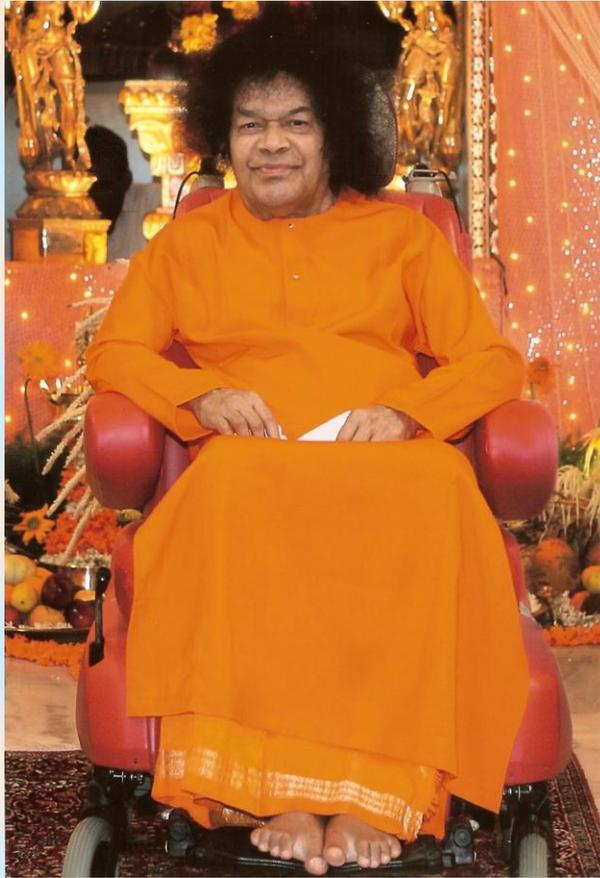


**II AUM SAISHWARAY VIDMAHE  
SATYADEVAY DHEEMAHI  
TANNO SARVA PRACHODYAT II**

**On the 88<sup>th</sup> Year of Your Divine Advent,**



**We, Your Children offer Sahasrakoti Pranaams at  
Thy Divine Lotus Feet and extend our heartfelt  
felicitations to Your Holiness and humbly pray for  
Your Choicest Divine Blessings  
to restore Mother Earth to its Pristine Glory...!!!**

## What is our duty in the present times to our nation and the world at large?

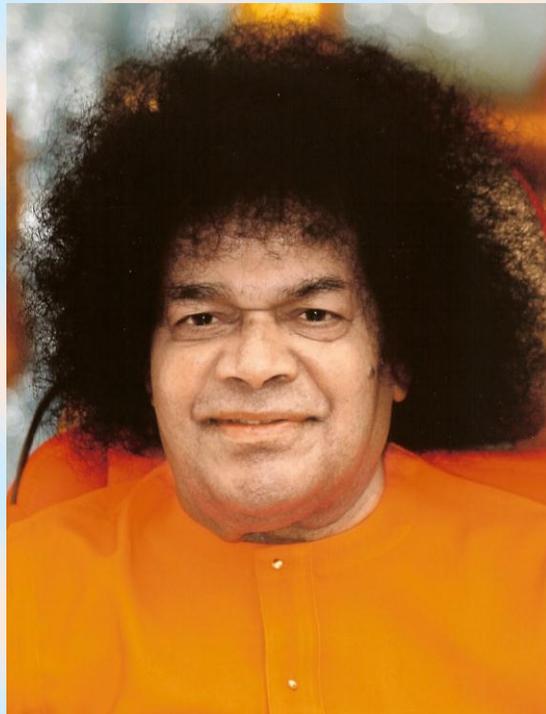


### *The clarion call of Sri Sathya Sai*

*Young men and women must spring into action and strive to create a resurgent India, and a happy and peaceful world. You must overcome the desire for power and instead firmly implant in your hearts the desire to uproot corruption and immorality, and also the urge to work hard. Even as it is the duty of children to serve and please their mother, so it is the bounden duty of every child of the nation to make her happy. To serve the Motherland selflessly should be the sacred ideal of life. You must embrace the lofty ideal of national unity and engage yourselves in dedicated service to the nation.*

*Only when man upholds morality, can there be equality, fraternity and freedom in the society.*

# **CROWNING GLORY OF HIS DIVINE MAJESTY** **SRI SATHYA SAI**



## **CAUSE**

The Mother Earth has witnessed the glory of several greatest personalities such as Kings, Emperors, Political Leaders, Warriors, Saints, Sages, Spiritual Gurus, Maha Yogis, Religious Founders, Highly Erudite Scholars and Interpreters of Scriptures, Philanthropists, Actors, Artists, Sculptors, Sportsmen, Doctors, Surgeons, Billionaires and Trillionaires, Economists, Industrialists, Scientists, Social Reformers, Educationists, Critics and many others.

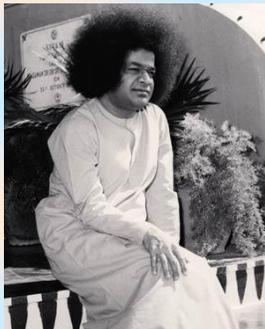
But still, she was not happy till she received the Golden Sunrays in the early morning hours of 23 November 1926 presenting amongst celestial sounds and an illuminating child on the sands of a dusky village of Puttaparti in South India. She saw the birth of an extraordinary and unparalleled, incomparable, incredible, inexplicable, incomprehensible child who was mystical and mysterious, having been endowed with

unimaginable supernatural powers since his birth beyond the range of the five fundamental elements (Earth, Water, Fire, Air and Space); let alone the ambit of physical sciences.



The child was named Satyanarayan in the cradle but later became known as Sri Sathya Sai Baba to continue the lineage of Sri Shirdi Sai Baba as per latter's prophesy.

Sri Sathya Sai Baba's beam of wisdom would cut across all barriers of race and religion. His prime mission was to establish the Unity of Faiths and people under the common banner of Universal Love and Brotherhood. For over eight decades, He had been tirelessly working to restore sanctity and dignity to human life. His sacred teachings reached out to people in all countries conferring the spiritual dimension that can transform life.



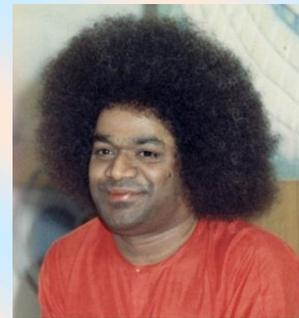
*Sathya is what I teach  
Dharma is the way I live  
Shanti is the mark of my personality  
Prem is my very nature*

Sri Sathya Sai remained in ordinary worldly covers till the age of 14 (i.e.1940), when he realised the futility of worldly education and so left His school without even completing secondary education.

## COURSE

Sri Sathya Sai left the school and severed the ties binding Himself only with His family and declared that the entire world was His family. His leaving the home and breaking the family ties was not aimed to do penance for seeking God or for Self-realisation as was the case for several seekers in the history who later became Enlightened or Siddhas or Spiritual Masters. He was born all this. He could not bear the suffering of mankind in terms of non-fulfillment of material necessities, spiritual ignorance resulting into lack of awareness about the purpose of life and the methodology to lead a happy, joyful, peaceful, and blissful life.

*The play is His  
The role is His gift  
The lines are written by Him  
He directs, He decides the dress and decoration,  
The gesture and the tone,  
The entrance and the exit;  
You have to act well to receive His approbation  
when the curtain falls.*

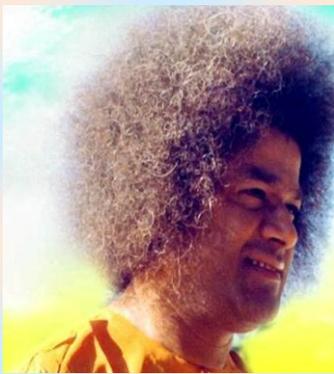


**Is it not a miracle that a young boy of 14 realises the futility of the prevailing system of education and decides to dedicate His entire life for reformation, reconstruction and transformation of human character by providing true education which would unfold the latent human values? Is it not a miracle that He devoted His entire life to render selfless service to the people of the world for raising their standards of life in addition to standard of living?**

To emancipate the mankind from suffering and bondage, He created an infrastructure for human development on four pillars;

1. **Chamatkar:** Ordinarily Chamatkar is considered as a miracle for which there is no scientific explanation. That is because; science is limited to matter and energy. Beyond the realm of science, there is Consciousness and Supreme Love (also called Divinity) which cannot be codified in laws. Sri Sathya Sai's creations were manifestations of that Consciousness and Supreme Love to plant faith in Divinity in the mind of the beneficiary.

2. **Sanskars:** Sanskars are human values (Virtues) intended to transform, transmute, reconstruct and reform the mankind. Chamatkar leads to Sanskar.
3. **Paropkar:** Paropkar means obliging and helping others in distress. Sanskar makes the person humble servant of the society.
4. **Sakshatkar:** The expansion of Love through Paropkar makes a person aware of the Cosmic Love exhibited in himself and in everyone around. This is Sakshatkar or Realisation of Self as Universal Identity.



*Human being is a Limb of the Society,  
Society is a Limb of Humanity,  
Humanity is a Limb of Nature and  
The Nature is a Limb of Divinity.*

Sri Sathya Sai's philosophy is the most practical one which does not require rigorous rituals, intellectual inferences, physical fits and logical laws. It is simply:

1. Be Good, See Good, Do Good;
2. Daiva Preeti (Love for God),  
Paap Bhati (Fear of Sin)  
Sangh Neeti (Morality of the Community);
3. Help Ever, Hurt Never;
4. Love All, Serve All.

All these are synonymous. They lead to Chamatkar, Sanskar, Paropkar and Sakshatkar respectively, which ultimately grant Happiness, Joy, Peace and Bliss respectively. He presented Himself to the world as a Friend, Philosopher, Guide and Saviour to all the people irrespective of caste, creed and country.

## CARE



Just in order to fulfill three little wishes of His pious mother Easwaramma – a school, a dispensary and a well for the village, Sri Sathya Sai made the world His village. **Towards Educare**, Sri Sathya Sai introduced the Integral System of Education integrating Head (Thought), Heart (Word), and Hands (Deeds) right from the Kindergarten level to the Post Graduate / PhD levels. He established Schools, Colleges, Universities, Institutes for moral and Value Education. **Towards Medicare**, He established dispensaries, general hospitals, wellness centres and state-of-the-art super speciality hospitals. **Towards Sociocare**, He provided free housing to the under-privileged populations and potable drinking water to a number of drought-affected villages in many Indian states (thereby inspiring other countries in the world also). **Towards Agricare**, He established Institutes for Agriculture and Bio-technologies and **towards Ecocare**, He always advocated importance of the protection of environment by maintaining ecological balances and preventing global warming. All these were free of cost to one and all without any discrimination of race, colour, caste, creed, religion, nationality or economic and financial status. **Sri Sathya Sai always believed that Education and Medical Aid are the basic birth rights of all human beings. He also propagated the ideas of globalisation, de-commercialisation, humanisation and spiritualisation of medicine.**

**Sri Sathya Sai's Life, Message and Work came as a heavenly light to illumine a new path for peace and progress.**

Founded under the guidance of Sri Sathya Sai, the Sri Sathya Sai Social Service Institutions are built on the bedrock of spiritual care and love for every human soul across continents.

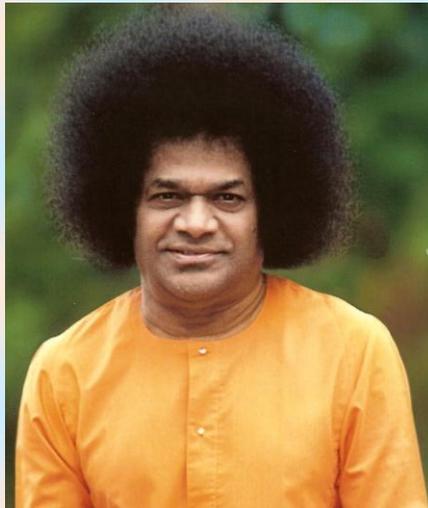


*Living with God is the True Education  
Living for God is the True Devotion  
Living in God is the True Personality*

## **COUNSELLING**

As we all know, more than two years have passed since Sri Sathya Sai dedicated His Physical Body to the Mother Earth. This was perhaps in response to a call made by her for establishing equilibrium against the rampant violation of Natural Laws recklessly caused by mankind in pursuit of craze for maximising sensory gratifications.

Let us re-capitulate what Revered Bhagavan had advised us on some occasions in his physical timeframe.



On one occasion, Sri Sathya Sai said: *“The rays that emanate from me are of three grades: the Physical or Sthula filling this Prashanti Nilayam, the Subtle or Sukshma, pervading the Earth, and the Karana covering the entire Universe. The Sthula rays make a man a Sadhak, the Sukshma rays make him a Mahatma and*

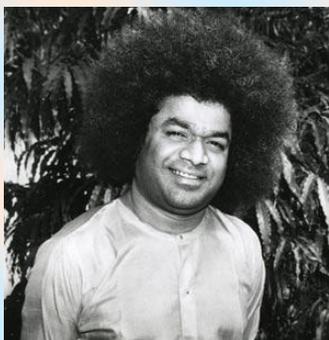
*the Karana rays convert him into a Paramhans. Do not, therefore waste your days entertaining worldly desires and ambitions and planning to achieve them .....*”

Imagine now, when the gross Physical Body of Swami could radiate these three rays, what could be the quality of rays being emanated now from His Subtle Body? **They would certainly be Mahakarana or Blissful rays showering on the entire mankind.** But the trouble is that man has closed the gates of his edifice preferring to live in ignorance.

*The End of Wisdom is Freedom  
The End of Culture is Perfection  
The End of Knowledge is Love  
The End of Education is Character*



On another occasion while addressing Members, Swami said, “Nearness to me is not acquired by physical nearness. You may be my side, yet far; you may be far, far away, yet very near and dear. However far you are, if you stick to Sathya i.e. Truth, Dharma i.e. Righteous Action, Shanti i.e. Peace, Prem i.e. Love and Ahinsa i.e. Non Violence, you are close to Me and I am close to you. .... you are all My limbs, nourished by Me. **You constitute to Sai Body. Sai will send you sustenance wherever you are, whatever your function, provided you give Sai the things Sai considers sweet and desirable like virtue, faith, discipline and humility.** Be happy that you are a limb of the Sai Body. Do not complain that you are the foot and so have to tread the hard ground. Do not be proud that you are the head and so, up and above. It is the same blood-stream, the Prem that circulates in both: the function of each limb is also unique, remember: do not give room to despondency.”



*Duty without Love is Deplorable  
Duty with Love is Desirable  
Love without Duty is Divine*

Yet on another occasion, Swami kept the role model of Sri Hanuman before the Members. He said, *“Hanuman was ordered to discover the whereabouts of Sita and he obeyed implicitly, without question, and succeeded. He did not calculate the dangers of the journey and hesitated; he did not feel proud that he was chosen for the high adventure. He listened, he understood, he obeyed, he won.*

*The title Ramdoot (Messenger, Servant of Lord Sri Ram) that he earned has made him immortal. **You earn the name Sai Ramdoot. Have fortitude and self-control; use good and sweet words, and examine each act of yours.***

In one of the discourses Swami instructed, *“..... Active workers engaged in service should realise that there is nothing greater than service and seek to promote Love of God, Fear of Sin and Righteousness in society as the highest values to be. There should be no pretense in manifesting love. It should be based on the conviction that the Divine is present in every one, Do not arrogate to yourself any authority or power and claim credit for any achievement. **All your name and fame are due to your association with Sai Organisations and the use of the Sai label.** ..... It is the Sai Name that has conferred on you distinction and recognition. **Therefore, bear in mind the Name Sai and carry on your work.***

*Earn by your efficiency and enthusiasm  
The right to play higher and higher roles  
That is the meaning and purpose of life.*



*All should work together and share in harmony, act together, move together, grow together and share the common knowledge and experience with all. We want people who will completely identify themselves with the Divine Mission of Sri Sathya Sai.*

*The direct individual relationship between each of you and Myself will remain always. If our relationship can be strengthened through My Mission, I shall feel happier.”*



On one occasion Swami compared Prashanti Nilayam with workshop. He said, “..... You come to Prashanti Nilayam, as cars come to a workshop. You must go out with new paint, with all the damaged and loose bolts and nuts replaced, with the engine cleaned and re-conditioned, every part spick and span, beautiful trouble-free in perfect trim, ready to speed on the journey that lies ahead. Every bad habit has to be replaced by a good one, no trace of vice must be allowed to persist, the heart must be drained of all egoism.....”

In this context, we are reminded of a very be-fitting advice given by Sri Sathya Sai during the discourse: “..... Cleanse your mind of evil thoughts. I find some of you spread your handkerchief on the carpet, which have upon them the dust of the feet of countless devotees, is unclean. Now, when you take so much care to see that the place where you sit ought to be free from dust, how much more attention should you pay to clean the heart, when you expect the Lord to seat himself ? **Clean the heart with the detergents – Japa and Tapa – using the water – Prem.** Detergent alone will not do; water too is essential. Carry on the duties of the position in which you are as if they are the dictates of God. Every act you dedicate to Me reaches Me. Do not grieve that you are not able to come to Puttaparti to

*have Darshan. Offer Me Namaskaram wherever you are; it reaches Me at the same time it is offered .....* “

In a speech on the occasion of one of His Birthdays Swami said, “Engage yourselves in the spiritual discipline of Seva ..... Of all the methods of Seva, Seva to the long-neglected rural population is the best. .... Service is God. Why has God endowed man with a Body, a Mind and an Intellect? Feel with the mind, plan with the intelligence and use the body to serve those who are in need of service. Offer that act as service to God; worship Him with that flower ...!”



*Nations are many, but Earth is one  
Beings are many, but Breath is one  
Stars are many, but Sky is one  
Oceans are many, but Water is one  
Religions are many, but God is one  
Jewels are many, but Gold is one  
Appearances are many, but Reality is one*

On another occasion of Swami’s Birthday, He said, “Having come to this place and availed yourselves of this opportunity, treasure in your hearts the things you have seen and heard and resolve to plunge into practicing them. Your resolution and practice must happen simultaneously. Have a Master Plan and start from tomorrow the execution of the programme, drawn in consultation with others. This must happen to all countries. Do not think that only the India and the State of Andhra Pradesh is Sai’s. All countries are Sai’s. All are one. We must endeavour to realise by all means and establish this truth in this Kali Yuga.

*This is the message I am giving you today. I am fulfilling all your desires. So you must fulfill this one desire of Mine.”*

## CRITICISM

Many a time you may have to hear envious remarks and criticisms from some spiritual organisations about the spectacular and unprecedented achievements made by Swami in the fields of Educare, Medicare, Sociocare and Agricare, Rural Development, Massive Projects of Drinking water Supply, etc.

*If there is Righteousness in the Heart,  
there will be Beauty in Character;  
If there is Beauty in Character,  
there will be Harmony in the Home;  
If there is Harmony in the Home,  
there will be Order in the Nation  
and  
If there is Order in the Nation,  
there will be Peace in the World.*



On such occasions we are reminded of His remarks, *“The attempt to darken the splendour of Sai can never succeed, except by one means: Suppose Sai Splendour is indicated by a line of certain length. Effort to shorten it by wiping or erasing it will not make it shorter. But if you draw by its side a longer line, automatically it will become shorter. So do the things that Sai is doing, on a grander and more impressive scale, then the fame of Sai will certainly diminish ..... .”* You can use this analogy.

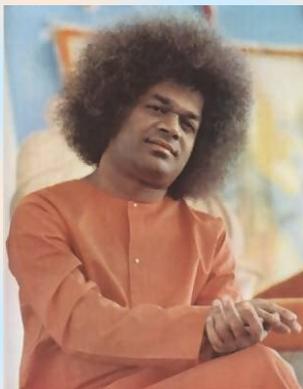
## CULMINATION

It would be appropriate for all of us, at this juncture, to contemplate on what Swami instructed us while carrying out His Mission from time to time. Sri Sathya Sai came to teach us the universality of faiths, the divine consciousness, the path, philosophy, duty and the obligation of love.

Nowhere in the history of the world has any single individual established such a magnanimous task in his own lifetime. What is even more promising that all these unique institutions have no membership fees and are governed by unregistered charter for the conduct of their affairs. Collectively, these institutions represent

the largest selfless, totally voluntary Service Corporation ever in the history of the human race.

Yes, Sri Sathya Sai came among us in order to achieve the supreme task of uniting the entire mankind, as one family through the bond of brotherhood, of affirming and illumining the Atmic Reality of each being in order to reveal the Divine which is the Basis on which the entire cosmos rests, and of instructing all to recognize the common divine heritage that binds man to man, so that man can rid himself of the animal and rise into the Divine which is Goal.



*There is Only One Religion, the Religion of Love,  
There is Only One Caste, the Caste of Humanity,  
There is Only One Language, the Language of the Heart,  
There is Only One Law, the Law of Karma (Actions),  
There is Only One God, He is Omnipresent.*

It is to the credit of Sri Sathya Sai avatar that for the first time in the history of mankind, the Avatar simplified the understanding of spirituality and explained in a simple way the actual process of transformation based on the human workshop. In this sense, the Sri Sathya Sai Avatar was unique in respects.

If one has to ask question as to what is the one single largest contribution of Sri Sathya Sai Avatar in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, what would the answer be? It would be 'En-mass transformation of mankind and thereby the whole world'. **His approach made Him the most scientific Avatar when He said, 'Come, Examine, Experience, and only then develop faith'. There is no question of just blind faith.**

Prashanti Nilayam is the only place in the world where people of different faiths from different parts of the world congregate to celebrate their religious festivals. Cultural festivals highlighting values of all religions from both East and West are organised with gaiety. Scriptural studies of all faiths create oneness of purpose to attain Divinity.

To millions, Sri Sathya Sai was and still is not only a friend, philosopher and a guide but also the saint, the Seer, the Super Human and almighty personality performing multi-dimensional roles by serving the society, but also a versatile personality performing multi-dimensional roles as Brahmin (Knowledge Facilitator), Kshatriya (Warrior for Justice), Vaishya (Creator of Wealth) and Shudra (Server to the Society), A Complete Leader, A strategist, the World Redeemer, the Universal Purifier, the Universal Communicator, an Economist, a Scientist, a musician, a doctor, a surgeon, a teacher and the Social Architect of the Millennium – loving, serving and uniting all, at all times.

He has created many beacons and lamp-posts for guiding mankind in the twenty first century. The onus of benefitting from those is now on us. If we follow the light emerging from these beacons, we can look forward to sanctifying our personal, family and community life.

**OUR GREATEST HOMAGE TO SRI SATHYA SAI IS TO SPEND EVERY MOMENT  
IN PRACTISING THESE PRECEPTS WITH HEAD, HEART AND HANDS.**



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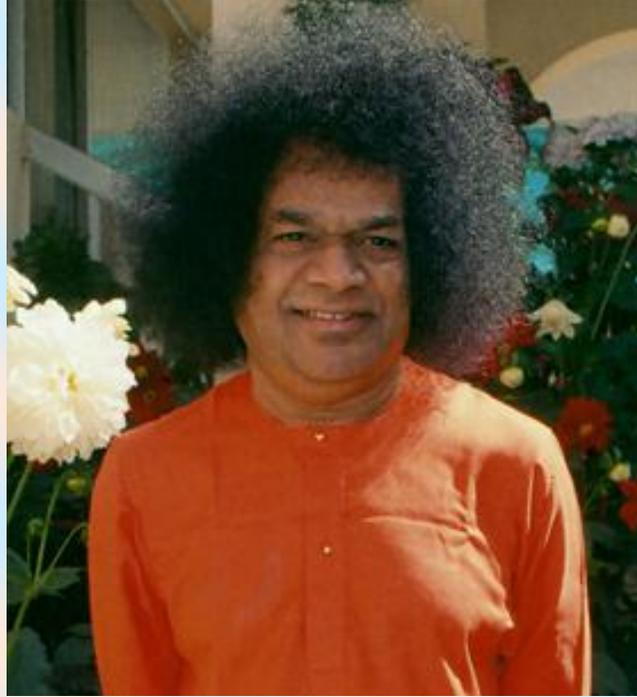
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*All Religions are same.*

*Let the different faiths exist, let them flourish, and let the Glory of God be sung in all languages and in a variety of tunes. That should be the ideal.*

*Respect the differences between faiths and recognise them as valid as long as they do not extinguish the flame of unity.*



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