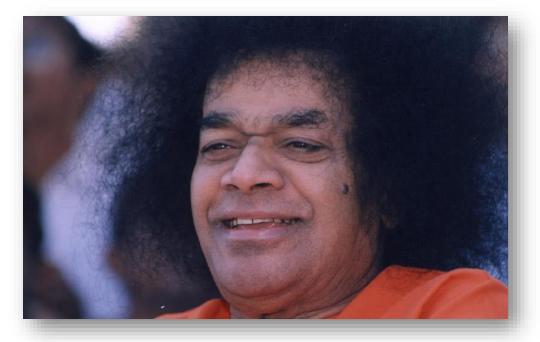


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ABOUT THE DISCOURSE #5 (part 7): Divine discourse delivered on, June 14,1983 on the occasion of teacher training in Prasanthi Nilayam.

Text link: https://saispeaks.sathyasai.org/discourse/guidance-guru

Education has to develop insight along with skills. You have come here, to Prasanthi Nilayam, from over thirty countries, spending enormous amount of money, devoting precious days for journey and stay. Make that stay supremely useful. Understand the importance of disciplined freedom in education. Students might ask, "Grant us the freedom that birds have in the sky or fish in the sea." But birds behave as birds and fishes as fish. Instead, man clamors for freedom to behave as beast! When the brute in him overwhelms the human, God incarnates as man to warn and guide mankind on the path of genuine human values.

Boys and girls must grow with confidence in these human values. Confidence promotes Love. Love fosters Peace; Peace nourishes Truth. Truth confers Bliss and Bliss is God. While dealing with children, do not be influenced by their creed or race, poverty, or wealth. Look upon your task as a Sadhana, a form of worship, in fact, the highest form. In the Sai Organization, no trace of conflict or contempt, of conceit or humiliation should be tolerated or encouraged. During these five days, concentrate on learning from the speakers and from one another and from the Prasanthi Nilayam atmosphere the lessons of humility, tolerance, and service, so that the world can have peace, prosperity, and joy.



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Questions to consider:

- 1. How one can practice disciplined freedom in real life?
- 2. How can SSE gurus set an example so children can develop confidence to promote Love?

3. What are the practical ways the SSE teachers can transform their role as SSE teachers into a form of worship (sadhana)?

4. What is your interpretation of the sentence "Education has to develop insight along with skills" from the excerpts of Swami's discourse above?

Additional reference: <u>https://saispeaks.sathyasai.org/discourse/true-education-liberates</u> [November 22, 1999]

Suggested Life Application(s):

- 1. Identify/take a step towards practicing Swami's teachings (your choice) to become an ideal SSE teacher.
- 2. As SSE teachers, Practice Pray Preach (teach)- [To Be, To Do, To Tell].



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