

## 1. Mahaashakthi

OUR Venkateswarlu just now spoke of the Lord as the *Suuthradhaara* of a *Maayanaataka*--- the Director of a Drama of Delusion. But, the Delusion is in you not in the Lord, who is possessed of only *Mahaashakthi*. Unable to grasp that *Mahaashakthi* (Supreme Power), and to understand its manifestations, man envelopes himself in doubt and delusion, that is all. He also said that I am by birth an Andhra, etc., but, the whole World is my birth place. I am not to be identified with this or that Province or State. *Dakshinaamurthi* does not belong to *Dakshinaapatha* alone. Again, Venkateswarlu mentioned the various points spoken about Me, by those who have neither seen or experienced Me. These are all unnecessary and useless diversions, which distract. The sculptor should see before him only the Form of his *Ishtadevatha* (personal deity) and he should strive to remove quickly with his chisel the stone that envelopes that Form. So too all discussion whether this Sai is that Sai or that Sai is this Sai, is irrelevant. The same sugar is poured into different moulds to prepare, several types of sweets. So also, Raama, Sai, Sathya Sai all are the same sugar; that is enough for the aspirant; he will realise the truth in good time. Do not worry your mind with such problems; do not mix with people who talk loosely of holy subjects. One thing I may tell you now: There is no one in this world who does not belong to Me; all are Mine. They may not call out My Name or any Name, but, still they are Mine."

You are seeing for yourself how the thirsty souls are gathering in numbers every day at Puttaparthi. I have told you often that in a matter of a year or two the multitude will be so large that you may not get much chance to approach Me with your spiritual problems and difficulties. So, hurry to Me with them, even now. While in other places, I speak generally on the need for *bhakti* (devotion) etc., here at Puttaparthi, I emphasise the practical discipline of everyday life, because this is the HQ of an army under training. So, you should cultivate Truth and Love and make yourselves examples for all who might contact you.

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*Make Soham the japam of the mind and you will be saved. "I" will merge in the Universal Continuously recite Soham, Soham, Soham, with every breath, inhaling and exhaling.*

*Sathya Sai Baba*