

ALUMNI CHARTER



Children for
Sathya Sai

HIS **CHILDREN**
& THEIR **ROLE**
IN HIS **MISSION**



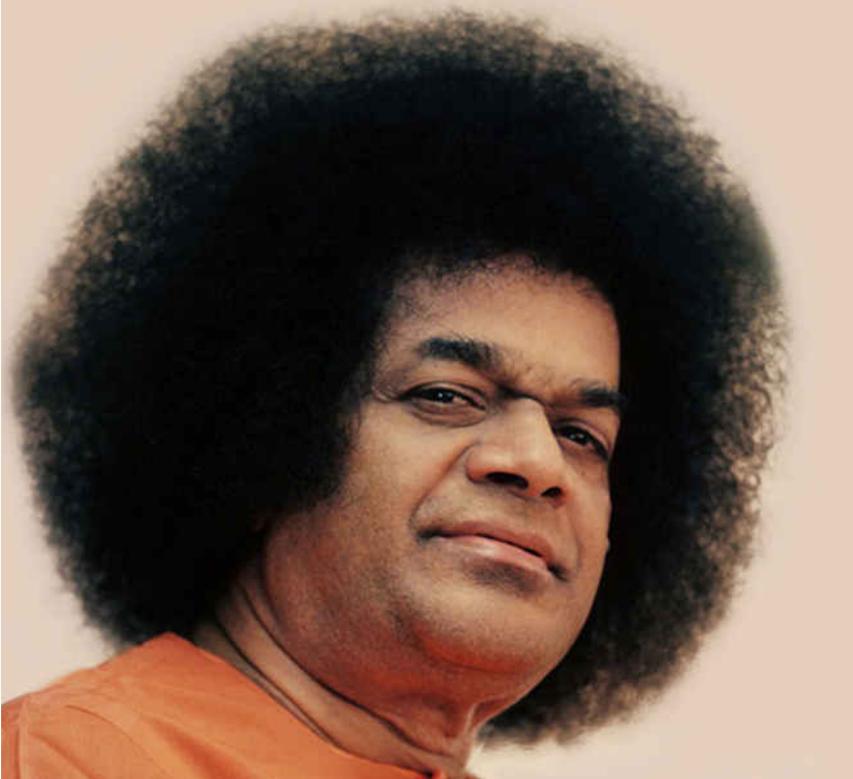
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TO THE LOVE OF OUR LIVES

From Love we come, and to Love we return.

Our heartfelt gratitude to our beloved Swami for continuing to shower His love upon us and continuing to have faith in us. We will forever be grateful to Him for giving us an opportunity to play a role in His avataric mission, in these extraordinary times to redeem ourselves.



ABOUT THE CHARTER

The charter is a compilation of all the talks given by Bhagawan to His alumni and alumnae in the subtle form. It outlines in detail the role He wants His alumni and alumnae to play in His educare mission. Since 2012, when Bhagawan inaugurated the Gulbarga campus and commanded His alumni to take care of the institution, He has repeatedly guided the alumni and alumnae to the one and only project of educare.

This charter would serve as a guide to anyone who joins us in this transformative journey, which we have embarked upon on Bhagawan's

command. It provides invaluable guidance to both - individuals and alumni groups - on what needs to be done, how to go about it and the true purpose of it all.

Bhagwan's talks to His alumni and alumnae in this document include all the interviews to alumni coordinator groups and discourses to the alumni and alumnae. All text has been presented as transcribed from Swami's talks. They have only been organised under various topics for ease of flow. Care has been taken to minimally edit the original transcripts to help better readability.



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INTRODUCTION

Ever since we were students at the Sathya Sai Institutions, if there was one thing we were told many times, it was about the role we have to play in Bhagawan's mission. Bhagawan Himself would say so on multiple occasions, proudly declaring in public gatherings that His students were the chosen ones to take His mission forward.

What was our role in His mission? How would He make the disparate groups of alumni and alumnae from the many campuses and batches work together for a common cause? At that time, no one knew how. But everyone knew it would happen, for His words never fail.

While all of us worked in our individual capacities to do our bit in His mission, we were yet to band together as a single unit. All that changed when our collective worlds came crashing down on the 24th of April, 2011. Bhagawan decided to leave His mortal coil and none of us was prepared. Or so we thought. Unbeknownst to us, the tears of separation from His form tilled the soils of our hearts, till His Love sprouted in each of us, and with His help and grace, we found our way back to the source.

As some of us trickled into Muddennahalli, each discovered an old connection. While some described their 're-connect' more like a light switch going on as they made an instant connect with their Swami, it was a prolonged journey for a few others as they checked all the boxes one's logical mind was throwing up - questioning the new phenomenon. But one common thread in all the experiences was that we were experiencing more of the same that we had experienced in the past while still a student – the deep connect that one could only have with



Swami, the feeling of being in the presence of Love itself. Gradually, many alumni were sharing experiences that amply demonstrated Swami's trademark Omnipresence, Omnipotence and Omniscience.

While much was the same as before, it was a different world the alumni found themselves coming to. As a Sai student one enjoyed the right to Swami where we took the bulk of His time and attention by virtue of just being His children/students, just like a child which exercises its right, demands its mother's love, attention preempting everyone and everything else. Today, as Sai Alumni we, His children, have grown up. While the old world, when we were children, welcomed us to be Sai students and enjoy the rights that came with it, the new world welcomes us once more, now as grown ups to step up to our responsibilities as Sai Alumni.

Life came full circle through changes, challenges and transitions when we found Him again in the subtle form. This time though it was a more matured reunion. We were ready to work for Him and He was ready to show us the way.

Just like a father hands over the reins of His business to His children when they grow up, today our call has come to step up to our responsibilities. Each moment we spent in His educational institution was preparing us for the role that we are about to play in His grand mission. That time has come. It is NOW!

In the past, we were recognised because of Swami, today the time has come for the world to recognise Swami by the work we do around the world.

Another aspect of the present world, we alumni, are becoming increasingly familiar to is the sheer pace of things. Never before have we



witnessed such a blistering speed at which His mission has grown, as what we see unfolding today. Even 'seasoned' devotees are trying to grasp the enormity of Bhagawan's vision of 600 educational campuses across the length and breadth of rural India. Just in the past five years, one has seen the emergence of 10 educational campuses, two super specialty hospitals and a rural nutrition programme that provides free breakfast to over 28,000 school-going children.

Earlier, as students, we had front row seats and were witnesses as Swami announced and implemented the initial set of education institutions and the two super specialty hospitals. Today, in the current phase of His grand avatarhood, He beckons us to get up from our front row seats and take the center stage and claim our rightful place in His mission and meet the destiny that has been awaiting us.

And just like the handholding before, Swami has given us a thorough plan of where to start, how to think, the way to go and what to be. The Alumni Charter is a compilation of the invaluable guidance Swami, in the subtle form, has given us since September 14, 2014 when He first made the call to His alumni during the Annual Alumni Meet in Muddenahalli. The book is a compendium of Swami's invaluable words which today define the philosophy, the purpose, the objectives and the process of everything the alumni has set out to do. What one finds in the book is essence of the life that Swami Himself has led. A lifetime of Love and Selfless Service. In it He is inviting all His students to be a part of that story...to see the world as He always has....to be Him!

We hope the book, which is a veritable bible for every alumnus and alumna, kindles your heart as it already has for many.

WHO IS AN ALUMNUS /SAI STUDENT?

Are those that have been admitted to a class, attended school, and worn school uniform students? Yes, but they are outwardly students. ***Who are the real students? Those who have learnt and understood what Swami has told them; those who follow my teachings and through that set an example for others - only those are really My students.*** Others are students only by classification and they are not of much use to me.

Teachers are always happy when their students have learnt and understood what has been taught to them and practiced by them. Therefore, only those kinds of students are 'My Students'; the rest come and go. Not all who join the school or college are students.

This Universe is a big university. Anyone who has learnt any good thing from Swami or elsewhere and put that into practice and been an example to others - has been a recipient of true education. Knowing the nature and principles within us is real knowledge. Others, I consider as uneducated...uneducated...uneducated!

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Sai Anandam, Muddenahalli***



RIGHTS TO RESPONSIBILITIES

From being His Students to being His alumni is a transition from Rights to Responsibilities.

You have to remind yourself of what your *dharma* is. Your duty as a father is to look after your children; as a mother your *dharma* is to care for your little ones; as a brother your *dharma* is to look after your brother or sister; as a son your *dharma* is to look after your father and mother; as a husband your *dharma* is to protect your wife; as a wife your *dharma* is to protect your husband. Likewise, in a lifetime, we have so many *dharmas* that we must find time and energy to fulfill them. One of these *dharmas* is also the *dharma* of being an alumnus of these institutions. And as an alumnus of these institutions, it is your duty to look into the welfare of a brother or a sister who is studying here.

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The teachers, the wardens, tyagajeevis, and all other staff in the institutions have already given up all material pursuits - not that they are less intelligent, less capable, less skilled than you all. But they heard the call of the heart and chose this path. They have to look after the students, morning to evening, and also look for the support that helps continue these institutions. To some extent, if we lend a helping hand, if we shoulder the responsibility of supporting the institutions, it is enough.

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Sai Anandam, Muddenahalli**



Sathya Sai students have a greater responsibility, for much has been given to them through this society. And it is a 'runamu' or debt that they are carrying upon their shoulders. How can somebody pass away without clearing his debts to the world? Remember, there was an account opened when you were admitted into these institutions into which much had been deposited. This debt has to be cleared not by paying back the institution; but paying and helping somebody else who is in need.

I have no expectations of anyone. I only wish you well for your own good. If you eat food, you are not doing a favour to someone else; you are doing a favour to yourself. Likewise, if you serve, you are not doing a favour to someone else; you are doing favour to your own self.

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FROM SELFISHNESS TO SELFLESSNESS

If you look at a lamp, it encased by a glass cover. When the flame is burns, soot forms. This soot covers the glass, stains its transparency and finally we are unable to see the lamp. Though the flame is burning bright, we are unable to see it because of the soot. What is it that we have to do then? We have to take that glass cover, clean it well and wipe the soot away. Then the glass case will become transparent again.

Likewise, every child comes into this world with a pure mind. But gradually, the selfishness and self-interest in the people around us stains us. Therefore, I tell you, “Tell me your company; I will tell you what you are.” When we are in good company, our mind will remain pure. But when we don’t clean up the glass cover, in a while, we will be unable to see the light at all because of the darkness. It is necessary that we clean this soot on the glass with the soap of love and water of service. When we utilise this love and service to clean up our inner mind, then all the time the *Atma Jyothi*, the lamp of *Atma*, will be shining bright and we will be able to experience it. One moment is enough to remove all the darkness and fill our lives with light. That is the prayer – ‘*Lead me from darkness to light. From the body consciousness of selfishness and self-interest towards divine consciousness.*’



A FORMULA...

I’m going to reveal a simple technique to the seniors present here. Whatever may be your age put that percent of your time, energy and resource into service activities. For instance, if your age is 30 put 30% of your time and energy into service activities. According to your age do the service activities. When we do this; desire and attachment will reduce



If you forget this truth, you will be able to clean up only externally. But, that is not enough. We may wear very bright and white clothes, put on *Vibhuti* or *Kumkum* on our foreheads. But, suppose we don't clean our inner instruments, everything will become a waste. Therefore, inner purity and inner cleanliness is very important. All the actions we undertake must be done with an intention to clean up our mind. The kind of actions we choose to perform should be those that cleanse our mind and not those that pollute our mind. If you ask yourselves, what kind of actions clean our minds; you will know that only selfless actions do so. But, on this glass cover of the mind, there is this soot of selfishness and self-interest; that is why we are not able to experience the *Atma* and we need to fill our thoughts, words and deeds with selflessness.

You might ponder over this question: I have completed my studies, gotten married, have a good job and I am looking after my family. Am I engaged in an act of selfishness or selflessness? It is not in the external action but your feelings that determine that. There may be a person who may be erecting a building and feeling that he is constructing it to eke out his livelihood. Another person is doing the same job but his thought process would reflect that the knowledge I gained through education, I am putting to good use by serving society. Another person will develop a spiritual feeling and feel that he is building a temple for God. The work they did is same. The first person is motivated by earning his livelihood; the second person is saying that what he learnt in his school and college, he is putting to good use through service and the third person is saying that he is doing all this as his worship to God. The action is one and the same but the inner motivation is different. *Yad bhavam, tad bhavati*. As is our feeling, so is the outcome. All that you are doing, you should continue to do. That which is your dharma is your duty.

If you are serving yourself, you are not serving others. It is for your own benefit that you are doing it.

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WHAT IS OUR ROLE AND PURPOSE?

VIDYA DAANA – GIFT OF EDUCATION

Of all the kinds of help that we can offer to anyone, the gift of knowledge is the highest of its kind. If you feed a person who is hungry, give him a *chappati* or bread for a day, you may fill his stomach for a day. But, tomorrow he is going to go hungry again. If you give clothes to an unclothed person who is shivering, you may help him for a few days, but he would soon be back in the situation he once was when his clothes were tattered. ***The only permanent solution to all the problems in this world is, therefore, offering one the right kind of education to help sustain oneself.*** Hence, it is said that if a nation has to be strong, if a nation has to be great, the men and women have to be well educated. It is the responsibility of every educated person on earth to help somebody who is uneducated and help another get this gift of education.

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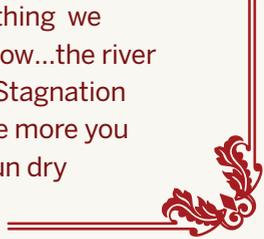
Every human being is innately good. It is the layers of selfishness that does not let us see the goodness that lies deep within. Like water in the bowels of the earth is covered with layers of rock, sand and stone and one has to drill deep to draw water, there is goodness in each one of you. All we have to ask ourselves is, "Being a human being, are we able to do anything more than what we want to do for our own selves, our families and our relatives? Human dharma or, manava dharma is defined as care beyond ourselves. Animals, birds and beasts alone live for themselves. But, as humans, we must do something for others who are not related to us by blood but through this feeling of oneness of the atma. The atma sambandham or prema sambandham or manava sambandham should be reason enough for us to help others.

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How can we not pass on to others something we have received free of cost? You have to flow...the river should not stop. If it stops, it stagnates. Stagnation is death. You should flow...flow...flow. The more you flow, the more you receive. You will not run dry

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Ultimately every child in our institution should know that my education has been looked after by an elder brother or an elder sister. That is how they should feel. Then they will have gratitude. Then they will do more for their younger ones. That is how it will change. Devotees are there. If I tell them once, they will take care of everything. But that is not the way I want to do it. Narasimha Murthy keeps thinking: why Swami doesn't tell more devotees to do things? I can tell but then there is no use of running the institution if there is no transformation.

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INNER PURIFICATION OR 'CHITTA SHUDDHI' - THE HIGHER PURPOSE

Why are we building all these institutions? Is it in order to help poor children? Yes, that may be right, but it is not the most important reason. We are building all these institutions to provide an opportunity to people to recognise their latent divinity. If one person changes, others around him will change too. The kind of education you receive in our institutions is not just for livelihood; it is for life too. Hence, we should perform all actions in order to cleanse our minds – '*Chitta Shuddhi*'.

Swami's mission will go on; it will never stop. Swami's mission will flow like the Ganges; nobody can stop it nor help it flow. But if we participate in His mission, we are going to get sanctified with that pure water. We are doing all the service not for the sake of others but in order to cleanse our inner being. Through selfless service we clean our inner beings and also experience the *Atmic* light within us. If you eat food, your stomach is going to be filled and not anybody else's. Similarly, if you do service, you are going to sanctify your life.

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HOW TO BEGIN?

UNITY

With one finger, we cannot lift a single kerchief. When five fingers get together, we can do a lot of work.

Since last three years, I have been noticing many students doing their duty well. Now, we see the alumni and alumnae of all our institutions together - Prasanthi Nilayam, Anantapur, Brindavan, Alike, Muddenahalli and even from the new institutions that are being established. A mother experiences great joy when she sees all her children together. When all of you get together in good company and render service with selfless love, it gives Me great joy.

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In a house, when a few cousins meet at first, there is a bit of difficulty in understanding each other, being friendly and living in harmony. But, over time, as they play together, live together, work together, there is a feeling of brotherhood that develops, a relationship and bonding develops.

Similarly, I am trying to give you more work time and again for you all to come together more often so you can understand each other better. When there is good understanding you will be able to work well. All these festivals, these little programmes, opportunities to organize and conduct them, are all merely chances for you all to work together and understand each other. Everybody has both good qualities and not so good things about them. We must concentrate on the good in others. Only then will we be able to work with each other.

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Many have wanted to start alumni associations. Anantapur started an Alumni Association - that did not come to fruition. Puttaparthi started an alumni association. It did not continue. Then, the Children of Sathya Sai was started. Now all of you have come together. This is what my original aim was. Earlier, nobody came and told me, "Swami, we want to all work together". Puttaparthi people wanted 'Puttaparthi Association', Brindavan people wanted 'Brindavan Association', Anantapur wanted 'Anantapur Association'. There was competition between them to showcase their work to me. But today no competition, only

cooperation. All of you work together, that is the right way. Today, all campuses are working together and it has become so strong.

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MOBILISING OUR ALUMNI AND ALUMNAE

We have to wake up this (the alumni and alumnae) giant sleeping force. This is like a huge Kumbhakarana that is sleeping. It has tremendous power. It only needs to be woken up. Once it wakes up, it will change the world!

It will happen; they are the only hope. There is no other hope. Much has been given to them; much has to be delivered by them. Others only had a glimpse of me, the alumni had my *darshan*, they had my *sparshan*, and they had my *sambhashan*. They had everything. **We have to slowly work on waking them up, energizing them, uniting them and making them a strong force. It will be such a powerful force of love that it will compel people to change. Nobody can stay just as they are. They must change. Swami has filled their hearts with so much of love. It is just that they are not using it. Once they start using it, they can make many miracles happen. We have to work on that.**

**March 15, 2016;
Sai Anandam, Muddenahalli**

Start with one, two, three people, over time it will grow. Connect all the alumni. Reach out to them as brothers and sisters. Unite them as one single family. It is through my students alone that I am going to transform this world. That is the purpose behind continuing to establish these institutions even now. I depend on my teachers and students for individual and collective transformation. When Jesus Christ was crucified, there was nothing at the time. Today, at every place there is a church, at every place there is a school and at every place there is a hospital. Through these schools, churches and hospitals people worship Jesus. ***Sai Baba will be known by all the good his people will do in times to come. That is how you can bring glory not only to yourself, to your parents, to your institutions, but also to Swami.***

July 06, 2015;

Alike

Sending emails, speaking over phone is of no use. We have to go over to their places, meet and talk to people. When you go out and meet people - a few people might scold you and send you back. So be it. Some others may talk lovingly but do nothing. So be it. A few will do something. So be it. To one person each day, speak to them about your experience. Tell the alumni coordinators to go out and meet 10 people. Tell them to go with their wives and meet the alumni and alumnae in

their homes and their offices or invite them over. Then explain to them about all the good work that is going on, what Baba is doing and how all this requires a little support and tell them about how you have taken the first step by being a part of this. This is all one has to do. The work I have given you is akin to the squirrel's seva in the Ramayana. If you have two or three children you should think you have four children instead, if you have two brothers or sisters, you should think you have another. This is the only way I am asking you to think. I am not asking you to think the whole world is your family, for that thinking may come much later. But unless you go sit with them or invite them to your place, it is not going to happen.

Therefore, from each district develop a team of 8-10 people who are willing to go and meet people, their friends and their classmates. Let them speak about the projects, take a brochure explain it to the others; make groups and bring them to the campuses - Mandya alumni to Mandya campus, Gulbarga alumni to Gulbarga campus, likewise.

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Meeting one person ten times is far more effective than meeting ten people one time. That is how you must think and develop. It will take time but it will happen.

**March 15, 2016;
Sai Anandam, Muddenahalli**

BE, DO, SEE, TELL

First you Be, then you Do, then you See and then you Tell. This is the formula for transformation. First you have to be what you want others to be. You have to do what you are meant to do. Then you see what others are doing. Then you earn the right to tell them what they need to do. But before you being what you ought to be, you cannot expect others to follow.

***June 05, 2016;
Sai Anandam, Muddenahalli***



There is this cow that is tied to a small peg. And it is tethered by a limited length of rope. So, it can graze only along the circumference of the rope. Once it finishes grazing, the rope is loosened by the master, so it can graze more. That is how I have framed it too. Once you people have done what you ought to do, I will give you more opportunities; I will spread it and open it more for you. First you be, you do. Then you go and tell others. You strengthen your group first.

***June 05, 2016;
Sai Anandam, Muddenahalli***



If the alumni coordinators group, which is in place now, is not doing its hundred percent, how are you expecting others to come and follow this? First strengthen the existing group that is there, talk to others whom you know and from there you expand it. People will automatically come when their time comes. You can neither call them before their time nor can you send them away before their time is over. But, for the time being, first check on how many of you are around. Twenty, thirty, forty – a certain number of you are now there. Are you people giving your hundred percent? Are you giving your best? If you are doing that, then you will definitely get more. You haven't finished what has been served already on your plate and you are looking out for more to be served!

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Sai Anandam, Muddenahalli



Practice gives you power to preach. Otherwise it will be empty words. Anybody will be able to know that there is no power in those words. It should come from inside, from conviction. I was telling Narasimha Murthy today that *Utsaham* is very important. *Utsaham* means enthusiasm. If it is my duty, only then will there be *Utsaham*. If you believe in it, if you really feel for it, then you will feel *Utsaham*. Otherwise, there won't be any *Utsaham*. There is no real inspiration, no enthusiasm. If you think Sai Baba is doing something, Sai Baba's people are

doing something, it has got nothing to do with us - then there is no energy, no enthusiasm. If you think it is ours, then we have enthusiasm. If our house door breaks we immediately repair it. If the neighbour's house door breaks, will you go and repair it? You think it is their problem. This is our problem. If you think it is our work, then you will be inspired. That feeling of ours – *manadi (ours), manadi (ours)* - that has to come. You must think that it is our responsibility. Swami is only showing the direction. Swami is only telling us what is, it is our duty to do it. The king may give orders but it is the soldiers who carry out the command.

**September 07, 2015;
Sai Anandam, Muddenahalli**



DO IT STEP BY STEP

To start off, just meet the alumni, talk to them and develop a relationship. Let them know of all the good work that is happening around. The next step is to bring everyone together and engage them in some simple activities. The third step is to identify leaders among them and put them in charge of their respective areas and activities. Stay in touch with them and they will in turn keep in touch with others in the group.

**March 15, 2016;
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What did I do for the World Youth Meet? I traveled around the world for two years. I gathered my devotees and met them in small groups and then met them in bigger groups. First I met them in small groups as small families. The next year, I traveled around and I met them in bigger groups. Then, from each of their countries, they came to Muddenahalli (for the Youth Meet). This will take two to three years of effort. You just give Swami's example. What Swami did and the way He did in the last three years, we have to similarly follow and accomplish.

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Sai Anandam, Muddenahalli**



Any selfless thought is my thought. Have no doubt about it. Anything you think selflessly, it is I who is thinking through you. Just as sunlight passing through coloured glass becomes coloured, your selfish thoughts colour my pure intentions. As long as you are transparent, the light will also be transparent and pure.

**July 06, 2015;
Alike**



WALK EVEN IF YOU ARE ALONE

Every great movement started with very few people. Over time, it grew into a grand mission. When Mother Teresa came to India, she was alone. Today you see there are many ashrams everywhere. When Swami Vivekandanda started walking across the whole country; he was alone too. Adi Sankaracharya journeyed through the whole country all alone. This is a noteworthy phenomenon about any movement and any country, across times. There are only very few who have made a difference. The rest will all join when everything is proven to them. But the initial set of people with faith decided to walk even when the road was unclear. They were the men and women of God; they were the children of God. That is what you all have to become.

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DO NOT BE DISHEARTENED

When you go and meet people some may greet you, some may ill-treat you, some may praise you and some may even blame you. You must not be attached to any of these things. At a river, some people drink from it, some people spit in it, some people bathe and make it dirty, some people feel sanctified - these are all attitudes of the people. The river does not wait for others to tell what it is doing.

It does not wait for somebody's worship, so it does not wait for somebody's ridicule. It does not wait for somebody's blame nor does it wait for somebody's praise - it only learns how to flow selflessly for its joy is in flowing and not stopping to watch who says what.

Likewise, you must continue to flow. For your joy is to reach Swami's Feet, the ocean - your destination. Without discrimination, without judgment, without being personally affected by what comes – this is how you must continue to flow. By practicing, you will be able to reach out more effectively; without practicing, even if you go and meet thousands of people, it is not going to have any impact.

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Sai Anandam, Muddenahalli***



Do not be ever disheartened. When Swami started His Mission, there were hardly a handful of people around Him. But today it has grown into a mighty river. Likewise, what you are trying to do might be looking small at this point in time but everything has a reason. All great journeys begin with a single step. The first step is the most important step. For, the second step will automatically follow. You have decided to take the first step; you must be congratulated for having done that.

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Sai Anandam, Muddenahalli***



Nobody can solve the problem of Trishanku – the state of being in a middle ground or limbo. The one who follows the heart will be clear, the one who follows the mind will never be clear. Do what you may. You can wake up a person who is asleep. But how can you wake up somebody who is pretending to be asleep? Only those who have conquered their minds and have learnt to listen to their hearts will be able to come forward. It is okay. This journey is for those that want to change and not for everyone.

*September 07, 2015;
Sai Anandam, Muddenahalli*



LOOK FOR THE DIAMONDS

Diamonds are so rare. In a large mine, you will find one diamond. Therefore you should go searching...searching... searching. Call a meeting of students. Among those who come to the meeting, you will know which one of them is a diamond and which one is coal. You pick up those diamonds and bring them to me. You can always polish them and make them bright and shiny. Go to another meeting, pick up



a few gems from there. Polish and shine. A lot of individual effort is required for this.

Truly, I do not need thousands of litres of donkey's milk; a teaspoon of cow's milk is good. Even if you find 10 good people in a meeting and you think they are the real people who are interested, connect with them. Of course, they might be raw, they might not be polished. They might not be as bright and shiny as you would want them to be. But there is scope certainly. You cannot polish a piece of coal and make it shine. But a diamond, definitely. Search for those diamonds. That's the first step.

Travel, meet, talk, search, unearth those diamonds from the bowels of the earth, and leave the coal behind. Coal will only dirty you. It will not give you brightness. A diamond will adorn you. Therefore, go after that quality of individuals. Even if you get 100 good people, I will be more than happy. I don't worry about the thousands of people who are there, who are alumni because they have passed out of the portals of these institutions. They are not alumni to Me, they are not 'My students'. Therefore, this whole place is a big mine. Out of thousands of coal blocks you will find one diamond. Search for these diamonds.

When the time comes, they will all come!

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GO TO GIVE, NOT TO TAKE

When you go meet people, don't go with expectations. Go with the great feeling that he too should be a part of the seva, availing this great opportunity to redeem himself. You are not going there to receive something; you are only going there to give something. Give them what is needed most in their lives – peace, contentment, satisfaction, devotion and sacrifice. You are going to give things not take things. That negative attitude should be removed from the minds of the alumni.

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When you go meet people, do not go with the expectation to receive. You are not going there to receive something. You are going there to give them what they need most in their lives – peace, contentment, satisfaction, devotion and sacrifice. Do not talk about money. Always talk about the result of money: a child's education

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Don't talk about money.
Always talk about the
result of the money. Result:
A child's education. It is
a result of that money.
Computer equipment is
a result of that money. So
never say money is required.
Always say equipment is
required, computers are
required; education is
required. The outcome or
result should be mentioned.

Share what you have
with you; I will fill
it again. Work with
that faith. Faith is
spirituality. Swami
knows best who
should get how
much, what one
should get and when.

If money is solicited, I will be the first to stop everything.
Don't make Me appear like a beggar outside. I have never
been one and I will never be one. I beg for love alone and
know how to beg for love alone. Be very careful. You may
not be asking for money, but the alumni you may appoint
for helping might go stretch their hand for money. That is
not the right thing. Gift education, gift health and gift life.
That is what I am asking you to do.

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Ultimately, all this *seva* is for transformation. Those who are holding onto what they have must open up their grip and share with ten others. Their transformation begins there. For those who are very knowledgeable and skilled but are using it for their sakes alone, they must share their skills and knowledge with others. Their transformation begins over there. For those who have no money, no land and no skill - they still have their body, their head and their hands to serve. They can come and serve with the sweat of their brow, which would be transforming for them. Money can lead to many wrongs. It contaminates, it corrupts. Only those who can handle a sword should get a sword; otherwise it can cause harm to oneself in the process of fighting with others.

Swami knows best who should get how much, what one should get and when. Of what you already have, how much are you using for yourself and how much of that are you using for others? That is the question you must ask yourself. If you empty your cup, I will fill it again. You want to get a bigger cup? That is not going to happen. Share what you have with you; I will fill it again for you. Work with that faith. Faith is spirituality.

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FAITH IS SPIRITUALITY

Among the four disciples that Shankaracharya had, there was one by name Padmapada, who was a man of great faith. The incident I am going to narrate is the one that gave him the name 'Padmapada'. Once, Shankaracharya was going around with his four disciples and they stopped ashore a river. After Shankaracharya had his bath, this particular disciple would take the master's clothes and go into the middle of the river where there was a rock. He would sit on it and wash the clothes. Once, when he was washing clothes, there was a sudden surge of water in the river. The river was in full spate and, therefore, he could not walk back to the bank. As he sat waiting for the clothes to dry, the river flooded. He was very worried and anxious that he should take the clothes back to his master on time. He was engrossed in thought and worried about how he could cross over and hand the clothes to his master. However, he recognised that there is great power in the name of his master. He had also recognised the truth that his liberation and emancipation lay in his devotion and service to the master. "I should hand over the dried clothes to my master on time and I should not fail in my duty." Thus, chanting the name of his master with great faith, he stepped into the water. A lotus emerged wherever he stepped. As he walked, a lotus bloomed everywhere he set foot in the water. And because of having tremendous faith in his master, he crossed the river that was in full spate.

Therefore, first and foremost on the spiritual path, you have to cultivate faith. You already have the faith that Swami is God. But are you developing the faith that whatever Swami tells us is the truth? Swami is telling you, you are God. But without believing, when Swami tells us you are God, we are leading our lives like ordinary human beings. If we have even a part of that faith that Padmapada had in his master, we can definitely move forward.

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Do you know how eagles teach their little ones to fly? They don't stay on top of trees like other birds. They stay high up on the mountains. And once the eggs hatch, the new babies are born, for few days, mother eagle brings and feeds the children and does not want the children to put any effort. They are happy within the nest, very happy playing with each other, spending time there. But one day the mother eagle stops feeding its children. It brings food but it does not give the children. Children think mother is not being kind to them. But that is not the intention why the mother is doing it. She tells the children, "You fly out and you search for your food yourselves." But they are afraid of the heights; they are not sure whether they can take to their wings for they have never done it before. But the mother eagle knows they can. The only way to teach them to fly is by keeping them hungry. Out of hunger, these fledglings will go out. But what does she do if they are not attempting flight even then? She simply pushes them out of the nest. And once they have been pushed over, they automatically stretch their wings and start flying. Then they know their mother was saying the right thing: The mother knew they could fly. It is the little ones that didn't know. That is why they were afraid. But once mother pushed them, each one of them stretched their wings and flew. That is how she teaches. I too teach in similar way.

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I am not the teacher who will say if you want to listen, listen - otherwise leave it. I have to see to it that everybody passes. So I will see to it that everybody passes. Everybody has to ultimately merge with Me. Every drop that falls from the sky must reach the ocean sooner or later. That is how all of you have to become Divine. There is no other way. The whole purpose is to become Divine.

What is Divinity? All that is fearless is Divine. You should all become selfless, fearless boys and girls. Nothing should affect us. Nothing should affect our peace. Nothing should affect our contentment. Always feel the sense of Divine joy. It reflects in our acts, thoughts, words. All those who come in contact with you will feel Swami through you. They should feel Divinity through you. After all, what was Swami? Swami took a body so that others could understand what Divinity is. Because it is difficult to understand Divinity otherwise. Now through you all, I will reach out to the whole world. Through each one of you, people will experience Divinity. That is all I am trying to do.

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The spiritual path is not really a very difficult path. When you develop a pure feeling while performing your actions - that is spirituality. All actions are for the pleasure of God. We also have to give up the desire for the results of our actions. Human effort is your *Dharma*. Whatever we get back is God's grace. Therefore, it is necessary that we develop the feeling that I have authority only in doing my actions, not on the fruit thereof. This is practical spirituality. If you follow only these two things, your life will find fulfillment.

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All actions are worship of God; I don't have desire for the immediate fruits of actions, I have to live with the kind of contentment and happiness that whatever God gives me is *Prasadam*; that is good enough for me.



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It would be foolish to think that if I have more, I can do more. You can do good with whatever you have. Then God will give you more.

Crores of rupees have passed through Narasimhamurthy's hands - haven't they? How many crores could he have pocketed? Not a single rupee. Because he was selfless. So much has flowed through his hand. He became an instrument of God and let it flow through him. That is why so much has happened through him. He has written cheques much bigger than what you would have ever seen in your lives, but it was only possible because he never asked anything for himself. He said, "Whatever is there, Swami, I must pass it on." When you become like that, all the wealth of the world will flow through your hands. A river does not drink its own water, trees don't eat their own fruits, cows don't drink their own milk - Similarly, this body is for the sake of others.

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Here is an example of Mother Teresa. One day after she retired to her room, she heard a knock on the door. The Mother, who seldom stepped out of the room once she retired, had to come down after one of the sisters mentioned there was someone to see her. When the sister had opened the door, she saw a beggarly lady who had got five rupees to give Mother Teresa. But she wanted to meet her personally and hand it over. The sister said, "Don't come now, come tomorrow because she has gone up to her room to sleep." Then this beggarly lady said, "I have come from a long distance to meet her and hand over this. So I got late. I am sorry but I need to see her." Listening to this commotion, Mother came down. She asked, "What is it?" Then she learnt that this lady had come to give five rupees. She stretched her hands and received the money with great gratitude. The sister who was serving there stood surprised; she said, "Just a while ago, a rich man came and wanted to hand over a big cheque to you. You refused. And here is a lady who comes and gives five rupees. You came down from your room to receive it." The Mother then said, "These five rupees are far greater than the thousands of rupees the other person wanted to give. He has crores with him. If he gives thousands, it is not so important for me. There is no selflessness in that. This beggarly lady has worked whole day, travelled a long distance just to hand over whatever she earned. She is far superior; her sacrifice far purer. Therefore, I had to come to receive it.

Likewise, it is with Me (Swami) too. Remember this. At the end of it all, it is not about how many students are getting educated because of you or because of your friends. It is about how much transformation you have undergone within yourself by having given up attachment to all these temporary, ephemeral things and how have you been sticking to or holding on to the Feet of the Lord with faith. That is more important for Me!

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SUSTAIN THROUGH SATSANGS

Company is very important. Good company leads us to solitude; from solitude you develop detachment; detachment leads to a steady mind; a steady mind leads us to liberation. Always be in good company. You have come here and are in the company of very good people. Therefore, good feelings pervade your mind. When you change your company, the feelings also alter accordingly. Stay in good company all the time.

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You should not forget that they (alumni and alumnae) have left these institutions some time back have since been constantly influenced by the world outside which only teaches you to be selfish. It nudges you to fend for yourself, to compete and grow for yourself. It doesn't teach anything more than that. It will take some time (for them) to get back. In the *sangam* that is *satsangam* that you are all conducting, you will get a small group. The next step is to bring them to the ashram and to the campuses. Each district should have a leader who should organise these meetings and satsangs.

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START EARLY, DRIVE SLOWLY, REACH SAFELY

Give special focus to students who have passed out from the recent batches. As and when our new students are passing out, they must go and join these satsang groups; they must not stay alone. If you go outside and see the world, it is so different from what it is here. You will be swayed by the outside forces. If you want to be stable, you have to stay together. Then you can walk together. Alone, you will be washed away in the current of materialism. Meeting of such like-minded people is 'Satsang'. That is the first step in spirituality. Be in good company, run away from bad company. Don't worry I am there with you. I will take care.

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What is gone, it is difficult to get back but what is going now, you must protect. The students who are going out - make sure they are connected with one another.

I have told the elders in the organisation to go to each of these districts and talk to the alumni. The alumni should meet people on an individual basis and then bring them in groups of 30-40 people where the elders can come and talk. They have 70 years of seva experience and people will listen out of respect for them. I will send the elders to the alumni meets. But before the meet, you should have travelled and met everybody and prepared him or her for the meet.

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WHAT SHOULD BE DONE DURING SATSANGS?

i. Sow a Thought, Reap an Action

In the first meeting, sow a thought in them about a duty that we all need to fulfill. There is a debt that we all need to repay to the society. There is a *dharma* that we all need to follow. Those who are really interested will come back for the next meeting; those who are not will leave anyway. No point in trying to drill bore wells where there is no water. It would be a wasteful try. Where there is water, there is some spark of goodness - you must bring them together and stay in touch. In subsequent meetings you will find the right kind of people - attracted by the thought of goodness, they will come. Then you guide them on what exactly they can do. If they are doctors, they can help in health checkups. If they are professionals and would like to teach, they can take up some teaching assignments. If they are computer experts, they can help with the computers. If they are people who are well connected to the society and can bring educationists or professionals to help, that is possible too. If they have no other skills, they can come and do some *shramadana* – labour of love, even that is also fine. And if they are unable to do any of these things and they want to help in the education of a child that is also fine. Don't close the door to people saying, "This is the way you should help; otherwise, we are not interested in your help."

ii. Help To Go Back To God

Any step taken in this direction is a step taken forward. With each step they will become totally selfless over time. You need to help them walk towards it. Many of you feel very shy talking to others. You think you are begging, you are troubling them, you feel very shy or

even embarrassed talking about these things. But the truth is you are only helping them. Go with this feeling that you are helping them get back to God. You are helping them come back to the path of nobility. You are guiding them back to this road to *dharmā*. Therefore, you are helping them by spending your time and energy in guiding and reminding them of their duties and not letting them stray from the path of nobility. Some day they will also grow old with time. For, everything has to grow old and then they will realise and feel extremely sad about the wasted time and life. If you help them now, you will save them the pain that they will undergo later. Thinking thus, you must help.

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During the satsangs tell them, “Don’t stand on the other side of the river and watch the shore. Please come, take a step, and participate in activities and experience”. To that extent, you have to push them as part of the satsang meeting. After the meeting you should be able to decide on the dates you will be visiting a particular campus. Who is going to take charge? What we are going to do at the campus? What will the half-day program look like? What will the one-day program be like at the campus? These are all the processes you should design.

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SATSANGS TO CAMPUSES — OUR KARMABHOOMI

CAMPUS CONNECT

The touch points for the alumni and alumnae are our institutions and campuses. You have to take them there. This should be one of the goals of these meetings/satsangs. Otherwise, 'meeting –eating, eating- meeting', the nature of satsangs will remain like this. You should then take this next step in participation and that is when change will start. Of course some rust and dust will be there. It will take some time to polish and clean. It will take time. Like I said, it is only for the iron to get transformed into gold. If you bring a stone and put it next to the philosopher's stone, nothing will happen.

Choose the right kind of people for the *satsangs*, who are better than the rest. Those who show more interest, take them to the campuses. Let the transformation happen like that. Step by step, step by step.

When the alumni visit the campuses, they will see their same old teachers sweating it in the sun and rain even today for the sake of grooming a few more children in the society. This will touch the alumni. Theory will not work. Even if you show pictures and send them newsletters, the impact will all be superficial. Once the alumni and alumnae go to the campus and they stand there in the campus and soak in the environment of the campus, they will be transformed. The presence of students, the sight of hardworking teachers, that is what will transform them. That is very important.

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At the campus, let the alumni sit together with the teachers and understand their experience. Listen to them on how they have not given up on Swami's mission even today. Then, the alumni will be touched. They will then be transformed. Here is the Parasmani, philosopher's stone, and there at a distance is a piece of iron. They can look at each other, but the iron will not get transformed. Only once they come in contact with each other can there be change.

Wherever our campuses are, gather the alumni and alumnae who reside in and around that domicile first. Since they are from that area, that district, they would take pride in that place. These students will have to travel only 20-30 kms and can see the work there for themselves.

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SUSTAINED WORK

...But you are like this - you go on the first day, you sow a seed and the next moment you are stretching your palms to gather fruits. That is not going to happen. You have to plan. What I am doing today is unfolding a plan. For, once it is set up, it will serve for hundred years. With that vision, I am doing it. You have to work like that.





Today, ten (alumni) will come; all right, let those ten come. What can they do? Can they talk to the students? Can they help in small chores? Any work is good enough. Once they start coming, there will be changes that will start happening.

The local alumni in each district should take care of the campus in their district. Alumni in Bangalore should focus on Alike and Muddenahalli.

Ultimately, every child in our institution should know that my education has been looked after by an elder brother or an elder sister. That is how they should feel. Then they will have gratitude. Then, they in turn will do more for their younger brothers and sisters. That is how it will change. Devotees are there. If I tell them once, they will take care of everything. But that is not the way I want to do it.

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ALUMNI ENGAGING IN THE CAMPUSES – THE JOY OF SERVICE!

If one wants to serve, there are a thousand ways. If he or she doesn't want to do, then there are one lakh excuses on how to avoid them. Give them a reason to serve and slowly, once they have tasted the fruit of this service, they will develop the joy of service. Then you do not have to tell them, they will come attracted like the bees to honey. They will come on their own. But until that time, you have to push them. Once they taste it, they will come on their own. They will be transformed. They will become gold. That is how it will happen. It will take time – it will be slow and steady.

There are hundreds of ways in which one can serve. Today for example, Sriram is an alumnus in Seattle, USA. When Swami went there, He told



If you are a doctor, then go do a medical camp in a campus. If you are a teacher, go teach. If you are a computer expert, go set up a computer lab. Sports men and women and can go help with sports. If nothing, they can be around and serve sambar and rasam to the children. When the children see their seniors. They will say, "Oh, these people are coming and serving us. We will also grow up and serve like them".

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him, "See, you are from a computer company, you must help children with computers." He said, "Swami, what do you want me to do?" I said, "Set up a computer lab for the students. Today, all education is incomplete without computers. Therefore set up a computer lab so these kids can be at par with city-bred children". Now, they have set up a computer lab. As they are working for a computer company, it is easy for them to get the computers. If we ask a person in a computer company to send tables and chairs, they will obviously find it difficult. So, based on the profession he or she is in, the networks they have, one can bring things together and do this kind of seva. Today, they are sending computers to set up one lab, tomorrow someone else will setup another lab in another campus. Not only that, if you send the computers, what will the campuses do with the computers? You also have to train them on how to use the computers. Then Sriram said, "Yes Swami, we will organise that also, we will frame syllabus for what they should learn, in which class, as per the standards being followed everywhere. And slowly, we will also train the teachers for them to train children in turn. Sometimes children can directly train on the computer by going online".

One Netherlands boy - Kiran (an Alumnus), I told him, "You work for a company that produces medical equipment. We are having hospitals where medical equipment is required. The hospital in Delhi has come up. Why don't you talk to your management? Why don't you all get together and understand the best way to procure medical equipment at the least cost for charitable purposes? Can you put some effort on these fronts? After all, that equipment once given can be used to save thousands of lives. Somewhere your bit of contribution will go a long way in serving through the hospital."

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So many institutions are coming up in different corners of the state. You visit those places, enquire about the welfare of the elders there and encourage the students. You may not do anything much; you just go there and talk to the elders and ask them, “Are you well? How is your health? Are you sleeping well?” They will feel very happy. They don’t have their own children (*Kamaputras*) - but they have all of you - Children of Love – (*Prema Putras*). You are the sons and daughters of love and when you go and enquire about their health, they will feel very happy.

If you meet the younger students in the various campuses and tell them “Whatever you need, we will get it,” when you give them that courage, they will feel very happy. When you go and tell them “You are not alone, we are all there,” they will develop great faith. When you do all this, Swami will be very happy with you.

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If it is so difficult to go to all the campuses, you can start with at least one. When you do some work in one campus for some time, you will develop insights on how to go about doing work at others. Even when you are served many dishes in a plate, you start sampling one after another. You don't start off with rice, *rasam*, *sambar*, *podu*, *chutney* and pickle - you don't try to eat it all at one go, you go step by step. You will see what is most convenient, what is the easiest to partake first.

So too, visit these campuses consistently for a year. Just like we eat every day to be healthy, we must be consistent with any seva activity we undertake. Whatever you alumni coordinators take up, you must tell the other to think through every activity thoroughly and consistently.

Otherwise, if you come one day to the school and you disappear the next day, the students will only have a bad impression of you than having any good impression.

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Some are married people. If they want to come with their wives, so be it. They can come and also participate but take care the ladies don't mingle with the students. They can watch, they can help in whatever ways they can. Similarly, to the girls' campuses, girls only should go. That is how it should be initiated.

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INFORMATION FOR TRANSFORMATION

You must connect everybody together. Make it 'Information for Transformation'. If transformation does not happen, all the information is a waste. It's like eating and discarding waste. There is no point in this exercise then. It should stay. It should get digested. There are other large institutions around the world that have very strong alumni groups. These groups take care of the institutions. C Sreenivas was mentioning the other day about Ratan Tata being an alumnus of a very big American institution. He supports that institution every year. He visits them and speaks to the students. He also supports the institution in whatever way he can. Our students should participate like this too. It is very important. Mere dissemination of information is of no use. It should lead to action. Action alone can transform. Thought is not enough, deed is important. Anyway, Swami says, you have progressed from thought to word. Now, from word to deed, you should cover the distance.

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Mere dissemination of information is of no use. It should lead to action. Thought alone is not enough. It should lead to word and word should lead to deed.



You have to figure out the nature of work that alumni can undertake wherever they are. Nowadays, meetings do not have to be face-to-face, meetings in person with everyone in one place. Meetings can be through computers; meetings conducted via phones. Nowadays, so much of technology has come in. Use it to meet ten people. We have to use technology. Through technology, people are able to know what is happening around the world. They see, read and learn. We must also change with changing times.

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If there is interest in knowing what is happening, you will find various ways to know it. Therefore, *shraddha* or sincerity or interest is far more important than tools of communication today.

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THIS WORK IS FOR ALL

Of all the things that you are doing right now, contacting only the alumni and alumnae is not the solution. You could contact your friends, acquaintances or any other persons. The model of getting in touch with alumni is just an ideal that is being set up. But the whole world has been a student some day or the other. There is nobody who was not a student some day and who does not know the value of education. There are people who are good and you must appeal to the goodness that is there within them. In due course of time, things will change.

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THE GLORIOUS FUTURE AHEAD

Looking at a small trickle that starts to flow from atop a hill, none can ever tell that it is going to eventually be a mighty river. So mighty that it can wash off the banks and even submerge the towns on its way. Many of you might have visited these holy sites of Gangotri, Yamunotri and Talacauvery, where these rivers start as a tiny trickle. But it courses along the delta gathering strength with many tributaries joining its flow until it becomes the mighty Ganga or the Cauvery over which states are fighting now. If you are at the source of the Cauvery, nobody will fight. But what the river Cauvery becomes when it comes down to the plains makes people want its waters. Similarly, what you think of yourselves as a small group with limited reach and impact will grow over time and continue to flow like the river with many more people joining you. It is only your limited thinking, your lack of vision that is preventing you from knowing what is going to happen in the future. You might have started like a small trickle, but have faith and confidence that as long as you continue to flow, many more will join you.

Flowing is life....stagnation is death. A river, a stream, a trickle - anything which stagnates, only attracts insects and foul smell. When water learns to flow, it becomes plenty, it is joined by many more streams and it reaches its final destination.

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THE FUTURE OF EDUCARE – BHAGAWAN'S VISION FOR THE WORLD

What we are doing here is a good example for everyone. To set an ideal in front of all other institutions around the world. That is how the alumni and alumnae of an institution can make education more available to the younger generation of the institution. Once gratitude starts building up, the world will change. All Saraswati *Mandirs* have become Lakshmi *Mandirs* today. But it should revert to the state it once was.

In the old times, when the *Gurukula* system was prevalent, there were no fees charged for education. Nobody was charged any money. Whether a rich man's or a poor man's son was admitted, the pupils were expected to live like ordinary students and perform the same duties as everyone else. Even Rama and Krishna lived that way. That is when they really learnt the lesson to appreciate that all are equal in God's eyes. Just because you are born in a higher family doesn't make you any higher. Each is *Atmaswarupa* (*Embodiment of Atma*). Each is equally dear to God and equal in God's eyes. That feeling will arise only if they live in circumstances where they all have to share everything. There are no special privileges for the rich and the poor are denied nothing as well. All are given equal opportunities. Then they will have gratitude towards society and they will do much more. That is what is important.

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We are only talking about a few thousand students in our institutions. But if you look at the whole of the world, there are crores of students. Half the world might be students. If all of them can be supported by their own institutions and alumni, look at the wonderful world of selflessness we would end up creating. There won't be arguments, there won't be competition, there will be only cooperation.

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So many committees are formed by those big countries. They spend crores of rupees in training people but all that is external training. If the vessel is turned upside down, how much ever water you pour, it is not going to be filled. All the water is wasted. All the rain is wasted. Likewise, all this money, effort and energy is being wasted because they are only trying to correct the situation on the outside. The problem is inside. That they are unable to solve. That is the reason we must solve it.

You have no idea that one day will come when most of the education in India will be absolutely free. It is

happening in other countries with the government's support but here *Praja* (people), not *Raja* (rulers) will support such an issue which is far more transforming. In countries abroad, governments levy taxes and then pay the money to the schools to run it free. That is no good. People should come forward to pay on their own will and say, "We want to give education." When this happens, there is a change in the heart. In America, all education is free. Nobody charges fee for the school education. But in other countries such as Canada, everything is free. How is it possible? Government charges a 50 % tax from the people and it is thus making education free. It is by force and not from Source, or from within us. Our acts should emanate from the Source; out of gratitude towards the society. Our acts of goodness must come from the Source, from within the heart. Then, it will lead to transformation. The situation where all the countries are offering a few services free of cost is only temporary, they are not permanent. India has to lead the way in this movement. It is the engine. It has to pull the whole world forward.

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By 2022, a great change will come in the world starting with India. With good leadership, good social structure, good institutions of education, healthcare, the whole scenario will change. The year 2022 is the beginning of a very great change happening in the world. There will be war, there will be people who will be destroyed; there will be climatic changes which will also cause lot of damage but all that is for the ultimate good. You know if you have cancer growing in your body, you have to operate and remove it. If you think that is also my body and I should not remove the cancer, why should I hurt myself, then you are going to destroy the whole body. Likewise an operation has to happen and all that is negative has to go. Only positivity will remain. Such times are coming. Therefore, unless you are pure, you are positive, you cannot enter the next age. I am making you pure so that you are eligible to be with Me, continue to work with Me. Bear that in your mind always.

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OUR BELOVED LORD IS WAITING!

Upon retiring, just as a father draws back, taking great pride in depending on his grown up children to look after and excel in the business he once started, Swami too feels great strength, when He looks at all of you. He feels great courage when He looks at you, the alumni of the institutions, who have taken up the responsibility of shouldering this great task of spreading the light of education not only in this state of India but in the whole world.

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You are not born to simply lead a normal life like others. You are born for a very high purpose. You must realise that purpose. Unless and until you realise, you will never find peace and fulfillment. There will be a kind of hunger and thirst, which will always be lingering within you. You will do everything and yet will not be fulfilled. You have everything yet you feel you are incomplete.

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CAUTION: THIS OPPORTUNITY IS NOT FOREVER

(When an alumna told Swami that we the alumni feel our time has come and we will jump into this work)

Swami said, “The time has come and gone. One train has already gone. Another train has come. If you miss this, you will have to wait a long time to board another one. You tell them, “Let us not miss this train”. My train is carrying thousands of people. It won’t wait at the station for a few. I have to take care of thousands of children who are coming and getting educated. My work will not stop for the sake of a few alumni to come, participate and contribute. If they participate, they will also travel with me and reach the destination”.

**April 10, 2016;
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I expect all of you to do your jobs well in the outside world. You can come later and join the mission. You have to follow the *ashrama dharma*. After student life, then householder life; many of you alumni are householders. After that, there are two more stages of life. The third is service to society – *Vanaparastha*; the fourth is *Sannyasa*, giving up everything and being immersed in meditating on God. Discharge your responsibilities as good householders and then serve others as *Vanaprasthas*. Don't wait for the time to pass to become *Vanaprasthas*. The desires are such that when you fulfill one, another will come up. If you pour ghee into fire, the fire is not going to be put off; it keeps on raging. There is no limit for desires. You have to put a ceiling on your desires and when we reach the *Vanaprastha* stage, you should get into service to society to find fulfillment in your lives.

I have the faith that all of you would do this; with that faith alone, I am starting so many institutions. I do know that all of you will be able to look after our institutions. I do also know that you will safeguard My faith in you. I also know that I have more faith in you than you have in me.

**December 14, 2015;
Sai Anandam, Muddenahalli**





All valuable things in the world are free but you are giving value to valueless things. Give up all fear. Involve yourselves in service; I will help you to get anything you need.

Even at a tender age those of you who are inspired - come forward, all else I will look after. I need a lot of selfless young men and young women to do this service. Otherwise like others, you will also be born and will die again and again. Only by sacrifice you can attain immortality. Only Truth and reputation are permanent. You want to attain Truth and good reputation; you have to do selfless service. I am giving you these opportunities, which I will not give you again and again.

The train has stopped in the railway station; you have to purchase your ticket and get into the train, only then you can reach the destination. Once the train moves away, it will not come back again. You have to keep waiting for another train. Nobody knows when it will come. There is no guarantee that you may live till then. Therefore, we have to salute time.

At the right age, you have to involve yourselves in service. While you are young men and young women, you are offering your life to earning money. And finally you spend all the money to take care of your health. And what you finally get is zero. Don't become a zero, become a hero. What kind of a hero? A person with ideal character. Only when you



come to Swami, it is possible for you. Whatever may be your responsibilities, offer all your responsibilities to Swami and join the service activities; I will carry on your responsibilities better than you. Whether you do My work properly or not, I will definitely do your work properly. Have the courage!

If a parent is a businessman, he will take care of the children thinking that children will take care of the business later. My business is love. I give love and take love. My children should also join My business. Father has retired now. The children will have to look after the business. I am giving all My responsibility to you. You should also put in the required effort, develop the expertise and do this.

**February 22, 2015;
Hrudaya Mandira, Muddenahalli**



Each will feel the responsibility for the other. This is a great ideal that we are trying to set up in front of the world. Thinking of the idealism of the vision, you must work. Initially, a few will come, then another ten will come and then another ten will come another time. You must go on working. You do your best; then leave the rest to Swami.

**June 05, 2016;
Sai Anandam, Muddenahalli**



I am waiting within each one of you to fulfill My own mission, My own word. It is just that the willingness has to come through you. Arjuna has to get ready. Krishna is always there. It took a long time for Krishna to tell Arjuna, "You must fight because that is your duty." You do your duty, I will do My duty.

All the work outside apart - you have to also do some work inside yourself. Spend some time every day with Swami. Sit down for a few moments. Cut off from rest of the world, all the anxiety, tensions, all the talks, sounds and noises. Just in your silent space, sit, close your eyes, think of Swami, talk to Swami within. That is the main purpose. First you saw Swami outside, now you must see Him inside and then you must see Him everywhere. This is the purpose. Therefore, do not take this opportunity as just a mission to sponsor some child's education. It is to start that conversation. Start! See the people in the world as brothers & sisters. Create a great example for the rest of the world. What are the children of Sai Baba doing? Swami called them His property. Now people should know. Their mouths should get shut looking at the work being done by children of Sai Baba.

**September 07, 2015;
Sai Anandam, Muddenahalli**





THE TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR A SAI STUDENT

SRI SATHYA SAI ALUMNI CODE OF CONDUCT

Given by Bhagawan Himself, every alumnus of the Sri Sathya Sai Educational Institutions must strive to align their actions in accordance to these commandments.

- 1. A Sathya Sai alumnus must always be a responsible citizen of this country in his/her daily conduct, talk, walk, word and in every aspect of his/her life.*
- 2. A Sathya Sai alumnus must refrain from drinking, smoking and eating non-vegetarian food, as they are unbecoming of spiritual aspirants.*
- 3. A Sathya Sai alumnus must give respect to the elders, parents and to all members of the society and always behave in a respectful manner with all.*
- 4. A Sathya Sai alumnus must not harm nor hurt anyone's interest.*

5. *A Sathya Sai alumnus must be a person of great character and integrity*
6. *A Sathya Sai alumnus must conduct or participate in weekly spiritual programmes such as bhajans, sankirtan and satsang.*
7. *A Sathya Sai alumnus must involve oneself in at least a seva activity in a month. It could be either Anna Daanam, Narayan Seva, providing education to children or visiting an old age home and spending quality time with them, giving them courage and solace. Service activities could be centered on healthcare and any other fields too but should be done with a feeling of selflessness.*
8. *The alumni and alumnae must organise a quarterly meeting in each region.*
9. *The alumni and alumnae from all the educational institutions must meet once a year.*
10. *A Sathya Sai alumnus must always keep God first, others next and oneself last.*



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