

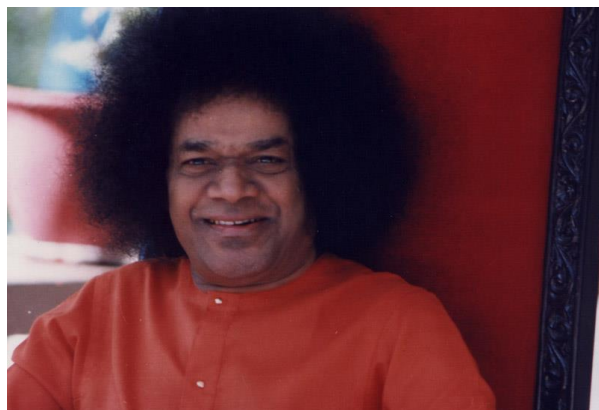


"Reading is not completion of the journey. It is only the first step. Read for the sake of practising; not for reading's sake."

Sathya Sai Baba on May 18, 1968



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The teacher's role

The teacher embodies these values and establishes them in society. That is his opportunity, his duty, the justification for his profession. Therefore, he becomes responsible for the efficiency and excellence of the other two categories also. He has to bear the burden of shaping and perfecting the producers and the guardians too. Why? The peace and prosperity of the world depend on the teacher--his personality, his character, skill, and outlook. The fruit of his efforts must be liberation itself, from the dual sufferings of pain and pleasure, grief, and joy. "Yaa vidya, saa vimukthaye" ("Vidya is That which liberates"), say the Upanishads. The teacher should not confine himself within books; the universe is his text. He must imbibe and transmit the knowledge and experience that the Universe is divine, true and holy. A good teacher is perpetual learner; for him, Nature or Prakriti is the best teacher.

The word Prakriti is usually rendered as Nature-to indicate all that the Divine Will has projected. People in Karnataka use that word to denote one's body. When one desires to convey that his health is not good, he says "My prakriti is not good." The meaning of the word Prakriti comprises not only the physical body but also the conduct, the activity, the feeling, the speech, and the motives that govern and exemplify it. The teacher teaches not merely by his words or through books but more by his attitudes and aptitudes, his prejudices and preferences, the means, and methods he employs and his conduct and habits. A good student is an offering that a good teacher makes to the nation. The student has learnt from the daily life of the teacher not to hurt others by harsh words and not to allow the mind to entertain bad thoughts.





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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. What steps a teacher should take in his/her daily life to become an example to not only the students but also to other members of the society?
2. Swami wants the teacher to become a perpetual learner from Nature/ Prakriti. How does this influence his/her teaching approach in SSE classes?

LIFE APPLICATION (Choose all, any or develop your own LA)

- Observe your "Nature (the conduct, the activity, the feeling, the speech and the motives)" and try to find ways to become more aware of what it is teaching you.



CREATIVITY CHALLENGE

- Observe and share one thing you learn from nature around you.



We would love to hear from about your study circle experiences, any interesting questions/ insights that you would like to share, please send an email to saispiritualeducation@sathyasai.us

