

**Sai Pearls of Wisdom,
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**Om Sri Sai Ram
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Prasanthi Sandesh, Sai Pearls of Wisdom welcomes you.

The *Dhyana Vruksha* – meditation tree was planted by *Poorna Brahma* Swami, so that the devotees could attain *Poorna-Avastha*, the state of perfection. Along with this, He also planted the seed of the *Jnana Vruksha* – tree of knowledge. Today, this has grown into a huge tree. Through value education, great emphasis is laid on the development of character in students who are also accomplished in various types of knowledge and skills. These educational institutes impart not only the knowledge related to '*Pavaartha*' -- the material world, but also '*Paraartha*' – spirituality. Swami constantly guides the students so that instead of just gaining knowledge about the material world, they gain all-round knowledge and beam it to the rest of the world.

Swami is especially particular about those serving the medical institutes that they perform their duties to the best of their ability. The ever-increasing number(s) of patients who come for treatment at the Super Specialty Hospital are a proof of this.

Well, every year on 11th January, the Sports Day celebrated in Puttaparthi is the best example of the expertise in physical skills the students have perfected. The Convocation ceremony held on 22nd November every year reflects upon the academic, all-round achievements of the students. All this has been made possible only because the knowledge imparted here is not for mere living but for life. This kind of perfection in skills and knowledge is not just achieved by students through the Sri Sathya Sai Institutes but even devotees who have been recipients of Bhagavan Baba's Grace are known to have attained it. Scientists, doctors, economists, lawyers, educationists, artists and sportsmen are all included in this.

To cite an example, the world famous vocalist Begum Parveen Sultana says, "All the credit for my presentation on stage goes to Swami. It is only by His Grace that I am able to sing so well. He taught me how to present my talent on stage and guided me even better than my own parents!"

Another recipient of Swami's Grace is the world famous cricketer, Mr. Sunil Gavaskar. Sunil is well known for several world records and a sound batting technique. Once he was asked, "Can you narrate any one incident where you achieved success due to Swami's Grace?" pat came the reply, "If Swami was not with me, I would not have been able to score a single run. I have no doubt about this!"

Whenever a devotee suffers a calamity, God rushes to his rescue. Wherever he may be, the Lord keeps a close watch on him. Whatever calamities a devotee may have to suffer due to his own past *karma*, God gives him the strength to overcome them. The Lord God steers the devotee out of the adverse conditions and leads him to safety.

Some years ago with Swami's permission, a few devotees started the 'Sri Sai Ram Centre' in London. Some of the residents who were not devotees were very impressed by the work done through this centre. A few spiritual organizations and churches also expressed keen interest to know more about the work and lectures were organized in different venues to this effect. According to Dr. Gadia, an ardent devotee of Swami started visiting these venues to give information about Bhagavan Baba – His life, the mission and experiences of devotees. The lectures drew crowds consisting of many eager and studious people.

One such programme was organized by a church and Dr. Gadia was walking out after his lecture, a British lady came up to him and said, "My husband wishes to see you. Will you please come and meet him?"

The doctor happily gave his consent and both of them went to meet the gentleman in question. On seeing Dr. Gadia, the lady's husband was very happy.

He said, "Doctor, you were my brother in my past life, you are one in the present life and you will be my brother in future life too! Do you agree with this?"

On hearing this, Dr. Gadia replied, "You are 100% right! If we go backward through our lineage, we will realize that ultimately we are all children of Adam and Eve; all are children of one God! G – Generator, O – Operator, D – Destroyer. In that sense, we are all brothers!"

The gentleman was ecstatic with Gadia's reply. Choked with emotion, he hugged Dr. Gadia warmly. The doctor too responded to his love with a tight hug and suddenly something terrible happened. The man began to feel uneasy and started gasping for breath.

He squealed, "My pacemaker is broken! Call for an ambulance! Hurry up!"

Soon his face started turning blue. By now, Dr. Gadia was petrified. He did not know the gentleman's heart was working with the help of pacemaker. This was a big calamity.

He knew right away that only the '*Aapan-nivariney*' Swami could rescue them. So he invoked Swami with all his heart and clearly heard His words from within, "Put *Vibuthi* in the mouth and draw an '*Om*' with *Vibuthi* on his heart!"

Dr. Gadia instantly obeyed Swami's directive and put a pinch of *Vibuthi* in the patient's mouth and also drew an '*Om*' with *Vibuthi* in the heart region with his fingers. Within minutes, the patient miraculously recovered. His heart started beating normally and that too without a pacemaker.

The colour of his face returned to normal and he shouted, "Sai Baba has restarted my heart! I had only heard about His glory. Today I have experienced it!"

Needless to say, that this person is now an ardent devotee of Swami. As per Dr. Gadia, he was greatly relieved and thanked Baba again and again for having rescued both of them from a calamity. Wonderful, wonderful!

As a result of their past *karma*, when devotees undergo physical or mental agony, God destroys their sorrow and ultimately leads them to happiness. Bhagavan Baba constantly ensures that His devotees do not suffer.

The Rayalseema region, being a drought-stricken area, the people there had to undergo the physical strain of walking miles in order to get drinking water daily. Naturally, they were in misery. To free them from their plight, Swami started 'The Sri Sathya Sai Drinking Water Project' and quenched their thirst. This was just the first step.

To free the people of Chennai from the physical and mental agony caused due to the acute shortage of drinking water, Swami started another mammoth water project there. Many such water projects are taking shape in different parts of the country and *lakhs* of people are now grateful to *Sai Matha*.

To free the underprivileged of this country from physical and mental agony, the Universal Mother started the 'Eswamma Mahila Welfare Project' on 19th November 2004. In the following year, it came to be called "Eswamma Mahila Welfare Trust". This Trust undertakes health projects for all the needy and underprivileged women and children. Another project named 'Eswamma Self Help Plan' was launched to help the deprived women to stand on their own feet. Through all these projects, the distressed and the needy women have been rescued from their misery.

The following story tells us about how Swami freed a person from his mental agony. On 31st March 1973, Bhagavan Baba paid a visit to a college in Rajkot. From there He left for the Jamnagar Palace, a motorcade following Him. The Rajmatha was also travelling in one of the cars. Swami's car stopped! Swami's car stopped at the main entrance of the palace. As He got out of the car and started walking ahead, something untoward happened.

An Arab by the name Sheikh who was the security guard came forward and said to Swami, "Babaji, remove Your footwear!"

Swami smiled at him, removed His slippers and walked on. It was a hot afternoon and Swami walked barefoot with the members of the Welcome Committee to accept the guard of honour. But Rajmatha got off from her car. She heard about this incident. Appalled and holding His slippers in her hands, she hurriedly ran towards Swami. But by then, He had already gone ahead walking barefoot on the hot sands to accept the guard of honour.

Generally Swami never wears footwear on His Divine Lotus Feet. But since the weather condition in this area was severely hot, someone had requested Him to do so. When Baba returned to the palace, He saw the Rajmatha scolding Sheikh through harsh words. Sheikh sorrowfully hung his head down. With tears in his eyes as soon he saw Baba, he came forward to apologize.

At that time Swami said to Rajmatha, "It is not his fault! You had asked him to ensure that everyone removes their footwear. You did not tell him that I should be excluded. In fact, I appreciate his honesty and sense of duty!" Saying this, Swami lovingly patted Sheikh on his back.

The next moment, He materialized a greenish grey talisman about 1 inch in size. It has the letters from the Holy Quran inscribed on it. Swami gave the talisman to Sheikh, and in a moment his mental agony was changed into joy.

May we all be freed from our mental and physical sorrow through Swami's Grace! This is our heartfelt prayer at His Divine Lotus Feet.

Sai Ram! Meet later!