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"First, you should develop unity. Only then can there be purity in your heart. When your heart becomes pure, you get the proximity of God. Hence, you should lead your life, keeping these three principles of unity, purity and divinity topmost in your mind."



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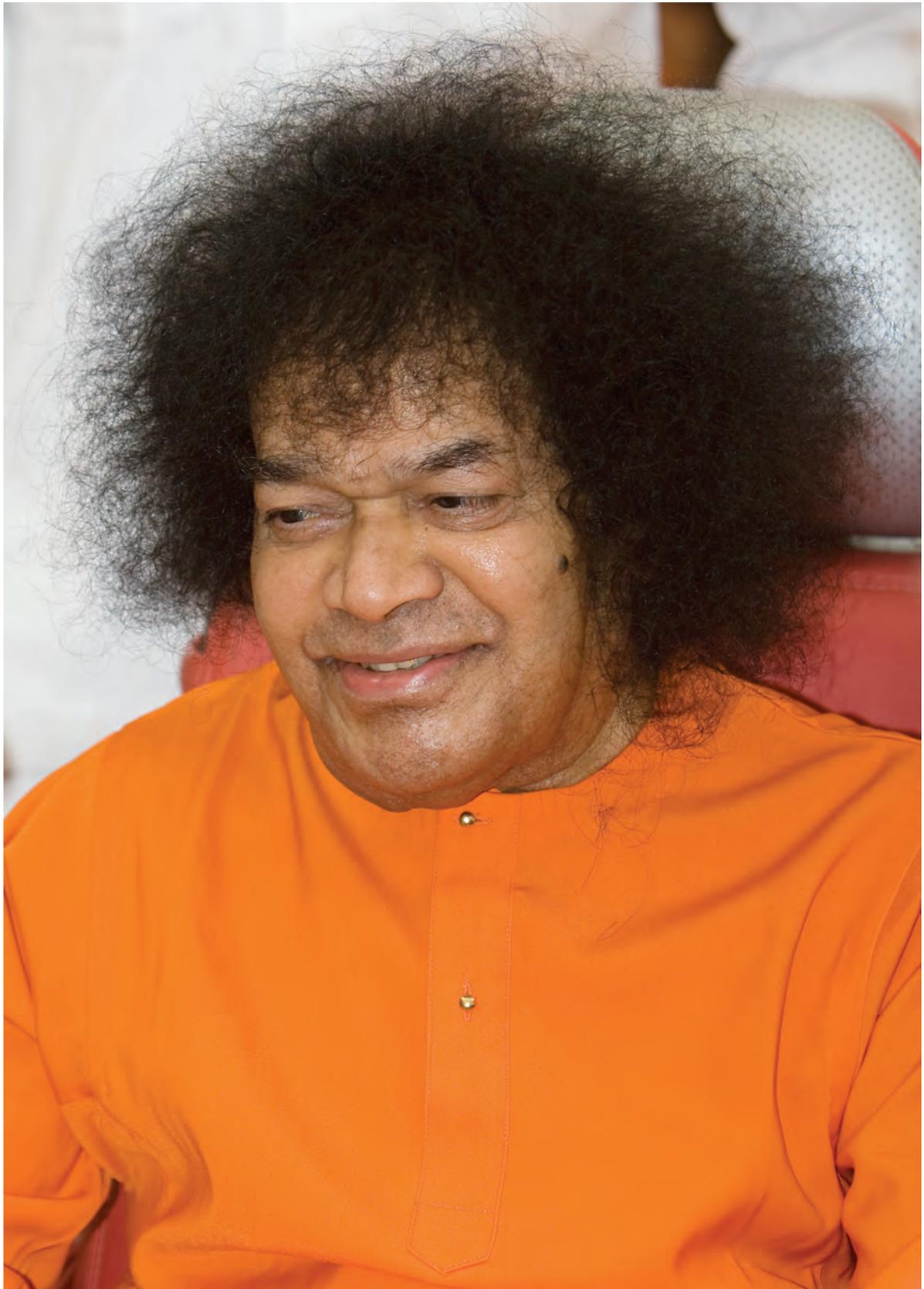
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- 19th November Ladies Day
- 22nd November 27th Convocation of Sri Sathya Sai University
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EDUCARE MAKES OUR INNATE VIRTUES MANIFEST

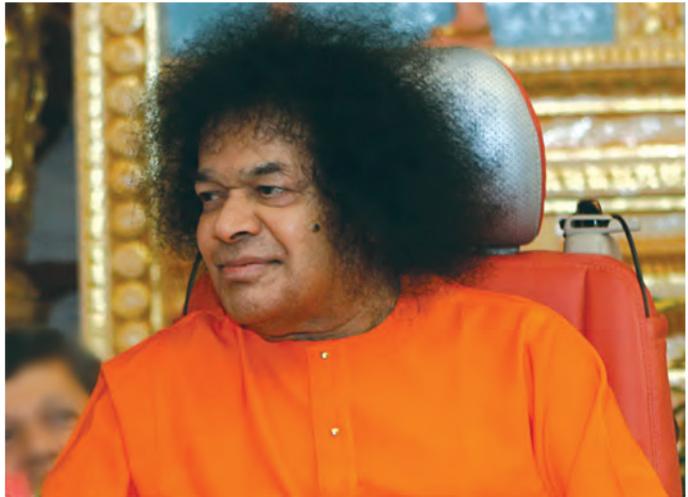
Forbearance is the real beauty in this sacred land of Bharat. Of all the rituals, adherence to truth is the greatest penance. The nectarine feeling in this country is the feeling of love towards one's mother. Character is valued far higher than the very life itself. People have forgotten the basic principles of this great culture and are imitating Western culture. Alas! The Bharatiyas are not aware of the greatness of their cultural heritage just as a mighty elephant is not aware of its own strength.

(Telugu Poem)

A N ORDINARY mahout is able to frighten a mighty elephant into submission since the elephant is not aware of its own strength. It sits when he asks it to sit and stands when ordered to do so. In the same way, man subjects himself to worldly delusions and undergoes all sorts of sufferings as he does not recognise his divinity and is not aware that he is the embodiment of the Atma.

Money and Power cannot Give Peace and Happiness

Man is not able to bear even a small difficulty. He is afraid of even such small things as transfer from one place to another. He is filled with fear when his child suffers from some ailment. He is living in the grip of fear as he is not able to recognise his true strength. The fundamental cause of all this is education. Modern education is related to man's outer world; it can earn him money and fill his belly. It caters to his physical and ephemeral needs



There should be unity of thought, word and deed. You should speak what you think and do what you say. When you observe the unity of thought, word and deed, you will become the embodiments of Divine Trinity (Brahma, Vishnu, Maheswara). In fact, this is true humanness. Human quality lies in the unity of all the three. Unity does not mean a number of people forming a group. Unity of thought, word and deed is the real unity. That is true educare.

only. One may earn any amount of money, but one cannot derive mental peace from it. At the most, money provides materialistic comforts; it cannot give spiritual bliss. Therefore, we should never forget the principle of spirituality under any circumstances. Even if you lack material possessions, you can experience peace and happiness if you adhere to the principle of spirituality. Where is peace and happiness? *Hari Bhajana Bina Sukha Santhi Nahi*, only singing the glories of God can give you peace and happiness; it cannot be acquired by money or worldly power. Money, power and secular education fulfil your physical needs and enable you to lead a worldly life.

In spite of his education and intelligence, a foolish man will not know his true Self and a mean-minded person will not give up his evil qualities. (Telugu Poem)

Modern education leads only to argumentation, not to total wisdom. What is the use of acquiring education which cannot lead you to immortality? Acquire the knowledge that will make you immortal.

(Telugu Poem)

What is the use of such an education and spending years and years to acquire it? What man requires is the human values of Sathya, Dharma, Santhi, Prema and Ahimsa (truth, righteousness, peace, love and non-violence). These five values have great importance in the life of man. On the other hand, lust, anger, greed and attachment are animal qualities. Unfortunately, man today is developing only animal qualities, and not human qualities. That is the reason he lacks peace and happiness in spite of having a lot of wealth. Hence, educare needs to be given more importance than education. What does educare mean?

It is to bring out the innate



You can be called a human being only when you have human qualities in you. You may read any number of books, but if you lack human qualities, you cannot be called a human being.

At the most, you may be called a scholar or an educated person but not a true human being. Those who imbibe and practise these qualities are human beings in the real sense of the term. One may be a great emperor, possessing enormous wealth and power. But wealth and power cannot protect one. Even if man acquires all worldly possessions, they cannot give him true happiness. True happiness can be derived from inner qualities and not from outer acquisitions.



qualities of man. When we manifest these qualities, we experience great happiness.

Human Values are Man's Real Wealth

Today there are innumerable colleges in the world. There are many professors and many great scholars with Ph.D. degrees. Even after acquiring such a high education, are they happy? There are so many highly educated persons in the world. Then, why does the world lack peace? What is the reason? It is so because the education they acquire aims at merely filling their belly. Therefore, we should acquire educare along with education. Education is worldly and external and educare is related to the inner being, i.e., the Atma. Where is the Atma? Atma is everywhere. It is present in the heart of all beings.

Man is essentially divine. But



he considers himself a mere mortal because he identifies himself with his physical body. All human qualities are present in man.

First human quality is Sathya. What is the form of Sathya? Can it be described? It cannot be seen. Similarly, we cannot see Santhi but it is there in the heart of man. In the same way, Dharma has no form; so also is love. Love is present in everyone but it cannot be seen. It can be experienced only when you impart it to others. Where there is love, there can be no hatred and hence no violence. That is Ahimsa (non-violence). All these qualities have no form, but they are the true attributes of a human being. These are the qualities which impart value to a human being. But people today have the mistaken notion that amassing a lot of wealth and filling their banks is a great human quality. They think that their education is meant only for this. This is not the goal of education. The five human values of Sathya, Dharma, Santhi, Prema and Ahimsa are man's real wealth. But man today wants to acquire everything else except these five. Consequently, he is developing animal qualities. Whenever these animal qualities emerge in you, you should remind yourself, "I am not an animal. I am a human being."

Truly, you are a human being and not an animal. But you can be called a human being only when you have human qualities in you. You may read any number of books, but if you lack human qualities, you cannot be called a human being. At the most, you may be called a scholar or an educated person but not a true human being. Those who imbibe and practise these qualities are human beings in the real sense of the term. One may be a great emperor, possessing enormous wealth and power. But wealth

and power cannot protect one. Even if man acquires all worldly possessions, they cannot give him true happiness. True happiness can be derived from inner qualities and not from outer acquisitions.

You all know the story of Alexander who set out of his country to conquer the entire world. He came to India also after crossing the Indus river. On his return from India, he became very sick. He had many doctors but none could cure him. They told him that he was about to leave his mortal coil in a short while. There were thousands of soldiers under his command. But none could save him from death. Then Alexander told his ministers and army commanders that they should wrap his body in a white cloth after his death, keeping both his hands out and carry his funeral procession in the streets of his native town. When the people in the street enquired why the hands of the emperor had been kept out of the hearse, they should tell them that though the emperor had carved out a huge empire, had a big army and a number of doctors, nothing could save him from death, and he was departing from the world empty-handed. They should propagate this truth in the world, he told them. In the same manner, even a millionaire or a billionaire has to leave the world empty-handed. You may deposit all your money in a bank. But ultimately it may fall into the hands of a thief or it may be taken over by the government. You cannot carry even a fistful of sand, not even a grain of dust.

You and I are one

As you are endowed with a human body, you have to earn some money to nourish it. Worldly education is helpful only to the extent of nourishing your body, and not beyond that. Today all our





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education is worldly. Worldly education is also necessary. But the education that is related to the inner feelings is most important. You may read any number of books; you may even teach others what you have read. This type of teaching and learning is limited in its scope. It cannot make our life ideal. Then, what is the type

of education that man should acquire? That is educare. What does educare mean? Educare is that which makes our innate virtues manifest. You do not need to read any textbook to do so.

We should have such teachers who are capable of imparting not only worldly education but can also guide us on the path of educare. This is the type of education that is provided to the students who join our university, where education is combined with educare. You all know that the first Vice Chancellor of our university was V.K. Gokak. I knew him even before our university was established. He always contemplated on the name of Swami and learnt many things from Me. Both he and his wife had single-minded devotion for Swami. Whenever I visited their house, they used to take Me first to their Puja room. Gokak was a very pure-hearted and noble person. Such a noble person became the first Vice Chancellor of our university. Our boys today are enjoying the fruits of all the

hard work done by him. He implicitly carried out the command of Swami in letter and spirit. His eldest son Anil Gokak also became the Vice Chancellor of our university. He imparted many noble teachings to the students. Whenever he had any doubt, he used to come to Swami and Swami would clear his doubt.

Anil Gokak is the worthy son



of his great father. Today he has completed his three years term as Vice Chancellor and is relinquishing the charge of his post. At the physical level, he may be leaving the university but mentally he will always be here. Both he and his wife are ardent devotees of Swami. We think that we are giving them farewell and sending them away. But, in fact, neither we are sending them away nor they are going away from us. Wherever they may go, the sweet memories of our university will always remain imprinted on their heart. Their thoughts are always focused on Swami and Swami is with them forever (*loud applause*). In this sense, they are always present here and not away from us. You may think that we are giving them a send-off today. No, not at all. Here we have only welcome, welcome, welcome and no send-off! Therefore, I have told them that they should come here from time to time, wherever they may go. Their entire family is united in devotion to Swami from the very beginning. Wherever they are, Swami is firmly installed in their heart. Physically, they may be away from Me, but mentally they are always united with Me. He is Mine and I am his. I have told him, "You and I are one" (*loud applause*). Not only Anil Gokak, but all of you are not separate from Me.

Develop Faith in your Divinity

You think you are all separate individuals. Individually, you may be separate, but collectively all of you are in Me. That is why the Vedas say, *Easwara Sarva Bhutanam* (God is the indweller of all beings). *Isavasyam Idam Jagat* (the entire world is permeated by God). Right from a small ant, all are the embodiments of divinity. Therefore, there is nothing in this world which is not divine.

The creation emerges from truth and merges into truth,

Is there a place in the cosmos where truth does not exist?

Visualise this pure and unsullied truth.

(Telugu Poem)

Everything is God. It is He who punishes and protects. Never think that others are punishing you. Whatever small or big task you undertake, it is all directed by the Divine Will. Hence, you should consider even those who harm you as your own. *All are one, be alike to everyone.* Physical bodies and feelings may vary but the same principle of Atma is present in all. Atma is indivisible. Like the sun, Atma is the same everywhere whether it is America, India, Japan, Germany or Pakistan. Now it is daytime here, but in America it is night at this time. Does it mean that sun is only here and not in America? No. The sun is here and there also. Only it cannot be seen at all places simultaneously due to the rotation of earth. Wherever you see, there is only one sun and one God. God is everywhere. You need not search for God. He is within you. You should have faith that God is in you, with you, around you, above you and below you. Those having such firm faith will find God wherever they see. When you chant the name of Rama or Krishna, keeping their form in your mind, you will certainly have their vision. When you chant Gayatri Mantra, it will confer on you all that you need. In fact, chanting of only Om is enough. It can meet all your requirements. Never have the feeling that God is away from you. How can you live if God is away from you? Therefore, think that you are always one with God. God is also known as Ardhanareeswara (androgynous). It means the union of Prakriti (Nature) and Purusha (Supreme Being). Man is subjected to all sorts of troubles because



he is more attached to Prakriti. Therefore, man should not consider Nature as mere Nature, but as the manifestation of God. In this way, he should develop the feelings of oneness with Nature. You should not think that God is separate from devotees. Never think, "He is God and I am His servant." You are not a mere devotee, and God is not separate from you. He is God and you are also God. You should always have the faith, "I am God, I am God, I am God."

Names are given just for the sake of identification; they are not your true identity. Truly speaking, you are bound to give up your name and form one day or the other. But the Atma is eternal. Therefore, you should experience the oneness of the Atma. Once you give up the feeling of 'I and mine', you become God yourself. You say, "This is my body." Then, who are you? You can say, 'my body' only when you are separate from it. Therefore, you are not the body, you are not the mind. Your body, mind and senses are the gift of God to you to realise the unity of creation. God is the controller of the entire creation. He is, in fact, the underlying unity of all creation. When you fill one thousand pots with water, you will find the reflection of the sun in each of them. But this does not mean that there are thousands of suns. When you throw away the water, you do not see any reflection of the sun. Likewise, if you give up the feeling of 'I and mine', you can get rid of ego, and thereby realise the oneness of God. God is one, goal is one. Therefore, you should always think that everything is God. Whatever good or bad, profit or loss happens, consider it as the Will of God.

Today Anil Gokak is relinquishing the charge and the new Vice Chancellor Vishwanath

Pandit is ready to take up this assignment. Vishwanath Pandit has visited many countries. He is a very noble person. His very name is Vishwanath! Hereafter, he will be the Vice Chancellor of our university. Do not think that Anil Gokak is leaving our college and going away. Truly speaking, he is not leaving us. There is nothing like coming and going. At the physical level, many Vice Chancellors have come and gone, but at the Atmic level they are always with Me. In fact, I am their Atma. Do not think that one person is going and another person is coming. Do the duty assigned to you. This duty develops your relationship with God. In fact, duty is God. Discharge your duty with such sacred feelings. Anil Gokak also performed his duty very well (*loud applause*). Even if he had a small doubt, he would come to Me and seek clarification. We need such dedicated people. Right from the elder Gokak to Anil Gokak, all the Vice Chancellors are Mine. All the future Vice Chancellors are also Mine. This is their home. Whenever they come here, they will be respected. In fact, we do not send anybody away from us. I am utilising the services of all the Vice Chancellors for the benefit of the students.

Our students are also very good. Some students of outside colleges are problematic. There can be no comparison between them and our students (*loud applause*). Our students do not join their company. This does not mean that they hate anybody. No, they have no hatred towards anyone. They conduct themselves with love, obeying Swami's command. Wherever they go, our students always maintain their uniqueness.

Spirituality is like the head. All the limbs function under the command of the head.

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CELEBRATIONS AT PRASANTHI NILAYAM

Pilgrimage of U.S.A. Devotees

MORE THAN 275 DEVOTEES FROM U.S.A. Region 10 (Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Arkansas) came on a pilgrimage to Prasanthi Nilayam from 23rd to 30th July 2008 to seek the divine proximity



Bal Vikas children enacting a scene in the musical presentation made by the U.S.A. devotees on 28th July 2008 in Sai Kulwant Hall.

and benedictions of Bhagavan Sri Sathya Sai Baba. On 28th July 2008, the entire group of these devotees presented an exhilarating devotional music programme in seven languages interspersed with commentary and dramatic portrayal of the themes of the songs which depicted the majesty of Rama, Leelas (divine pranks) of Krishna, serenity of Buddha, compassion of Jesus, glory of Allah and grandeur of Bhagavan Sri Sathya Sai Baba. While the singers delighted the audience with a medley of devotional songs on these themes, 57 Bal Vikas children vivified them through

dances and skits. The programme began at 5.30 p.m. with a prayer song dedicated to Lord Ganesh and came to a close at 6.05 p.m. with the group song “Humko Tumse Pyar Kitna” through which they poured out their hearts expressing their love and gratitude for Bhagavan. Bhagavan blessed the devotees at the end of the programme, posed for group photos with them and distributed Prasadam to them. He also materialised a gold chain for a Bal Vikas child. This programme was followed by Bhajans which were also led by these devotees. The programme came to a close with Arati to Bhagavan at 6.35 p.m.

Sadhana Camp of U.K. Youth

A group of more than 170 devotees came from U.K. on a pilgrimage to Prasanthi Nilayam from 29th July to 7th August 2008. The group included 133 youth who participated in a nine-day long Sadhana Camp which began daily at 5.00 a.m. with Omkaram and Suprabhatam followed by yoga, meditation and other spiritual activities. The youth experienced the bliss of Bhagavan’s Darshan in Sai Kulwant Hall daily both in the morning and evening, listened to illuminating talks delivered by distinguished speakers and presented two music programmes in the Divine Presence of Bhagavan during their stay at Prasanthi Nilayam.

The first music programme presented by these youth on the afternoon of 31st July 2008 began at 5.10 p.m. with an invocation song dedicated



Besides participating in the Sadhana Camp held at Prasanthi Nilayam, the U.K. Youth presented two music programmes in Sai Kulwant Hall on 31st July and 1st August 2008.

to Lord Ganesh and followed by a traditional prayer to Guru in Sanskrit. After this, these youth presented beautifully-worded and mellifluously-rendered devotional group songs in Telugu, Hindi and English to the delight of one and all in Sai Kulwant Hall. This brief but exhilarating programme of devotional music came to a close at 5.35 p.m. This was followed by Bhajans which were also led by these youth. Prasadam blessed by Bhagavan was distributed to the entire gathering in Sai Kulwant Hall during Bhajans. The programme came to a close with Arati to Bhagavan at 6.10 p.m.

Another programme of devotional music was presented by these youth on the afternoon of 1st August 2008. The programme began at 4.30 p.m. after the Divine Darshan of Bhagavan. At the outset, a visually challenged girl delighted one and all by her solo instrumental music presentation on accordion followed by a devotional song in her melodious voice. After this, the youth presented group songs in English followed by Bhajans. At the conclusion of Bhajans by the U.K. youth, Bhagavan showered His blessings on them. He also materialised a gold bracelet for the visually challenged girl who earlier made a beautiful offering of

instrumental and vocal music. The university students continued Bhajans for another 15 minutes after that. At 5.45 p.m., Arati was offered to Bhagavan, marking the conclusion of the day's programme.

On 4th August 2008, two senior members of the U.K. group of devotees gave talks on the role of youth in the Divine Mission of Bhagavan. The programme began at 5.00 p.m. after the Divine Darshan of Bhagavan in Sai Kulwant Hall. The first speaker Ms. Josphine Corrtell expressed gratitude to Bhagavan for providing this unique opportunity of His proximity to the U.K. devotees and exhorted the youth to become worthy instruments in the Divine Mission of Bhagavan. The second speaker Sri Ajit Popat remarked that every moment spent in the proximity of Bhagavan was a golden moment and counselled the youth to make the best use of this golden opportunity. He exhorted them to march onward, forward, Godward and see God in the entire creation. After this, there was a brief session of Bhajans led by the university students. The programme concluded at 5.45 p.m. with Arati to Bhagavan.

Pilgrimage of Kuwait Devotees

More than 120 devotees including 44 Bal Vikas children came from Kuwait on a pilgrimage to Prasanthi Nilayam from 27th July to 5th August 2008 to experience the bliss of Bhagavan's Darshan and seek His blessings. On the afternoon of 3rd August 2008, these devotees presented a drama entitled "Power of Prayer" in Sai Kulwant Hall in the Divine Presence of Bhagavan. The drama began at 4.50 p.m. with recitation of Om three times followed by Ganapati Prarthana (prayer to Lord Ganesh) in Sanskrit by the entire group. Based on the teachings of Bhagavan Sri Sathya Sai Baba, the drama brought forth the significance of prayer in





The drama "Power of Prayer" presented by the Kuwait devotees on 3rd August 2008 brought forth the significance of prayer in the life of man.

the life of man through a well-knit story and well-rehearsed acting of the cast supported by appropriate songs, props, costumes, dialogues and dances of children. Besides, the drama was a fine presentation on the themes of unity of all religions and power of faith. At the conclusion of the drama, Bhagavan blessed the cast and posed for group photos with them. He also materialised a gold chain for one of the children. This was followed by Bhajans which were also led by Kuwait devotees. Prasadam blessed by Bhagavan was distributed to the entire assembly of devotees in Sai Kulwant Hall during Bhajans. The programme came to a close with Arati to Bhagavan at 6.00 p.m.

Sadhana Camp of Himachal Pradesh Youth

Sri Sathya Sai Seva Organisation of Himachal Pradesh organised the second Sadhana Camp of its youth at Prasanthi Nilayam from 4th to 8th August 2008. More than 400 youth (272 boys and 154 girls) came from all parts of Himachal Pradesh to participate in this camp. During the course of the camp, the Sai Organisation of the State presented two excellent devotional music programmes in Sai Kulwant Hall on 5th and 6th August 2008.

On 5th August, Sai Youth of Himachal Pradesh presented a medley of devotional songs, folk songs and Qawalis entitled "Hrudaya Tarang" (melody of the heart). The programme commenced after the Divine Darshan of Bhagavan in Sai Kulwant Hall. Beginning their programme with rhythmic and resonant chanting of Om, the singer group of the youth first sang a folk song of Himachal Pradesh dedicated to Lord Siva, the dweller of sacred Kailash mountain. The next two songs were dedicated to Bhagavan Sri Sathya Sai Baba who has incarnated on earth to establish truth, righteousness, love, peace, non-violence in the world through the teachings of the Vedas. The Qawali that followed was in the form of



Sri Sathya Sai Seva Organisation of Himachal Pradesh organised a Sadhana Camp at Prasanthi Nilayam for its youth and presented two music programmes on 5th and 6th August 2008.

a prayer to God for enlightenment to realise the divinity immanent in the heart of all beings. Following it with a Punjabi folk song, the youth concluded their programme with a very touching devotional song dedicated to Bhagavan. All the songs were full of feelings and were rendered with clapping and rhythmic movements of the singers. Their melody, rhythm and sweetness kept the audience spellbound for nearly one hour. The programme that started at 5.00 p.m. came to a close at 5.50 p.m. Bhagavan sat through the entire presentation, blessed the singers at the



conclusion of the programme, posed for group photos with them and distributed clothes, Prasadam and Vibhuti packets to them. He also materialised a gold chain for one of the singers. Bhajans that followed were first led by the Sai Youth of Himachal Pradesh and then by the students of Sri Sathya Sai University. The programme came to a close with Arati to Bhagavan at 6.20 p.m.

The next programme of devotional music was presented by the Sai Organisation of Himachal Pradesh on 6th August 2008. The singer who presented this programme was Ms. Sunanda Sharma of Himachal Pradesh, a renowned Hindustani classical singer. Beginning her presentation at 5.15 p.m. after the Divine Darshan and blessings of Bhagavan in Sai Kulwant Hall, the talented artiste first rendered two classical compositions with aplomb and followed them with three very touching Mira Bhajans, sending the audience into raptures with her masterly rendition. She concluded her programme with a Sai Bhajan which the audience followed in chorus. Thereafter, female singers of Himachal Pradesh Youth presented a couple of semi-classical group songs to the delight of one and all. Bhajans during this programme were led by the students of Sri Sathya Sai University, suffusing the entire milieu with devotional fervour. At the conclusion of the programme, Bhagavan blessed the singers, distributed Prasadam to them and gave clothes to Ms. Sunanda and her accompanying artistes with His Divine Hands. He also materialised a gold chain for Ms. Sunanda. The programme came to a close with Arati to Bhagavan at 6.50 p.m.

New Vice Chancellor of Sri Sathya Sai University

In a grand function held in Poornachandra Auditorium,

Prasanthi Nilayam on the morning of 6th August 2008, Sri Anil Vinayak Gokak, Vice Chancellor of Sri Sathya Sai University, was felicitated on his retirement from this post, and Prof. Vishwanath Pandit was offered grand welcome on assuming the charge as the new Vice Chancellor of the university.

Bhagavan Sri Sathya Sai Baba, the Revered Chancellor of the university, came to Poornachandra Auditorium at 10.00 a.m. which was full to its capacity with devotees, staff and students. At the outset, garlands were offered to Smt. and Sri Gokak to honour them. The programme began at 10.15 a.m. with chanting of Vedic hymns by a group of university students. Thereafter, Sri G.S. Srirangarajan, a faculty member of the Prasanthi Nilayam Campus of the university, addressed the gathering.



A grand function was held in Poornachandra Auditorium on 6th August 2008 to felicitate Sri Anil V. Gokak who relinquished the charge of Vice Chancellor of Sri Sathya Sai University and to welcome the new Vice Chancellor Prof. Vishwanath Pandit.

Dwelling on the integral system of education devised by Bhagavan for the all-round development of students, Sri Srirangarajan recalled the important role played by the first Vice Chancellor of the university Sri V.K. Gokak in translating the divine vision of Bhagavan into



practice so that the university today was being looked upon as the spiritual lighthouse of the world for integrating values and spirituality with education. He also enumerated the great achievements of the university during the tenure of Sri Anil V. Gokak who, he said, had steered the university to great heights. The next speaker, Sri S.V. Giri, former Vice Chancellor of the university, observed that the tiny sapling of value-based education planted by Bhagavan during the tenure of Sri V.K. Gokak had grown into a gigantic tree during Sri Anil V. Gokak's tenure and added that it was very rare in history that a father and his son occupied the same high position and earned great name and fame. Sri Giri also stated that Sri Anil V. Gokak had played an important role in putting Bhagavan's concept of educare into practice. In conclusion, Sri Giri offered hearty welcome to Prof. Vishwanath Pandit who, he said, had earned enormous respectability in the field of economics. Sri Anil V. Gokak who spoke next observed that it was under the Divine inspiration of Bhagavan that his father's creativity found new channels and earned him the prestigious Jnanpith Award. The same creativity was responsible, he added, for the pioneering work done by him in the field of integral education. Expressing his deep gratitude to Bhagavan for his unbounded grace on his entire family, Sri Gokak observed that Bhagavan is the spiritual father of the entire human race and has incarnated on earth to raise the consciousness of man through the practice of human values which find expression in the philosophy of educare. Narrating his experiences of working with Prof. Vishwanath Pandit, the distinguished speaker observed that Prof. Pandit combines erudition with human qualities.

At the conclusion of Sri Gokak's talk, Bhagavan

showered His blessings on him and his wife and honoured both of them by giving gold bracelets to them. In His Benedictory Address (full text given elsewhere), which followed Sri Gokak's speech, Bhagavan observed that unity of thought, word and deed was true educare and true human quality which came from the heart. He exhorted the students to read the textbook of their heart to imbibe human qualities.

After this, the new Vice Chancellor, Prof. Vishwanath Pandit gave a brief speech. Prof. Pandit observed that Sri Sathya Sai University was a unique university in the world which had the distinction of having the Chancellor of the universe as its Divine Chancellor, under whose guidance it had given new direction to education by combining knowledge with wisdom. In conclusion, he prayed to Bhagavan for His blessings and grace to make him worthy instrument of His Divine Mission. This glittering function came to a close with Arati to Bhagavan at 12.05 p.m. Prasadam blessed by Bhagavan was distributed to one and all in the auditorium on this occasion.

Parthi Yatra of Vizianagaram Devotees

More than 1,500 devotees came to Prasanthi Nilayam from all parts of Vizianagaram district of Andhra Pradesh from 7th to 12th August to experience the bliss of Divine Darshan of Bhagavan and seek His blessings. They took part in Seva activities at Prasanthi Nilayam and organised a grand palanquin procession which went round the streets of Puttaparthi while the devotees sang the glories of God.

On 10th August 2008, Bal Vikas children of this district presented a dance drama entitled "Jagame Ramamayam" in Sai Kulwant Hall in the Divine Presence of Bhagavan. The drama portrayed the life story of Mollamamba, a great



devotee of Lord Rama from the Kadapa district of Andhra Pradesh. As the story unfolded, it depicted how the poetic talent of this ardent devotee blossomed by the depth and intensity of her devotion to Lord Rama so that even Emperor Krishnadevaraya marvelled at



A scene from the drama "Jagame Ramamayam" presented by the Bal Vikas children of Vizianagaram district on 10th August 2008.

her genius after hearing her compositions. Embellished with beautiful lyrics set to sweet music and thrilling dances of Bal Vikas children, the drama conveyed the message that one could attain great spiritual heights and have the vision of God by devotion and Namasmarana. The drama that started at 5.00 p.m. came to a close at 5.55 p.m. At the conclusion of the drama, Bhagavan blessed the children, posed for group photos with them and distributed clothes to them with His Divine Hands. He also materialised a gold chain for the girl who enacted the role of Mollamamba. After a brief session of Bhajans, the programme came to a close with Arati to Bhagavan at 6.20 p.m.

Sadhana Camp of West Bengal Youth

More than 630 youth came from all parts of West Bengal to participate in the Sadhana Camp held at Prasanthi Nilayam from 13th

to 17th August 2008, this being the second Sadhana Camp of the youth of West Bengal as the first one was held in 2007.

On 16th August 2008, a group of these youth presented a powerful drama entitled "Love in Action" in Sai Kulwant Hall in the Divine Presence of Bhagavan. Through a down-to-earth realistic story of a Sai Youth who adhered firmly to the teachings of Bhagavan Sri Sathya Sai Baba against all odds, the drama vividly depicted the main teachings of Bhagavan and the eternal values of Indian culture in a most impressive way so as to leave a lasting effect on the audience. The drama depicted how service could be transformed into worship and gave a clarion call to the youth to transform their lives through selfless service and promote ethics, morality and spirituality in society through their personal example. Elevating theme, powerful dialogues, superb acting of the cast, effective choreography and talented direction made the drama an outstanding presentation. The drama which began at 5.05 p.m. came to a close at 5.40 p.m. with a loud and prolonged applause of the appreciative audience. At the conclusion of the drama, Bhagavan blessed the youth, posed for group photos with them and distributed clothes and



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mementoes to them with His Divine Hands. He also materialised a gold bracelet for the youth who played the role of the main character of the drama. The programme came to a close with Arati to Bhagavan at 6.10 p.m.

The Spirit of India - A Drama

The patriotic fervour of freedom movement of India came alive at Prasanthi Nilayam when the postgraduate students of Sri Sathya Sai University performed a drama entitled “The Spirit of India” in Sai Kulwant Hall on the eve of Independence Day of India. The drama which began at 5.15 p.m. after the Divine Darshan of Bhagavan on the afternoon of 14th August 2008, portrayed several incidents from the lives of freedom fighters like Mahatma



The spirit of freedom movement of India came alive at Prasanthi Nilayam when the students of Sri Sathya Sai University enacted the drama “The Spirit of India” in Sai Kulwant Hall on 14th August 2008.

Gandhi, Sri Aurobindo, Subhas Chandra Bose and Bhagat Singh whose indomitable spirit of patriotism inspired the Indian masses to take part in the freedom struggle and attain freedom from foreign rule. The episodes of King Harishchandra as well as Krishna and Arjuna, depicted how truth, righteousness and other noble virtues reinforced the spirit of freedom struggle of India. The drama closed with a very impressive rendering of Bhagavan’s

patriotic poem: “*Khanda Khandantara ...*” which was accompanied by a thrilling dance set to sweet music. At the conclusion of the drama, Bhagavan blessed the students, provided them the opportunity of group photos with Him and distributed watches to them. He also materialised a gold chain for the student who enacted the role of Krishna. After Bhajans and distribution of Prasadam, the programme came to a close with Arati to Bhagavan at 6.50 p.m.

Varalakshmi Vrata at Prasanthi Nilayam

Varalakshmi Vrata was performed this year on 15th August 2008, which made it all the more auspicious since it fell on the Independence Day of India. Sai Kulwant Hall, the venue of the function, was befittingly decorated on this occasion. A beautiful idol of Goddess Lakshmi adorned the dais where special decorations were done with fresh flowers.

On the morning of 15th August 2008, Bhagavan was welcomed with Poornakumbham by a group of ladies when He came to Sai Kulwant Hall in a procession led by Nadaswaram musicians at 9.40 a.m. On arriving at the dais, Bhagavan lighted the lamp at 9.50 a.m. to inaugurate Varalakshmi



Worship of Goddess Lakshmi was performed by 1,008 ladies who participated in Varalakshmi Vrata conducted in Sai Kulwant Hall on 15th August 2008.

Vrata ceremonies. Soon after this, the chief priest started reciting sacred invocatory chants. Thereafter began the performance of the rituals by the participants seated in the hall. As the chief priest gave instructions, the participants performed the worship of Goddess Varalakshmi with the Puja (worship) material provided to them by the organisers. The worship of the goddess was performed in a most sacred manner by 1,008 participating ladies in the Divine Presence of Bhagavan. At 10.20 a.m., Bhagavan went into the rows of the participants to shower His blessings on them. Amidst recitation of sacred Mantras by the priests, the worship continued up to 11.00 a.m. when Arati was offered to Bhagavan to mark the happy conclusion of the ceremonies. Prasadam was distributed to the entire assembly of participants and devotees in the hall in the end.

An Excellent Devotional Music Concert

On the afternoon of 15th August 2008, Smt. Sunitha Goparaju, a renowned playback singer from Hyderabad, presented an exhilarating devotional music concert in the Divine Presence of Bhagavan. Commencing her presentation with an invocatory Sloka (verse) dedicated to Lord Ganesh at 5.20 p.m., the talented singer enthralled the gathering of devotees in Sai Kulwant Hall with light classical vocal music for nearly 45 minutes. The compositions dedicated to Goddess Lakshmi, Lord Rama, Lord Krishna and Bhagavan Sri Sathya Sai Baba in various Ragas were marked by the sweetness of melody and exquisite quality of music. The tenderness of the feelings and total effortlessness of the artiste's renditions had a spellbinding effect on the audience who expressed their appreciation of the concert through a loud applause

at the conclusion of the programme at 6.05 p.m. Bhagavan blessed Smt. Goparaju and the accompanying artistes, distributed clothes to them and posed for group photos with them. He also materialised a gold chain for Smt. Goparaju. At the conclusion of this presentation, there was a brief but equally delectable programme of light classical vocal music by the students of Sri Sathya Sai University, which concluded with offer of Arati to Bhagavan at 6.35 p.m.

Parthi Yatra of Visakhapatnam Devotees

More than 3,000 devotees came from Visakhapatnam district of Andhra Pradesh on pilgrimage to Prasanthi Nilayam from 22nd to 24th August 2008 to experience the bliss of Bhagavan's Darshan and seek



On the eve of Sri Krishna Janmashtami, Bal Vikas children of Visakhapatnam district enacted the drama "Sai Krishna Leela Tarangini" on 22nd August 2008. The drama portrayed the main incidents from the lives of Lord Krishna and Bhagavan Sri Sathya Sai Baba to depict similarities between the lives of the two Avatars of the Lord.

His benedictions. On the eve of Sri Krishna Janmashtami, Bal Vikas children from this district presented a musical dance drama entitled "Sai Krishna Leela Tarangini" in Sai Kulwant Hall on 22nd August



2008. The drama portrayed the main incidents from the lives of Lord Krishna and Bhagavan Sri Sathya Sai Baba to depict how the Lord who incarnated as Lord Krishna in Dwapara Yuga had come again to show His Leelas (divine pranks) at Puttaparthi and establish Dharma on firm footing on earth. The story of the drama was depicted mainly through beautiful songs accompanied by thrilling dances of the Bal Vikas children which imparted rich musical quality to the drama. The drama which began at 5.05 p.m. came to a close at 6.00 p.m., after which Bhagavan spent quite some time with the children by sitting amidst them, talking to them, distributing clothes to them and providing them the coveted opportunity of group photos with Him. Bhagavan also materialised a gold chain each for the children who played the roles of Krishna and Yashoda. Meanwhile, Prasadam blessed by Bhagavan was distributed to one and all. The programme came to a close with Arati to Bhagavan at 6.25 p.m.

Visakhapatnam devotees also put up an exhibition “Ananda Jyoti” in the Exhibition Hall at Prasanthi Nilayam on the life, teachings and humanitarian projects of Bhagavan.

Choodamani Pradanam: A Dance Drama

The students of Sri Sathya Sai Loka Seva Trust, Alike (Karnataka) enacted a Yakshagana Roopaka (a folk art form of coastal Karnataka) entitled “Choodamani Pradanam” (offering of head jewel) in Sai Kulwant Hall on 23rd August 2008. Yakshagana is a musical narration combining dance and drama in which a singer narrates the story in song while the actors enact it through dance and gestures.

The drama began at 4.45 p.m. after the Divine Darshan of Bhagavan in Sai Kulwant Hall. Based on the story of the Ramayana, the drama depicted various



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episodes of this great epic beginning with the episode of Rama and Lakshmana wandering in search of Sita in Kishkindha forest followed by the episodes of Hanuman going to Lanka, giving the ring of Rama to Sita and bringing the Choodamani of Sita to Rama. It culminated in the return of Rama, Lakshmana and Sita to Ayodhya after the defeat and death of Ravana, the demon king of Lanka. The drama which was marked by appropriate costumes, sweet devotional songs and excellent acting and dances of the students came to a close at 6.00 p.m. with a group song with deep feelings of devotion by the entire dance troupe to offer gratitude and salutations to Bhagavan. At the conclusion of the drama, Bhagavan blessed the students, gave them the coveted opportunity of group photos with Him and distributed clothes to them. Prasadam blessed by Bhagavan was then distributed to all. The programme came to a close with Arati to Bhagavan at 6.30 p.m.

Sri Krishna Janmashtami Festival

The holy festival of Sri Krishna Janmashtami was celebrated at Prasanthi Nilayam in a most sacred manner on 24th August 2008 in the Divine Presence of Bhagavan. Nadaswaram musicians heralded this sacred day by their sweet notes in Sai Kulwant Hall early in the morning after Omkaram



and Suprabhatam in the Bhajan Mandir. Bhagavan came to shower His blessings on the huge congregation of devotees in Sai Kulwant Hall in His sparkling yellow robe at 9.20 a.m. amidst sweet notes of Nadaswaram and sacred chanting of Vedic hymns. On His arrival in the Hall, Bhagavan blessed



On the holy day of Sri Krishna Janmashtami, Bhagavan showered His love on the cows, calves and other pets and fed them with His Divine Hands in Sai Kulwant Hall on 24th August 2008.

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Hence, all our students must consider spirituality as their head. Teachers teach their subjects. Whatever they teach in the class, it should be imprinted on your heart. Never observe the difference that one teacher is greater than the other. When you give up all the differences and conduct yourself in an ideal manner, you will become the future leaders of the country. Hence, you should become equal-minded and be receptive to the teachings of all your teachers. This is My message to you today. There should be unity of thought, word and deed. You should speak what you think and do what you say. When you observe the unity of thought, word and deed, you will become the embodiments of Divine Trinity (Brahma, Vishnu, Maheswara). In fact, this is true humanness. Human quality lies in the unity of all the three. Unity does not mean a number

exquisitely bedecked Sathya Geeta, His beloved elephant, and the cows which earlier were brought from Sri Sathya Sai Gokulam in a procession by students dressed as cowherds. Bhagavan lovingly blessed them all, caressed them and fed them with fruits. After Bhagavan was seated on the dais, the university students enraptured the audience with a medley of vocal and instrumental devotional music compositions in praise of Lord Krishna. First, they presented two devotional songs and then presented the instrumental music on flute. This musical programme commenced at 9.50 a.m. and came to a close at 10.20 a.m. immersing one and all in divine bliss. At the end of the programme, Bhagavan blessed the singers and posed for group photos with them. After this, Bhagavan blessed the Prasadam for distribution to devotees in the hall. The programme concluded at 10.20 a.m. with Arati to Bhagavan.

of people forming a group. Unity of thought, word and deed is the real unity. That is true educare. We need not read any textbook to achieve this. Your heart is the textbook which you should follow. Only then will you become good boys and good people. Good people are God people. Do not think that you are merely a student. You are a student from the physical point of view. But at the spiritual level, you are God.

Today Anil Gokak is leaving our university. But he will surely come back. Wherever they are, they are Mine and I am theirs. This is our intimate relationship. Be good and welcome the new Vice Chancellor Vishwanath Pandit with all love, respect and happiness.

– From Bhagavan's Divine Discourse in Poornachandra Auditorium, Prasanthi Nilayam on 6th August 2008.



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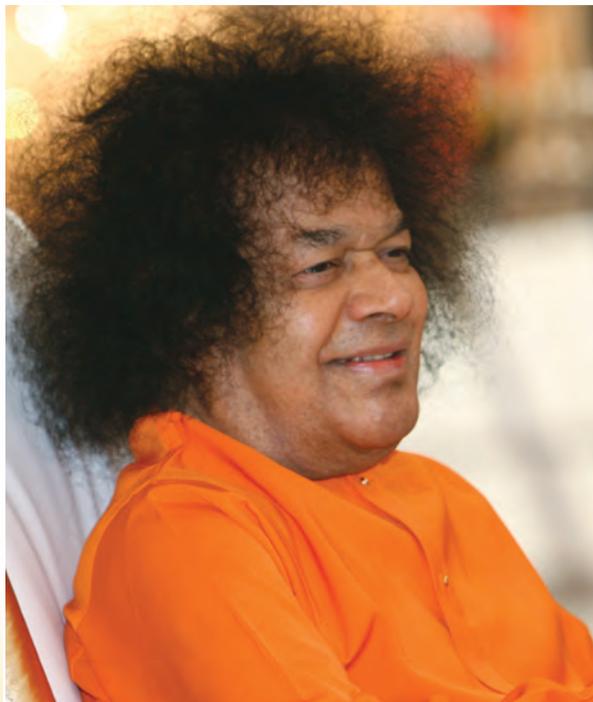
Embodiments of Love!

I HAVE NOTHING MORE TO ADD to what has already been said by Goldstein and Srinivasan in their talks on the subject of education. This is not a subject which anybody and everybody can make others understand.

Poor People are in Dire Need of Help

Modern education is merely extraneous, materialistic and worldly. There are crores and crores of people in India who have acquired such education. But how far is society benefited by them? They are not bothered about the

condition of society and its needs. They talk in public at any length about the need to help the poor but when it comes to practice, they just do nothing. Selfishness and self-interest are their sole pursuits. There is hardly anybody to look after the needs of the masses and take care of their welfare, betterment and happiness. You all know the condition that prevails in the world today. Wherever you see, you find sorrow and misery; happiness is nowhere to be seen. Every country boasts about its greatness. But, in reality, this greatness is nowhere to be seen and people are undergoing great suffering. There is no one to understand the difficulties of poor people.



All human qualities are within us; they are not outside. What is the meaning of educare? It is to bring out the qualities that are within us. Therefore, we should manifest our innate human qualities. That is true educare. Mere reading of books connotes education. What we need today is educare. Through educare, all will become one. Today I am revealing this to you that in the next twenty-five to thirty years, the entire world will become one – one caste, one religion and one God. We should have this type of unity.

It is difficult to determine who is rich and who is poor in the real sense of these terms. In fact, all appear to be poor today. Then, who is rich? Those who put into practice what they say are truly rich. *Manasyekam Vachasyekam, Karmanyekam Mahatmanam* (Those whose thoughts, words and deeds are in perfect harmony are noble ones). But such people have become rare today. Big countries cause great harm to the people of other countries, yet they do not regret their actions. They do not realise how much sufferings and difficulties the poor people have to undergo due to their actions. In every country, there are both rich and poor people. But when it comes to helping people, everybody comes to the help of rich people only; nobody bothers about helping the poor. Therefore, first and foremost it is necessary to protect poor people.

Every devotee should have love and compassion for poor people. Only those who develop the quality of sacrifice experience divine bliss. Selfish people who harbour the feelings of 'I' and 'mine' can never experience happiness. The feeling of 'I' is the cause of ego in man. Similarly, the feeling of 'mine' and 'my people' causes attachment. Such feelings make a man proud and egoistic. Do not develop the narrow feeling, 'only my country should develop and prosper'. Those who develop the narrow feelings of 'I' and 'mine' in this wide world undergo a lot of suffering. What is the cause of such selfish feelings in man? The cause of such feelings is their worldly and materialistic education. Materialistic education makes a man self-centred; it does not broaden his outlook to think about the welfare of others. Hence, we should broaden our outlook and love all.

In the world today, people lack
Papa Bheeti and Daiva

Preeti (fear of sin and love for God). They can achieve anything if they cultivate these two. But man today is becoming more and more selfish. As his self-interest and selfishness are increasing day by day, man is losing his broad-mindedness. Therefore, we should give up our selfishness at least to some extent. In fact, we should not have even a trace of it so as to utilise all our power and capability for the welfare of poor people. Without the help of poor people, we cannot have even our food.

*It is the poor farmers who plough the field,
sow the seeds and toil hard to grow the
crops,*

*but the rich people are enjoying the fruits
of their labour, sitting comfortably in their
palatial buildings.*

*The rice produced by the poor people is
eaten by the rich people and the poor have
to be satisfied with gruel.*

*Earth is God's gift to man; it is not the sole
property of any individual.*

*How is that the rich people have all rights
on the land while the poor have none?*

*If the rich suppress the poor by using their
power, do you think God will not come to
their rescue?* (Telugu Song)

Therefore, we should look after the welfare of poor people. As they serve us in so many ways, we should also cater to their needs. Today highly educated persons holding high positions of authority have become hundred per cent selfish. This is the sign of their mean mentality.

Lead your Life with Unity and Purity to Attain Divinity

People try to exploit others for their own selfish ends. Nobody is making efforts with sacred feelings to help others. In fact, a true human being



is supposed to help others. Only those who are endowed with the five values of Sathya, Dharma, Santhi, Prema and Ahimsa are human beings in the real sense of the term. How can they be called human beings if they lack these qualities? How can those who harbour demonic qualities call themselves human? Therefore, first and foremost, man should develop human qualities. Only then can he be recognised as human being. If your neighbour is in trouble, you have no right to be happy. All are the children of God in this world. If anybody undergoes any suffering, you should feel the pain of it. You should lead your life in this way with love and devotion and develop the principle of equality.

First, you should develop unity. Only then can there be purity in your heart. When your heart becomes pure, you get the proximity of God. Hence, you should lead your life, keeping these three principles of unity, purity and divinity topmost in your mind. Seeing the suffering of others, you should not think, "It is their fate, how am I concerned with it?" Consider the suffering of others as your own suffering because God is present in the heart of all. *Easwara Sarva Bhutanam* (God is the indweller of all beings). God is present even in small creatures like ants and mosquitoes. Therefore, we should give protection to them also. If one mosquito bites you, you kill so many by spraying an insecticide. Instead you can use a mosquito net to protect yourself. One whose heart is filled with compassion follows such righteous path.

We should develop compassion. But today compassion is not to be seen anywhere. What we see is only "come-fashion". When you behave like this, how can there be equality? There should be at least some trace of humanness in you. One who is endowed with human

qualities is truly a kind-hearted person. Lust, greed, anger, hatred, jealousy are all animal qualities. Love, compassion, sacrifice, truth constitute true wealth of man. You can call yourself a human being only when you have these human qualities. Man today is human only in form; he is filled with animal qualities. Form is not important, human quality is important. But, unfortunately, people go only by the form. They do not realise the inner significance associated with it.

You do not know when the troubles would knock at your door; they may come any moment. Your difficulties are nothing but the reaction, reflection and resound of your own actions. If one country puts another country into trouble, it will have to suffer the same consequences. You cannot escape the consequences of your actions. You can develop human qualities when you realise this truth and act accordingly. You may ask even tiny tots in our school, they will clearly tell you what is meant by human values. Even elders have to learn from our students. We should develop human qualities in students right from their childhood. Boys and girls from their childhood should grow in human values.

Man should Manifest his Innate Values

Truth is the first human quality. Where does it come from? It does not come from below the earth, it does not drop down from the sky, it does not come from north, east, west or south. Truth is present in our heart. When you look within and make a proper enquiry, you will surely know the truth. Where there is truth, righteousness will be present there. Where there are truth and righteousness, there you will find the manifestation of love. When you have love, you will attain peace. Where there are peace and love, there will be non-violence.

All these values are within us.

We have to make efforts



ourselves to manifest them. There is no need for you to look for these values in books or go to elders to learn them. All these are within you. Man is verily God. That is why God is also picturised in human form. When you ask God, "Who are you?", He will reply, *Aham Brahmasmi* (I am Brahman). He does not say I am so and so. Your name is given to you by your parents. God has not given you any name. God gives you only one thing and that is Atma. *Mamatma Sarva Bhutantaratma* (I am present as the Atma in all beings). Atma is present in all. It is present even in ants and insects. You see ants moving in a line. They talk to the ants coming from the opposite direction with love, kiss each other and move forward. When the cow gives birth to a calf, it does not go with the herd of cows. If the calf does not find its mother, it cries, "Amma, Amma" (mother, mother). Immediately, the mother comes to the calf saying, "My dear, my dear." You find such intimate relationship even in animals and birds.

Once when two birds were sitting on a tree, a hunter shot an arrow and killed the male bird. The female bird started crying bitterly and ultimately gave up its life. There is so much love even in birds. The Ramayana had its origin from this incident. When there is so much love between birds and animals, why is there no love between human beings? Man should learn these lessons from birds and animals. Even when he sees all this with his eyes, he is totally blind to such valuable lessons. Similarly, I am teaching so many things, but nothing enters your brain. It is only when you put these teachings into practice can you understand these lessons. You feel bad when someone criticises you. Then, why don't you realise that others also feel bad when you criticise them? However, you must consider that whosoever



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criticises you or harms you, it is only due to the Will of God. When you develop divine feelings in this manner, everything will become good for you.

These days even wealthy people desire to have more money; they do not yearn for God. They totally lack faith in their Self. They keep on arguing and questioning, where is Atma, what is Atma? They do not understand that the principle of Atma is present very much within them. When I say, "This is My handkerchief", I am separate from handkerchief. Similarly, when you say, "This is my body", you are separate and body is separate. Who is that who says 'my'? You say, "This is mine and that is mine." But who are you? You are not trying to know yourself. When you know yourself, you can know everything. On the other hand, if you do not know yourself, it amounts to knowing nothing. Therefore, sit quietly and peacefully and think who you are. This is true meditation. First and foremost, you have to know yourself.

God is in you, with you, around you, above you and below you.



You are God. When somebody questions you, "Who are you?" you should say, "I am God." When you say, "I am God", you experience great bliss. Those who hear your reply will also become blissful. Never say, I am so and so. Consider yourself to be one with God.

Education should Give the Knowledge of the Self

Education does not mean acquiring information only. When we read books, we will only know the meaning of words; we will not get the knowledge of the Self. First of all, you should question yourself, "Who am I? Who am I? Who am I?" Then only will you get the proper answer. Are you the body, mind, Buddhi (intellect), Chitta (mind-stuff) or Ahamkara (ego)? You should reflect on this, "This is my body. I am not the body. This is my mind, I am not the mind." The body and the mind are God's gifts to you. You should make proper use of them. Only then can you experience oneness. You should not be satisfied with mere reading of books. Yesterday one boy came and told Me, "Swami, I have read the entire Shirdi Sai Satcharitra (life story of Shirdi Sai Baba)." When I asked him, "Oh! You have completely read it?", he said, "Yes, Swami, I have not left even one word." When I further asked him, "How much have you put into practice?", he replied that he had not practised even one teaching. Then, why read books? Is it only to turn the pages? No, do not just turn the pages; turn the heart. Then only your reading of books will become worthwhile.

We undertake many spiritual practices, yet we are enmeshed only in illusion. You have to turn your vision inward to know the reality. When you open your



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eyes and look at the outside world, you see so many people. But when you close your eyes, you cannot see anything else except yourself. Therefore, first of all see yourself. Enquire, "Who am I?" Then, you will get the right answer from within, "I am I." That is the correct answer. "I am so and so", "I am an American", these are not the correct answers. These are only physical and worldly names. They are not important. What

is important is to observe and examine your heart. Then only will you know the truth.

Today Goldstein and Srinivasan have told you many valuable things about education. They said that education was related to the world. But true education is that which is related to you. Then only will you realise that I am I and not so and so. Tomorrow, I will clear all your doubts and answer your questions. When you understand the meaning of these truths, you will have the direct realisation of God; you will attain realisation very soon. I have already told you that modern education is worldly and materialistic. There is nothing great in reading books and knowing the meaning of words. This helps to acquire only bookish knowledge. Everybody can do it. What you should acquire is the knowledge of the Self. That is true knowledge. That is the truth which never changes. Truth is only one, not two. Therefore, truth is God. Righteousness is God. Peace is God. Love is God. Live in Love. This is what you must know. When you have love, you can have everything. It is a sign of ego when you say, "It is my love and only I am sharing my love with somebody." It is not your love, it is God's love. You may love Me and I may love you. In both cases, love is the same. This is true oneness. God is one, goal is one.

When you develop firm faith in this truth, you will understand everything.

Our experiences in the world and the happiness that we derive from them is not real. Reality is different from it. All human qualities are within us; they are not outside. What is the meaning of educate? It is to bring out the qualities that are within us. Therefore, we should manifest our innate human qualities. That is true educate. Mere reading of books connotes education. What we need today is educate. Through educate, all will become one. Today I am revealing this to you that in the next twenty-five to thirty years, the entire world will become one – one caste, one religion and one God (*loud applause*). We should have this type of unity. Today there are so many differences among people in the world. We should give up all differences and become one. This is what the Vedas declare, *Ekam Sath Viprah Bahudha Vadanti* (truth is one, but the wise refer to it by various names). That is true educate. Today it is already very late. Tomorrow I will clarify all your doubts.

– From Bhagavan's Inaugural Discourse in Sai Kulwant Hall, Prasanthi Nilayam on 20th July 2008, on the occasion of Sri Sathya Sai World Education Conference 2008.

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NEWS FROM SAI CENTRES

SINGAPORE

ON 19TH MAY 2008, ABOUT 200 people attended the Buddha Purnima celebrations organised by Sri Sathya Sai Baba Organisation of Singapore at the Sai Centre, Moulmein Road. Veda chanting was done by Sai Youth. 'Buddham Saranam Gachchhami...' was chanted by all. Ms. Kerthi Misril, a senior teacher from Lankarama School of the Mahakaruna Buddhist

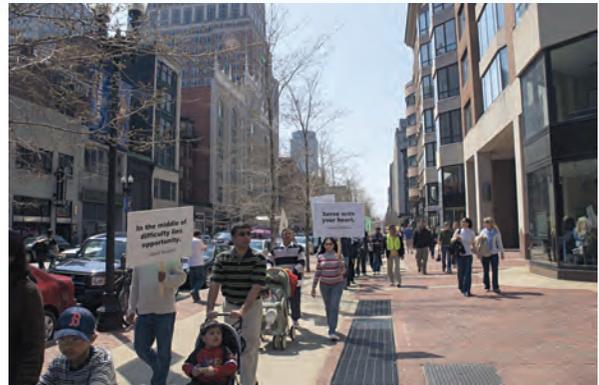


Sri Sathya Sai Baba Organisation of Singapore organised Buddha Purnima celebrations at the Sai Centre, Moulmein Road, Singapore on 19th May 2008 in which about 200 people took part.

Society, spoke about the prime importance of selfless love while drawing a similarity between the teachings of Lord Buddha and Bhagavan. The programme concluded with Bhajans, Arati and the Buddhist tradition of passing a lighted lamp to symbolise the sharing of love and enlightenment. Prasadam was then distributed to all. Narayana Seva was also performed, and food provisions of rice, cooking oil and sugar sufficient for one month's use were offered to nine needy families.

U. S. A.

On 12th April 2008, a Walk for Human Values—truth, peace,



A walk for Human Values was organised in Boston, Massachusetts on 12th April 2008, wherein devotees carrying placards relating to human values of truth, peace, righteousness, love and non-violence marched through the streets of Boston to spread awareness about these values.

righteousness, love and non-violence – was organised in Boston, Massachusetts. About 120 devotees including children participated in the event. On the day of the event, in the morning, thunderstorms swept through the area with more rain predicted during the event. The devotees, however, were determined to move forward. By the time everyone was ready to begin the Walk, the event was blessed with absolutely comfortable temperature of 72° F (22.2° C) without a single cloud in the sky. The devotees formed five groups with each group holding posters promoting one human value that the group represented. As the Sai-lent 90-minute, 2.5-mile Walk proceeded through the streets of Boston, drivers sounded their vehicles' horn in support, onlookers clapped, cameras clicked, capturing quotes from the posters. Two things stood out most: the power of silence and the importance of the values of truth, peace,

non-violence, right-conduct and love. A lady came up and said, "Thank you for doing this Walk. Even if ten people in this world genuinely practise these values, the world will be a better place." Devotees experienced how Bhagavan's universal teachings are applicable in today's world and the need to spread the message of these human values.

FRANCE

An inspiring seminar on the theme of "Spiritual Leadership" was held on 24th and 25th May 2008 at Limoges, located in the central part of France, for the members of the French Sathya Sai Organisation as well as French-speaking members of the Belgian Sathya Sai Organisation. The hands-on workshops



An inspiring seminar on the theme of "Spiritual Leadership" was organised at Limoges in the central part of France on 24th and 25th May 2008 for the members of the French Sathya Sai Organisation and French-speaking members of the Belgian Sathya Sai Organisation. The seminar and hands-on workshops emphasised the importance of staying centred on Bhagavan's teachings.

accentuated the importance of staying more centred on Bhagavan's teachings and changing one's outlook. A lovely musical interlude on the violin was presented by Kiyoko Yoshimura of the Sai Symphony Orchestra. At the end of the course, the participants left on a happy note, energised and

motivated to do loving service while achieving spiritual progress.

SAUDI ARABIA

On 22nd May 2008, about 80 people attended the Buddha Purnima celebrations in the beautifully decorated Sai Majlis situated in the Riyadh Sai Centre. The stage was decorated with Bhagavan's picture, a golden



Buddha Purnima was celebrated at Sai Majlis situated in the Riyadh Sai Centre on 22nd May 2008. The programme included Bhajans, Abhishekam of Buddha statue and cultural programme by children.

statue of Lord Buddha, a special swing for Bhagavan, and a Bodhi tree. The walls of the hall were bedecked with pictures of Lord Buddha, Ashoka Chakra and flags. Special lighting complemented the entire setting. Following a short Bhajan session, Abhishekam (sacred bath) of Lord Buddha's statue was performed with participation by the attendees. This was followed by a skit by children featuring the similarities between the teachings of Lord Buddha and Bhagavan Sri Sathya Sai Baba.

GHANA

On 22nd March 2008 during the Easter weekend, 14 Sai





Sri Sathya Sai Centre of Accra, Ghana has been serving at the Orthopaedic Training Centre for the last seven years. Sai volunteers served sumptuous food to the children and inmates of this centre on 22nd March 2008.

volunteers served sumptuous prepackaged food to the children at the Orthopaedic Training Centre popularly known as O.T.C. located in Nswam, about 50 kilometres from the capital city of Accra. The O.T.C. provides artificial limbs for children who have lost their limbs. Sri Sathya Sai Centre of Accra has been serving at the O.T.C. for the past seven years. A variety of breads, cakes, sweets, fruits and fruit juices were served to 80 people including children, their family members and the staff. As per the culture of Ghana, the children sang spiritual songs accompanied by drums and dancing. In her closing prayer following the Seva activity, the director in charge of O.T.C. thanked the Sai devotees for their loving service over the past seven years.

PHILIPPINES

The Service Wing of Sri Sathya Sai Organisation, Philippines provided approximately 55 kg of powdered milk, 20 kg of beans and laundry soap to the Missionaries of Charity in Antipolo City on 11th May 2008.



Sri Sathya Sai Organisation, Philippines gave food items to the Missionaries of Charity in Antipolo City, Manila and served sumptuous lunch to the inmates which included 68 needy children on 11th May 2008.

The City of Antipolo, the pilgrimage capital of the Philippines, is located approximately 26 kilometres east of Manila. These food items were intended for 68 needy children, five mothers, 14 helpers and 14 sisters living inside the missionary. In addition, Sai volunteers lovingly served sumptuous lunch to 68 needy children as well as their parents. Everyone experienced Bhagavan's grace while doing this selfless service.

CANADA

On 19th and 20th April 2008, 20 volunteers from the Malvern Spiritual Sai Centre in Scarborough participated in an "Environmental Cleaning Day" organised by the Sathya Sai Centre. Local





The volunteers of Sri Sathya Sai Organisation, Canada participated in the "Trees Across Toronto" event held on 26th April 2008 at the McCowan District Park, Scarborough, Ontario where about 800 trees were planted.

streets, school and community park were cleaned by the devotees.

On 26th April 2008, 85 Sai volunteers from Sri Sathya Sai Organisation of Canada participated in the "Trees Across Toronto" event held at the McCowan District Park, Scarborough, Ontario. Volunteers from other organisations also participated in this event. About 800 trees were planted.

On 13th April 2008, Sai Youth and adults prepared and served meals for approximately 80 needy people on the streets of downtown Toronto. Every second Sunday of the month, Sai Youth and adults gather to prepare food for the needy. New seasonal clothing is also distributed.

– **Sri Sathya Sai World Foundation**

B H A R A T

Andhra Pradesh: Nellore district organised cataract operations for 36 eye patients from Mallam and Naidupeta villages on 3rd June 2008. The patients were also given medicines and spectacles free of cost. The district conducted a blood donation camp in which 50

persons donated blood of different groups on 8th June 2008.

Ranga Reddy district showed different films on the Divine Mission of Bhagavan and human values with L.C.D. projector in 37 villages under Divine Message Service Scheme. The district started two training centres in tailoring in Yenkepally and Erranpally villages on 5th June 2008.

Assam: Easwaramma Day was celebrated at Guwahati with a colourful programme at the Kumar Bhaskar Natya Mandir to attract the attention of children who have not yet joined the Bal Vikas classes and parents who are not familiar with the teachings of Bhagavan Sri Sathya Sai Baba. Started with Veda chanting by a student of Sri Sathya Sai Primary School, Prasanthi Nilayam, the programme included offering of ovation to audience, chorus by a group of students, speech making, recitation and dance items based on cultural ethos and devotional background of Assam. All the items were presented by Bal Vikas students drawn from different units of Sri Sathya Sai Samithi of Guwahati City.

Haryana and Chandigarh: Easwaramma Day was celebrated in all the districts of the State. Various activities were held, which included paying of homage to Mother Easwaramma, Bal Vikas programmes, quiz, on-the-spot painting competition, essay writing, declamation contest and various other competitions which culminated in cultural programmes and prize distribution. Narayana Seva was held in the entire State on 6th May 2008, and food was served to approximately 5,000 people in the districts. The inmates of old age homes/orphanages at Gurgaon and Ambala were served fruits and sweets.

A multifaceted medical camp was held in village Kardhan (Ambala district), wherein

a team of eye specialists, heart specialists, orthopaedic surgeons and internal medicine specialists treated 548 patients and gave medicines free of cost. Spectacles were provided to 15 needy patients and 18 eye patients were identified for cataract operation at Civil Hospital, Ambala.

Orissa: A Bhajan and Satsang programme was started in Jajpur Sub-jail on 1st August 2008 in a serene atmosphere where more than 50 inmates and devotees from Jajpur Road Samithi and Ragadi Seva Group participated. The jailor, other officers and employees of the jail extended all cooperation for the success of the programme. The address by Prof. Bhimsen Dash on Bhagavan Baba's ideals for the transformation of society through spiritual improvement of the individual mainly by Namasmarana touched the hearts of inmates. They all requested that the programme should be continued at least once in every month.

Punjab: A free medical camp was organised by Sri Sathya Sai Seva Organisation of Punjab from 7th to 10th August 2008 for the pilgrims going to the holy shrine of Goddess Chintpurni on the occasion of the annual fair. A team of 14 doctors examined nearly 4,000 patients and gave free medicines. Sai Youth, Seva Dal workers and devotees of Punjab helped in this camp.

Sikkim: Under Sri Sathya Sai Village Integrated Programme, Sai Youth and Seva Dal volunteers of Lingchom Samithi under West District of Sri Sathya Sai Seva Organisation, Sikkim completed the construction of Pure Drinking Water Project at Resham Gaon in March 2008, benefiting the inhabitants of Khujum Gaon, Toyang Gaon and Gairi Gaon. The Water Project has benefited families of the above three villages. This

project can be extended further so as to cover more villages which may benefit about 100 families. A filter tank has been constructed at the source which releases pure drinking water continuously.

Tingmo village situated in a very remote area of South Sikkim has been adopted by the West District of Sri Sathya Sai Seva Organisation, Sikkim under Village Integrated Programme. This village is not well connected by road to other places of the district. Most of the people in the village are below poverty line. However, this remote village has been blessed by Bhagavan since a Bhajan Mandali is running smoothly. Bhajans, Bal Vikas classes and Sadhana camps are regularly being organised.

Tamil Nadu: Sri Sathya Sai Seva Organisation of Tamil Nadu organised three medical camps at Sai Sruti, Kodaikanal during the months of June and July. An eye camp was organised on 15th June 2008. Eminent eye surgeons and paramedical staff from Arvind Eye Hospital, Theni Town (a metro centre near Kodaikanal) examined 301 patients and selected 32 of them for cataract surgery. The patients recommended for surgery were taken by Sai volunteers to Arvind Eye Hospital for necessary surgery and brought back to their homes. 75 patients were provided with spectacles free of cost. In a follow-up camp held on 20th July, 32 patients who underwent cataract surgery were reviewed and post-operative check-up was carried out. A paediatric camp exclusively for children under the age of twelve years from villages was organised on 27th July 2008 at Sai Sruti. Three doctors from Madurai District Government Hospital along with paramedical staff examined 265 children and provided medicines to them free of cost. Narayana Seva was organised for all those who took part in the camp.



Be Equal-minded in Censure and Praise

ONCE SOME PEOPLE STARTED criticising Buddha when he was sitting under the Bodhi tree at Bodhi Gaya. Unable to bear these harsh and humiliating words spoken by those people against Buddha, his disciples prayed to him, “Swami! Give us permission. We will teach a good lesson to all of them. Punishment imparts



Buddha's disciples were enraged and agitated when some people started criticising Buddha.

many virtues, it is said. Unless we beat them black and blue, they cannot be set right.”

Then Buddha said to his disciples, “My dear ones! Don’t you see, how happy they are to criticise me? Their face is reflecting



Buddha counselled his disciples to remain unaffected by censure and praise.

great happiness and satisfaction. As you get happiness by praising me, they derive happiness by criticising me. I am unconcerned by both. I want that you should control your anger and agitation and be calm and quiet.”

In this manner, Buddha demonstrated the teachings of the Bhagavadgita by putting them into practice in his life: “*Adveshtha Sarva Bhutanam, Maitra Karuna Eva Cha ...*” (one who bears no hatred against anyone and is friendly and compassionate towards all ...), “*Tulya Ninda Stutirmouni ...*” (one who is calm and equal-minded in censure and praise ...).



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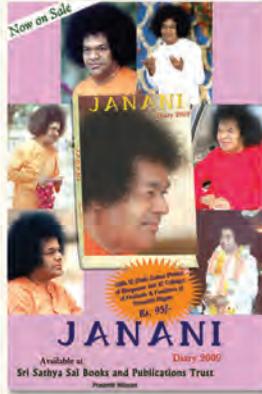
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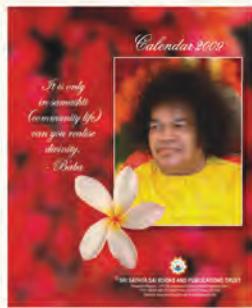
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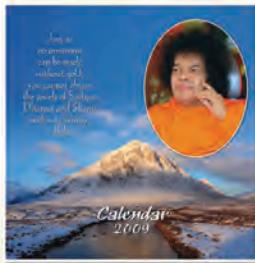
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