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Bhagavan
Sri Sathya Sai Baba



Sitaranavva, Receive My Blessings!

I toured recently some of the northern parts of the country. The tour was a grand triumph. I have now returned to Brindavan, and am now busy preparing for the ensuing one-month Summer Course in Spirituality and Indian Culture commencing in Brindavan from 21-5-1973. This year we expect a very large number of students from different parts of India. We have planned a course of training for teachers as well. Some such training is also necessary for teachers. 300 (three hundred) of them are expected to come.

Padamanathan is leaving shortly for Europe and the States and I am sending this letter through him. I believe that our Sai organizations there are working satisfactorily. We should understand that Man is the greatest of God's creations. Man should not be a victim to low and mean desires and passions. Otherwise it will be like selling a precious diamond for a few bits of charcoal. Man's life should be dedicated to the highest purposes. At a time when Man is willing to sell his glorious destiny for short-lived sensual pleasures, and the country is standing on the verge of a crisis, we need, more than ever, the strength and inspiration of our ancient spiritual and moral values. Man is not born to eat, drink, sleep and enjoy himself. He is the inheritor of Immortality, a seeker after eternal Truth, through which alone he can attain his ultimate goal. This realisation alone will save Man. At the mere sensual level, man is not different from birds or animals. If Man keeps this low goal prominently before him, and clings ^{to} his base passions and desires, what is the use of our education or positions and degrees? Man should cultivate science, Right knowledge, Wisdom, the illumined Mind and other good qualities, practise the truths contained in them in their lives and prepare themselves to be shining examples to others.

Absolute Purity or perfection is not beyond man's capacity. It is possible for him to be perfect. But to obtain this absoluteness of truth, beauty and goodness, Man has to struggle hard. He should put forth ceaseless effort, deep understanding and hard discipline ("sadhana"). Man should regard himself as being a representative of Divinity and not just a "Man". It is his duty to cultivate such qualities as reflect these divine

within him. He should develop these divine qualities and spread them around him in society. This is the best and the only suitable remedy for many of our contemporary problems. Instead of making our lives artificial, we should make them joyful and natural. It is our duty to share ~~our~~ the blessings of our inner freedom and joy with ~~others~~ others around us in society. This is ^{the} true brotherhood of man. Our Sai Organizations should keep this aim constantly before them. All are children of God. All are brothers and sisters. This universality of kinship is possible to be attained only through pure spiritual motives and selfless acts of kindness and love.

Therefore, an aversion towards sin and wrong-doing and deep love for God should grow more and more, and only then, my beloved and precious ones, that universal love can be built truly and firmly ~~and~~ established. Anger, envy, hatred, pride ~~and~~ show and such other ~~degenerate~~ dehuman qualities should be weeded out of ~~man's~~ man's heart, and this cleansing will help to raise in the human heart ~~throughout~~ ~~and~~ divine qualities like Love, Truth, Patience, Bliss, etc. Only to the man whose heart is pure does God's creation can acquire any significance. Divinity can come only from God and not from the Devil. "Rasa Vai Sah"—these are the words of an ancient scripture: "It is only in Rasa (purity of feeling) that Rasa (divine sweetness) dwells". I send you this sacred message. Let this divinity of aspiration reside and grow in all ~~your~~ hearts and let all ~~enjoy~~ enjoy its blessed sweetness. Sai is the dweller in each heart. He is the giver of love, because He is himself ~~is~~ its embodiment.

I expect that your wife is there and helping in all the activities of the Sai organisations. Blessings to all the workers, both men and women, of the Sai institutions there.

—BABA

With Blessings
Sri Sai Baba