

**Sai Pearls of Wisdom
Part 33-C**

**"YOU CAN'T TRAVEL"
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**Om Sri Sai Ram
Prasanthi Sandesh**

Om Sri Sai Ram! Prasanthi Sandesh welcomes you.

Well, this happened around 1991. Well, with Bhagavan's blessings, I could visit three important countries - Middle East, Japan, Hong Kong and Thailand.

Well, I got prepared for the trip and Swami one day suddenly called me in Brindavan, Bangalore. "You are going to Japan; I am sending you there!" That Swami said.

"Swami, thank you! It's all Your Grace."

Then after couple of days He said, "You will be getting your visas today." He said. It's sure that I applied for visas and all that, but I never expected them to come so soon, particularly on a Sunday like that.

I said, "Swami! Today is Sunday."

"You are getting today!" He said.

Exactly that day, I got the visas to visit those countries. I didn't check them, whether all the visa stamps, stamping is there or not. I did not check. OK! I was waiting for the day of departure, and the flight tickets Swami personally gave me, and I got prepared to go. Then that morning Swami said, Swami wanted me to join Him at the dining table for breakfast. He was asking me, "You eat that, you eat that, you don't get them there." Just like a mother and a father! I was very, very happy, thankful to Him. And then He called my wife and He had a photo with both of us. And then Swami said, "Now you go to the airport."

He asked one VIP – Very Important Person, to take me to the airport. He took me to the airport, Bangalore airport, and most unfortunately this particular Indian Airlines aircraft was delayed. I was very, very nervous whether I would be reaching there on time or not. Because by this Indian Airlines I should travel from Bangalore to Bombay, where I have

to catch the next flight, international flight - Air India to Japan. When this flight is delayed and if I go to Bombay, I may miss that flight. That's why I am very much worried. Helplessly I was sitting there at Bangalore airport. But somehow by Swami's Grace, Indian Airlines aircraft took me to Bombay. I went there. Immediately I sent the luggage, I sent it already, the bag in carriage, and I was to catch the aircraft. There was no time. What to do? Well, I had, I was having terrific tension at that moment, whether I would be able to catch the flight or not! But suddenly there is an announcement, "The last call, last call, last call - Air India Bombay to Tokyo!" Then I took my suitcase, briefcase and ran literally to the gate and got into the aircraft finally. Believe me, the moment I got in, the doors were closed and the aircraft took off. This is the proof to say how Swami took me to that place so that I did not miss Air India.

The very important thing is this! At the same time in Brindavan, Swami was commenting with students and others, "Your Principal, Anil Kumar is now in Bombay. He is very much worried whether he would catch the flight or not because the domestic flight was delayed. But I made the Air India aircraft wait for him. It did not take off as per schedule. It was delayed for five minutes to take Anil Kumar there! When I say, "You go, one will go! There is no other alternative. When I say, it will happen!"

That is wonderful, how Swami delayed the international aircraft by five minutes to take me over there to Tokyo. This I will never forget in my life. Aircraft being delayed by Bhagavan and Swami commenting that to students here in Brindavan! What more proof is required! Swami Himself said this point.

And then the next point is also very interesting, to let you know my Thailand trip. I didn't check my passport, whether visa is stamped or not. I landed in Bangkok, Thailand, and there at the Immigration Counter, they checked my passport and said, "You have no visa to get, to get into this Thailand and visit places. You have no visa here. You may have to go back!" What am I to do? I was nervous, very nervous, tensed!

At that moment, a man from Thailand, highly reputed in Sai circles, walked towards me and said, "You are Anil Kumar, I know! Follow me," he said. Then I could recognize that he is none other than Jumsai from Bangkok, Thailand. Jumsai is very well known in Sai circles and He established schools there in Bangkok and He trained many, many teachers in 'Education in Human Values.' He authored many books. And He asked me to follow.

I said, "I don't have visa, Sir! What am I to do?"

"You follow me!" At that time He was a Member of the Parliament. I just followed him. He took me to one room where they took my photograph and issued visa immediately, immediately!

And I then I asked him, "Sir, how is it that you are here at the airport? When the Immigration Counter authorities said that I have no visa and that I may have to return, how is it that I could find you here?"

He said, "I have come here to receive someone else. But I saw you standing here in the queue. I could recognize you. Many people know you because you are translator of Swami's discourses."

That's how Swami gave me this experience in Thailand so that I could step in there with visa issued there and then only at the counter. How He sent Jumsai to save me from that embarrassing situation! This I cannot forget any time. This is really wonderful!

The same thing happened, after a couple of years I visited Thailand for the second time, after a couple of years. Well, I went; I sent my luggage – check-in baggage and went there to that Immigration Counter, here in India, Bangalore airport.

He checked my passport and said, "Are you Hussein?"

"No, Sir. I am Anil Kumar. I am not Hussein!"

Then that immigration officer said, "Here passport will have your passport number, there on the passport at 2 places – one, the first page and the next - last at the end in the last page of the passport, in the perforated part also your number, passport number, will be marked."

The officer said, "Mr. Anil Kumar, your number, passport number, marked here on the first page is OK. But on the last page, in the perforated part, the same number is not there! It is a different number. It belongs to one gentleman by name, Hussein. So you cannot go!"

Then I said, "Sir, my luggage is already sent. What am I to do? "

"No problem, we will get them back! You may have to go. Go home, that's all! You cannot travel, because it belongs to a different gentleman. It doesn't belong to you; because the first page number and the last page number do not tally!"

What am I to do? Then I requested him, "Sir! This evening, I have got a public meeting there. I am supposed to address. Please, please..!"

"Arre, how can you go? When passport number is not clear, how can I let you go?"

"Sir, supposing you allow me to go there, what will happen at the most?"

He said, "You will be sent back. You have to return, that's all! Even there you cannot avoid this situation."

Then I pleaded with him repeatedly, "Sir, will you allow me to make a phone call to Thailand from here, Bangalore. At least, Sir. To save the situation because I have to address a public meeting, a large gathering there!"

He said, "This is official phone, you cannot do it!"

"Sir, Sir! Please, please! I am not making any business trip. This is only purely spiritual. Baba sent me there and Baba permitted me to go there. Sir, would you please?"

Then He said, "OK!" Then I contacted one gentleman in Bangkok, the Sai Center and the President of Sai Center, Manush Kumar Singh. He picked up the phone and said, "Please give this receiver to the Immigration Officer." He spoke to the Immigration Officer, "Sir! Please send him. We will take care of him here!"

Then that gentleman allowed me to go. I boarded the flight and reached Bangkok. Though I reached there, my heart palpitation increased, blood pressure increased because I may be asked to return. Nervously, hesitatingly, full of tension, I stood in the line before the Immigration Counter, and coming close to the window there, believe me or not, one gentleman came there, wearing blue suit. He works in the United Nations office, Bangkok, Thailand, by name Mani. He saw me there and came close to me and said, "Are you Anil Kumar?"

"Yes, Sir!"

"Yes, you have to address us this evening. We know! Why do you look worried so much?"

"Sir, this is the problem. The passport first page number and the last page number do not tally. Now, what's going to happen at the Immigration Counter, that's what I am worried! The matter is reported to Manush Kumar Singh, the President of the Center and He got it okayed; I could come here and then how to go from here?"

He said, "I am a member of the UNO Office. Please follow me. Nobody will ask you!"

I simply followed him with no problem at all. This is the proof how Swami miraculously, miraculously sent these gentlemen – first trip Thailand He sent Jumsai, second trip He sent this Mani, working in the UNO Office. Those people could help me to go and visit Thailand and address several public meetings.

Sai Ram! Thank you. We'll meet again.