

“WE ARE SHARING SWAMI’S DIRECTIONS
BASED ON BHAGAVAN’S TEACHINGS”

QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION, PART 5 (Q. 33 - 41)
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33. STATEMENT NOT MADE ON A PUBLIC PLATFORM

The question says that “Baba said that Prema Sai would be born eight years after His physical death.” And the same questioner says that he has not been able to find this statement in any of Swami’s discourses.

He has put the question to me, having known me as His translator for about 25 years. You are correct in putting to me the question. Now my answer is this:

Baba saying that He’ll come after eight years to some of the devotees are the statements by the devotees at their personal level. “Personally Swami told me.” Well, how can I say no?

So it may be at the personal level, or it may be at the individual level, or it may be in the course of a conversation. But to my knowledge, He has not made this statement in public on a platform either in Poornachandra or in Sai Kulwant Hall or in any other public meeting, anywhere at any center like Madras or Delhi or Bombay. Thank you.

34. WHAT CAN WE DO NOW?

Do you think Sai leadership has done everything possible to stop Madhu? What else can we do now?

This is purely my personal view. I don’t speak on the behalf of anybody. I’m not ‘official’ now. Now you take this answer as my personal view:

I don’t think that everything possible is done to stop Madhu by Sai leadership. I don’t think that everything is done; I don’t think so. Because what is done is not informed to anybody. Therefore nobody knows what is done in this direction. So when nobody knows what is done in this direction, how can I say everything is done by the leadership? I cannot say. So it is not to my knowledge, but I personally feel that enough is not done. That’s what I personally feel. Thank you.

35. WHY BABA FELL SICK

God cannot get sick, but Baba became seriously ill and then He died in the hospital like all human beings. Do you think He decided to take humanity’s karma through His illness to save us?

Simple answer: God has taken human form, so He will have to follow the law of the form He has taken. He has taken a human form. So He has to follow the law of the human form. What is the law of the human form? Birth, growth and death. The cycle changes. So having taken human form, He has to follow the law of *deha* or the body.

And relating to the sickness: maybe to prepare the devotees for the eventual situation to happen. . . Had He not taken up on Himself this sickness, if His exit is suddenly announced, oh-ho thousands of devotees might have committed suicide all over the world. So Baba's sickness is a preparation for the devotees to meet that situation, the eventual end. Baba withdrawing from the body is a preparation, not sickness.

Another reason: When He said that you are not the body, how can you say that He's the body? When He de-linked from the body, how do you say that sickness will affect Him?

Take for example Ramana Maharishi. Ramana Maharishi when he was operated upon, many devotees came to see him. They asked, "Swami, are you suffering? Is that painful?" Do you know what Ramana Maharishi said? "Does my body look like that? Does my body look like that?" It means, "My body may be suffering; I'm not suffering." That's the gospel of Ramana Maharishi.

And then people told Ramakrishna Paramahansa, "Swami, because of throat cancer, you have not swallowed. You're not able to swallow even a drop of water. Swami, you are not eating at all! How can we help you?"

Do you know what Paramahansa said? "When you're all eating, why should I eat separately? When you're all drinking water, why should I drink separately?"

It only means Paramahansa, Ramana Maharishi, Bhagwan Baba, Shirdi Bhagwan -- they got totally de-linked with their body. No suffering! Therefore let us take it like that. Then why the sickness? Only to prepare you for the end (of Baba's body). That's how I feel. Thank you.

36. WHY NO MENTION OF CONTEMPORARY SAINTS AND SAGES?

I am a devotee of Paramahansa Yogananda but I also love Baba, and also other masters like Mata Amritanandamayi. They are all real masters I think. Why Baba never mentioned them in His discourse?

Baba did not mention the names during the discourse of the people you mentioned now. But He mentioned the names of Tukaram, Jnanadev, Paramahansa, Ramana Maharishi, Aurobindo, Jayadev, Ramdas, Mira – many, many names He mentioned. He has not mentioned these names you gave. Not with any other motive. It's only to see that your minds are not diverted, that your minds are not diluted, that you'll have focused attention.

But my view is this: Wherever you go, whosoever you listen to, people like of this type you are mentioning -- not anybody, no, no, no! – people of this type as you mention, Mata Amritanandamayi, Paramahansa Yogananda – people of that calibre, of that stature. When you listen to them, when you read their literature, you'll find all that in 100% agreement with Baba's discourses and Baba's teachings.

Then you'll understand, "I need not go anywhere. When all rivers merge in ocean, when you go to ocean, you don't need to go to rivers." Do you? You don't need to visit every river because all rivers merge into ocean. "*Nadiham Sharanagati*." All rivers merge into ocean. That's why a holy dip in the ocean is an important step in sadhana. Holy dip in the ocean, what does it mean? That all *dharmas* merge over there.

Therefore my friends, He need not mention the names of this stature, the contemporary people. Why? Because for you to find out the identity between the two, and to see that you'll give focused attention on Swami. Thank you very much.

37. HOW CAN I CONNECT TO BABA NOW?

Next question is from Sai Neelamraju. What is the question?

I visited Sathya Sai Baba in the sookshma roopa in my early days. I had never had the darshan of Sathya Sai Baba physically.

That's one part to the question. When you have not visited physically, how do you think the *sookshma swaroupa* you have seen is of Swami? You have not seen Baba, and you have seen some *sukshma swaroupa* elsewhere. And you say that *sukshma swaroupa* could possibly be Baba.

IMPOSSIBLE! Swami said in His discourse clearly that *sukshma swaroupa* ends with death. As the physical body dies, the *sookshma swaroupa* also disappears. Please refer to our earlier talks where, with reference Swami's message is quoted authentically. The page number and the volume and the date have been specifically mentioned.

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Therefore, it may be your imagination that the *sookshma swaroupa* you saw is of Baba's. Certainly not!

Now the other point is: *Why I never visited Baba when He was alive?*

Here there are two things. There are two wires through which the current flows. Two things are expected: 1 – your yearning, your pining, your deep wish; 2 – His Grace. You should wish, and you should also have His grace. When these two go together, you'll have His *darshan*.

You could not have His darshan maybe because then you didn't that that innate, deep desire within. When there's deep desire within you, *ankanksha*, deep innate desire, it will be granted by Baba. There's no doubt about it. Proportionate to your sincere desire, proportionate to your honest desire to see, the pining, the yearning (*avedana*), He will respond. Therefore maybe from your side, that depth might be lacking.

How to connect to Baba now?

To connect to Baba then, now and in the future is only one thing: *namasmarana*, sing His Glory. Sing His Glory, do *bhajans*; you can immediately connect with Him. Put on the switch, the current flows. Put on the switch, fan revolves. Start singing bhajan, you'll have experience. *Namasmarana* is one step, one channel.

The second channel to connect to Him is reading His literature. Read His books. Be familiar with His message. That's one way of getting connected to Him.

Third way, spend the time with devotees of Baba, participate in service activity. So service activity on the one hand, *namasmarana* on the other hand, and reading His literature above all will connect you to Baba anytime, then, now and in future. Thank you.

38. GO BEYOND

Here is a question from Terry Bettoni. This is the question:

"I visited Puttaparthi recently. I have come to know many of the experiences and emotions. I no longer feel the same desire for research. I no longer feel the same enthusiasm. Why should it happen? There may be inner silence," this statement says.

This is my answer.

You may have listened to experiences and might have been thrilled and excited at one time. And your emotions also might have been built up at one time. But over a period of time, the experience that you hear, they become casual, usual, and a routine. The first experience may be exciting, but the experiences to follow later, repeatedly will not keep that flame ablaze, that fire ablaze, no. With the passage of time that enthusiasm declines. That feeling, what you said, that feeling of spirituality declines.

Now, my friend, this is my answer. Listening to the experiences, speaking about experiences, is one stage in spiritual path – to get charged, to get emotional, to get convinced, to develop faith. That's one stage: to develop faith, to get convinced, yes. We listen to experiences and we share our experiences.

The second stage: these experiences won't appeal to us any longer. It means the inner search started. Experiences are outside; experiencer is inside. Having gone through all the experiences in the outer world, we want to experience the inner world. So the search from within begins. The outer search is over. The inner search begins now. Because the outer search has given me enough of inspiration, enough experience, that's enough. Now let me go to inner search.

My friend, I feel you have gone to the higher step now. That's why you are no longer feeling that much of enthusiasm today, or that much emotional as in the past. The reason is you are at the second stage of taking to some sadhana, doing some kind of meditation. That's what is required: inner search is the time for you. Thank you.

39. NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGE

The next question is from Fiorella Pitocchi. The question is this:

I would like to know if Swami met Grigori Grabovoi in 90's, the Russian scientist and clairvoyant.

Not to my knowledge. Not to my knowledge. Swami mentioned many of the Westerners who met Him. They are all on record. But I don't see this name you mentioned. That's what all I can say about this question.

40. WHAT IS IMPORTANT

Next question is related to history.

Reading on the internet I found that Sanskrit was taken to India by the Aryan race. If this were so, could be that Vedas were taken to India by the same Aryan race.

It is a question related to history. My question is this: whether the food is from Western canteen or Eastern canteen or North Indian canteen, it should appease, should satiate my hunger, my appetite, whatever the food may be. It may be British airline or American airline or any airline, it should get you to the destination. What if, if Sanskrit is from Aryans or Dravidians or Persians, so what! We're not bothered who brought it here, and whose invention it is.

But as for Vedas, I know they are purely compositions of sages, seers and saints by recapitulating all that has been told, all that has been heard. Therefore they're called *shrutis*, *shruta* meaning 'hearing'. So by hearing those Divine voices, the saints and sages could pass on that knowledge from generation to generation. That's what Vedas is.

It's also called *smurthi*. *Smurthi* means 'recapitulation'. All that darshan, all the beautiful visions they had, they started recapitulating, they started memorizing, and passed on to the rest of the generations. That's how Vedic literature has been handed to us right down to this time, to this age. Therefore, let's not question Aryan or Dravidian. They are purely of the saints, of the sages. That's what it is. Thank you.

41. WHAT ELSE CAN WE DO?

When the leadership has not acted in the way you expected, has not acted in the way they should, the question is, what else can we do now?

Yes!

1 – Stand as an example for yourself. Be an example to everybody. "None can dilute my faith. None can deviate, none can divert, none can convince me." If that steadiness is there, with that firmness, if you stand as an example, none can influence you.

2 – We have friends, we have relations, we have acquaintances. We know many people. We can help them, "Don't get confused by these false statements. Don't get confused by these false claims. Know the truth. This is what Baba said. Why do you act against it? This is what Baba's teachings are. Why do you go against it?"

So this kind of informing people, sharing Swami's message on these matters, is a great service to those people who are confused. It's a great service to do for those people who have two minds – to be or not to be. It's a great service to those people who have already gone along the wrong path.

By spreading His message authentically, we can bring them back to the track. We can also clear the doubts, help the confused that way, while strengthening our own faith and devotion to Swami. Thank you!

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