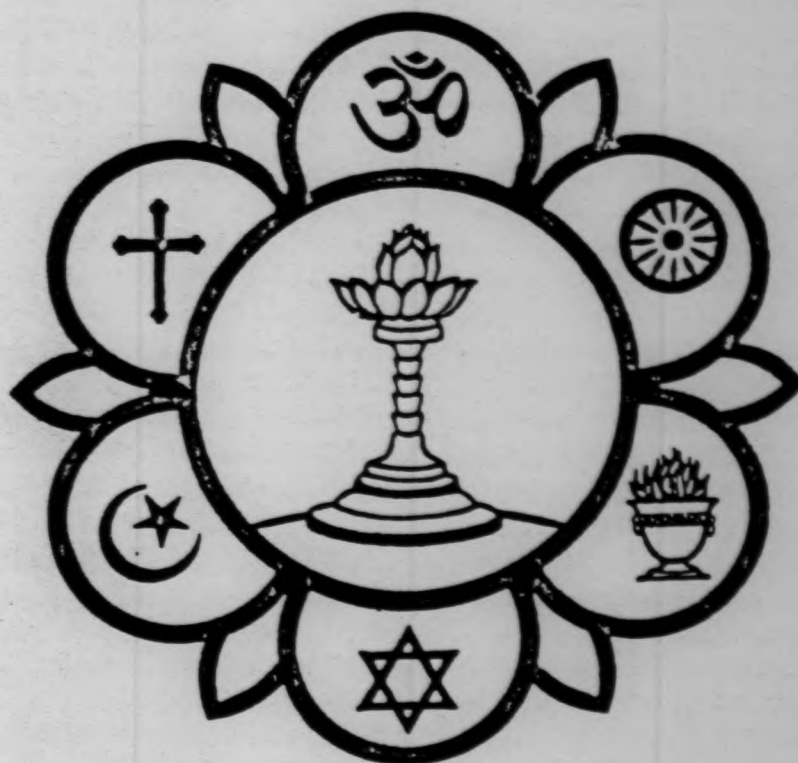


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QUOTATIONS TAKEN FROM SRI SATHYA SAI BABA'S
SUMMER COURSE, 1978

Not only is human life impermanent but the entire creation of trees, hills, mountains, rivers, etc., all things in creation are transient. All the things we see around us decay and pass away in the course of time. Only the immortal spark of divinity in man is imperishable and we must strive to recognise this divinity.

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Just because you cannot see the stars during the day you cannot deny their existence; similarly, because you cannot see God with your eyes, you cannot say God does not exist.

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The tongue moves with great agility between sharp teeth without being bitten or crushed. So also should human beings learn to live and move in this world, without attachments and desires to come out unscathed.

SAI BABA'S INFLUENCE IS BEING FELT
IN THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM OF INDIA:

"The Summer Course (1978) at Brindavan was a great event. There was a 10-day course in Indian culture and spirituality to the primary school teachers of Andra State (the state in which Prasanthi Nilayam is situated) who were deputized by the State Government under a scheme sponsored by the Chief Minister of State. Our Brindavan and Anantapur College students have been invited to teach culture and spirituality in selected schools. The Chief Minister who is very much impressed by the way the students are brought up by Bhagavan, got his blessings for the Rs. 3 Crore (30,000,000) scheme and wants all the teachers of primary schools in his state to get the training on Sai Education System within 5 years. This is an important event in the life of this nation, India, and augurs well for the future, not of this country alone, but for the whole of mankind.

- H.M. Shivaram, India

"THE LOST YEARS"

"The Lost Years" is a new 92 minute film by Richard Bock dealing with the middle period in the life of Jesus Christ. Filmed in India and Europe, it explores the history and legends of Jesus' travels to India, Tibet and Persia and many other fascinating aspects of Jesus' life and death. Sathya Sai Baba has confirmed that Jesus did in fact spend time in India, and this is quoted in the film, along with footage of Sai Baba.

"The Lost Years" will be shown throughout the U.S.A. on independent television stations as part of the "Beta Chronicles" Series. You may wish to contact your local independent stations (not networks or Public Broadcasting Stations) to see when the film will be shown in your area. The film is not available for sale or general distribution, but will be shown at the December Regional Sathya Sai Baba Retreat in Northern California.

A WARNING

The following is a message that Sai Baba directed me to share with other Sai devotees, and in turn, asks you to share with others so that it becomes general knowledge.

When I was with Baba in late January, 1978, I had the good fortune of traveling with him by car from Prasanthi Nilayam to his Women's College in Anantapur. During the trip he strongly expressed his concern about devotees who are losing their money to dishonest people. He said that devotees are coming to him from all parts of the world with love and devotion. They generally are unfamiliar with India and out of their good will may unknowingly trust someone who dishonestly passes himself off as representing Baba. The unsuspecting devotee may then be asked to donate money supposedly for a Sai project under the direction and guidance of Baba. Baba specifically mentioned a group of Europeans who had such an unfortunate experience. He emphatically stated that he is not appointing anyone to collect money in his name and that devotees should especially be aware of people masquerading in such poses. If there is any doubt at all the devotee is directed to contact a knowledgeable person on the grounds of Prasanthi Nilayam or Brindavan (such as the manager of the ashram) to inquire about the reputability of the person in question or the project.

This not only holds true in India but in America as well. As Sai Baba's influence and reputation grow in the West we will most likely hear more from dishonest people or groups who wish to profit by claiming special closeness to Baba. The situation may be further complicated by honest and well-intentioned devotees who may try to influence others to contribute to a project that they feel will be to Sai Baba's liking. Sai Baba's directive to us has been clear: that is, to stay away from money matters as much as possible and not to make it an issue that stands in the way of a devotee's relationship with him.

A WARNING (cont'd)

In the future, should an official project develop under Baba's directive in which devotees are requested to donate money, you will be notified directly by the Council. At this time there is no such authorized program. If anyone becomes aware of a questionable money collecting project, he is requested to contact a director of the Council so the Council may be aware of such activities and look into the matter in detail.

- Dr. Samuel Sandweiss

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SAI FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Subscribers to "Sanathana Sarathi," an informative pamphlet from India, receive Swami's most recent discourses, pictures and itinerary. If you are interested in subscribing to "Sanathana Sarathi" (monthly); "Seva Dal" (quarterly) or "Sri Sathya Sai Bala Vikas" (quarterly), all of which are published in India, subscription costs for 1 year for North and South America in the English edition are as follows:

	<u>SEA MAIL</u>	<u>AIR MAIL</u>
"Sanathana Sarathi":	16 Rupees	51 Rupees
"Seva Dal":	13 Rupees	24 Rupees
"Sri Sathya Sai Bala Vikas":	7 Rupees	18 Rupees

Consult your bank for the current rupee/dollar exchange rate. Enclose an International Money Order made out to Sri Sathya Sai Education and Publication Foundation, Prasanthi Nilayam P.O. Anantapur Dt., A.P. 515 134, India. Please state that you wish the English edition.

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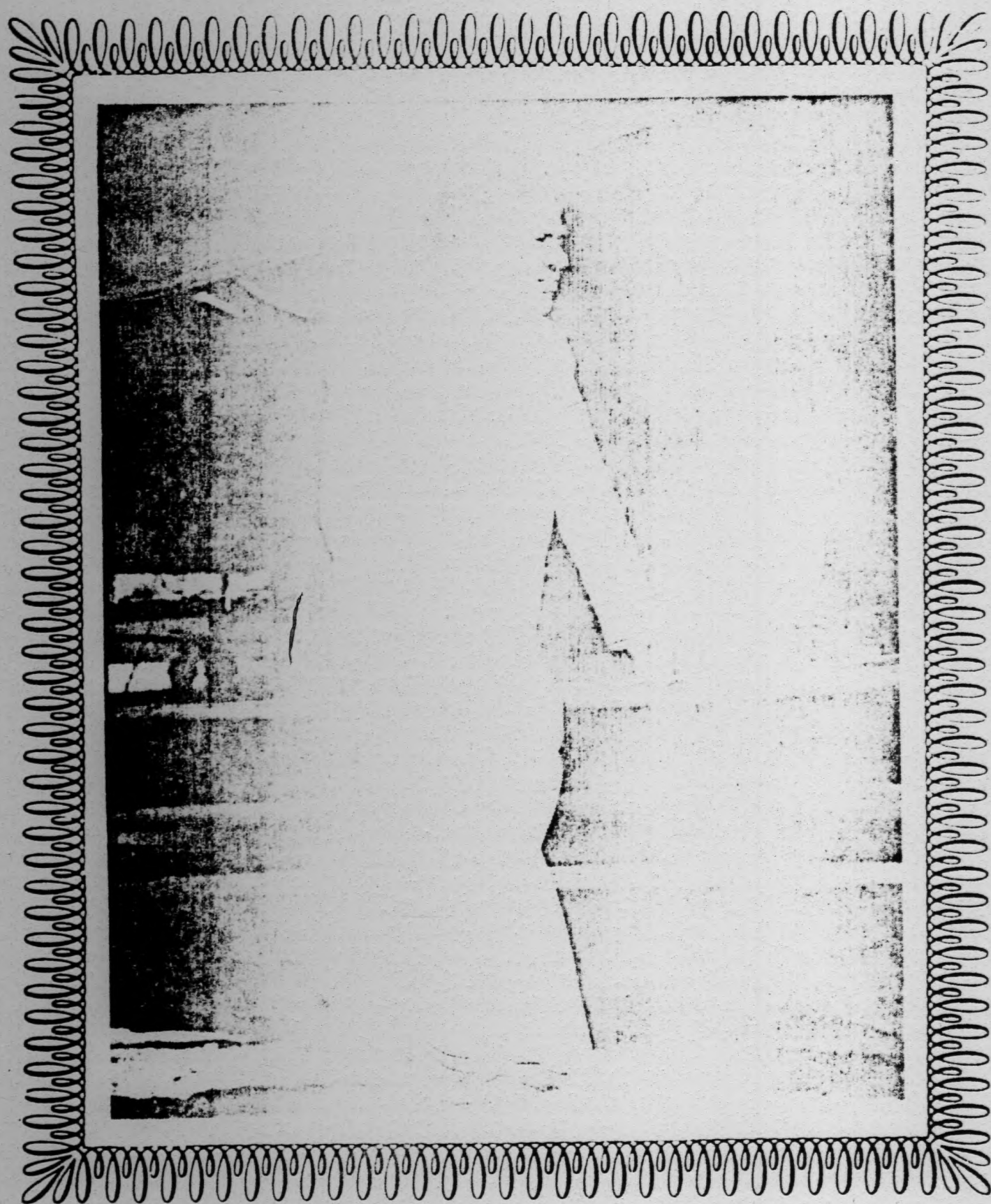
- New Books now available from the Sri Sathya Sai Baba Book Center of America, P.O. Box 278, Tustin, Ca. 92680 are as follows:

1. Sadhana, The Inward Path. This book, the second edition, has been printed in the USA and is approximately 30 % larger than the first edition.
2. Conversations with Bhagavan Sri Sathya Sai Baba. This book will be printed in the USA an about 4 months. With Dr. Hislop's permission, the Book Center is receiving a limited number of copies from India.

- There are three new cassettes available from the Sathya Sai Baba Center of Hollywood, 7911 Willoughby Ave., Los Angeles, Ca. 90046:

- 1) GU 36 English Bhajan Learning Tape No. 1, Compiled by the National Bhajan Committee. 50 minutes, \$3.50.
- 2) Bhajans with Musical Accompaniment, recorded in India by devotees of Sathya Sai Baba. 50 minutes, \$3.50.
- 3) C-038 Mr. Kasturi talks about Avathar Sathya Sai Baba and His Message of Love, 6/4/78. 85 minutes, \$6.00.

- Also available is a new film "The Early Years" of Sai Baba from 1964 through 1968. It includes the birthday, thread ceremony, Shivarathi and Sivalingam. Its duration is 30 minutes, in color and with sound. Super 8: \$135.00 or 16mm: \$225.00



QUESTION: What does surrender to the Lord mean in such common things as shaving, going to the market walking and so on ?

SAI: *Surrendering to the Lord is surrendering all thoughts and actions, not wishing for the fruits of the action, not doing action to gain its fruit but doing the action because it is one's duty. The act is dedicated to the Lord and the results, therefore, are born by the Lord. Actions done thus- fruits abandoned at the time of action- such action is free of karma. Since the ego, in this way, is not fed and cultivated, it disappears before long. For example, if one shaves, which is classed as an uninspired mundane task, the attitude is that one is preparing the body for the sake of the Lord in the heart, and one is making the best of his appearance to honor the Lord, and not for one's personal vanity or reward. Also, in walking, offer the action to the Lord to maintain a body fit for the Lord to live in; and that is the attitude for every single act of the day.*

from Conversations with Bhagavan

Sri Sathya Sai Baba

J.S. Hislop

SAI FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont d)

- New Sathya Sai Baba Centers. Add to each location
Sathya Sai Baba Center of:

- ENCINITAS, CA., Grace Amorluz, 1322 Rubenstein Ave.,
Encinitas, Ca. 92024. Phone: (714) 753-7283
Bhajans: Sun. & Thurs. at 7:30 PM
- THOUSAND OAKS, CA., Douglas Mahr, P.O. Box 4914,
Thousand Oaks, Ca. 91359. Bhajans: Tues. at 7:30 PM
- EAST MEDFORD, ORE., Florence Aselin, 1508 Wilson Pl.,
Medford, Ore. 97501. Phone: (503) 779-9249
Bhajans: Thurs. 1:30 PM
- PUGET SOUND, WA., Jean Lawler, 7515 215th S.W.,
Edmonds, Wa. 98020. Phone: (509) 883-1839
Bhajans: Thurs. 7:30 PM

- Change of Address:

- Sathya Sai Baba Center of Nevada County, Ca.
c/o Lynne Johnson, 319 Newton Road, Nevada City, Ca. 95959.
- Sathya Sai Baba Center of Metropolitan Chicago
c/o D.K. Majumdar, Apt. 3-C, 5486 S. Archer Ave.,
Chicago, Il. 60638. Phone: (312) 767-6094

- Please delete from the Center List:

-Sathya Sai Baba Center of Marin, Ca.

- Registration for the next California Regional Retreat,
to be held in La Honda, Ca., on Dec. 1-3, 1978 is now
open. The cost of the weekend is \$27.50 for adults
and \$13.75 for children under 12. There is no charge
for infants under 2.

TO: Sai Retreat
P.O. Box 11239
San Francisco, Ca. 94101

FROM: Name: _____

Address: _____

Enclosed is my check/money order

for \$ _____ so that I may

Phone: _____

reserve _____ places at the

December Retreat.

SAI FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont'd)

- Word has been received from Dr. Hislop that during his stay in India with Swami this fall, he hopes to form two new National Committees. He asks that if there are one or more devotees who feel a special interest in either the National Seva Committee or the National Committee for Child Education, and if they have not already sent a letter to either Dr. Hislop or Mr. Bayer, please do so right away and include some comment about the nature of the interest. The plan is to have the Committees established and working before the end of November. All inquiries may be addressed to: P.O. Box 668, Soquel, Ca. 95073.
- **HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** The members of the Sathya Sai Baba Center in Hollywood celebrated their ninth anniversary on Sunday, October 8 with bhajans and a pot luck supper. Richard Bock showed a new Super-8 film on Sai Baba, "The Early Years, 1964-68," from 16mm film taken by Swami's Indian devotees.
- Recent guest speakers at the Hollywood Center have included Indra Devi, Jack Hislop, Dr. Murti, Mr. Kasturi's son and Mr. A. Roy, yoga teacher and writer for Blitz Magazine in Bombay.
- The Hollywood Center has sent funds for scholarships for deserving Indian students (boys and girls) to Sai Baba's Arts and Science Colleges.
- News from the Sai Baba Centers of the Northeastern U.S.A.

On Sept. 23, 1978 Elsie Cowan met in Hartford, Conn. with several members of various centers in the northeast. There, she lovingly spoke of her experiences with Bhagavan Sri Sathya Sai Baba. All present were blessed with Elsie's sweetness and the joy of satsang.
- If your center has interesting news to share with our readers, please submit it to: P.O. Box 668, Soquel, Ca., 95073. In this way we can share information nationally.

English Bhajan Learning Tape #1 is finished and can be ordered from the Hollywood Sai Baba Center and the Sai Baba Book Center at Tustin. The Bhajan Committee would like to thank all those who helped with this project. We received more English Bhajans than we could put on the tape so we will hold the rest for possible use in the future. We would also like to thank the Midwest Centers and Pat Buehler for the English Bhajans they have made available to all of us.

Antar Jyothi is a familiar and simple bhajan that describes God as the divine light that is the essence and basis of everything. It is given below with a translation that can be sung in the same melody as the original Sanskrit words.

Antar Jyothi Namō, Paramatma Jyothi Namō

Akhanda Jyothi Namō, Mama Jeevana Jyothi Namō

Antar Yami Namō, Sri Sadguru Sai Namō

Bow to the light within, to the omnipresent light of God,
Bow to the endless light, the light that is my very life,
Bow to the indwelling Lord, our true Guru Sri Sathya Sai.

Antar: Inner Jyothi: Light Namō: To bow to

Paramatma: Supreme Omnipresent Lord

Akhanda: Never Ending Mama: My, Mine Jeevana: Essence of Life

Antar Yami: Indwelling Lord and Motivator Sri: Auspicious

Sadguru: True Guru

During the Summer Course held in Whitefield in 1977, a long and intricate new bhajan was heard. It was first sung by college students and then by Swami himself. Over the past year it became a favorite, and anyone visiting Swami in Prasanthi Nilayam or Brindavan was sure to hear it at a bhajan session. Though it is too complex for most of us to sing at this time, the words are given below so that we can become familiar with them and possibly follow along. Both the melody and words are quite beautiful and unique.

BHAJAN COLUMN (cont'd)

Sai Bhajana Bina Sukha Shanti Nahin
Hari Nama Bina Ananda Nahin
Prema Bhakti Bina Uddhara Nahin
Guru Seva Bina Nirvana Nahin
Sai Bhajana Bina Sukha Shanti Nahin
Japa Dhyana Bina Samyoga Nahin
Daya Dharma Bina Sath(e) Karma Nahin
Bhagavan Bina Koi Uppana Nahin
Sai Nath Bina Paramatma Nahin

(The final "n" in Nahin is almost silent. It is pronounced "Nahee.")

Without Sai Bhajan there is no joy, no peace.

Without the Name of God there can be no bliss.

Without loving devotion there can be no uplift.

Without service to the Guru, there can be no enlightenment.

Without Sai Bhajan there is no joy, no peace.

Without repeating the Lord's Name and meditating on his form,
there can be no union.

Without Darshan of God one cannot attain supreme wisdom.

Without acts of charity and righteousness,
there can be no true activity.

Without the Lord, there is nothing that is mine.

Without Lord Sai, there is no Supreme God.

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To live a good life it is more important to fill the heart with intense love for the divine rather than fill the head with knowledge of the Shastras. Divinity is the only permanent truth.

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Man is three-fourths divinity and one-fourth human. In other words, amritatava or immortality constitutes three parts of man and the mortal aspect is accounted for by the remaining one part in man. Still, man gives undue importance to the one-fourth of his totality and tends to forget the main, immortal aspect in him.

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God appears in human form from age to age to help suffering humanity, even though God is always omnipresent in a formless state.

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