

“God can do anything....” and “Love is My Highest Miracle.”

Quotes from Sri Sathya Sai Baba for Spiritual Practice

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A. “... part of primal resolution or Sanakalpa to protect the spiritual structure of the Universe.”

1) “Whenever there is a languishing of Dharma or righteousness and an upheaval of unrighteousness, I create Myself, for it is part of primal resolution or Sanakalpa to protect the spiritual structure of the Universe. I lay aside My formless essence and assume a name and a form suited to the purpose for which I come.”

2) “This is a human form, in which every Divine Entity, every Divine Principle, that is to say, all the Names and Forms ascribed by man to God, are manifest.”

3) “It is impossible for any one to understand or explain the meaning and significance of Swami. There can be no possible means of approach to this manifestation, from the stage which you can attain. This is an Incarnation, an Embodiment, which is beyond any one’s comprehension.”

4) “... every act of Mine has its significance, which you cannot understand.”

5) “It is beyond you to know how or why I create things in My Hand.”

6) “My Grace is showered wherever you are through My infinite Love, without even calculating or measuring the readiness of your sub-conscious to receive it and benefit by it. The Grace itself will confer on you the faith and the strength, the wisdom and the joy.”

7) “I answer to whatever Name you use; I respond to whatever request you make, with a pure heart and a sanctified motive.”

8) "If you sincerely, unhesitatingly, constantly, gladly, lovingly, offer all your skill and strength to the service of others, God will melt and move and manifest Himself in you, before you, with spontaneous Grace."

9) "God can do anything...."

10) "Love is My Highest Miracle."

B. "... beneficent code of morals and a precious collection of guidelines for the realm of the spirit...."

1) "Long before the birth of this generation a beneficent code of morals and a precious collection of guidelines for the realm of the spirit had been preserved and handed down as heritage through the efforts of selfless seers and sages. Each generation draws inspiration and knowledge from the previous ones, especially from the pathfinders, the pioneers, and bridge-builders in the regions of ethics, law, mysticism, sociology, and religion. These persons promote concord and progress and remove social conflict; their footprints mark out the lines of individual and social development.... They have handed down a precious quantity of knowledge about nature, about consciousness, and also about the means and methods of testing and enlarging that knowledge

2) "The most fundamental teaching of the culture of ancient India is love. For generations, the youth of this land have been exhorted, encouraged and taught, by precept and example, to love the poor, the helpless, the handicapped, the illiterate, and the disabled, for the same spark of Divinity that is in each of us is also equally evident and active in them. Education must endow man with this compassion and this spirit of service.... If education confers this gift, then surely life will become peaceful, happy, and full of mutual help and cooperation."

3) "By the examples of your lives, you have to restore confidence among the people in the higher values of life.... Have the picture of the happy, united, love filled human community in your heart. That will give you enough encouragement in your mission."

C. "... co-mingle and become more and more composite."

1) "The path of spiritual discipline... is laid down in a simple and sweet manner in the great scriptures of Ancient India. They explain through example and precept the Divine Principle inherent in the Universe, and inspire mankind to gaze with awe and reverence at the handiwork of God and His inscrutable Leela (sport). They prompt man to march along the pilgrim road of sacrifice, in the happy company of sages so that, ere the body falls the Vision of the Eternal can be gained and enshrined in the heart for ever."

2) "Follow the same rigorous routine every day: time, place, duration, method, pose-- all being unchanged. Then the disturbing factors can be easily humbled and tamed."

3) "The Name has to be sung for your own delight, to quench your own thirst, to appease your own hunger. No one eats to appease another's hunger, nor takes medicines to alleviate another's illness. So do not care for what others feel about your meditation or devotional singing. Do not seek the approval, appreciation, or admiration of others, or refrain from your form of worship because others dislike it or ridicule it. Be self reliant, self confident."

4) "The effectiveness lies not in the Mantra or in the Name and Form it is centered upon. It lies in the heart, in the yearning, in the thirst. God will assume the form and answer to the Name for which you thirst! That is the measure of His Grace."

5) "Ascetic practices, years of constant recitation of the Name, pilgrimages to holy places and shrines, study of sacred books-- these will not help the aspirant to spiritual victory as much as communion with the godly and good."

6) "Have the Name of God on your tongue, in your breath, ever. That will evoke His Form, as the Inner Core of every thing, thought or turn of events. That will provide you with His Company, contact with His unfailing Energy and Bliss. That is the Sathsanga (good association) that gives you maximum benefit."

7) "In the beginning, the Adored and the Adorer are distant and different; but, as the Sadhana becomes more confirmed and consolidated, they co-mingle and become more and more composite."

8) "God, out of His Infinite Grace, assumes the Form that the devotee yearns for."

D. "... the One God that plays in those 1000 roles."

1) "There is only one God; He is omnipresent."

2) "All beings are images of the Universal Atma, in the names and forms they have apparently assumed."

3) "When you clarify and sanctify your Vision and look at them through the Atmic eye, the eye that penetrates behind the physical (with all its attributes and appurtenances), then, you will see others as Waves on the Ocean of the Absolute, as the 'thousand heads, the thousand eyes, thousand feet' of the Supreme Sovereign person or 'Purusha' sung in the Rgveda."

4) "All the 1000 names of thousand-faced society connote only the One God that plays in those 1000 roles. The One appears as if it is enshrined in the 1000 bodies. This is the truth you have to realize and cherish as the most precious in life."

5) "... every name is but a facet, a part, a ray, of the Supreme. The spiritual discipline consists in recognizing and becoming aware of the One that supports and sustains the many. That is the precious gem of wisdom that one must secure and treasure."

6) "The One has lit the many; the One is shining in and through the many; the One is the many.... the One decided to be many, to enjoy its own manifoldness....That is the Truth."

7) "Do not be under the impression that I will be angry with you if you do not accept Me as (your) Dhyananrupam! I am not concerned at all; you have perfect freedom to select the Name and Form that gives you the necessary encouragement."

8) "You must welcome all Names and Forms, though you might have a personal attachment to one Name and one Form. You have to admit that the God whom you adore is universal enough to have many Names and many Forms."

9) "Along the lines already familiar to you, continue the worship of the God of your choice; then you will find, that you are coming nearer and nearer to Me; for, all Names are Mine and all Forms are Mine. There is no need to change, after you have seen Me and heard Me."

E. "Through Love and Service, the mind is cleared of ego and God is reflected therein."

1) "Try to console, encourage, strengthen, and enlighten those who are miserable, downhearted, weak or ill-informed."

2) "Sympathy, service, putting yourselves in the place of your neighbor and trying to assuage pain and sorrow-- that is what wins Grace. Through Love and Service, the mind is cleared of ego and God is reflected therein."

3) "You must have not merely enthusiasm to serve, but, the intelligence and the skill; then only can you be efficient and useful."

4) "Be alert to the call, everywhere, at all times; be ready with the smile, the kind word, the useful suggestion, the knowledgeable care, the pleasant reply. Look about for chances to relieve, rescue or resuscitate. Train yourselves that you may render help quickly and well."

5) "The cup can be of any shape or design; the joy consists in the nectar that it is able to convey to the person who is thirsty and anguished."

6) "Whatever information, instruction, or inspiration man has gained, or whatever wealth, riches or material possessions he has earned, he should share them with others in an unselfish manner. This is his primary duty."

7) "Your heart should be like glass, with the spiritual light inside illuminating the world outside; the world outside reacting on the inner urges and making them lean towards service, sympathy and mutual help."

8) "You must be happy that the Seva of the Lord keeps you always in His Presence and ever vigilant to carry out His behests."

9) "A wave of service, if it sweeps over the land, catching every one in its enthusiasm, will be able to wipe off the mounds of hatred, malice and greed that infest the world."

F. "... through someone He will send, or through illumination from within."

1) "God is not to be spoken of as coming down or going up, since He is every where, available for your becoming aware of Him, through beauty, truth, goodness, strength, love or any one of the divine attributes."

2) "We too can discover the Lord through His Footprints, which can be discovered everywhere, provided sincere search is made with trained eyes. You can find the footprints wherever there is beauty, virtue, humility, justice, truth, love and peace."

3) "Yes, the lesson is: recognize His Footprints in every thing of beauty, every act of goodness, every tear of gratitude, every sigh of compassion, and discover Him in the bower of your own heart, filled with the fragrance of Love and Light of Virtue."

4) "... I have no geographical 'far' and 'near'; My 'far' and 'near' are not calculated in miles or yards. Nearness to Me is not acquired by physical nearness. You may be by My side-- yet, far; you may be far, far away-- yet, very near and dear. However far you are, if you but stick to Sathya, Dharma, Santhi and Prema, you are close to Me and I am close to you."

5) "When you are earnest about it, the Lord Himself will guide you, either from within or from without, through someone He will send, or through illumination from within."

G. "Love will be rewarded with love a thousand-fold."

1) "I am ready to help you from the first lesson to the last."

2) "God is so merciful that He will come ten steps towards you, if you but take one step towards Him."

3) "Come just one step forward, I shall take a hundred towards you."

4) "Love will be rewarded with love a thousand-fold."

5) "God is the embodiment of compassion. He watches for a grain of goodness or humility so that He can reward it with tons of Grace."

H. "Love is My highest miracle."

1) "Love is My highest miracle."

2) "If you win the Grace of the Lord, even the decrees of Destiny can be overcome."

3) "Let the will of the Lord prevail; one's duty is but to connect oneself with the current of His Grace."