesy.**

- BABA

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### Enjoy Swami's Miracles

That it is not possible to fully understand Swami is aptly expressed by Baba Himself when He stated: "In order to understand Me, you will have to stand under Me for so long that your legs are likely to collapse!"

Then, what about experiencing Him? To this Swami replied that experience is something like experimentation, with yesterday's experience being different from today's and one's experience being very different from other's. Experiment-ation is "mentation"- a mental act and the Lord cannot be reached, understood or experienced by the mind, Apraapya Manasa Sah as the Thaittireeya Upanishad states. If one cannot fully understand or experience, what then, Swami? He says, "Enjoy - be in joy and end (your mind) in joy!" Just as in the Upanishad saying, Aanandho Brahmano Vidhvaan - the knower lives in Braahmic Bliss alone.

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The whole world is a drama. Every individual is an actor. God is the

Director. It is only the Director who designs all the acting and the actors.

Whatever may be done, it is only a manifestation of the Divine. Every human being is a spark of the Divine. Love is his natural trait. That is the goal of every living being and animal. Therefore in this drama of love, we are all actors of love.

So in this drama, love is the transformation. Therefore love is our natural quality.

Now, unfortunately such love is forgotten. Man is forgetting his responsibilities.

He is forgetting his role. Therefore in this drama, everyone should play his role well. If not, he will lose his reputation and respect.

Everyone is a spark of Divine. So everyone should express that quality of love. - BABA

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### Once upon a time...

Mr. Mahadevan from Harlem in Holland was returning from Belgium to Holland by car at night. The very next day he was to travel to P.N. with his wife and children, but now he was travelling with them at night. All his passengers fell asleep as he drove his car at 140 km/hr. Upon seeing them asleep, he too fell asleep at the wheel of the car! One can only imagine what could now happen... but did not happen!

Swami caught hold of the driver's hand and took over the steering. After some time Mr. Mahadevan woke up to feel someone holding his hand and was driving the car. He knew that it was Swami who had

come to his rescue and saved them. They all reached Harlem safely and were able to travel to P. N the next day.

Once Swami calls a person, He looks after him every minute... "Why fear when Swami is here!"

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**Many hesitate to believe that things will improve, that everyone will be happy and joyful, that the Golden Age will ever dawn. Let Me assure you that this Dharma Swarupa (personification of Righteousness) has not come in vain. It will succeed in averting the crisis that has come upon mankind.**

- BABA (Mar. 1965)

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Loving Mother Sai

Swami's biographer, Kasturi, had the good fortune to travel with Him on many occasions. Kasturi stated in his autobiography, "Loving God" that Swami would fill the cups with coffee from the thermos kept in the car and would serve His devotees travelling with Him, whenever the car halted for a break.

Kasturi used to describe the journeys thus, "When He willed a journey by road, He loads the car with hampers heavy with breakfast, lunch or dinner, besides snacks and fruits in plenty. He scans the countryside to spot a sheltered nook encircled by blossoms and He finds one soon. The carpet is spread, jugs of water are brought, hampers are opened, baskets are emptied, plates and cups are handed out. Mother Sai squats in the centre. With

exclamations of appreciation, He places each item of food on the plates held before Him by us - the children. Baba decides the measure and the menu for each... Even inside the car, He takes out one by one, luscious apples from the bag He keeps near Him, slicing them with care; He tempts us to eat in plenty. Once the skin could not be chewed and swallowed by me since I had a set of artificial teeth unused to tough tasks. I dared not spit the stuff through the window for fear the denture would follow the skin! Swami recognised the embarrassment; the next slice He handed over to me had the skin removed!"

On another occasion Swami and a few others were travelling by car at night, and upon reaching the Forest Rest House at Palamaner, the party had to be satisfied with the food from the hotel. The night was very cold, and Kasturi recalled, "We were able to persuade Him to use a shawl. Sleep stole into our eyes in the silence. When I woke at dawn from my bare reed-mat, I found the shawl keeping me warm from head to foot. Swami, the mother, had tiptoed during my sleep and gently spread it over me. Baba found me in tears. How else could I express my good fortune and my gratitude at the lesson He taught us?"

An interesting incident demonstrates the motherly affection Swami showers only on His devotees around. Time, space and distance cannot come in the way of His compassion or motherly concern. The author of Anyatha Saranam Nasti narrates the following incident; "One night He (Swami) was lying on His bed and talking to us,

when He suddenly fell down. His body looked like a small bundle that was twisted and tangled. After some time He was in great pain. He was still in some world; He opened His eyes and asked a devotee to massage His body. Baba then said, 'A lady was in labour. I just made a trip to America. The baby in the womb was in breach position and could not come out. I entered the womb, turned the baby into the correct position, blessed the child and the mother after delivery and now I have come back.'

(That's true love in action! Ed.)

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**You can and must overcome the tendencies that have grown within you from hundreds of lives.**

**The truth that the world is an illusion and is a manifest of the Divine is clear to a few, who have reached their destination.**

**If you are an aspirant, until that realisation hits you, you must persist in your path, patiently, with hope and sincere effort.**

- BABA (1959)

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Swami at New York Funeral Service

On my first visit to P.N. I met with some interesting fellow devotees, who told me fascinating anecdotes of their experiences and stories of Swami.

The first man I met and conversed with was an Indian ground/air engineer who worked with Gulf Air, in Bahrain. A long-time devotee with a great lifestyle, and no end of

money, but he always wanted to go to live and work in the U.S. On one occasion he mentally asked Swami what he should do. Swami responded in a way our friend did not quite understand, by suggesting he should return to India. So, he repeated the question to Swami again, and was given a definite sign, that he should return. Without hesitation, he packed a bag, left his apartment with everything in it. He drove his car to the airport, left the keys in it and took a flight to India. When I met him he had been in P.N. for twenty months and still hadn't spoken to Swami, but was sure Swami wanted him there for some reason and was prepared to wait! He also told us that he met a woman who used to shop for Shirdi Sai Baba and that He died before she could give Him the 6 coins change. He used to ask, "Where's my change?" She still had the coins sealed in a plastic bag, although she knew that Sathya Sai is also Shirdi Sai.

Our friend, also, told us the story of a little boy in New York who had been shot in a gang-related shooting. Sai devotees had arranged a funeral with a Catholic priest in St. John the Evangelist Church, in New York City. The priest opened the service with three OM's and Gayathri to everyone's amazement! Present at the service were two Sai devotees who were also psychics. Comparing notes later, they agreed that they saw Swami and the little boy walking up to the coffin and Swami showed the boy his body in the coffin. The psychics later described the clothes the boy was wearing, that were afterwards confirmed by the parents; the boy's jeans, cap and the type of shirt!

Finally, I met an Australian, a big, burly, bearded, typical Aussie, with battered hat and all! Apparently Swami had held on to his passport, so he was there for several months unable to leave. He did not know when Swami would allow him to leave. It was obviously for his own sake, but only Swami knew the reason!

I'm sure we all have equally fascinating stories of our visits to Prasanthi. Ed.

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**Now, you go around and spread My message. Tell all to be prepared. This is a great time and a great opportunity, something extraordinary in the history of humankind is about to happen.**

- BABA

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A Beautiful Song by Saint Tukaram

I made an earthen image of Shiva,

But the earth is not Shiva;

My worship reaches Shiva,

The earth remains as it was.

I made a stone image of Vishnu,

But the stone is not Vishnu;

My worship reaches Vishnu,

The stone remains the same it was.

I made a pewter image of Amba,

But the pewter is not Amba;

Amba receives my worship,

Though the pewter remains as pewter.

Even so are Saints worshipped, the worship reaches the Lord,

The Saint is but His servant an instrument, a conduit pipe.

Swami has often said that when one offers Namaskaram (obeisance) to another, it really reaches the Lord. Likewise, when a person abuses another, the abuse also goes to the Lord!

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**All that you are, you owe to society and you have to show your gratitude to society by rendering service. - BABA**

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Sai Baba of Shirdi

Sathya Sai Baba, we know, is a reincarnation of the well-known Indian holyman, Shirdi Sai Baba, who was born on Sept. 27th 1838, into a poor Brahmin family in the valley of Pathri, in Anragabad District.

For whatever reason His parents left Him under a tree in a forest where He was found by a fakir, who had no great affection for Him.

As a young boy He was handed over to a scholarly and wise man called Gopal Rao Deshmukh, also called Venkusa, by people who admired his wisdom. When the boy grew up He left Venkusa's house in 1854 and went to Shirdi.

Local people used to see Him enter the Local Hindu temple with the appearance of a Muslim. He was sixteen years old at the time, and was turned out of the temple. He would leave and sit under a neem

tree. If anyone asked His name, He would give no answer. Indeed, some people used to come from nearby for healing and He would take some leaves, crush them and give them to the ailing person as medicine. He cured many this way.

One morning He disappeared and no trace of Him could be found despite an extensive search. In 1858 He returned to Shirdi. It was around this time that someone addressed Him with, "Come Baba! Come Sai!" Till then nobody had conferred a name on Him and nobody knew where He was born.

A controversy arose among the local people as to whether He was a Muslim or a Hindu. At one time He would say, "Allah Malik" and the Muslims would come to Him. His appearance was very much like a Muslim. So He attracted many Muslims. However, Hindus would also come to Him with incense, but neither Hindus nor Muslims approved of each other's approach to him. Consequently, bitterness developed between the two communities.

Eventually, Baba of Shirdi, called the Muslims and the Hindus to Him and told them, "Dear Children, you are all the progeny of one mother." Thereby Baba demonstrated the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man. He wanted all differences of caste and creed to be eschewed. What mattered for mankind was the heart. He, who is only concerned with his creed, Baba said, will never discover the Divine. You must see the Divine within, and within each person.

Shirdi Baba stayed in Shirdi until His passing, having lived for 80 years.

(The exact time of His passing was 2.30 p.m. October 15th 1918)

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**My word will never fail; it must happen as I will. - BABA**

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What Shall I Ask of Thee?

My Lord Sai, I have nothing to ask of You.

I am blessed with all that one can hope for and ask for.

I have a mind to think. It is Thy Glory!

I have eyes to see and ears to hear.

All these are Thy Glory!

I have in front of me a world, so vast and variegated enough for me to express myself. Again, it is Thy Glory!

I can make, I can unmake. All these possibilities are Thy Glory!

I can even make this prayer to You.

This capacity to appreciate You is again Thy Glory!

I seek from Thee nothing, for You have given me everything.

Inside me, outside me, Your presence is something that I cannot miss.

Let Thy Glory be upon me, not to gain anything new, but to make me see Thy Glory!

In all my achievements, in all my capacities, let me see Thy Glory!

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## A Great Moral

A doctor, a lawyer, a little boy and a priest were out for a Sunday afternoon flight on a small private plane. Suddenly, the plane developed engine trouble. In spite of the best efforts of the pilot, the plane started to go down. Finally, the pilot grabbed a parachute and yelled to the passengers that they better jump, and he himself bailed out.

Unfortunately, there were only three parachutes remaining.

The doctor grabbed one and said "I'm a doctor, I save lives, so I must live," and jumped out.

The lawyer then said, "I'm a lawyer and lawyers are the smartest people in the world. I deserve to live." He also grabbed a parachute and jumped.

The priest looked at the little boy and said, "My son, I've lived a long and full life. You are young and have your whole life ahead of you. Take the last parachute and live in peace."

The little boy handed the parachute back to the priest and said, "Not to worry, Father. The smartest man in the world just took off with my back pack."

Moral: Your job doesn't always define you, but being a Good Human being does.

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**How can you know Me if you do not come near Me and unto Me?**

- BABA

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## The Early Days

In the early days, many prominent people from cities like Bangalore and Madras came to Swami and became His devotees. Some of them owned cars and they would leave the car with Swami, in Puttaparthi, for Swami's personal use. Many times He would drive Himself from Puttaparthi to Bangalore, but those cars of the 1940's which barely gave 2-3 kms a litre and on those mud filled and rugged roads. The distance from Puttaparthi to Bangalore is 154 kms. but He would take just 90 minutes to get there.

Swami would drive at incredible speed with the car sometimes off the ground, yet there were never any accidents on the way nor would He ever skip a signal. Many times a scared Seshagiri Rao who travelled with Him would fold his hands during the journey, mutter a prayer and close his eyes throughout the journey.

Sri. Kasthuri had once written that Swami drove a car all by Himself all the way from Chennai to Hyderabad. It was an overnight travel by car. Swami wanted to reach the residence of Sri. B. Ramakrishna Rao, before he breathed his last.

His highness Sri. Gopala Krishna Yachendra of Venkatagari Royal family says: "We used to come to Puttaparthi by car, always. One incident is still fresh in my mind... Once in Puttaparthi I asked Swami, 'Swami, why don't You teach me to drive? I would also like to see You drive.' Swami said, 'Let us go!' He got into the driver's seat and drove off from the old Mandir at the outskirts of Puttaparthi to the new Mandir - a distance of 300 yards. The new

Mandir was still under construction. I sat next to Him terrified at this unexpected turn of events. The last stretch was quite uphill. Then Swami suddenly took His hands off the wheel and sat cross-legged and I almost fainted out of shock. The car went so fast. The gears changed on their own and it finally stopped without Swami touching the pedals. Swami smiled at me, after we got out of the now stationary car... I never asked Him to drive again although I was thrilled to accompany Him on that short and eventful journey."

Many readers will now wonder whether Swami had a Driving Licence.

Yes He did. It was the Road Transport Officer, Mr. Ramachandran, who issued a driving licence to Swami in Chennai, when He was barely 17 years old. Finding the young lad very skilled in driving, he subjected Him to many tests when he was asked to test drive a car. He then issued a driving licence to Swami.

(Sai is love. "Mumbai" Srinivasan)

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**Do not persecute (harass) and tease the poor. - BABA**

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#### Prema Sai's Advent

The incarnation of Prema Sai will occur in the little village of Doddamullur, and has taken the villagers totally by surprise. Now that the focus of attention is on them, the villagers are in frenzy, realising that their humble village is in the global spotlight, although there is no date envisaged at this

time, for the birth of Prema Sai. The residents there are desirous for "the people of Puttaparthi to come down and identify Prema Sai for us". Although, they say, they are on the lookout for the possible parents of Prema Sai, they would still wait for the people in Puttaparthi to do the needful.

"All they have told us is to inform them if they find something strange, or a miracle, which is bound to happen around the Shri Ambegala Krishna temple," Venu, the Chairman of the temple said.

The first time any mention was made of Prema Sai, was in 1963, during a Guru Pournima discourse, when Swami stated, "Shiva said that they (Shiva and Shakti) would take human form and be born in the Bharadwaja lineage, thrice: Shiva alone as Shirdi Sai, Shiva and Shakti together at Puttaparthi as Sathya Sai, and Shakti alone as Prema Sai, later."

While some years later, Sathya Sai elaborated on the message and mission of Prema Sai, "Prema Sai, the third avatar will promote the evangel news that not only does God reside in everybody, but everybody is God. That will be the final wisdom which will enable every man and woman to go to God. The three avatars (Shirdi Sai, Sathya Sai, Prema Sai Baba) carry the triple message of work, worship and wisdom... They are not separate. I have already mentioned the complete oneness of the three in the final objective of the mission... Their tasks and powers requisite to them differ according to the time, the situation and the environment. But they belong to, and derive from, one and the same

dharma swarup or divine body... The complete unity among all will be achieved when Prema Sai comes."

Swami also indicated during a talk to students, that Prof. Kasthuri will be the mother of Prema Sai, who is now already reborn.

One particularly interesting piece of information was that Swami's future roles will be as husband and father, and it is said that at a certain time, Prema Sai will be married, and be the father to one boy.

Prema Sai Baba is said to complete the mission of the Sai avatar, to end this age of darkness and to usher in the Golden Age of Mankind. Around 2105, the incarnation will finish as Prema Sai Baba (then 86, will enter into mahasamadhi).

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**Why should you argue that animals, beasts and birds are bad? Each is treading its own dharma. It does not overstep or undermine. They have greater cooperation and natural love than even men. Each has to be judged from the point of view of the equipment and the opportunity.**

**Man can live better if he learns from the animals. He is degrading himself even lower. When the Lord incarnates He has as one of His tasks the protection of sadhus, of beings with quiet, innocent natures. Among animals are countless sadhus, remember!**

- BABA

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## A Story with a Moral

Once an old man spread rumours that his neighbour was a thief. As a result, the young man was arrested. Days later the young man was proven innocent. After being released he sued the old man for wrongfully accusing him.

In the court the old man told the Judge: "They were just comments, didn't harm anyone." The judge told the old man: "Write all the things you said about him on a piece of paper. Cut them up and on the way home throw the pieces of paper out. Tomorrow, come back to hear the sentence."

Next day, the judge told the old man: "Before receiving the sentence, you will have to go out and gather all the pieces of paper that you threw out yesterday."

The old man said: "I can't do that! The wind spread them and I won't know where to find them."

The judge then replied: "The same way, simple comments may destroy the honour of a man to such an extent that one is not able to fix it. If you can't speak well of someone, rather don't say anything."

Moral: Let's all be masters of our mouths, so that we won't be slaves of our words.

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**Getting to know Me is also a part of your destiny. – BABA**

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SAI - Thy Kingdom Come

The book of this title will, I think you will find, be of particular interest to

us at this time. It deals with the "reappearance" of Swami and that it is not yet time for His final departure prior to His incarnation as Prema Sai.

It is a well-researched book and one which seems to prepare us for the dawning of the long-awaited "Golden Age".

It can also be read on-line at, [www.saikingdom.com](http://www.saikingdom.com).

I am happy to quote here, the following experience that Venezuela born Jairo Borjas had in a dream conversation with Swami.

Swami said to him; "Oh devotees, wake up, wake up, wake up... the time for which great Sages and Sidhas have been waiting for eons is fast approaching. Realise who I am, My reality of that Omnipresence, that Greatness, and Majesty, and prepare yourself for an extraordinary event that is about to unfold... IN WHICH I WILL RETURN IN WAYS THAT YOU CAN NEVER IMAGINE. Trust Me, have complete faith and surrender. Very soon all will realise my glory and greatness.

"Now you go around the world and spread My message. Tell all to be prepared. This is a great time and a great opportunity, something extraordinary in the history of mankind is about to happen!"

Many other Sai devotees have shared similar such dreams in which Swami clearly indicates His imminent reappearance and that He will appear at Sai Centres throughout the world!

Swami stated in Sri Sathya Sai Bal Vikas, Vol. XV, No. 9 Sept. 96, the

following; "The time is approaching when all humanity will live in harmony. That time will be here sooner than one expects... It is not what anyone alive can imagine. It is beyond all comprehension. I can say that its beauty is magnificent beyond all dreams."

We can only wait and pray! Ed.

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**You should not worship the Lord as an emergency measure! Devotion is not a uniform to be worn on certain days when you gather for worship and to be laid aside when the service is over. Bhakti has to be steady and full; it is the establishment of the mind in the Lord under all situations, at all times. - BABA**

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Q.&A.

In response to a question by a devotee regarding those who are poor and may lose nothing and gain everything from Swami's philosophy, while the rich who will lose all if they follow it?

Baba: "That is the crux of the problem. They simply have to lose, surrender, submerge their false values if they want My grace. So long as people continue to be slaves of materialistic definitions of wealth and poverty, there can be no solution. I, therefore, try to convert their minds and hearts to spiritual values and truths.

After all, who is the richest man? One who has the largest wants and, therefore troubles and worries? Or one who is satisfied with the barest necessities of life and, therefore, is

more or less desireless and comparatively happy? Judged from this criterion of happiness, the poor are spiritually rich while the rich are spiritually poor. It is not material but spiritual satisfaction that ultimately makes life worth living”.

“As I said before, life without desire brings divinity to man; and those who seek My grace must shed their desires and greed. Riches provide a fatal temptation. They are the source and cause of human bondage. The desire to raise the standard of life can never be satisfied. It leads to multiplication of wants and consequent troubles and frustrations”.

“The solution lies in our emphasis on the quality as against the standard of life, on high thinking, and lowly (simple) living. The mind is the horse, the body is the cart: to achieve mental peace, you must put the high thinking before the cart of physical comfort.”

Q: This is sound philosophy but how do you implement it in action?

Baba: “The rich as well as the poor come to Sai Baba to seek love, peace and liberation from their problems or troubles. My prescription to them is absolute selflessness and desirelessness. To the poor, this is a natural state or condition. So My love flows to them to embrace their devotion. Thus they obtain My grace”.

“The rich, on the other hand, cannot secure this grace without surrendering their materialistic outlook and selfish attachments. So it becomes obligatory for them to sacrifice material greed to receive spiritual grace. I tell them: ego lives

by getting and forgetting, love lives by giving and forgiving”.

“In this way, I change their mental attitude. I transform their monkey-minds into loving, giving and forgiving minds.”

Extract from Dr.Balwant Bhaneja's excellent book, “Sai Samvad: Pancha Ratna”.

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**Forget the harm that anyone has done to you, and forget the good that you have done to others.**

- BABA

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I am on top of the hill!

The following extract is from Sri Vijayakumari's book, “Anyatha Sharanam Nasthi - Other than You refuge there is none”.

“One day, when we were all walking towards the Chitravati, Swami suddenly disappeared. While we were searching for Him, we heard a clapping sound and, looking up, we found Swami alerting us, “I am on top of the hill”.

It was six in the evening. The sun had softened the streams of its rays and was sinking towards the west. The sky was filled with black clouds, as if it was wrapping itself in a thick blanket. Swami said, “You all look at Me. I shall show you the sun.” Even as we were thinking, “How can the sun come back after it has already set?” we saw newly rising rays behind Swami's head. The whole sky was filled with blue clouds. The rays began to turn red till they looked fiery and exuded so much heat as to

make us all sweat profusely. The rays were intensely hot as if coming from the scorching midday sun.

Unable to bear the heat we all made loud appeals, "Swami. It is too hot". The heat subsided. We were just setting down, when Swami's voice came down to us from the top of the hill, "I shall show you the Moon." We saw behind Swami's head the half-unfolded honey-coloured rays of the moon. They soon turned white - whiter and whiter still. That was that. We began shivering in the cold. Our bodies became still. Our teeth began to chatter. "Swami! Cold! It's very cold, Swami." As we were imploring Him thus, the cold slowly subsided.

While we were wondering what other miracle He announced, "I shall show you the Third Eye, Watch it very carefully and attentively".

Third eye! How does it look? We wondered. Swami's body was not visible. But His head appeared gigantic, as if it were stretched across the entire sky. Stupefied, great bewilderment filled our minds, we stared at the sky. On Swami's forehead, between His two eyebrows, an orifice appeared, fiery, fuming sparks began to come out of the opening. Our eyes were dazzled by the brilliance of those sparks. We were scared. More than fear for ourselves, we were worried about what might be happening to Swami. The sparks continued to gush out. When we turned back, we found that many had fallen down, unconscious. We did not know what made them faint. That scared us further. We looked up, but could not find Swami anywhere. Feeling lost and not knowing what to do. We began

weeping. Suddenly, we found Swami standing in our midst.

"What happened"? He asked us, patting us on our shoulders. "Why are you weeping? Why have these kids fainted?" Not knowing what answered to give to these questions; we just hugged Him and continued weeping.

One by one, those who had fallen unconscious began to stir. It was a strange experience. We felt as if our bodies were moving unsteadily, hither and thither. We felt as if we were floating on air. Some inexpressible joy seemed to pervade our entire being.

We could not sing properly. We felt dizzy. That whole evening was spent in that state. When we found ourselves in a similar state the next day also, we asked Swami about it. He said with a smile, "You have been praying to have a glimpse of this Third Eye for many past lives. In answer to your prayers, today, I give you darshan of it. But I did not show you even a thousandth part of its brilliance. You could not withstand even that. Your present state is result of that spectacle.

Overwhelmed by this revelation, we all broke down and wept. We washed His lotus feet with our tears".

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**You will realise Swami's glory when I walk across the sky from one end to the other.**

– BABA

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"Nonkilling Is the Measure of Human Progress."

Bishop Mabwe Lucien of the Pentecostal Assemblies of God Churches, in Congo, has founded the Center for Global Nonkilling, Great Lakes, Africa.

This is a non-profit group spreading the message to people in 1,100 villages and towns, while he distributes 4,500 books, and persuaded 30,000 others to work for a nonkilling society.

The following horrendous figures show the level of violence in countries like Iraq, where this year alone so far was in the region of 114,000 to 125,000! While in Chicago there were 500 murders that included bystanders (including children).

The success of the 'nonkilling', has had a major impact in countries like Congo and Rwanda, where Dr. Glenn Paige has spear-headed the message of peace and nonkilling, in these two countries where in the past 20 years, an estimated 6 million people were killed!

Excellent work is being done by Sai devotee, Bill (Balwant) Bhaneja who is Coordinator/Facilitator, Nonkilling Arts Research Committee Centre for Global Nonkilling (CGNK), and he is based in Ottawa, Canada.

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**Hatred is ugly, unnatural and inhuman. Know that it is against the very core of love that is in everyone.** - BABA

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A Great Moral

One day Gautam Buddha was walking through a village. A very angry and rude young man came up and began insulting him. "You have no right teaching others," he shouted. "You are as stupid as everyone else. You are nothing but a fake." Buddha was not upset by these insults. Instead he asked the young man, "Tell me, if you buy a gift for someone, and that person does not take it, to whom does the gift belong?"

The man was surprised to be asked such a strange question and answered, "It would belong to me, because I bought the gift."

The Buddha smiled and said, "That is correct. And it is exactly the same with your anger. If you become angry with me and I do not get insulted, then the anger falls back on you. You are then the only one who becomes unhappy, not me. All you have done is hurt yourself."

If you are right then there is no need to get angry. And if you are wrong then you don't have any right to get angry.

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**All that you are, you owe to society! Express your gratitude by rendering service.** - BABA

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Our Role in the Golden AGE

As Sai devotees, we have our own important roles to contribute as Swami's instruments in His Mission.

It was back in 1979 that Swami conveyed to Charles Penn,

instructions for all of us to be ready to play our roles in Swami's Divine Mission. He said, "Your mission has begun. Those are My words to you, My devotees. Each of you has a unique and valuable part to play in this lifetime. Only those whom I have called can serve Me. My Mission has now reached that point in time when each of you now has work to do. This planet has a purpose in the great galaxy in which it is held. That purpose is now unfolding before our eyes. I call upon you to radiate the Bhakti (devotion) within you so that its unseen power will envelop all who come into your orbit. To successfully perform your part, always remain centred upon Me. The multiplication of My Love will be felt throughout the world. I have prepared you for this work over many incarnations. I have drawn you to Me. I have made great steps in My Mission over these past incarnations. My work is ceaseless and so your work, too, is without end".

"Know that I am within and without you. There is no difference. Rid yourselves of the petty matters forevermore. You are now in Me and I am now in Thee. There is no difference. My Darshan (spiritual blessings) will pour forth from Me to and through you. You may be unaware of this constant action. Be ever pure of heart and soul, and mankind in your lifetime will benefit from your unique qualities.

Others, too, will join Me in this Mission when I draw them to Me. The time is approaching when all humanity will live in harmony. That time will be here sooner than one expects. Before it arrives be prepared for whatever is needed to

reveal to every living thing the true purpose of existence..."

Charles Penn's "My Beloved".

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**Unity is divinity, purity is enlightenment.** - BABA

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Swami's Visit to London!

Many years ago an interesting incident took place that involved a businessman called Sri K.N.P. Nayar.

Mr Nayar whose home was in London, experienced a visit from Swami, Who visited him on June 6th. 1993. This was an example of Swami appearing in multiple places at the same time. Not only did Swami stay in his house for around four days, He even went on a sightseeing tour with Sri Nayar and his wife!

It all started when Mr. Nayar heard the door bell ring one Sunday morning at 5.30 a.m. He got out of bed and went downstairs, and upon opening the door saw Swami standing there! Nayar was stunned when Swami asked him, "Can I come in?" Nayar replied, "You can come in, it's your house".

Swami informed him that He would be with him for a few days. Nayar went upstairs to inform his wife of Swami's visit, and she fainted! When she came to, he informed her that Swami wanted to stay for a few days "of peace and quiet."

Later they took Swami on a tour of London, showing Him Buckingham Palace, Trafalgar Square, Marble Arch, King's Gardens, Hyde Park, Westminster Abbey, Big Ben, etc. All

this time Swami spoke in English to them both.

Swami's body was a real one that they could touch and feel. While all this time His (other?) physical body was still in Prasanthi Nilayam engaged in "business as usual". This is only one of many such instances when Swami has been in two (or more) bodies at the same time. Swami is not restricted to one physical body. While His body rests now in His Mahasamadhi, it does not restrict Him from assuming another human body, or several, for that matter. So, why would there be any restrictions now even after He has left one of them? Avatars, down through the ages, have demonstrated this fact. Perhaps, Swami's leaving His body was only an illusion to the outside world, and His return may be the reappearance of His actual body!

We will await this great expectation.  
- Ed.

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**Nobody needs to be worried or anxious about Swami's wellbeing. No danger can ever befall Swami. Swami will always come out of all difficulties and troubles unscathed; none need to fear or feel sorry or sad. Swami will achieve all success. - BABA**

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#### Radiology in Baba's Hospitals

The growth of Baba's hospitals in Brindavan and Puttaparthi have been phenomenal; from a single X-ray machine to two digital machines now, and no need for films anymore. The growth has been rapid, that now

includes the latest CT scanner. Progress has been enormous in Swami's hospitals, compared to the times of initial construction projects, when one day they were short of a box of nails! They had to request permission from Swami, to go to Anantapur to purchase the box of nails and return to finish the construction work in Puttaparthi!

The contrast between then and now brings tears to the eyes of those who recall those days. And no more travelling to Whitefield or Bangalore for MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging) which is available to patients in Puttaparthi.

They are so technologically advanced, Mr. Ravi Kumar stated that, "...we have very good equipment the big technological advancement we have made is to install a Picture Archiving and Communication System, called PACS, whereby all the digital imaging are captured, stored centrally and distributed not just throughout the hospital, but in fact throughout the world." Patient care is now of the highest standard.

When treating a patient, as one doctor said, "Look into the eyes and talk to him with love." Swami once said, "When you feel the pulse of a patient, don't shake your head very despondently and say 'No! I don't think you're going to have much longer to live.' This is not the way. Even if a patient is in a bad condition, look at him and speak to him in a positive way. Positivity will get him out of trouble and out of his disease."

Swami has given so many such snippets and lovely lessons, and if

we follow them, we are accredited by Swami, Ravi Kumar said. This is what distinguishes our hospitals from other commercial establishments.

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**Coincidence is a miracle where I hide Myself. - BABA**

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Q. & A.

Q. Swami, how do I take spirituality to the business place?

A. Don't do it; take the Five Values!

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Tragic Events of Recent Times

Sathya Sai Baba made an important statement in response to a question which had been in the minds of many people, in relation to disasters and tragic events.

"In the great drama of Cosmic life, the Cosmic Director, God, is also an actor. The Cosmic play is governed by certain rules and Regulations. Because He is the Almighty, God cannot behave in an arbitrary manner. His actions have to be in accordance with His role in the Cosmic play. There are certain rules as to how one should act according to the time, the place and the circumstances. He cannot behave according to His whims just because He is all-powerful. For instance, the officer who lays down the rules for controlling traffic cannot disobey them on the ground that he is their author. Likewise, the Creator has to conform to the rules laid down by Him for Creation".

"Not recognising this truth, men, who are involved in worldly ways, ask questions as to why in certain situations, God did not use His limitless powers to avert certain untoward events. These arise out of a narrow conception of things, without understanding how the Divine operated".

"They are only concerned about themselves and their interests," said Sai Baba.

Referring to those who constantly seek of the future, or live in the past, He states, "...they must concentrate on the Present, which is a product of the Past and the parent of the Future".

"Live in the Present and be happy."

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