

## SAI PUBLIC MEETING, DENVER, COLORADO

**DENVER, COLORADO:** On 15th May 2005, a public meeting was held at Shrine Center, Denver Colorado. Around 200 persons attended the meeting; about 75 were not members of the Sai Organization.

The meeting began with introductory remarks by Mr. Satya Satyanarayan, President of Southwestern Region Sai Organization. He spoke about Bhagavan Sri Sathya Sai Baba, His Life and Message, His Humanitarian Work, Sai Organization, and introduced the speakers: Dr. Narendranath Reddy, Member, Prasanthi Council and Mr. Jonathan Roof, Vice President of Sathya Sai Baba Central Council, USA.

Dr. Narendranath Reddy gave a compassionate and uplifting talk on Sri Sathya Sai Baba, His Mission and His Love. Sai Baba is the embodiment of love and purity. He is a teacher of universal truth. Sai Baba is “love walking on two legs”. Dr. Narendranath Reddy said “I am not here to explain Him. He is beyond comprehension. I have experienced and felt His love. I have observed His dedication for the betterment of humanity. His works are enshrined in one word – Love”. St. Paul said there are three gifts from God-faith, hope and love, and the greatest is love. Faith is great, hope greater, love greatest. You may have faith to tell a mountain to move and it will move, but with no love, it is of no value. You may be a great scholar, but with no love, no value. Essence of all religions is love. There is only one religion; the religion of love.

Spirituality is about changing one’s attitude. Swami says there are three types of spiritual seekers.

There was a king who appreciated art. He summoned his favorite sculptor to advise him as to which of three statues he should purchase. The sculptor took some water and poured it into the ear of the first statue. The water ran out the other ear. He poured water into the ear of the second statue. The water ran out the mouth. Into the ear of the third, the water did not run out but remained inside.

The first statue relates the lowest of the spiritual seekers. This is the one who hears, but does not remember. The message goes in one ear and out the other. The second is referred to as “platform hero, practical zero.” The message goes in the ear and comes out the mouth. This seeker can verbalize the message, but cannot put it into practice. The third statue is an example of the highest. The message goes in the ear and “sinks in.” People in their presence get joy and peace just being around them. Their lives are full of wisdom.

Dr. Narendranath Reddy ended his speech stating Baba says do not say we are sinners, roar like a lion that we are Divine. Arise, awake and stop not until the goal is reached.

Mr. Jonathan Roof had an insightful presentation. Why am I here is an age old question for man. Why am I here on earth-what is the purpose of my life ? What is the reality of our existence? Do we have a higher purpose? Does God have a plan for us?

Baba's message is inclusive-could be message of Jesus. Message affirms unity of all people, Baba says there is only one religion-that of love.

All people are children of god, regardless of caste or creed. What is the reality within the Sai organization-do we truly accept all people? And the answer is resounding yes-Hindus, Muslims, Christians, Jews, people from all diverse religions follow Him. It is not a cult - it is a spiritual movement.

When we overcome ego, we experience kinship and a unity with others.

We in the Sai organization are not superior to others, when we serve others, we serve the same divine being that lives within all of us. We are here to share the teachings of Baba. We are here to share this message of brotherhood of man.

For unity to manifest in the world, we have to act with unity of thought, word and deed. We are here to experience divinity within our hearts, and share that love with others.

**- Satya Satyanarayan**