

**ARADHANA TALK BY PROF ANIL KUMAR  
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Sairam Everybody,

My hearty greetings to all Region 3 of Sathya Sai Organizations in America. My greetings to all of you on this Aradhana Day. I thank you very much for your kind invitation and for your time as well.

Aradhana Day, how are we to celebrate it? What does it mean to all of us? What is Aradhana Day? Some call it as Samadhi Day. I strongly object to that. Samadhi Day in the ordinary sense is different from its etymological meaning. The etymological meaning of Samadhi is equanimity, poise, state of equilibrium but in the ordinary sense Samadhi is the day on which the body is laid to rest. So better we call it what is Aradhana day. What is Aradhana? To my mind Aradhana day is a day of prayer, Aradhana day is a day of gratitude, it is a day of thankfulness to Sathya Sai Baba. We are very thankful to him, we are very grateful to him for His Advent and for the Divine mission that he has taken up for the emancipation of the entire Humanity. Therefore in one way is a day of expression of gratitude to Bhagwan.

Secondly it is an occasion to recall ourselves what all he said about his divinity that he will be with us forever and ever, that we don't need to feel depressed or frustrated for any reason because we find some people now and then saying we miss Swami. I feel very sorry for them. We cannot miss Him, impossible. Do you miss yourself? No! When He says you, I mean you well how can you miss Him? Therefore we have not understood the philosophy of Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba and therefore we miss Him. It is true that we miss Him physically but it's beyond that. When he says you are not the body, you are not the mind, should we say, Swami, You are the body? How ridiculous it is. He is beyond. Swami is Universal consciousness. Bhagawan is nameless, attribute-less, formless, beyond. He is Universal, a cosmic personality. We cannot limit Him. It is out of his grace and mercy that he came down to earth to give us direction, guidance and purpose of our life.

Secondly Aradhana is also an occasion to know where we stand, to what extend we have come to His expectations. Has the Divine investment been a failure? Divine investment I would call it, because He gave all His time, all His resources for the benefit of all of us. Has it brought any dividends of evaluation or self-assessment or introspection. Thirdly Bhagawan Sathya Sai Baba is not limited to the devotees in the organization alone. Sathya Sai Baba is a world figure because the world leaders from all over the world visited Prashant Nilayam. It so happened long back when I visited Sri Lanka, the prime minister invited me for dinner and started recalling his visit to President Nilayam. I also remember my visit to Malaysia where the external affairs minister invited me to his office to share his experiences with Bhagwan Sathya Sai Baba.

I will give you one more example there in Columbia, Latin America, the governor invited me over there and started talking to me and wanted me to speak about Swami. Suddenly he picked up a chain that Bhagawan presented him here when he visited this place. Therefore Bhagawan Baba is a world figure, a world teacher. You cannot limit him to devotees of the organization either. So from different angles we have to celebrate this occasion. This is an occasion of celebration; this is an occasion of evaluation, occasion to determine self improvement and to dedicate our lives to fulfil the Divine mission. Let me say few points along these lines of thought that I shared with you.

The first and the foremost thing that Baba said is this. I am the servant of everyone. I am there servant of everyone. The history recorded only Jesus Christ telling I have come to serve not to be served. Bhagawan says I am your servant meaning the heights of Himalayan level of love, Oceanic compassion for the humanity. I recall one incident. Anantapur District people all Village heads, everybody around 700 of them came to pay their gratitude to Swami for providing them pure drinking water. They were all sitting there. I was there at that place. Swami came and asked in Telugu, "emi itla vacchinaru?" [Transaltion: Why are you here? They are said in one voice, Swami, we are here to pay out gratitude and respects to you. You know what Bhagawan said? No, No, Bangaru, I should be thankful to you. You have given me opportunity to serve you. You have given me an opportunity to serve you. That is what Bhagawan told them. I was literally shocked. The whole district 700 people and then I also know another occasion, when many of the devotees come here and say, Swami thank you, thank you. Swami says, No, No, I am not a third party to say thank you. Do you thank your Father? Do you thank your Mother? No, No, I am not a third party. And further he will say, it is my duty to serve you. It is my duty to help you. That was a profound statement when Swami said, I am your servant.

The next statement is this, you can call me by any name, I will respond to you. I will respond to your call, any name. My friends, to be authentic and accountable, I can mention the dates and occasion when Swami made these statements. I have got one record also. Therefore it is not hypothetical statements or imaginary either. He said clearly that you can call him by any name. So we cannot afford to be dogmatic, fanatic saying that you go only here, you don't go elsewhere. No, No, No! A kind of universality, a spirit of catholicity is very much expected of us. This is said in Sathyam Shivam Sundaram. Part one, page 101. That's what he made his statement. Now we have to recall all such statements. And more powerful statement, my friends, I tell you. Because of our own human weakness, we may run away from him. We may try to neglect him. Give an appearance that you have forgotten him and betray him. Just suddenly leave him, without any notice, without any gratitude. See the merciful Lord, He is beyond these things. He is beyond these feelings. You know what you He said? Even if I'm discarded, I repeat, even if I'm discarded by you. I shall be with you. I shall be with you. Would your parents say that? Would your friends say that? With your employers say that even if you discard me; I shall be with you. It's only God who can say that. No one else. Why? He's in you. He's in you, with you, about you, around you, below you. Therefore you cannot discard me, that's what Bhagawan had said.

And He said there are no atheists in this world. There are no atheists. Why? You if you say no, Sun still exists. Even if you say no, Sun still shines. Likewise, you may deny the divine, but yet He exists. He exists for all times, then, now, and forever and ever. Oh God, why have you taken this human form? Why? And you're all very pervading, all universal, all powerful, omniscient, omnipotent, omnipresent Lord, why have taken this human form? Why? To be close to you, to be intimate to you, to draw you closer to his physical form and also to inform you who you are, to establish rapport with you. He has come down in human form. But yet, we are not that good as to listen to him straight away. That's why, he said, I have come in human form, with all the wisdom and power, because you have to bend down. Your head in front of my wisdom.

Subject to verification, all buildings here, they are all built under the supervision of Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba. The LNT director, Ramakrishna himself, admitted that all buildings are constructed at His behest. There were many times when they corrected their plans. There are many times they had to revise their plans. Yes. And go to the hospital, that then old Doctor, Sitaramaiah garu, then Dr Alreeza, they will tell you openly how Swami guided them. You see, it is Typhoid, No, it is only influenza. It is not Typhoid. Swami, operation tomorrow, not necessary. That is wisdom, awareness. Awareness is complete understanding. So I have communication form with wisdom and power. What kind of power it is? To alleviate the suffering of mankind, to make you free from any kind of problem. That is what Bhagawan has said.

And then, the whole world is in turbulence. Completely disturbed, terrible storm. The whole world is swept off like a by the whirl wind I tell you. Because of confusion everywhere, because of the absence of human values everywhere. Man has become a demon, forget being Divine. Therefore Lord has to come down.

He gave an example when this small problem, some village elders can come and solve it. It was a major problem, few policemen can come and solve it if the problem between two villages involving hundreds of people, the battalion of Polce people will have to come and solve the problem. Likewise when the humanity is facing such a problem absence of human values they have to be reiterated, reconfirmed, reaffirmed and see that their practice, that is the purpose of advent of Sri Sathya Sai Baba. Yes! Somebody to tell you are not simply human, you are divine. But we are inhuman. Why if I say that, if you say anybody, you behave like a donkey. The donkey will feel ashamed. Why do you compare him with me? I am better than him. I carry heavy loads this this fellow won't do anything. The time has come that the animals feel ashamed, that human has not been living, befitting his life, befitting his birth, so man should give up the animality in him, bestial temperament in him live as a human being and transcend the human life so that you would know that he is divine. These are the three steps animality, humanity and the divinity.

The purpose of human life and Swami has given one example. Dog is born as a dog, dies as a dog. Monkeys are born as a monkey dies as a monkey, but Man is not supposed to die like that. Man is supposed to be a divine before he leaves his body. That is the purpose of life. That is the purpose that Swami reminds us time and again.

See another statement. I am yours, whether you like me or not. These as I said these are fundamental statements Sathyam, Sivam, Sundaram, part three, page 148, that's what He said. I'm yours, whether you like me or not. Why, your mind? Your mind. And even if you hate me and keep away from me, I am yours.

Hate me. Keep away from me. I am in you. You are in me. There is no distance between you and me. There is no distinction either. That is what Bhagawan said, these are all Bhagawan's words. I have given you the reference also. Can you show me anybody on Earth? That I will, uh, I will not disown you even if you hate me. Nobody can say that. But here is Bhagawan, come what may. I am not bothered about your response or reaction and yours. I love you. That is really the advent of Bhagawan Sri Sathya Baba. What an oceanic love He has for all of us that we should recall on this day. Swami's powers are limitless. That is what Bhagawan said, Sathya Sai Speaks, volume 9, page 83. That what He said. My powers are limitless. Why should I say the human powers are limited? But the Divine powers are unlimited, human powers are definite, Divine powers are indefinite, boundless. Because it is the source, yes. Never. Swami's powers are like that. That is his Might I tell you it is not anything like human power that goes on decreasing or diminishing with advancing age or energy. It is not like that. It remains like that.

Bhagawan said further, Sathya Sai Speaks Vol 9, page 221. What did He say? I shall be ever with you. I shall be ever with you, wherever you are, wherever you are. What am I doing? You know that, guarding you and guiding you? Wherever you are guarding you and guiding you. What kind of statement it is? Oh Bhagawan, when you are there to guard me, to protect me and guide me under any circumstances, wherever I am, what more I want. What more I want? What is that I can wish for? This is the love of Bhagawan. We should think of those statements. On this day of Aradhana. And we heard of Avatars like Rama and Krishna, What did they do? They killed the wicked people. Surgeon surgery killed those people. Swami said. I am not here to kill you. No. I have come here to change you. I would come to change the wicked people into noble and good people. That is the purpose of my Avatar, wicked people will not be destroyed. They will be corrected. That is what Bhagawan. They will be reformed, they will be educated. To give you the flavor of his original composition (in Telugu language):

***Durgunambulu savarinchi todarutukanu sadhu samrakshanammu  
saluputaku***

To protect the pious people, to correct and to rectify the defects among people, I have come down on Earth, that is what Bhagawan said. Yes, further He said he knows our weakness, weak mindedness, he said, you do not know the value. You may not realize why I have come. You do not know how lucky you are. That is what Bhagawan said. You don't understand it. But he said, I shall not rest. Hah, A wonderful statement. I shall not rest until I reform you all. Sathya Sai Speaks, vol 3, page 93. Until I reform you, I shall not rest. He will never give you up.

Bhagawan Aradhana Day is a day of assurance to all of us that you will never drop us. That you will never be away from us. That you never forsake us. And then Bhagawan has said, I have taken upon myself your suffering because you have surrendered to me. Sathya Sai Speaks Part 2, page 171. Because you have surrendered to me I take upon myself your suffering.

Once you know there was swelling here in this part of Swami (near the throat area), swelling here, both sides and because of hair, he could cover it, but still we could see swelling there. Somebody asked him, Swami. It is swelling. Is that so? Then he lifted his hair. We could see it is swollen. Red in color, What a pain he would be having. Swami, are you suffering? Is it not painful? You know what Baba said. One student from the primary school is suffering from mums and this part is swollen. That child cannot bear that pain at all. Therefore, I have taken it for myself. There is nothing, any parameter or yardsticks or any electronic gadget to estimate his love for the humanity, for his children.

And another statement is this. All of us may think that we are here by chance. We are mistaken. We are not here by chance, my friends. Those that wanted to be here could not be. Those were decided not to be here, they were first people to be here. Those who wanted to settle here and even said publicly that their life is here and the first people to leave. Therefore, it is not given to you, is not left to you to settle here or get out of this place. It is he who decides. That is what you said this way. No one can come to Puttaparthi unless I call him. Unless I call him, no one can come here. How true it is. It is all our experience. Many of us, yes when we don't have leave to our credit. But suddenly boss calls us you can go and. See your Baba and come back.

I worked in a Christian college. Very difficult for me to get casual leave like that particular saying that I want to go to Puttaparthi. Particularly when I had appeared for an interview arranged by the Rotary International Foundation to sponsor me, to go back to the state of Indiana, District 315 of Rotary International, I was to appear for an interview. The Principal said, you cannot go. College anniversary will take place on that day, how do you do? I pleaded with him. Sir, I will do whatever I can do. Please leave me that side. I just God-given opportunity, he said. No, you cannot go. Come on, you can. Anybody can verify. Just one day before the college anniversary, Chandriah the District Collector was to be the chief guest, sent a message to the caller Principal, please, I'm sorry, I will not be attending tomorrow's Function of your college anniversary, I'm sorry. Chandriah, the District collector happened with a close friend, bosom friend of our principal. He postponed the college anniversary. In the 100 year old college for the first time, college anniversary was postponed. I was the director of Dramatica association. And directly himself, Principal himself came to me and said, Anilkumar, better you go to your Baba because our function is postponed. That is Swami. When he wants to do it, nothing. You know what he said:

***Minnunu mannu cheyyakalanu, mannunu minnu cheyyakalanu***

I can transmute earth into sky and sky into earth. That is the power of Sai.

## ***Sapta samudramulu na okka sankalpamunaku addu raalevu***

All the seven seas cannot object my will, it cannot stand along my way. That is what Bhagwan has said.

Swami said, I have come here to let you know you are all the sparks of the divine, sparks of the Divine to realize the Divinity within. That is my purpose to make everyone of you. You are not simply Dust thou art, dust thou returnist. You are not simply dust know you are the Divine. At one stage he went to the extent of saying I and you are one. You are in me, I am in you, we are one. That is what Bhagawan said. Therefore as mentioned earlier, we are all servants of God within. One time, Swami said, God is only a master, we are all his servants. Therefore we have to follow the Master. As Bhagawan said, follow the Master. On this Aradhana day, we have to know the path set for all of us. That is what is meant by Follow the Master.

What does Bhagwan say? Very important to all our devotees , please mark it. Share with everybody the happiness and the bliss you experienced here. The happiness and the blissful experience here share with everybody. After all, some people may say I have some problems, but I would tell them had you been outside the problems would have been much more, more severe, you could still smile instead of problems. You can still get long in the midst of problems. Why, because Swami is with you, behind you. Therefore, the kind of satisfaction we have, the kind of happiness you have, the bliss you have be shared with the members of the community so that they would also share your happiness. Swami said. I am the tank, you are the Caps. The tank of Bliss is overflowing passing through our caps? Why not we bask and enjoy in that bliss. That is what He said.

Now here's a few words, a kind of caution to all of us. We should forget our individual differences. I am quoting direct statement. Forget your differences. No difference at all because we are children of Sai. There is no point of saying, *Mata Pita Guru Daivamu marianthayu neeve* but we fight amongst ourselves. Ridiculous! When we say he is our Father, how would Father feel when children fight amongst themselves? Therefore Baba said, let there be not any differences. At one stage in one of the conferences I very well remember when he said, if a person complains against anybody, I will remove both of them. Both of them, the one who made a complaint and the other person on whom the complaint is lodged, I will remove both of them he said. Because Swami will not entertain any kind of rivalry, any kind of enmity, because we are his children that is what he said.

Another point: Because Aradhana day, simply singing anybody can do that. Aradhana is a day when we think of certain hints that Baba had given. Some of his teachings to what extent we are following, to what extent we are adopting to the procedures laid in front of us and the code of conduct that we have to examine within ourselves. Bhagawan said, Bear in mind that you should be free from egoism, ego, Let us all say, **so, oh ego, you go** because ego is the biggest obstacle. An iron curtain between you and God. So long

we have our ego, however senior you are, however powerful you are, however exalted position you may occupy that is all useless. That is Bhagawan said.

You can be a devotee only when you are free from ego. Ego-lessness is absolutely necessary. I will give you one example. One Supreme Court justice came to visit Bhagawan. That gentleman sat there outside and he called, Anilkumar, will you tell Swami that I have come here for Darshan? I went inside and told Swami, Judge is here from Supreme Court on a visit. Do you know what he said? Let him be anybody, they have to wait for me. No ego here, no recommendation here, let him sit. That is what Bhagawan is. Rajadhiraja, king of kings, he will not bend before anybody.

I also remember there in Brindavan one union minister came down. I think he hails from Rajasthan. He came with his battalion, the district heads and all sorts of officials from central government who followed him. At that time the caretaker Ramabrahman told him sir, Swami already retired, you may have to come in the evening, he has gone up already. This minister stood like that and thought Swami would come down. He had to retire you know that. He had to go. Therefore Swami will not bend in front of anybody. Because he is for the devotees, for the egolessness, he will not bend because you are a scholar or a man of position. No, no no! I can give you another example.

It was war time, Indira Gandhi the then prime minister sent Jatti, the vice-president to meet Bhagawan seeking his blessings. Jatti came straight to Brindavan. He is waiting there in Sairam shed what we call in those days. He requested Ramabrahman, Sir, please tell Swami that vice-president of India is here, that I am sent by prime minister herself and his wartime. Ramabrahman said, sir I dare not do that. If you want, cut off my head and take it with you. But I will not tell him, I am sorry. Then Jatti said, sir, what shall we do now? Ramabrahman said, pray there. Pray, repeat Sai nama, then Swami will call you. Not that anybody should go and tell me. Please believe me this is all on record. Jatti had to repeat Sairam, Sairam there, after 15 mins Swami calls Ramabrahman, poor Jatti is waiting for me, call him, call him he is sent by the prime minister, I will talk to him.

Therefore we should know that Bhagawan our lord, he yields to our devotion and the spirit of surrender, not because of scholarly position or wealth or power, that is what he made it very, very clear repeatedly.

Then another thing he said, you should not have any kind of envy or jealousy. He said, there may be cure for cancer there is no cure for envy or jealousy. It is unfortunate this ego, jealousy these are still persistent among many of us. That is the reason why I said from the beginning Aradhana is a day of self examination, something like a medical checkup, how the BP is, how the heart beat is, so let us also check up, spiritual check up I should say. Am I free from ego? Am I free from jealousy? To what extent I travelled along the path of love, to what extent I am giving and forgiving, that we should examine ourselves. That is a true celebration of Aradhana Day.

Swami said this kind of competition also should be avoided. He gave one example. One devotee started distributing sweet rice as prasadam. In competition to this, another man started distributing laddus, competition between laddus and sweet rice. Competition is no sign of progress, competition is no sign of your loyalty to Bhagawan or devotion to Bhagawan. There should not be any competition that Bhagawan has said/ What is that pleases me. What is that pleases Bhagawan? Service to the poor and needy; whereas we think service to chosen people, service to certain people from whom we expect some gains, some prospects, totally wrong. It is only service done to the poor and needy people not from people who have very high expectations.

I very well remember. It was summer time and summer classes were going on in full swing in the year 1972 in Brindavan. Classes are over, Swami comes down the steps and calls Ramabrahmam.

Swami : Ramabrahmam, everybody left?

Ramabrahman : Swami, Yes.

Swami : Have you distributed clothes to everybody?

Ramabrahmam : Yes Swami.

Ramabrahmam always stands like that in front of Swami, like Garukman. There are two ladies, they are in the college campus, get up 3 am, sweep the whole area because classes are conducted there in the college auditorium. They don't come for Darshan, they don't sit in the front row, I know that they are working there. That is Bhagawan. Bhagawan's blessing will be there when you serve poor and needy. That is what I want to emphasize. There a number of instances.

One old gentleman came here and Swami granted him an interview. He said, I am not your Devotee. I do not know why you are giving interview to me.

He said, who said you are not a devotee. I say you are my devotee.

No swami, I come here first time.

Keep quiet says Swami. Thirty years ago when I visited your place in hot summer, you distributed buttermilk to all those people who visited me. You served buttermilk to everybody. That is devotion not merely running to have my darshan. No, you served all those people who have come to see me. He is a great man who has come a great place Repalle and some of the lands are given to Bhagawan. They just prayed and offered it to Bhagawan to construct some of the buildings here.

So when you do something whole heartedly selflessly with the spirit of love, Bhagawan is always there. Not as matter of publicity, Sathya Sai Speaks Vol 11 Chapter 9 pages 45-50, that is what he said. And then he says few words to the members of the



organization. You should always be simple, selfless because unfortunately we want to publish, we want to advertise, self aggrandizement, self praise, and self glorification we crave for recognition by everybody. That is not expected of you. You should be very simple.

I tell you one secret. Swami likes you more and more when you are simple and humble. On the other hand if you project yourself that way and this way, suddenly he will tell you on your face, what is all this show? Oh show-man, sit down there.

So we are not here to show off. We are not here to have some gang of people around us. We have to be simple and very humble as Bhagawan has said. There should be a spirit of brotherliness. Do you pose before your brother or boss your brothel, no! Just like a brother. You share everything. Likewise we should have brotherliness and he said another thing - putting into practice Sai teachings. When we don't practice what He said, there is no point in calling ourselves devotees.

Long back Swami said, you may say that you are my devotee. Unless I say you are my devotee you cannot call yourself a devotee.

***man-manā bhava mad-bhakto  
mad-yājī māñ namaskuru***

O Arjuna, You salute me, you are my devotee, said Krishna then. So Swami should call us as devotees and it should not be our declaration on one side. That is what I would like to share with you. Do not exercise your supremacy, power and authority over others because this is a spiritual organization. We are not paid people here, heart to heart and love to love, not job to job. That is what he said no exercise of authority what so ever and further he said, acknowledge everyone, mark this statement. Acknowledge everyone as being equal in power and authority as being equal in power and authority. Let us understand that all are equal. *All are one my dear son be alike to everyone* says Bhagawan. So there is nothing like superior or inferior.

Do you believe when I say the Director of Andhra Bank, whose name is known all over India the recipient of Padma Sree award, he was serving water in the canteen. What is his cadre? I am a witness. Some of the directors from big industries, factories served as sevadal, standing at the gate in Brindavan. There is no question of authority here; there is no question of hierarchy here. There is only devotion with a spirit of service. That is what Bhagawan has said.

Never entertain a selfish thought. Suppose if I say Sairam to you, I expect something from you, it is selfishness. He always said, [in Telugu] ***swartha saprayojamulu undokoodadhu ani.***

Selfishness and self interest. They should be not be there, that is what Bhagawan said. Further he said; serve according to your own capacities. Some people go on bragging, I did that, I did this. I had to slog a lot. Who said to go to that extent? Do to the extent possible that is what Bhagawan said.

In Telugu, **nee taahathaku minchi chesinettulaithe, adhi ahankaaramu**. If you do beyond your capacity, it is ego.

**Nee taahathaku dagginettu chesthe, neevu donga**. If you do it less than your capacity, you are a thief. That Bhagawan has said. Bhagawan wants us to do in tune to our capacities. And then who is a religious man. I like this statement very much. I have not seen Swami serious unless he wants to be serious. Left to him he is peaceful form. Left to him he is in the supreme state of bliss, the personification of bliss, the very metaphor of bliss. Always smiling. Therefore Bhagawan tells us a religious man is nothing but pure ecstasy, a religious man is ecstatic, blissful, smiling, his heart is full of songs, divine melody. His whole being is ready to dance. **Raasaleela siva tandava**, dances in joy. Swami's name always there on his lips. Smile. Joy and bliss are the features of a devotee. The seriousness is sickness.

At one time Baba said, **navvevaade Narayanudu; yediche vaade narudu**. The one who smiles is God, the one who goes on crying is a human being. So I should also tell you at this moment Bhagawan said, **Viswamantha vibhuni mandiramaithe vedhi vaakili yedhi**. If the whole universe is a temple where is the entrance here. The whole universe is the temple.

Therefore Swami wants us to consider the whole universe as a beautiful temple. Why not? **unnadayya devuduunadayya kanulaku kanipinchakundayya** God is there behind the whole universe. Yes. Look at the stars in the night and look at the bright sun in the day, look at the flowers blossoming, look at the birds chirping sitting on the branches of the tree, watch the sound as the waves spread further, upsurge touching the shore. Is it not divinity? God is everywhere.

So as Sai devotees, let us be ready to meet the challenges, the challenges for a new discovery, challenge for unknown spaces and challenge to reach far off stars. So we should always aim high, soar high that is what we want to recognize. I should give you a simple anecdote here, a fact. Prophet Mohammed had a son and a daughter. Daughter got married. He has two, son and son-in-law. Who is to succeed Prophet Mohammed, that was the problem. That ended up in the division of Islamic faith. They got divided. It is a tragedy. This went on for 14 centuries, siyas and sunis, who should be the head, son or son-in-law? Both of them respect Quron. Both of them respect kaba, both of them observe the discipline of fasting but who should be followed is tragic. They have forgotten the religion, they have forgotten the evolution, and they have forgotten the inner growth and principles of Islam.

Swami has given another example also. It seems there was an elephant in Tirupathi. As you know in Tirupathi you will see 3 marks in the forehead, central one Red and two sides white and that elephant carried 3 marks. The debate or controversy was this, should it be u-shape or v-shape? The matter has gone to Supreme Court. Baba himself said, the matter has gone to Supreme Court and in the meanwhile elephant died. So we want to fight on silly issues. It should not be there.

It is also recorded another instance. Amongst Jains, there are two schools, swethambaras and Digambaras. Digambaras say, that Mahavir was naked, he was nude whereas swethambaras says he was wearing transparent clothes gifted by God. They remained like that, divided. What are the principles of Jainism, nobody speaks about it where as Mahavir is nude or wearing transparent clothes, is that all?

Therefore my friends, let not silly things come along our way. Let us all be united. We are for Swami. We can make this earth a temple of healing. Not only the body and the soul, it is for everybody, whole community is only one. The community is not divided, is not schizophrenic, therefore all devotees all over the world should us the awareness, our love, our compassion, our blissfulness, our spirit of service so that they should also join the Sai family and contribute their might to the welfare of the society. I wish you all the best of luck, thank you for your time once again.

Sairam!