



His Holiness – Sri Sathya Sai
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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Loving Sai Ram to all of you ...!

Two years have passed since Swami dedicated His Physical Body to the Mother Earth 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.

Sai Rays

On one occasion, Swami said: *“The rays that emanate from me are of three grades: the Sthula filling this Prashanti Nilayam, the 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 Tamas (Ignorance).

Far & Near

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, Dharma, Shanti and Prem, 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.”*

Be Sai Ramdoot

Yet on another occasion, Swami kept the role model of 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 Ramdoot (Messenger, Servant of Rama) that he earned has made him immortal. **You earn the name Sai Ramdoot. Have fortitude and self-control; use good and sweet words, examine each act of your on the touchstone of my preference.”***

Reply to envious remarks

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, Healthcare, Agricare, Rural Development, Massive Projects of Drinking water Supply, etc. On such occasions I am 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.

Your role in service

*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 cherished by all. Indeed if there is Love of God, automatically there will be Fear of Sin and when these two are there, Morality follows as a natural sequence There should be no pretence 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.***

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 organization.

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

Prashanti Nilayam Workshop

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.....”

Sai Detergents

In this context I am reminded of a very be-fitting advice given by Swami 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** “*

Service is God

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*”

Fulfill My one desire

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 Andhra State is Sai’s. All 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.”

Dear Sisters and Brothers, I think 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.

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With warm regards,

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