

Bhagawan's Divine Message

Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba has said, "Start the day with Love, Spend the day with Love, Fill the day with Love, End the day with Love, this is the way to God."

If we begin our spiritual journey guided by His Words, Adhering to His Words in all aspects of our human lives, Selflessly Loving and Selflessly Serving as taught by Him, then surely we will fulfill the Divine Destiny that belongs to each and everyone of us.

Let us begin our Contemplation of the Proceedings of the 8th World Conference with the Divine Messages of our Beloved Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba that He so graciously gave to us during the period of the 80th Birthday Celebrations and the 8th World Conference of Sri Sathya Sai Organizations.

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1. Unity in Diversity

We distinguish and differentiate between ladies and gents on the basis of *upadhi* (vesture) or physical form. However, the principle of Brahman present in ladies and gents is one and the same. *Sarvam khalvidam Brahma* (verily all this is Brahman). God transcends names, forms and attributes. He is infinite and not limited to a particular form.

2. Avatar

In response to the prayers of sages and seers, God comes down in human form. He strives for the welfare of humanity and bestows joy on one and all. One has to develop inward vision in order to experience Him.

3. GOD as Director and Actor

Easwarah sarva bhutanam (God is the indweller of all beings). In this cosmic drama, God alone is the director and also the actor. He is donning all the roles such as mother, father, husband, wife, daughter, son, etc.

4. GOD Is ALL

Whatever you see around is also the manifestation of God. Even the small birds that you see here are endowed with the principle of Divinity. There is no place which is not pervaded with Divinity. There is no form which is not Divine.

5. Accept God's Will

Whatever may happen, accept it wholeheartedly as the Will of God. Have firm faith that it is God and God alone who is the doer. Do not consider your fellow human beings as mere individuals. When you talk to someone, think that you are talking to God. When you do not see God in others and treat them as your own, you will be giving room to evil qualities like anger, jealousy, hatred, etc. Develop the spirit of oneness. Only then will your life be redeemed.

6. Selfless Desire

Whenever anyone expresses a truly selfless desire, Swami will surely fulfill it. Mother Eshwarama is an example of this. She prayed to have a primary school in Puttaparthi which was fulfilled as a complex of educational institutions ranging from a primary school to a prestigious university. She wanted a small clinic for the patients and now there are full-fledged Super-specialty hospitals. She asked for a drinking water well for the village; now there is a mammoth project providing free drinking water to thousands of villages. (One attains merit by helping others and commits sin by hurting them). Help Ever, Hurt Never. Hence, always strive to help everybody. Selfishness is an evil. Fish is better than "selfish."

7. Totally Depend on God and See God Everywhere

If you depend on God, He will turn the minds of people in your favor. God is everything. Victory is secured only when you totally depend on God's Grace. Here again your prayers to God should not be for selfish reasons. Wherever you look, God is present. From stars to hillocks, from insects to elephants, everything is pervaded by Brahman. Fill your heart with Divine feelings.

8. Live in Love

Love is God. Live in Love. Love should not be tainted with narrow feelings of I and mine. Do not do unto others what you do not want others to do unto you. Consider Love as your very life-breath. Grow in Love. Be broadminded and share your Love with everybody. This is what I call 'Expansion Love' as contrasted with 'Contraction Love'.