

Victory is always for righteousness, not for greed

The basic teachings of Indian sages about spiritual value have been neglected so disastrously that selfish greed and cruel competition have robbed all happiness and peace from the heart of this land. Life has been rendered artificial and anemic, riddled with anxiety and fear. At this juncture, you in Bombay have built in your city this Dharmakshetra (the abode of righteousness)! In this age of atom bombs, you have erected an altar for Atmic bliss! This is indeed a sign of your faith and devotion, faith in the ideals of this land and devotion to the highest traditions nourished by the sages.

The campus on which the building Sathyadeep (lamp of truth) has been inaugurated today is named Dharmakshetra; it is a very appropriate name, for a place from which the message of Sathya, dharm, Shanthi and Prema (truth, righteousness, peace and love) will reach the lands parched with thirst for these pure, placid waters.

The word Dharmakshetra is the first word in the Gita. In the very first verse of that Song Celestial, the Kurukshetra (field of action), on which Maamaika (my people as the blind Dhritharashtra designated them, through fond attachment and egoistic delusion) ---that is to say, people motivated by greed and passion, and Pandava (the other people, the good and righteous, the sons of the fair one, the progeny of the pure) is spoken of as already transmuted into Dharmakshetra (field of righteousness)! For, victory is always for righteousness and not for greed and passion, which blind man. For the Lord is on their side; He is the charioteer, chosen as such and willing to serve as such.

The word Dharmakshetra is a reminder, a warning, a lesson, an inspiration, a light. You must accept that name in your hearts--for, there too the forces of righteousness and covetousness are locked in combat and the forces of righteousness are helped by the Lord to succeed.

Man cannot liberate himself from bondage to the wheel of duality (pleasure and pain, joy and grief, etc.) so long as he is led by the senses.



On the first Anniversary of Dharmakshetra, 12 May 1969, Swami inaugurated the Prayer Hall Shanti Deep. Here He walks between rows of Bal Vikas children on way to inaugurate the Hall.