



There was a similar question about whether a Sai Center may accept support from government agencies. The answer is no! Of course, unusual circumstances may arise. In that event go through the Sai Organization hierarchy and obtain approval from a higher authority in the Sai Organization. Normally, we don't involve ourselves with other agencies about money. What is the single most important thing the Centers should observe? Swami told Dr. Hislop that the Organization should have as little to do with money as possible. Use common sense, but in general, we should avoid those situations that cause us to become embroiled with money. We're not fundraisers, finding money to train people to do this, that and the other. This is not the nature of the Organization. We are spiritual aspirants. We are a group of loving people.

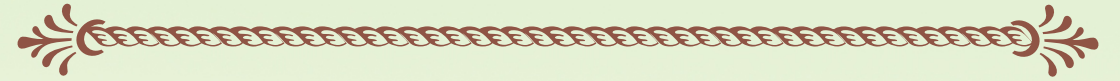
Dr. Harvey: Frequently, we reflect on the nature of our Organization and draw parallels with other organizations, but we are unique. We view service as a spiritual practice. Our service activities do not have to be big, large scale projects. It is service to smile at someone, or to ring up a shut-in with a few words of cheer. We don't have to have big projects. Look for the Unity beneath the diversity. Navigate the world with awareness that all are One. We don't have to think of ourselves as “doing” so much. Swami assures us we will reach the goal.

**Q14.** *Is it right to try to correct the faults of others?*

**A14.** Dr. Reddy: We are not here to correct others. Never try to find fault with others. We are all here to know who we are. We are here to transform ourselves and mind our own business. Jesus said, “Judge not, lest ye be judged.” Forgiveness should be our very nature. On her deathbed, when Holy Mother Sarada Devi was asked to give her final message, she said, “If you want peace of mind, don't find fault with others. But find your own faults.” You can find answers to this in *Prema Vahini*. If any member of the Sai Organization commits faults, we should not criticize him behind his back; if we feel it is necessary, we should meet him or her personally and settle the matter with mutual understanding, respect and Love.

**Q15.** *Heads of the Sai Organization are becoming status conscious. How could this be remedied?*

**A15.** Dr. Goldstein: The remedy for officers who are so status conscious is to treat them with Love. If they remain status conscious and this is a problem, then there is recourse to higher levels of the Organization. But first reflect and check that this is not something within yourself that you are projecting onto



others. Make sure there is no dirt in your own eye. If status consciousness is detrimental to the function of the Sai Center then appeal to a higher level in the Organization.

Dr. Harvey: The faults we see in others are reflections of unresolved issues within ourselves. It means we have work to do on ourselves. When we find ourselves finding faults, we should take some time out to reflect on the irritating events. And then ask do I have some tendencies in the same direction? For example, we might conclude we have 10% of the bad behavior, and the office bearer has 90%. Work to reduce your 10%. If you reduce yours to 5%, you will find what you now perceive in the other is reduced by 50%.

We need to give others the benefit of the doubt. There is always another side to the problem. When a child comes up to the teacher on the school yard complaining about another child, the teacher always knows there are two sides to the story. However, as adults we tend to take sides when we hear a complaint. Swami tells us not to take sides, not to enlarge the conflict. Show patience, Love and understanding, and solve the problem quietly as you do with small children. Bring people together in a loving way.

Dr. Reddy: Swami tells the story of Dharmaraja, who was an embodiment of goodness and righteousness and Duryodhana, who was a man of evil nature. Sri Krishna sent both of them to the town to look for a good person. Dharmaraja came back and said all the people in the town were good while Duryodhana could not find anybody good other than himself. Swami says the world is thus our own reflection. We have to wear the eye glasses of Prema and then we see everything as Prema.

**Q16.** *Office bearers in the Sai Organization should not hold an office in another spiritual Organization. Please discuss.*

**A16.** Dr. Goldstein: Office bearers should be single-minded on this Name and Form. If an office bearer wants to be in another Organization, then he or she should resign as an office bearer from our Organization and just be a devotee.

**Q17.** *Should overseas Sai Centers in their meetings copy what happens at Prasanthi, or should they reflect the local culture?*

**A17.** Dr. Goldstein: The Center should reflect Prasanthi to the extent that it is steeped in Love only. All Centers should reflect that Love. Regarding the actual content of the programs, we talk about Unity in diversity and that God is in all names and forms. Therefore, Centers should adapt to all cultures. Do you go

