

**Sai Pearls of Wisdom,
Part 42-C**

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**Om Sri Sai Ram
Prasanthi Sandesh**

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Prasanthi Sandesh, Sai Pearls of Wisdom welcomes you.

When *Shantha Moorthi*, (the) Embodiment of Peace, was asked a question, “During the Shirdi incarnation, You lost Your temper Swami, but now You are an Embodiment of Peace! How come?”

Swami replied, “When a mother is cooking and her child comes in the way, she scolds him; but while feeding the same child, she never loses her temper!”

In the sacred text named *Brahma Nadi*, which was written a few thousand years ago, there is a significant mention about Sri Sathya Sai Avatar. It says, “Sri Sathya Narayana may seem like an ordinary human being, but He will be the *Shiva-Shakti* Incarnate and an incarnation of Shirdi Sai. Peaceful by nature, this Divine being will reside in the Parthi village on the banks of Chitravathi in an Abode of Peace!”

Today we are all experiencing the truth of that prediction. The Abode of Peace described here is Prasanthi Nilayam. Today, devotees from all over the world throng here to attain peace.

As a young child, Sathya had to stay away from home to pursue education. His paternal aunt tortured Him physically in many ways, but He did not hold this against her. In fact, when the same aunt became an invalid due to old age, Swami had her brought over to Prasanthi Nilayam, provided her a helper and looked after her lovingly.

Once (as) a small child, when Swami was sitting on a chair, a relative of His scornfully told Him, “Are you to sit in a chair?”

Bala Sathya got off from the chair and calmly said, “One day, I shall sit on a golden throne!” And today, we have all witnessed that! Swami of course is not keen about all this, but He allows it only to make His devotees happy. Otherwise, what Swami really likes is the devotee’s pure and sacred heart. This is the throne He likes to be seated upon!

‘Love All, Serve All’ is the message given by *Shantha Moorthi Sai* to the entire world. We can hear His foot prints only in the depths of silence. So all of us must strive to be peaceful and follow His philosophy of *Sathya, Dharma, Shanti, Prema* to become a part of His Divine message.

Bhagavan Baba is *Shiva-Shakti Swaroopa*! Lord Shiva is known as *Bola Bhandari* and Mother Parvathi is the ever-compassionate one. When these two have merged as one Sai, He becomes our beloved father, mother, brother and friend. He is ever-compassionate and easily pleased by His devotees.

Here is an amusing story narrated by Bhagavan Baba Himself. Once, Shiva and Parvathi were roaming in the sky. They heard

the bewailing of a person. The compassionate Mother Parvathi looked below and saw a man hanging from a tree on the edge of a hill. As the branch was about to break, he was bewailing!

Mother Parvathi said to Lord Shiva, “O *Bola Bhandari!* I feel that You should save this man!”

Lord Shankara replied, “You are the Universal Mother! Why don’t You save him?”

Shiva then suggested to Her, “When the branch breaks, if the man calls out ‘*Appa!*’ I will save him. If he calls out ‘*Amma!*’, You should save him!”

In a moment, the branch broke and while falling, the man shouted aloud ‘*Ayyo!*’ remembering neither *Appa* nor *Amma!* While crossing this turbulent sea of life, we all have to encounter difficulties. For overcoming them, Swami has given us the easiest way.

He says that, “Among the nine forms of devotion, the best one for *Kali Yuga* is *Smarana* – chanting, singing His Glory! One should constantly chant the name of God. This does not have any limitations of any place or time. If anyone keeps His form in front of his eyes and chants His name, necessarily with one-pointed devotion, the person is easily able to please God and can weather any calamity!”

Swami says, “God exists in each and every being in this animate and inanimate world. Realize this truth and serve Him! This is the only way to please God and attain Him!”

Bhagavan Baba says, “Bhagavan means the Creator, the Nourisher and the One who enlightens the entire world. Bhagavan also means the One who has the six qualities of *Aishwarya*

meaning wealth, one *Dharma* – righteousness, *Yashas* – success, *Sri* – respect, *Jnana* – knowledge and *Vairagya* – detachment.”

Bharat is the sacred land of *yogis*, saints, righteous souls and the land of sacrifice. *Avatars* have periodically taken birth here in answer to the earnest prayers of *yogis*, spiritual aspirants, saints and devotees who constantly yearn for divine proximity. God, the ever-compassionate and gracious takes human form and moves amongst His devotees to grant them bliss. The reason why the Lord God chooses the land of Bharat for His Advent is ‘Bha’ meaning *Bhava* – emotion, ‘Va’ - *Raga* (music) ‘Ta’ – *Thala* (rhythm). *Bharat* symbolizes all these three! This is the land where God, God’s glory is constantly sung with *Bhava*, *Raga* and *Thala*.

Bharat is known as *Hindu Desha*! ‘Him’ means *Himsa* – violence, ‘du’ means *Durathva* – away from. This is the land, which stays away from violence. This is why the Lord God has chosen Bharat as the place for His Advent. We are extremely fortunate that in response to our heartfelt prayers, God has incarnated in India as Bhagavan Sri Sathya Sai Baba, born in Bharadwaja tradition, Ratnakara lineage and Raju family.

Bhagavan Baba is the refuge of millions from all over the world. Prior to His birth, He had given several hints about His Advent through many miracles. Since His birth, The *Ananda Roopa*, Bhagavan Baba has only granted *Ananda* to all. Although He is the Lord God Himself, instead of a *Nayak* – leader, He has chosen the role of *Sevak* – the servitor.

He constantly tells us, “My life is My message” and exhorts us to follow His life. He loves all and expects only love in return. Right since His childhood, He has blessed many devotees by giving them *darshan* of and as their desired deity. To some, He has also

granted the *Vishwa Roopa Darshan*. Today, people from many countries the world over worship Bhagavan.

While taking forward His mission, He clearly tells us, “I have not come to establish a new religion. Everyone should abide by their own faith and follow the paths of *Sathya*, *Dharma*, *Shanti*, *Prema* and *Ahimsa* to attain Divinity. I have taken birth for the upliftment of all mankind!”

During the previous Divine incarnations, it was very difficult for any but a few devotees to attain proximity to them. Besides, humanity realized the importance of these incarnations and their Divine mission only after they left the earthly plane, whereas we have been fortunate that it is possible for all of us to attain close proximity to the present incarnation, Bhagavan Sri Sathya Sai Baba, during His lifetime.

Swami always tells us, “Do not have blind faith in Me! Come, examine, experience and then have faith in Me!”

May all of us develop in our hearts a firm unshakable faith in Bhagavan Baba! We pray at His Divine Lotus Feet to grant us the good fortune to rest in the shade of blessings of Sri Sathya Sai – wish-fulfilling tree, *Kalpa Vruksha*!

Well, we all have seen how Swami entered into our lives - what we were before coming to Swami, what we are today! As I recall, I know many miracles. Take for example, the past President of India, Shankar Dayal Sharma lost his son-in-law and dejected, and wanted to quit politics; and Swami said, “No! You are going to become Vice President of this country!”

He said, “Swami! How is it possible?”

Swami said, “I will make you!” and he became Vice President.

Later Swami said, “No, you are still going to be the President of India!” and Shankar Dayal Sharma said, “Swami, I am not a politician! How can I be the President of India?”

“No, I am going to make you!”

As you all know, Shankar Dayal Sharma is an ardent devotee of Bhagavan Sri Sathya Sai Baba for decades, for decades! And he rose to the highest, prestigious position of this country as the President of this nation – first citizen of this country; and Shankar Dayal Sharma visited Him quite often.

During one of his visits, which happened to be the New Year’s Day, you know what he did? He walked straight and fell at the Feet of Bhagavan and did not allow anybody to garland him. He collected that huge garland, placed the garland at the Feet of Bhagavan, (and) started worshipping with those petals!

Swami insisted that he should be seated on the chair by His side. Ultimately he sat and Swami wanted him to speak a few words. He got up and said, “I have not come here to speak! I have come here to listen to His Divine Discourse! It is a convention, a general feeling among everybody that whatever we do on a New Year’s Day, it will be repeated in the days to come throughout the year. Therefore knowing that, I decided to visit Swami on this auspicious day!” That is the height of devotion of Shankar Dayal Sharma

I know many such cases. I also remember that day Seshan, the Chief Election Commissioner, came to Swami and he also did not allow anybody to garland him. Seshan is a very famous Chief Election Officer. He made most of the Chief Ministers, including Prime Minister of this country, the then Indira Gandhi accountable

to all his query or questions. So most of them shivered in their shoes in front of Seshan, the Great!

When he attended one of the meetings in Bangalore, he made a big statement on the dais. He said, "People praise me that 'He is a man of courage.' But I humbly tell you openly that whatever decision I have taken, every decision is backed by Bhagavan Baba! With His blessings only, I could discharge my duties!" That's what he said.

There are many more things to share with you. We will meet later!
Sai Ram!