

SAI PEARLS OF WISDOM

PART 32 C DIVINE DISCOURSES

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**Om Sri Sai Ram
Prasanthi Sandesh**

Om Sri Sai Ram! Welcome to Prasanthi Sandesh. We have had many *Darshans* of Bhagavan Baba. We were blessed to listen to His Divine discourse many times. I am sure that you must have noticed all that I noticed. I don't consider myself unique or special, not in the least. We are just sharing our views. We find great joy in speaking about Bhagavan, because we are along the same path. We are on the pilgrimage. Therefore, we are like-minded.

Swami's philosophy is not merely meant to reach your mind or to get into your mind. No! The Swami's discourses have got to be rooted deep in the heart. Even some will reach to your very being. Swami's philosophy is full of thoughts that have the depth of a meditator. And Swami talks to us in such a way that He takes us in a flight, a flight of Gautama Buddha. And Swami spoke many times. They are not merely words. No! Those words breathe! There is a heartbeat in His words and Bhagavan's discourses – full of thoughts of the heights of human consciousness. They descend from heights to reach masses, all this to wake up those who are fast asleep. Swami's talks are full of insights. Yes!

And the same time, we are conscious; there is no doubt about it. But unconsciousness is our choice. So better we choose to be conscious, so that all unconsciousness, the darkness can disappear. Decide to live on the sun-lit peaks! Nobody can prevent us because it is our potential. Swami keeps us at that height - exalted altitudes, sun-lit peaks. Yes! Then we develop a kind of longing to share His message with our colleagues, message with our friends and members of the community. And that desire to share is tremendous. That's the reason why whenever true Sai devotees meet, they go on exchanging either about their experiences or the messages that reached them.

Swami's discourses are life-affirmative completely. It is a religion of celebration, of gratefulness to existence, and Swami talks, discourses are not against the pleasures of life, love and laughter! Swami is not in favour of renouncing the world. Yes! He gives all the support of rejoicing in the world, of rejoicing in the world. After all, all our concepts about heaven, hell and God are projections of the mind. Bhagavan repeatedly tells us

that it is everybody's potential. Potential! One just needs a provocation, a challenge. That is the purpose of the Divine discourse.

We are supposed to live totally, joyously and intensely, and that's all religion is based on. But Swami's talks and discourses may seem to be so simple. As we observe that human beings cannot accept anything that is easy, and they feel that not worthy of being the goal, because the goal has to be very difficult and arduous, arduous, tough! This is because of the ego that always wants something impossible, something difficult. Ego pushes you towards more and more. More greed, more power, more money, more austerities, more spirituality, more discipline! 'More' is the language of the ego.

So we should recognize the fact that when the mind is not having thoughts, you are in an empty sky. When the mind is empty, time stops! There is no movement because, where there is movement, there is time. So when there are no thoughts, when there is no time, you are not there. Mind is not there. Time is not there and you will experience tremendous peace and great relaxation. That is the real seeking and searching.

And Bhagavan doesn't want you to be a recluse or a monk. No! Because it needs more courage than going out of the world; and coming back to the world needs more courage. It is not enough if you live to yourself as a recluse or a monk, shutting yourself in your residence. No! You need courage to come out and go back to the world. That's what Swami's emphasis is. Why do you go to the world? To serve the community; to share His message with everybody, ready to share with those who are ready to receive, who are receptive; who are available.

You know, as we have noticed, when sun has arisen, birds are happy. Flowers are happy. The whole planet is happy with the sunrise. Watching the birds and the flowers and the planet being happy, sun is also happy. Full of hope for the coming day! Sun is Avatar! Sun is our Bhagavan! Sai Aditya – making the whole planet very happy!

We also observe that the whole existence is interconnected. Right from grass blade to the greatest star in the sky, we are interconnected. You must have heard of Zorashtra, (who) has two symbols – one symbol of a serpent that stands for wisdom; another symbol 'eagle' that stands for courage to fly into the unknown without fear, and in fact to jump into the unknown. Unknowable is the jump into godliness of existence.

And we also find a truly wise man is not serious, always playful. Why? Because whole existence is playful! Therefore Avatar is always ready to come back to humanity. He will never confine Himself to any particular place. He comes back to humanity, to maintain the dignity of man, dignity to humanity with great courage and with all sources of great inspiration. That's what Avatar is!

A man who is in authentic love with humanity will have a kind of attitude that affirms life and (is) not condemnatory to the world. He is not negative, does not make anyone feel guilty. And a man with authentic love also believes in the fact that whatever he has got,

that you can also achieve, that you can also recognise, because that is your potential: you are.

Bhagavan is there to encourage who are ready, who need some guidance, who wants to know the path and who are willing to have the Divine experiences. Therefore, we have to listen to His discourses with this awareness, with this understanding, so that we have the experience of the Divinity within. That's what Swami repeatedly appeals to all of us. He spent all His time to spread the Divine message. At one time, He commented, "Whatever I say, whatever I do, they have got to be full of depth, awareness, (and) should help you to recognise your own Divinity."

Why, He will go, He even goes to the extent of saying that, "You and I are one!" I very well remember when anyone says, "Swami! You are merciful. You have done so much to me!" and Swami tells, "It's My duty! It's My duty to serve you."

One time Swami made this statement: "I have no worries, I have no problems, nothing whatsoever! But there is only one thing in My mind! How to help people? How to alleviate their suffering? How to direct them towards God? How to help them in their sadhana? That's only thing I am concerned. Nothing else!"

Therefore, we the devotees have to recognize the very purpose of the advent of Avatar, Bhagavan Sri Sathya Sai Baba. We cannot take it casually. Certainly not! Certainly not! Be that service activity or a spiritual activity or educational activity, whatever it is, the activity is directed towards a single goal, to experience Divinity within one's own Self, as the very same Self in everyone around. That is the purpose of all these activities, of all the institutions set for us by Bhagavan Sri Sathya Sai Baba.

That's why I always tell people, give emphasis to the divine message so that our activity will be meaningful, that our activity will be purposeful, that our activity will be fruitful and that will take us to the goal; that will make us realize the Divinity within. It's constant remembrance, what I say, in whatever we do, whatever we speak, whatever we think, as Bhagavan calls it, 'Constant Integrated Awareness.'

Thank you! Meet again! Sai Ram!