

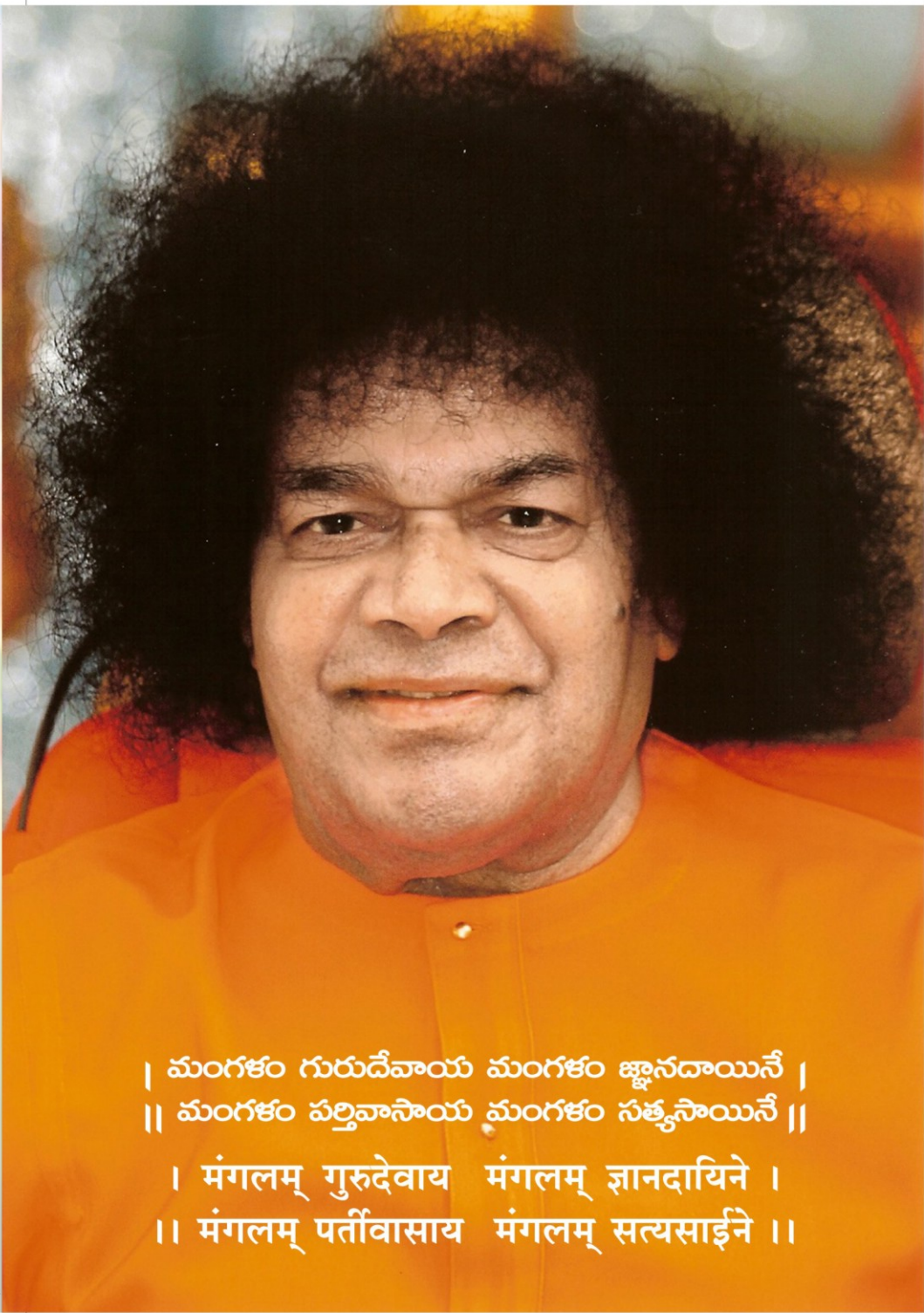


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HIS LIFE IS HIS LEGACY



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Sri Sathya Sai on Himself - Why I have come?

Excerpts from Discourses on 4 July 1968 at Nairobi, Kenya, East Africa and on 19 June 1974 at Brindavan (now Trayee Brindavan), Whitefield, Bangalore, India.

“I have come to light the lamp of love in your hearts, to see that it shines day by day with added luster. I have not come to speak on behalf of any particular Dharma (Religion), like Hinduism. I have not come on any mission of publicity for any sect or creed or cause; nor have I come to collect followers for any doctrine. I have no plan to attract disciples or devotees into My fold or any fold. I have come to tell you of this Universal Unitary Faith, this Atmic principle (Principle of the Spirit), this Path of Love.

This Sai has come in order to achieve the supreme task of uniting the entire mankind as one family through the bond of brotherhood, of affirming and illumining the Atmic Reality (Reality of the Spirit) of each being, in order to reveal the Divinity which is the basis on which the entire cosmos rests, and of instructing all to recognise the common Divine Heritage that binds man to man, so that man can rid himself of the animal in him, and rise into the Divine, which is his goal.”

Preface

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*Most humble Pranaams
at the Divine Lotus Feet
of our Revered Sadguru - Sri Sathya Sai...*

Loving Sairam and Greetings to all of you...!

In the Bramha Muhurt of the most auspicious day of November 23, 1926, God had to descend on this earth in full form as Poornavatar assuming the name of Sri Sathya Sai with His Divine Abode at Prashanti Nilayam in the state of Andhra Pradesh in India for the purpose of Establishment of Dharma (Righteousness).

For the last more than 83 years, Sri Sathya Sai has been incessantly working day-in and day-out for accomplishing His Divine Sankalp of transforming evils into virtues, destructive attitudes into constructive actions, negativity into positivity, diversity into unity, competition into cooperation, hatred into love, false-hood into truth, non-violence into peace, work into worship and wisdom, pollution into purity and finally animality into humanity and divinity.

The Poornavatar in the form of Sri Sathya Sai has generated an unprecedented curiosity in the entire universe to find as to what His Legacy would be.

Being aware of everyone's wish, I am happy to share with you, a detailed presentation which highlights the Legacy of the Sri Sathya Sai Avatar.

In brief, the legacy of the Sri Sathya Sai Avatar comprises of the benevolent work done by Him and the guiding philosophy preached by Him for the restoration of Dharma (Righteousness) and restructuring of society for the welfare and upliftment of mankind.

The legacy of the present Avatar, Sri Sathya Sai, is not restricted to His Educational Institutions (Educare), General and Super Speciality Hospitals (Medicare), Water Projects, Village Integration and Rural Development Projects (Sociocare), Restoration of Vedic Dharma through Yagnyas and Spiritual literature (Vedicare) and such other physical and visible attainments. In fact, it is limitless and unbounded, gross and subtle, external and internal, extensive and intensive, temporal and eternal, material and spiritual, visible and invisible, subjective and objective, personal and collective, private and public, here and elsewhere. It is available to anyone, whether he is a devotee, believer, non-believer, critic, sceptic, saint or sinner. The legacy of Sri Sathya Sai is a vast and deep ocean available to anyone in any measure depending upon the cleanliness, purity and size of the 'pot' he brings.

As Sri Sathya Sai is a Poornavatar, His legacy must also be Poorna. But Poorna cannot be measured. It is only Apoorna which can be measured. Therefore, it is impossible to spell out various facets of His legacy in totality. However, an attempt can be made to explore into different realms of His legacy. It is

noticed that the letters themselves in the word LEGACY throw some light on different forms of legacy which He has bestowed to mankind.

L for Love

E for Education and Educare

G for Grace

A for Attunement, Atonement, Adoration

C for Constant Integrated Awareness

Y for You

Sri Sathya Sai says, “My Life is My Message”.

Therefore, His Life is His Legacy.

On this occasion, let me express my profuse thanks and place on record my sincere appreciation for my colleagues Principal (Dr.) Shripad Zarakar, Sri J Jegathesan and Sri Sudhir Joshi who have contributed their best in terms of inputs and other logistics in this presentation.

I humbly pray that the Divine Rays emitted by His Holiness Sri Sathya Sai, will illumine each and every soul to practice His Legacy and take us forward on the Divine Path of establishment of Peace and Order in the universe.

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With warm regards,

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SRI SATHYA SAI AVATAR

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01. Legacy – what it means

‘Legacy’ is something an individual keeps for his next generations. It is something which the next generations inherit from an individual. A person keeps money, jewellery, landed property, royalty, patent rights, etc. for his legal heirs. Thus, a common man keeps legacy in the form of material objects. Such a legacy is at the **Body Level**. It is temporal. It diminishes and finally gets extinct with the lapse of time.

A slightly evolved person like a poet, author, and artist keeps legacy of poetical ideas, philosophy, artistic contribution which a section of people enjoys for a considerable time. This legacy gives emotional and mental satisfaction which is supposed to be of a higher level than that at the material level. This legacy is at the **Mind Level**.

A talented scientist engaging himself in scientific research works and brings out new ideas and concepts which lead to production of new inventions. They make life more comfortable. Some of them narrow down the geographical boundaries and make the world a small family! Such scientist creates a legacy which is at the **Intellect-Level**. It is claimed by the entire world. It lasts for a considerable length of period.

All these legacies are of a limited nature, time bound and having objective pattern. As such, they cannot make human life happy, prosperous, peaceful, joyful and blissful.

02. Man – Creation of God

Man is a creation of God. When God created man, He gave all Divine Qualities to man but in infinitesimally small proportion. These Divine Qualities include Love, Kindness, Compassion, Forbearance, Humility, Generosity, Truth, Justice, Non-violence etc. He has enjoined Man with the duty of coming back to Himself by fully developing these qualities. As a guide to Man, He agreed to dwell in his heart as a Charioteer but in a subtle mini form called Soul. He has given to Man powers of Creation, Sustenance and Destruction, though in a mini scale confined to 'matter' only. He has also bestowed on Man the gift of Free Will to some extent so that he can exercise it to reach Him.

It is this gift of Free Will which causes Man to construe happiness as sensory pleasures. Therefore, he constantly engages himself in pursuit of such happiness which he tries to achieve through acquisitive and hoarding motives. These motives lead to selfishness, pride, ego, jealousy, conceit et al, which are just the opposite of Divine Qualities the Man is born with. These negative or evil qualities keep the man astray from his main goal of attaining Union with God. Besides, they tempt him to follow unrighteous (*Adharma*) ways and means to satisfy their sensory pleasures. This *Adharma* leads to the practice of Untruth (*Asatya*) as a means to make quick gains with lesser efforts. The rampant practice of adopting unrighteous, unfair and selfish means for private and

personal gains leads to unethical and immoral human operations at the individual, familial, societal, national and global levels. The result is family wars, religious wars, corporate wars, political wars and international wars.

03. Need for Avatar

When God, the Creator of Man, observes that such powerful warriorship of Man besides causing suffering and exploitation to pious people is heading towards the destruction of the entire mankind itself, He manifests in human form to restore righteousness (*Dharma*) and Truth (*Sathya*). Such manifestation of God in human form is called **Avatar**, the Descent of God to human level for the Ascent of Man to Divine level. The mother earth has so far witnessed many Avatars namely: Matsya (*Fish*), Koorma (*Turtle*), Varaha (*Boar*), Narsinha (*Lion-man*), Vaman (*Dwarf*), Parashuram, Ram, Krishna. The Avatars in human form established righteousness and truth by destruction of the wicked demons and evil-doers from time to time.

04. Sri Sathya Sai – the Poornavatar

Today the unrighteousness, wickedness, untruth, immorality, selfishness and violence have become so rampant and universal in every field of human activity that God had to descend in full form as Poornavatar assuming the name of Sri Sathya Sai with His Divine Abode at Prashanti Nilayam in the state of Andhra Pradesh in India. Lord Sri Krishna had prophesied to Arjun in Dwapar Yuga that He will take birth in every Yuga to restore righteousness, to protect the pious and to destroy the wicked. Sri Sathya Sai took birth as Sathyanarayan on November 23, 1926 in a pious and

devoted Raju family. After studying in a primary and a secondary school, Sathyanarayan put a full stop for the traditional education at the age of 14 and made a proclamation on May 23, 1940, "I am Sai Baba. I belong to Aapastamba Sutra; I am of the Bharadwaj Gotra" and again on October 20, 1940, "I am no longer your Sathya; I am Sai; I am going; I do not belong to you; Maya has gone; My Bhaktas are calling Me; I have My work; I cannot stay any longer."

The Divinity of Sri Sathya Sai proclaimed in these declarations was experienced fully by the inhabitants of Puttaparthi and surrounding areas in those days. But the recognition of His Avatarhood by the world at large was a gradual process evidenced by His Avataric Mission at various levels. No human effort can fully spell out His Avataric Mission in order to prove His Avatarhood. However, some glaring facets of His Mission can be outlined below :

A. His Leelas and Mahimas

01. Instant materialisation of objects in defiance of the Laws of Physical Sciences converting Mass into Energy and Energy into Mass, changing the states of existence of objects, *inter se*, between solid, liquid, gaseous, heat and light as situation demanded.
02. Continuous emergence of Vibhuti, Chandan, Kumkum, Amrut from His photos as well as photos of other deities worshipped in some devotees' houses, irrespective of any barrier regarding time, distance and space.
03. Emergence of Shivlingams of different varieties from His Mouth on Mahashivratri days.

04. Exercising full control over the five elements of nature: Pruthvi (*Earth*), Jal (*Water*), Agni (*Fire*), Vayu (*Air*) and Akash (*Space*).
05. Simultaneous appearance in gross body at different places to meet the demanding situation.
06. Rescuing a person caught in emergency including accidents by appearing personally or in guise of some other person.
07. Curing complicating diseases of patients by using specially materialised Vibhuti or medicine or by laying hands on the affected parts of the body, performing intricate surgical operations by creating necessary instruments or without any instruments by manifesting in gross body or subtle body, taking on Himself incurable, complicated or dangerous diseases of devotees without any knowledge to them.
08. Making a dead body alive as the situations demanded.
09. Creating a Jiva (*living organism*), allowing it to grow and then making it extinct the reverse way as desired by a curious scientist.
10. Guiding a spiritual seeker who is stuck up at a particular stage in his spiritual sadhana for his onward march towards self-realisation.
11. Guiding souls in astral bodies existing in ether (*different Lokas*) for their onward march to liberation.

B. Dissemination of Vedic Knowledge and Wisdom

Without undergoing any formal learning of Vedas and Upanishads, Sri Sathya Sai is the master interpreter of intricate Vedic aphorisms and has the rare skill of unfolding the Vedic wisdom in simple examples, illustrations and parables easily understood by a layman. Sri Sathya Sai has Himself authored several books such as Bhagavat Vahini, Dharma Vahini, Prem Vahini, Geeta Vahini, Upanishad Vahini, Prashnottar Vahini, etc., which simplify the Vedic truths. His discourses have been compiled and published under the titles 'Sathya Sai Speaks', 'Summer Showers in.....' by Sri Sathya Sai Sadhana Trust. His biography is in continuous publication under the title 'Sathyam Shivam Sundaram'. Several foreign and Indian devotees have written hundreds of books describing their experiences and explaining His philosophy and message to the world.

Sri Sathya Sai has allowed the Sri Sathya Sai Sadhana Trust to publish monthly magazine '**Sanathana Sarathi**' in different languages. These magazines published since 1958 constitute a vast treasure giving authentic record of Swami's speeches, discourses and spiritual work and projects undertaken by Sri Sathya Sai Seva Samitis in India and more than 2500 Sai Centres and Sai Groups in over 200 countries abroad.

In this modern age of information technology, not a single attempt has been spared at any level, to upload every facet of His Life, Message and Mission on the fastest medium of internet on the worldwide web.

Thus, unlike earlier Avatars, the Sri Sathya Sai avatar has built up authentic published record of mass scale spiritual awakening successfully completed – very much useful for the guidance of future generations.

All these publications go a long way to disseminate Indian Vedic Wisdom and Culture to the far reaching frontiers of the world which is possible only in the case of an Avatar.

C. Divine Grace in fulfillment of promises

Sri Sathya Sai advises His students to consider their Parents as God and to make them happy at any cost. During the early days in the village Puttapparathi, a mother asked her son to start a school, a hospital and dig a well for the benefit of the villagers. The son made his mother happy by fulfilling her noble, selfless and philanthropic desires. But in subsequent years, the three projects expanded to such gigantic scales that one wonders whether they could have been initiated by an ordinary son. Right so. The extraordinary son is the Avatar Sri Sathya Sai and the kind-hearted Mother was Divine Mother Easwaramma!

The seed of a small school started by Sri Sathya Sai in Puttapparathi developed into a large Empire of Educational Institutions from Bal Vikas Centres to schools and colleges to a full-fledged Sri Sathya Sai University of unparalleled distinction, providing education to students the Educare way so as to develop their personality physically, mentally, intellectually and spiritually.

The small hospital established by Sri Sathya Sai at Puttapparathi was the seed which led to the

establishment of General and Super Speciality Hospitals at Puttaparthi and Bengaluru with the latest state-of-the-art equipments to provide free medical and surgical facilities to the poor and needy in an atmosphere of Love and Brotherhood with no barriers of caste, colour, creed, religion etc.

While fulfilling a promise given to the Divine Mother Easwaramma to dig a well at Puttaparthi, Sri Sathya Sai, the Universal Mother undertook several big projects of supply of drinking water in the districts of Anantpur & Godavari and the in the city of Chennai, where millions of people were deprived of getting pure drinking water.

D. Other Co-spiritual and Benevolent Activities

Sri Sathya Sai has instituted several other co-spiritual and benevolent activities which are indicative of His Avataric Mission. A brief account of some glaring activities can be given here:

01. To commemorate the Sri Sathya Sai Avatar's 75 years of service to humanity, a gigantic museum was built under the name 'Chaitanya Jyoti' at Prashanti Nilayam, Puttaparthi on November 18, 2000. Chaitanya means consciousness and Jyoti is a Flame giving a steady and continuous Light dispelling the darkness i.e. ignorance spread around. Thus, the museum is a Lighthouse of Consciousness. It is a mammoth attempt to portray Swami and His Divine Message by way of the building's architecture and its contents of a number of exhibits based on the Life and Teachings of the Multi-faceted Avatar.

Chaitanya Jyoti Museum is playing a significant legacy-role of spreading Swami's Message to all parts of the world, motivating the people of all religions and faiths to follow His teachings of Universal Brotherhood, Self-less Love, Righteous Conduct, and Adherence to Truth – all leading to Unity, Purity and Divinity.

02. In order to facilitate the ever-growing number of devotees from all over the world, Sri Sathya Sai mercifully took up the project of constructing a new Mandir. The new Mandir **Prashanti Nilayam** was inaugurated on November 23, 1950, the 25th Birthday of His Holiness. Prashanti Mandir has the wonderful architecture plan conceived by Swami Himself, depicting mystic, spiritual and Yogic concepts leading to deep feelings of Universal Peace (*Prashanti*).

Sri Sathya Sai is the personification of **Sathyam (Truth)**, **Shivam (Knowledge)** and **Sundaram (Bliss)**. To commemorate these three aspects of Divinity, He lovingly decided to have three Divine Abodes which would provide Centres of Spiritual Practice for the benefit of ever increasing devotees.

Accordingly, a Mandir by the name 'Dharmakshetra' was built in **Bombay** (now **Mumbai**) having 'Satya Deep' as the name of **Swami's Divine Abode**.

He has named the Mandir Dharmakshetra most appropriately because there is no greater Truth than Dharma.

Another Spiritual Lighthouse by the name 'Shivam' was constructed at **Hyderabad**, having an imposing dome representing a Shivlingam.

A third one by the name 'Sundaram' has been built at **Madras** (now **Chennai**). This is modeled on the style of Prashanti Nilayam.

Swami always believes in **Integration** of various **trinities** such as: **Head, Heart and Hand** or **Thought, Word and Deed** or **Unity, Purity and Divinity**.

Nowonder, therefore, that He combined Sathyam, Shivam and Sundaram into one Divine Abode at **Whitefield**, Bangalore (now **Bengaluru**) and named it as '**Trayee Brindavan**'.

It is also the composite term for the three Vedas – the Rig, Yajur and Sama – which form the fountainhead of Sanatan Dharma.

03. On November 22, 1985 the Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Learning (now Sri Sathya Sai University), Prashanti Nilayam, achieved the unique distinction of being the only University in India having a modern state-of-the-art Planetarium named as **Sri Sathya Sai Space Theatre** – for educational purposes.
04. Subsequent to establishment of **Sri Sathya Sai Schools and Colleges** at Prashanti Nilayam in **Puttapparthi**, Trayee Brindavan, at **Whitefield, Bangalore**, **Women's Colleges** at **Anantpur, Jaipur** and **Bhopal**, many more institutes to

provide Educare, Medicare and Sociocare were established. They are: **Sri Sathya Sai Sanatan Sanskruti Museum** depicting all the cultures and religions in the world, **Sri Sathya Sai Hill View Stadium**, **Sri Sathya Sai Music College**, **Sri Sathya Sai Indoor Stadium**, **Sri Sathya Sai Vocational Training Centres**, all at Prashanti Nilayam, **Sri Sathya Sai Institutes of Higher Medical Sciences** (Prashanti Nilayam and Whitefield), **Sri Sathya Sai International Centre** in National Capital Region, **New Delhi** and **99 Sri Sathya Sai and Sai Schools in India** and a number of **Schools** and **Institutes** for imparting **Primary** and **Secondary Education** plus **Education in Human Values** in a number of countries in the world.

The **Institute of Sathya Sai Education (ISSE)** was set up in 1998 at Bangkok, Thailand and presently serves as the headquarters. Later more **ISSEs** were established in India (Mumbai and Delhi), Africa, Philippines, New Zealand, USA, Brazil, Argentina, Hong Kong, UK, Zambia, Mexico and Japan. Most institutes are affiliated with the Institute in Thailand. The responsibilities of **ISSEs** extend to the training of teachers and the establishment of new Sathya Sai Schools within their own country.

In the form of training centres for teachers and educators, **ISSEs** facilitate promotion of Sathya Sai Education in Primary, Secondary and Higher Secondary Schools, Colleges and Universities.

ISSEs award Diplomas and Advance Diploma Courses which are recognised by the Universities as accredited units in an education stream towards higher degrees. ISSEs have also collaborations with a number of other centres and organisations to deliver value based water, sanitation and hygiene education in several countries in the world.

Not a single effort is spared by His Holiness to ensure public conveniences to the stream of humanity overflowing the township of Puttaparthi at all times.

The **Sri Sathya Sai Gokulam**, the **Sri Sathya Sai Prashanti Nilayam Railway Station**, the **Sri Sathya Sai Airport**, **Shopping Centres**, **South Indian**, **North Indian** and **English Canteens**, **Food Shops**, **Dispensaries**, **Water Purification Plants**, **Maintenance Cells**, **huge complexes providing accommodation** to visitors, **Reading Rooms**, **Lecture Halls**, **Library** etc., stand as testimony to His Divine endeavours.

Under the direct supervision of Sri Sathya Sai, the **Sri Sathya Sai Central Trust** looks after of Educare, Medicare and Sociocare Missions. The **Sri Sathya Sai Sadhana Trust** promotes His Divine Message through release of books, publications, photographs and audio visual items), the **Sri Sathya Sai Women's Welfare Trust** supports needy women. **Prashanti Digital Studio** keeps pace with the information technology by archiving and documenting the

time and moments of the Sri Sathya Sai Avatar in various forms and also by running **Radio Sai Global Harmony** on 24 x 7 x 365 basis besides making available **e-journal h2h** (*Heart to Heart*) and audio video uploads and streaming services for the benefit of the devotees, spread over the whole world.

All activities at the state and country levels are looked after by respective local trusts.

05. Under His Avataric Mission for **Rural Integration** and **Upliftment**, Sri Sathya Sai engages His students and the units of the Sri Sathya Sai Seva Organisations to undertake **Gram Seva** and **Narayan Seva** in the form of providing food packets, clothes, houses and gifts of useful amenities to villagers and providing monetary help to the poor and the destitute, besides adopting villages all over the country.

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06. **Legacy of Avatar**

The legacy of an Avatar comprises of the benevolent work done by Him and the guiding

philosophy preached by Him for the restoration of Dharma (Righteousness), restructuring of society for the welfare and upliftment of mankind.

For instance, the **Legacy** of the **Sri Ramavatar** consists of :

- a. The destruction of demons who harassed the sages by obstructing and preventing them from performing Yagnyas, Yagas and other Vedic Rituals;
- b. Destroying the wicked and evil-doers including Ravan who was the King of Lanka, but victim to lust, anger, pride, attachment, animosity, jealousy etc.;
- c. Adherence to Truth and Righteousness in personal, familial and royal matters at any sacrifice;
- d. Creating an ideal, exemplary and model personality highlighting morals such as complete obedience to parents, unconditional love, guidance, help, support and protection to brothers;
- e. Giving His Heart to His ardent devotees like Hanuman, Vibhishan, Shabari, Kevat, Jatayu and others; and finally
- f. Fully dedicating Himself to the people in His Kingdom for their welfare and betterment irrespective of whether they were His worshippers, followers, detractors, critics & so on.

Similarly, the **Legacy of the Sri Krishnavatar** consists of :

- a. Destruction of demons and the wicked evil-doers including His relatives who used to exploit, harass and torture the people;
- b. Imbibing the sacred feelings of Divine Love in the minds of all the people, emphasising it to be the master key for Divine Grace;
- c. The need for adopting and trying a constructive strategy to secure justice and to maintain law and order before taking resort to war; and
- d. Propagating the teachings of Vedas and Upanishads in the form of Srimad Bhagavad Geeta advocating four paths for Union of Man with God, namely the Karma Yog (*the Path of Action*), Bhakti Yog (*the Path of Devotion*), Raj Yog (*the Path of Meditation*) and Gnyan Yog (*the Path of Self-enquiry*).

07. **Legacy of the Sri Sathya Sai Avatar**

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01. L for Love

The first letter L of the word 'Legacy' signifies Divine Love of Sri Sathya Sai, which is supreme, pure, unlimited, unselfish, spontaneous, natural, unbroken, bliss-bestowing and Love for the sake of Love. Sri Sathya Sai's Love is continuously flowing. For anyone to receive it as His legacy, he should love Swami so that by reaction, reflection and resound, he will receive His Love. Loving Swami does not mean going to Prashanti Nilayam and offering Him garlands, gifts, money, etc. Loving Swami means putting into practice the teachings of Swami. His practical teachings, though vast in content,

can be stated in His own words, “**Be Good, See Good and Do Good.**” But the question is: What is Good, Swami is hinting at?

Good : Any act which enables you to achieve your fundamental goal of life, namely ‘Union with God’ is good. The attainment of this goal ensures prosperity happiness, joy and bliss both at material and spiritual levels. If an act is good from your angle, but it is not good from others’angle, then it cannot be called ‘good’.

Swami’s advice ‘**Be Good**’ means you must be good at body level, mind level and intellect level. Obviously, then you will renounce bad habits, bad thoughts, bad philosophies, etc.

His advice ‘**See Good**’ warns you not to find faults in others, not to get angry on others, not to have unjust expectations (desires) from others, not to envy others, not to get unduly attached to others, and so on.

Bhagavan’s advice ‘**Do Good**’ means you should not do an act which is restricted for your own good but at the same time it must be aimed for good to your family, neighbours, society, nation and world at large. Further, it suggests that you should not hurt others, inflict any physical and mental injury on others.

Thus, His legacy of Divine Love can be drawn upon by Being Good, Seeing Good and Doing Good which is possible if one realises His Omnipresence, Omniscience and Omnipresence respectively.

02. E for Education and Educare

The second letter 'E' of the word 'Legacy' signifies Education, Enlightenment, Effulgence all of which can be obtained by introducing Educare.

Education as it is understood today is dissemination of knowledge of various subjects meant for conducting human operations in so far as they aim at living a life materially progressive, prosperous and peaceful. But even these aims cannot be accomplished by the present system of education as it is information-oriented and not transformation-oriented, Swami always remarks, "The end of Education is Character." But the present system of education does not aim at character development, moral regeneration and cultural advancement. On the other hand, it is business-oriented and profit-motivated. That is why we come across reports of all types of evils in the educational field, such as wanton corruption, sex scandals, suicides etc.

To surmount such evils which disrupt the social structure and to lay a strong foundation for a better and peaceful world, Sri Sathya Sai introduced the concept of 'Educare' from the kindergarten (KG) level to the post graduate (PG) level and PhD level in His Educational Empire throughout India and abroad. Educare includes dissemination of information as in the case of Education but additionally it is coupled with transformation of the character of teachers and students from animality to humanity to divinity.

Educare means bringing out and developing latent human values an individual is born with. These human values are Sathya (Truth), Dharma (Right Conduct), Shanti (Peace), Prem (Love) and Ahinsa (Non-violence). In brief, Educare means education with Human Values (EHV). Further, it enables an individual to apply his Head (Intelligence), Heart (Conscience) and Hands (Action) to take appropriate decisions and implement them for the betterment of all. Thus, Educare is Swami's '3 HV' formula for securing Happiness through Victory.

Sri Sathya Sai launched the **Educare programme** by establishing Bal Vikas Centres and has subsequently founded a number of Schools, Colleges and a University in India, where Education is imparted the Educare way completely free of charge from KG level to PG level. This Legacy has been drawn upon by a large number of educational institutions in India and by as many as 200 countries abroad where a large number of schools are run in private and public sector imparting worldly and Divine knowledge to students laying a sound foundation for **World University of Sai Education!** This silent revolution in Educare propounded, developed and expanded by Sri Sathya Sai will only bring about Unity of Culture, Unity of Religions, Unity of Faiths, Unity of Thoughts, Unity of Philosophies and Unity of People at the global level-**A Great Legacy to Mankind.**

The Glory of Sri Sathya Sai lies in the materialisation of His Sankalp through the

establishment of institutions to provide Educare, Medicare and Sociocare – all free of cost to the mankind – irrespective of caste, colour, creed, race and religion.

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03. G for Grace

The third letter ‘G’ of the word ‘Legacy’ stands for limitless Divine Grace showered by Swami on those suffering from worldly difficulties and calamities and on those whose spiritual progress is hindered due to lack of guidance. This Legacy of Grace is available to anyone who fully dedicates himself to be used as an instrument in Divine Hands for rendering any

Service (*Seva*) in His Mission. Such a grace descends from Swami as a reaction, reflection; resound to one who integrates himself to His work to such an extent that he forgets his own material interest, physical existence and individual identity. Such a grace is also received by one who follows Swami's teaching of **"Be Good, See Good and Do Good"**, as detailed above, in thought, word and deed. Swami's Legacy of Grace can be received even by one who is not His devotee or who is not a believer in God but while interacting with people around, he sees himself in others and does unto others what he does unto himself. (Note: The general teaching in a Moral Code is 'Do unto others as you want others to do unto you.' **A still higher moral code which will lead to Unity between Man and Man would be 'Do unto others what you do unto yourself.'**)

04. A for Attunement, Atonement and Adoration

The fourth letter 'A' in the word 'Legacy' represents Attunement, Atonement and Adoration. Having realised that Swami is a Divine Manifestation in human form, one feels tremendously fortunate to have been born during the presence of the Living Avatar. The legacy of such an Avatar can be obtained by getting oneself attuned to His thought, philosophy, preaching and practice. When a common man gets entrapped amidst trials, tribulations and calamities, he makes all the efforts to come out of them and may or may not come out successful. If he happens to be a

devotee, he does not forget to pray his deity and call for his help. The response from the deity depends upon the intensity of the attunement of his prayer. The intensity of the attunement is heightened if the sufferer engages himself in continuous Adoration of the deity and considers the suffering from the trials and tribulations as Atonement for some past deeds. The greatness of a Living and Loving God, as Sri Sathya Sai is, lies in the fact that He immediately comes to the rescue of the sufferer even though he is not a Sai devotee because all the deities are attuned (or merged) to the Sarvadevataswarupa Sri Sathya Sai. There have been innumerable occasions when Swami appeared in His personal form or in the guise of another individual and helped the afflicted person who neither knew Him, nor heard of Him. On many occasions, a new visitor not knowing much about Swami gets a glimpse of his Guru or Deity in Swami, realising thereby Oneness of Divinity. It is the principle of Attunement which has made this legacy possible.

05. C for **Constant Integrated Awareness**

The fifth letter 'C' in the word 'Legacy' provides a master key for importing Sri Sathya Sai's legacy. It is Constant Integrated Awareness. Swami frequently says, "God is above you, below you, before you, behind you, beside you and within you." This understanding is awareness. Everyone must be aware that Swami is All Knowing (*Omniscient*), All-pervasive (*Omnipresent*) and Almighty (*Omnipotent*). One cannot hide any

thought, any action, any feeling from Him. That is why He is called having Sahastrakshi (*having thousand eyes*), Sahastrapaani (*having thousand hands*) and Sahastrapaad (*having thousand feet*). This awareness must be constant, not just at the time one receives sudden grace from Him. If this awareness is constant, he will definitely follow His teaching 'Be Good, See Good and Do Good'. Again, this awareness must be integrated i.e., felt by one in every body, irrespective of state of living (*insects, plants, animals, inanimate objects*) or caste, sex, religion, country, intellectual level, wealth, status etc., in the case of human beings.

The Constant Integrated Awareness helps to establish Unity between God and Man. It facilitates transmission of Divine Energy into human being, a process of 'Shaktipat'. In that highly-evolved state, one becomes divine, no question of drawing upon legacy from God.

6. **Y for You**

The sixth letter 'Y' in the word 'Legacy' points at 'You'. It warns you that you have to lift yourself to attain Him. Swami always quotes from Srimad Bhagavad Geeta, "Uddhareth Atmanatmanam Naatmanamavasadayet" (*Man has to uplift or liberate himself rather allowing himself to be degraded or bonded*). God descends as an Avatar to enable Man ascend as Uddhar (*upliftment*). God becomes Human to escalate Human into Divine. That is why, Swami dissects 'You' into three personalities: You are what you think you

are, You are what others think you are, you are what you really are.

a. You are what you think you are

The first aspect of human personality as Swami segregates is “*You are what you think you are.*”

It means ‘I am what I think I am.’ What do I think I am? I am educated, I am rich, I hold top position in an organisation. I am a social worker. I am a minister. I am a scientist. I am a philosopher. And so on. These interpretations of ‘I’ are based on what things I possess or what I do not possess in so far as they are related to mundane and worldly material phenomena. They are all, positive or negative as they may be, transient, temporary, ever-changing, unstable, uncertain and dependant on some external factors. As such, they cannot grant permanent happiness and peace, the twin reasonable goals of a human being. Thus, the interpretation of ‘Myself’, the first aspect of my personality, is not real. It is self-assumed, incomplete and based on ignorance. It leads to the six enemies of a human being: Kama (*Lust*), Krodha (*Anger*), Lobh (*Greed*), Moha (*Attachment*), Mada (*Pride*) and Matsarya (*Jealousy*).

b. You are what others think you are

The second aspect of human personality as Swami analyses is “*You are what others think you are.*”

It means 'I am what others think I am'. Others are so many who know me. Their interpretations about 'Me' are therefore multi-variated being based on their assumptions and interpretations of my behavior, conduct and relations with them. But this second interpretation about 'Me' is more important than the first interpretation; because in order that others should have a positive and favourable image about 'Me', I shall try to interact with them positively, amicably, obligingly, cordially, peacefully and humanely. In fact, it is this stage where man should think of putting into practice the five human values of Sathya (*Truth*), Dharma (*Right Conduct*), Shanti (*Peace*), Prem (*Love*) and Ahinsa (*Non-violence*) in day-to-day affairs. This stage calls for the integration of Thought, Word and Deed.

c. You are what you really are

The third aspect of human personality unfolded by Swami is "***You are what you really are.***"

It means 'I am what really I am'. It reveals 'I am I'. It is Atmasakshatkaar (*Self-Realisation*). It makes me reveal that I am independent of Body, Mind, Intellect, Ego, etc., which are Nashwar (*perishable, temporary*) and not Ishwar (*Permanent, Eternal*). This revelation illumines that I exist perennially (*Sat*), I am conscious (*Chit*) and because of these two, I am always in Bliss (*Anand*). So, I am Ishwar i.e. God.

The first interpretation of 'I' namely 'I am what I think what I am' makes me realise that I am full of vices. The second interpretation of 'I' namely 'I am what others think I am' makes me realise that I have permanent and fundamental virtues, namely the five human values deep-rooted in me. I contemplate on these two and resolve to relinquish the vices, reconstruct and develop the virtues with the result, I reach to the third. I get enlightened, illumined about my real identity. The first is Karma Yog, the second is Bhakti Yog and the third is Gnyan Yog. This is a great legacy hidden in Swami's three affirmations which outwardly look simple sentences.

The last letter 'Y' in the word 'Legacy' besides pointing out the triple personalities of 'You', insists on **Continuous Yearning for Swami's Divine Grace to Realise Yourself.**

Conclusion

Sri Sathya Sai says, "My Life is My Message".

Therefore, **His Life is His Legacy.**

If an attempt is made to screen His Life, one will find :

- a. Total selflessness;
- b. All-out Love for Humanity;
- c. Protecting the afflicted by removing their sorrows, miseries and making them happy;

- d. Providing the basic necessities namely Education, Healthcare, Water and Sociocare, free of charge to the poor, needy and destitute;
- e. Not to take anything from the people but to give everything to them;
- f. Not to hoard but to distribute.

Sri Sathya Sai's Legacy instructs

01. The students to obey their parents and teachers and secure good merits in studies and glorify the names of their parents;
02. The teachers to update their knowledge and to teach whole-heartedly the Educare way, setting themselves as ideal role models before the students;
03. The educational institutions not to commercialise education and make huge profits by exploiting students through high fees, donations for seats, corrupt practices in administration;
04. The office-goers, workers to work to their full capacity and to contribute to the growth of their organisations;
05. The professionals to exercise their personal skills for the maximum benefits of their clients;
06. The businessmen and industrialists not to hoard their acquisitions and compete among

themselves for becoming richer and richer but to act as Trustees of their acquisitions and use them to provide facilities of Educare, Medicare and Sociocare free of charge for the benefit of the poor, the afflicted and the distressed sufferers;

07. Social workers, political leaders and ministers to consider themselves as most fortunate for getting opportunities to serve people rather than treating service to society as profit-making and risk-free business and indulging in corrupt practices at the cost of development of their areas, states and the nation;
08. All the devotees of all religions and faiths to feel the Omnipresence, Omniscience and Omnipotence of God and to interact with others in a spirit of dedicated service towards God.

To finally summarise the Legacy of the Sri Sathya Sai Avatar in His own words :

- 09 *“When the Divine comes down as Avatar – whether as Ram, Krishna, Matsya, Varah or Vaman – it is only for one purpose. You recognise only the momentary results of the Advent, but you should note that the Divine comes as Avatar only to teach the Truth about Love.”*



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