

Sai Dharmam



Bhajan Corner

My Life is My Message

Sai Bhajan:

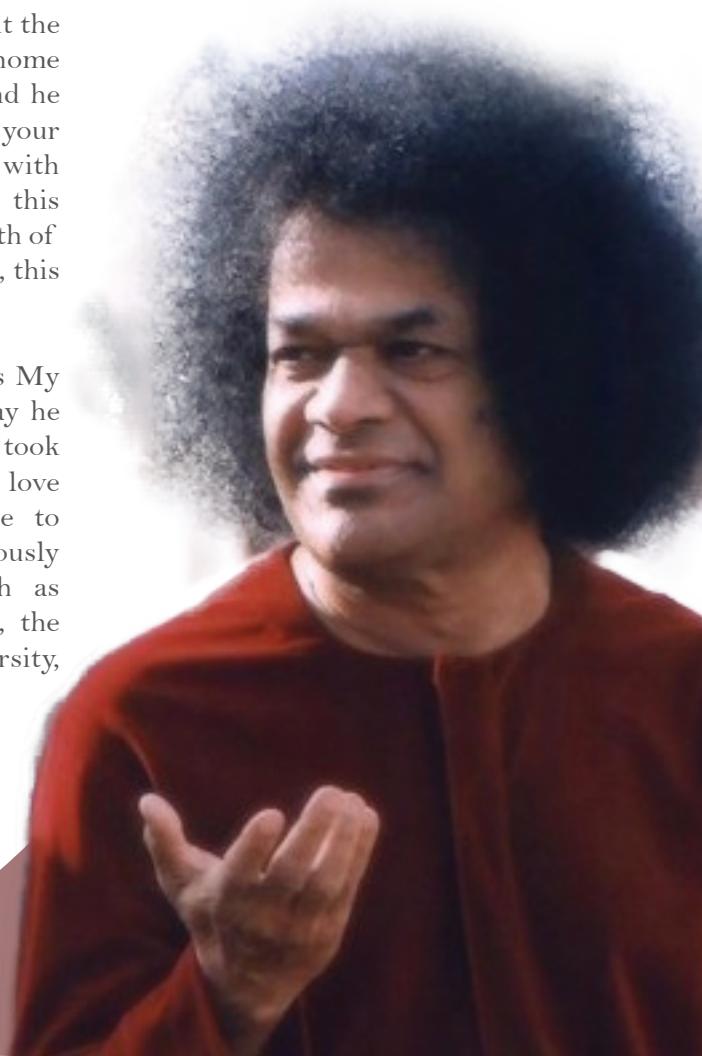
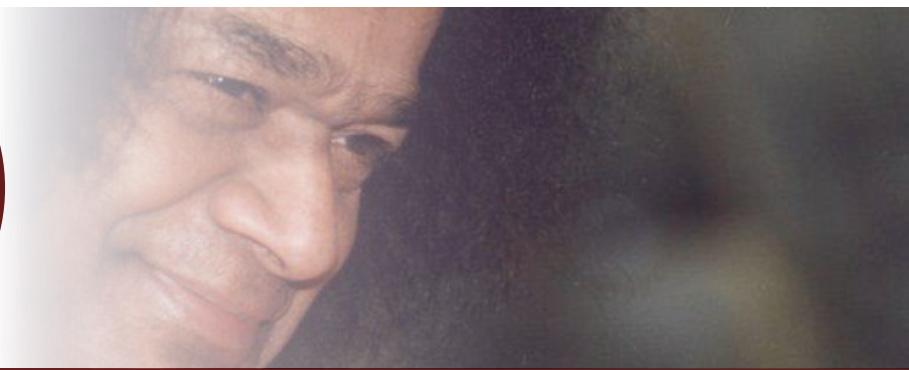
Antharanga Sai Anaatha
Naatha Sai
Deena Bandhu Sai Karuna
Sindhu Sai (Antharanga...)
Rama Krishna Shiva
Shakti Prema Roopa Sai
Yuga Avathaari Baba Sri
Sathya Sai

Meaning:

O! Indweller Lord Sai!
Thou art supporter of
those who have no support
and shelter. O! protector
of the fallen and misera-
bles! O! Incarnation of the
present Kali age, Lord
Sathya Sai Baba! Thou art
Rama, Krishna, Shiva and
Shakti.

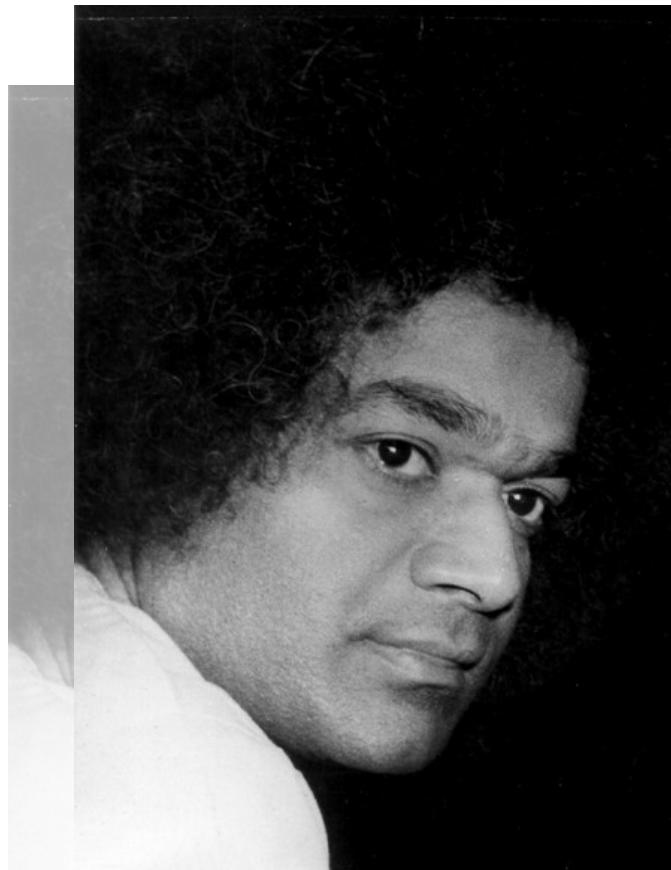
Born as Sathya Narayana Raju, Sathya Sai Baba was born on November 23, 1926 in the small village of Puttaparthi, India. Having previously selected his earth parents, He chose Puttaparthi to start his mission on earth. At the age of 14, he declared his mission and left home to pursue it, stating that he is Sai Baba and he has "come to light the lamp of love in your hearts, to see that it shines day by day with added luster. I have come to tell you of this unitary faith, this spiritual principle, this path of Love, this virtue of Love, this duty of Love, this obligation of Love."

The meaning behind his quote "My Life is My Message" is to show all of us that the way he went about this life and the actions he took reflect his message for all of us, which is to love everyone equally and do selfless service to humanity. Throughout his life, he continuously showed examples of these values, such as establishing the Super Specialty Hospital, the Drinking Water Project, and the University, making them free for everyone to enjoy.



Devotee Speaks Swami's Birthday

Swami's birthday for me is very auspicious. I always look forward to it as fervently as I would look forward to Christmas, Halloween or any other holiday that brings me joy. One thing I have learned recently is that Baba's birthday is less like a holiday and rather a day of reminder. It is more of a festival in which you bring to the forefront of your memory certain things that we leave buried underneath the mechanics of everyday life. One such reminder that Baba's birthday gives me is the idea that he has no birth or death. He has existed forever and the day we celebrate as his birthday is simply just another day where a body was born from the womb carrying an Atma – in this case the Paramatma. By virtue of this realization, one gets closer to understanding that it is not the physical underpinnings of Baba that are important rather the spiritual essence of every act he has committed, that matters. As a result, on Swami's birthday, I don't pray any differently than I do on other days. I simply pray for continued progress in this spiritual wisdom that is growing within me. Nevertheless, as a human that has Maya constantly haunting me, I do fall prey to loving the "Birthday Vibe." I love going to practices, singing, celebrating, and reminiscing all about God. I hope that never ends!



Birthday Message Story and Morales

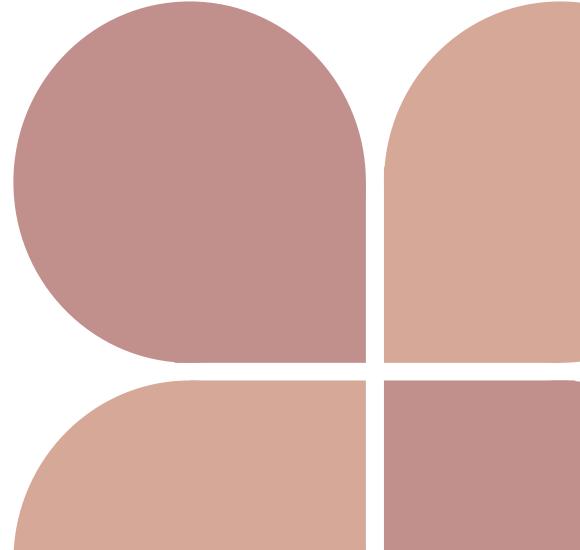
Around the world, devotees of our dear Bhagavan celebrate his birthday in countless ways. Each and every devotee of Sai has a unique and intangible relationship with the Divine. Offerings for Swami's birthday are made both on a personal basis and in a group or community setting. It is very common for SSE students to present Swami with offerings as a group, including dramas, musicals and dances. Service projects, musical offerings, dramas, and dances, just to name a few, are some of the different offerings offered by our centre in past years.

Swami's birthday message to His devotees has been clear. He lovingly advises that his birthday be celebrated as the day the Message of the Avatar is born. His Message should grow in each and every one. When one begins to follow the message of Sai, He proclaims that day is His birthday.

Plant the seed of Love in your hearts. Let them grow into trees of Service and shower the sweet fruit of Ananda.

Swami reminds us to think of others on this day. "Love for God must be manifested as Love for man, and Love must express itself as service." Hence, the Sai Organization

throughout the year organizes numerous Seva projects, with those in November dedicated to the birthday of our Dear Lord.



President's Message

There is only one God and nothing but God. Everything is God”, Swami keeps telling us again and again. Only He is not manifest to the senses. Instead He must be experienced. But alas, we humans easily forget that especially in today's fast moving world. Our Bhagawan strained Himself to shower so much divine love on all of us all the time totally unmindful of the inconvenience and strain to His physical frame so that we may wake up from our spiritual slumber and pay attention to the real purpose of His Avatar. And to do that, one must cleanse the heart. There are so many wonderful teachings that Swami has given us. If only we can practice them, we will obtain that 'bliss', that 'ananda' that Swami talks about.

Swami's enchanting form swayed us all, but we have to look at the cosmic aspect hidden behind this enchanting form. This very same Swami also pervades the Universe. In the year 1968, Professor Kasturi quoted some of Swami's own words of His Cosmic Form. To quote one of them: "The present Avatar has come to bring back 'Dharma' to the villages, drive away unrighteousness...Come unto Me and I will give you the key to the treasure of ananda... I will teach you how to tap that spring.....Take one step forward and I will

take a hundred steps.... If you shed one tear, I shall wipe a hundred tears from your eyes..... your innate laziness prevents you from spiritual exercise to realize the nature of God.. do not waste your life.... I can grant you 'liberation'..My mission is the re-establishment of vedas, shastras and revealing the knowledge about them to all people.... My will and my mission will succeed.'

No Avatar has done like this before, going among the masses, consoling them, uplifting them, guiding them and directing them in the path of Sathya, Shanti, Dharma and Prema!!

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