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Who is Sri Sathya Sai Baba?

Sri Sathya Sai Baba is a world spiritual teacher. He was born as Sathya Narayan Raju on November 23, 1926 of pious parents in the village of Puttaparthi in South India.

As a child, He demonstrated the qualities of compassion, wisdom, the desire to serve others, and respect for elders. He also displayed remarkable miraculous powers and knowledge, and talent in drama, music and dance. He could quote from and discuss spiritual texts without ever having studied them.

At the age of fourteen, He left His brother's home where He lived and declared that He had work to do and that His devotees were calling Him.

He has declared His mission in the following terms,

I have resolved to enfold the people of the world in the fostering of Universal love... For the world is My mansion and the continents are the halls therein. I have come to inscribe a golden chapter in the history of humanity, wherein falsehood will fail, truth will triumph, and virtue will reign. Character will confer power then, not knowledge or inventive skill, nor wealth. Wisdom will be enthroned in the councils of the nations. Do not be misled.

It is not my purpose to strike men dumb by the display of miraculous might. I have come to confer the boon of blessedness, the benediction of bliss, as the reward for genuine spiritual endeavour, and to lead mankind into Liberty, Light and Love.

In short, His mission is the spiritual regeneration of humanity through spiritual values of truth, righteous conduct, peace, love and non-violence.

Throughout His life, He has practised what He has taught, and He says, "**My life is My message,**" and to His devotees, He exhorts, "Your life is My Message."

He has established Prashanti Nilayam (Abode of Highest Peace) as His physical residence since 1950. It is located in Puttaparthi, the village of His birth. This once tiny village is now a virtual heaven on earth for millions of devotees whose greatest wish is to be in the physical presence of the Divine. In this village of Puttaparthi, Sai Baba has created models for the world, in the way of schools, colleges, hospital, a prestigious university, and the Super Speciality Hospital.

Sai Baba recently undertook to provide drinking water to over 700 villages in the area free of cost. This project cost involved building basic infrastructure such as a 2000km network of pipes, digging wells and building storage tanks. In spite of numerous difficulties, this undertaking took one year to complete.



LOVE gives by giving and
forgiving.

Self lives by getting and
forgetting.

What is the Sathya Sai Baba Organisation?

The Sri Sathya Sai Baba Organisation is a spiritual one; it recognizes the fundamental unity of all the religions of the world. It has branches in over 137 countries. It is a non-political, non-profit Organisation. Its followers are drawn from all races, colours and creeds. In Sai Baba's ashram can be found Christians, Jews, Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, Zoroastrians and the followers of other spiritual gurus.

The primary objective of the Organisation is to aid seekers in their quest for God by helping them to recognize the divinity in all. The Organisation provides a forum where spiritual aspirants learn spiritual values. It is a training ground where members practice the teachings of Sai Baba, with special emphasis on service to others. The main unit of the Organisation is the Centre, the members of which are assisted by a process of spiritual discipline in their quest for God. The Organisation seeks to purify the individual's heart and mind. It enables one to see all people and objects as reflections of God, and to establish peace through the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man on earth. By spiritually transforming the individual, the world will be transformed.

Sai Baba says:

Harmony arises when kindred souls blossom together like flowers blossoming in the garden. There is a sense of unity as they all grow together.

What is the Sai Organisation? It is simply a gathering together of souls who have started to become awakened to truth.

The Sai Organisation should be motivated by love. You join the Organisation to give, to receive, to progress, to learn, to become inspired and to serve.

The Organisation itself is not important; it exists only for what it gives; an opportunity for searching souls to gather together and find the way to progress along the spiritual path and to help others on the same journey.

Teachings of Sri Sathya Sai Baba

Universality of Teachings

The teachings of Sai Baba are universal and simple. They are accepted as holy instructions and are practised by His devotees in their day to day living. Sai Baba is the embodiment of divine love, and Love is His message.

He says:

Love is My message. When love flows, there is peace, joy, harmony and understanding. When the flow of love is blocked, there is misunderstanding and tension; life becomes difficult and presents many problems. The secret of life is to find yourself and to find God. That leads to the realization that God dwells in your heart and manifests Himself as love and joy. But you must unite your will with God's will so that you and the God-force within can become one. God is the whole, the vast ocean of love that pervades the universe. If you can only reach for and rise to the higher levels of consciousness, then you will realize your innate divinity and begin to live in complete harmony with the Omnipresent God. Love is the only path that will lead you out of the wilderness and out of the darkness. Look up into the heavens and contemplate the glory of God and all creation. Look within and know that you are part of that creation. Open your heart and let the love pour out so that your own life is transformed; then through your own thoughts, act and love, you can help transform the lives of those around you. LOVE, LOVE, LOVE, that is my message.

He teaches that man is essentially divine; that each individual has a divine spark within him, and is capable of realizing his Divinity. He has come to assist man to realize his divine nature and to eventually attain spiritual enlightenment.

His teachings are based on the fundamental values of Truth, Righteous Conduct, Peace, Love and Non-violence - values which are espoused by all the great religions of the world. By faithfully practising these values in his daily life, the individual can rise to his highest spiritual potential. Thus, the pursuit of Truth will lead to Righteous Conduct; Righteous Conduct promotes Peace; Peace enables one to Love; and Love is God.

Everything is held together by God's strength. God is present everywhere. You are only a means through which God is seeing everyone in the world. You are only imagining that you are seeing with your eyes, but you are in fact seeing with God's eyes. The first thing to do is to find who you are.

Selfless Service

He tells us that neither the practice of austerities nor pilgrimages to holy places, nor study of the scriptures, nor prayer, nor meditation by themselves will enable us to achieve salvation. We must dedicate ourselves to selfless service to our fellow man. “*Service to man is Service to God,*” He says. Nothing is nobler than Selfless Service - service rendered without expectation of reward of any kind.

On the subject of service, here are a few quotations from Sai Baba’s discourses:

Hands that serve are holier than lips that pray.

Understand the deep significance of service: it will lead to your becoming ideal leaders, who are in great need today all over the world. You fulfil yourselves by sharing; you empty yourselves by grabbing. Do not behave in such a way that people are wary of you; be open, without harmful eyes, false tongue, foul minds and pernicious hands. Look upon all without the guilt of lust or scandal; speak to all, of all, with love blooming out of adoration; let your hands never take what is not yours. Treat the distressed, the diseased, the old, the helpless, the child with great respect.

The fulfilment of human life consists in the service that man renders, without any thought of return, in an attitude of selflessness. Service rendered in this spirit sheds light in the dark interior of man. It widens the heart; it purifies the impulses and confers lasting bliss. Service is a process through which the lower wisdom and after that even higher wisdom, can be gained.

Service without the idea of self is the very first step in the spiritual progress of man. For it trains you to transcend all the distinctions artificially imposed by history and geography and realize that the human community is ONE and indivisible. Learn this truth; experience it in action.

*How can a person be held 'divine' (as every man truly is)
unless he has established himself in the sense of this Unity
and shaped all his actions thereby.*

Sai Baba says that selfless service is the highest form of spiritual discipline. Because of the importance that the Organisation attaches to service, service projects are organized by the Centres throughout the world.

In the Toronto York centre, members participate in projects such as feeding the needy, visiting hospitals, visiting homes for the aged and handicapped, blood donation, disaster relief and other projects as circumstances render necessary.



Help Ever
Hurt Never

Repetition of the Names of God



Sai Baba has revealed the significance of Namasmaran (the remembrance of God and the chanting of His divine names), as an instrument for individual spiritual evolution and social integration. Group singing of the names of God is encouraged since the vibrations so created reduce the impurities in the environment and in the minds of the devotees, and elevates their consciousness.

Sai Baba says:

Know that all faiths have One God, that all hearts are motivated by the same God and that all names and forms denote only one Godhead. Develop that attitude of unity and non-differentiation between divine names of all the creeds, of all countries and all faiths. This is the message of love I bring to you which I want you to understand and follow. Spread that love, live that love. If that love must grow in you and become deep and abiding, you have to do the spiritual practice of reciting names of God, remembering His life and His mercy, His majesty and His glory.

You can adopt and practice any of the various and countless names of God as enumerated by the sages of all lands, all religions and in all languages. When you awaken to the duties of the day repeat the name, when you retire after the duties of the day, recite it again. Have it as your constant companion and inspiration. You can then never fail or falter. You will grow purer and stronger every moment. Namasmarana, thus done, unites people by making them realize that they are all children of one and the same God and thus paves the way for realization of the principle of the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man.

Sai Baba says that the repetition of the names of God is one of the basic spiritual disciplines, and in this age of materialism it is the only hope for man.

He says:

You should not brush the name aside as having no value. Know that it is the key to success in your search for consolidation, confidence, courage, illumination and liberation. The sacred name undoubtedly brings in the grace of the Lord. The name can be sung with various feelings or different mental attitudes: sweet emotion, mother-child feeling, love-beloved feeling, comrade-feeling, servant-master attitude... praising the Lord whatever may happen, bearing all the vagaries of fortune as His play. Others recollect more of the majesty, the glory, the might, the mystery and the love with which God has clothed Himself when reciting His name. Most of the saints gratefully honoured in many lands belong to this category. Another is denoted by seekers who attach values to the syllables and sound of the name as such irrespective of the meaning thereof. When the name is pronounced, it draws towards the aspirant God and His grace, whatever may be the emotion or the mental attitude associated with the singing of it. The name has a strength, a power, a capacity to redeem, cure and save, alone and unaided.

Sai Baba says that the repetition of the Lord's sacred names is sufficient to produce the results of every type of spiritual discipline; it is capable of taking us to our destination of God-realization.

You have to win purity of heart. You must examine your motives and skills, your intentions and qualifications and discover for yourself what you hope to achieve through service.

Love

Love is the central theme in the teachings of Sai Baba. Love is His first and also His last Message.

On the subject of spiritual love Sai Baba says:

The earth is a great enterprise, a busy factory, where the product is love. By means of sadhana (spiritual practice) it is possible to produce love and export it to millions and millions of people in need of it. The more it is shared, the deeper it becomes, the sweeter its taste, and the vaster the joy. By means of love, one can approach God and stay in His presence. For God is love, and when one lives in love, he lives in God.

I have come to light the lamp of love in your hearts, to see that it shines day to day with added luster... I have come to tell you of this unitary faith, this atmic principle, this path of love, this duty of love, this obligation of love... Believe that all hearts are motivated by the one and only God. His adoration is best done by means of love and service. Cultivate this attitude of oneness between men of all creeds, all countries and all continents. That is the message of love that I bring. This is the message I wish you to take to heart.

The life of Sai, the message of Sai, the ideals Sai holds dear the lessons that Sai teaches the World are all enshrined in the one word, Love.

The bliss that you give, the Love that you share, these alone will be your lasting possessions.

Love expresses itself through service. Love grows through service, Love is born in the womb of service.



To attain God's love is enough. Love is the key to open the door, locked by egoism and greed.

Love as thought is truth; love as action is righteousness; love as feeling is peace; love as understanding is non-violence..... If you develop love, you need not develop anything else.

I may turn the earth into sky, or the sky into earth, but that is not the sign of My Divinity. My Prema (love) is the unique sign. Love is My greatest Miracle.

Love more and more people. Love them more and more intensely. Transform that love into service. Transform that service into worship. This is the highest spiritual discipline.

Foster the tiny seed of love that clings to "me and mine". Let it sprout into the group around you and grow into love for all mankind, and spread out its branches over animals, birds, and things that creep and crawl.

Start the day with Love
Fill the day with Love
End the day with Love.
This is the quickest way to God.

Discipline

Discipline, Sai Baba says, means following the call of the inner self, the spark of divinity within, which is the real you. That spark, being divine is all-knowing and pure.

Because of the nature of life, discipline is required to control your life on earth. While you are here, in a body with form, you experience so many desires of the senses. The discipline must be developed to control our senses, or they will soon take complete control of us and rule our lives.

What are the necessary disciplines for us to practice? We must obey the rule of law in society and the rule of the heart in our personal conduct. Through self-enquiry we understand the rule of the spirit.

Bhagawan Sai Baba has prescribed certain disciplines to assist us in our advancement along the spiritual path (see next page). They consist of the nine point Code of Conduct laid down in the Charter of the Organisation, and the Ten Principles which Sai Baba enunciated during His sixtieth birthday celebrations when He called for integration of the world community through love and non-violence.

Discipline is essential for the success of every endeavour of man, whatever the field, whether it be economic, social, educational, or merely material and worldly. It is even more essential for success in man's spiritual effort.

The real you is the Atma. This can only be learned by constant meditation, by moving in good company, by listening to the talks of realized men, by following some prescribed course of discipline. That is why I lay so much emphasis on discipline. In spiritual matters, the more we subject ourselves to discipline, the more joy and peace we are able to enjoy. It is the rules and restrictions that give charm and meaning to the game of life. You may have devotion, you may discharge the duty entrusted to you, but unless you are saturated with the discipline, the other two are useless. Without discipline, the mind of man is turned into a wild elephant. You have to catch it young and train it so that its strength and skill can be useful to you and harmless to life around you.

Morality

Sai Baba says that money comes and goes, but morality comes and grows. What is morality? It is adherence to truth, love, goodness, duty, peace, and non-violence - to God's will as we understand it. These are the values that are the core teachings of the world's religions. Maintaining high moral standards demonstrates our recognition of the divinity in others and in ourselves. Morality is more than simply observing certain laws or social norms. It is the observance of these high qualities which makes us truly human and potentially self-realized.

Sai Baba says:

Morality is the corollary of Dharma (spiritual duty). Morality does not merely mean the observance of certain rules in the workaday world. Morality means adherence to the straight and sacred path of right conduct. Morality is the blossoming of righteous conduct.

Unfortunately the world today is affected by the consequence of seven grievous sins. The first is business without morality; the second is politics without principle; third, education without character; fourth, worship without sacrifice; fifth wealth without hard work; sixth, human existence without regard for the principles laid down in the scriptures; seventh, devotion without austerity. These are the seven sins that are ravaging the world. The world will regain prosperity and peace only when all these are banished and we have morality in business, principles in politics, educated men who have character and work is the basis of wealth. The mansion of man's life should be built on these virtues. But unfortunately today morality and integrity have declined and the spirit of sacrifice is on the wane.



The Fundamental Unity Of All Faiths

Sai Baba teaches the fundamental unity of all faiths, thus bringing to the fore the unifying force behind all the different religions of the world. The Organisation's emblem (see the bottom of the next page) exemplifies this by incorporating all the world's major religions. Sai Baba has not come to establish a new religion, nor has He come to convert anyone to a new faith.

He says:

I have not come to speak on behalf of any religion. I have not come on any mission of publicity for any doctrine.

He has come rather to reinforce our faith in our respective religions, and faith in ourselves and in the One All Pervading Supreme Consciousness - God.

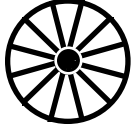
He says:

Let the different faiths exist; let them flourish; let the glory of God be sung in all languages and in a variety of tunes. Respect the differences between the faiths and recognize them as valid, so long as they do not extinguish the flame of unity.

Among Sai Baba's followers can be found people of all faiths - Christians, Buddhists, Muslims, Hindus, Jews, Zoroastrians, Jains, Sikhs and others. At His Ashram people of all these faiths and of all races and colours from all parts of the world gather together to receive His blessings.

Bhagawan Sai Baba emphasizes that God is in all names and forms used by man for his worship, and that we should not insist on the use of one name and condemn others who may prefer other names of God.

Unity of Faiths



Go into all the lands and preach this gospel - Tell them that the poor and lowly, the rich and high are all ONE.

Buddha



*I praise aloud the thought well thought
The Word well spoken
And the Deed well done*

Zoroastrian



Honour your father and your mother, that you may long endure on the land which the Lord your God gives you.

Tora



To God belong the East and the West and wherever you turn, there is the Face of God. For God is omnipresent all knowing.

Our'an



The mission of crucifying the ego on the cross of compassion. An opportunity to be of some service to fellow-man comes to you as a gift from God.

Sai Baba



One who performs his duty without attachment, surrendering the results unto the Supreme Lord, is unaffected by sinful action, as the lotus leaf is untouched by water.

Bhagavad Gita

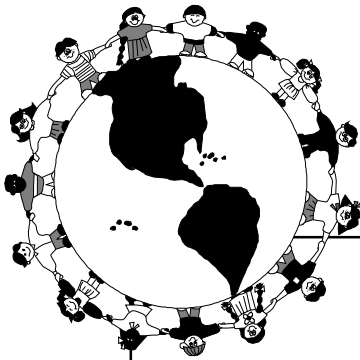


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Sai Baba

He says:

God is in all names and forms. He is the integration of all these in harmonious charm! Gods designated in different faiths, adored in different human communities, are all limbs of the one God that really is. Just as the body is the harmonious blending of the senses and the limbs, God is the harmony of all the forms and the names that man gives him. Only those who are ignorant of the glory of God will insist on one name and one form for His adoration, and, what is worse, condemn the use by others of other names and forms! I must warn you all against such silly obduracy.



Love All

Serve All

The Purpose of Human Existence

Sai Baba says that the purpose of human existence is to realize the Divinity latent within man. To most people, the attainment of success implies the acquisition of wealth, position and status in the world. But Sai Baba emphasizes that we should engage ourselves in activities which would take us on a journey to the realization of our divinity. He says:

Your reality is the Atma, a wave of the paramatma (universal divinity). The one object of this human existence is to visualize that reality, that Atma, that relationship between the wave and the sea. All other activities are trivial; you share them with the birds and beasts. But this is the unique knowledge of man. He has clambered through all the steps of the ladder of evolution in order to inherit this high destiny.

The Atma is imminent in everyone. It is the spark of divinity which gives man light, love and joy.

When the obstacles in the path of truth are laid low, deliverance is achieved. That is why moksha (liberation) is something that can be won here and now; one need not wait for the dissolution of the physical body for that.



Man is not merely a creature thrown up by nature in the process of an evolutionary gamble. He has a special meaning, a special mission, a unique role. He is Divinity, encased in the human frame. It is the Lord who moves and motivates man. So, man is a unit of that Unity, he is a child of Immortality, set in the background of this mortal world, in this mortal frame. His mission is to merge in the God from whom he has emerged. Heaven is not a supra-terrestrial region of perpetual spring; it is an experience, a state of Supreme Bliss.

Objectives of the Organisation

The principal objectives of the Sri Sathya Sai Organisation are:

1) To help the individual:

- * become aware of the Divinity that is inherent in him and conduct himself accordingly,
- * translate into practice in daily life Divine love and perfection, and
- * fill his life with joy, harmony, beauty, grace, human excellence and lasting happiness.

2) To ensure that all human relations are governed by the principles of Truth, Righteous Conduct, Love, Peace, and Non-violence.

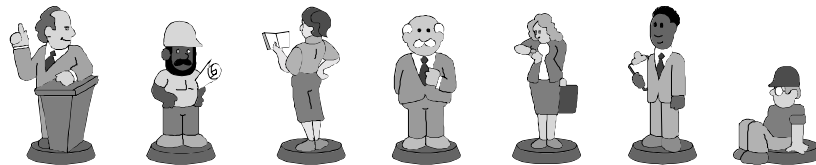
3) To make the followers more sincere and dedicated in the practice of their respective religions.

Speak the truth, but speak pleasantly. Simply because a statement will be welcome to the hearer, don't speak it out to win his approval; if speaking truth will cause grief or pain, keep silent. That is the vow of truth in ordinary daily life.

Don't have hypocrisy or crookedness in your speech. Both unpleasant truth and pleasant untruth have to be avoided.

These objectives can be attained in the following manner:

- * By observing the four principles laid down by Sai Baba:
 - * There is only ONE religion, the religion of Love.
 - * There is only ONE language, the language of the Heart.
 - * There is only ONE caste, the caste of Humanity.
 - * There is only ONE God, and He is Omnipresent.
- * By the constant remembrance of God and looking upon all creation as only a manifestation of Divinity in various forms.
- * By underlining the essential unity of all religions and securing a proper understanding of all religions of Divinity in various forms.
- * By looking upon all works as service dedicated to the Divine.
- * By bringing to bear upon all life's problems, attitudes flowing from Divine Love, such as understanding, compassion, tolerance and helpfulness.
- * By basing all actions on Love of God, fear of sin and steadfast observance of morality in society.
- * By engaging in spiritual, educational and service activities both at the individual and community levels in an organized and systematic manner, without expectation of any material reward or appreciation, but solely to win God's Love and Grace.



Free Education

Sai Baba teaches us with His illuminating discourses and demonstrates to us with His lofty actions the Eternal Truth that we are all seeking. He teaches us that our lives will be transformed by the Grace of the Divine when our thoughts, words and deeds are consistent and noble. Now, in the fields of medicine and education He is similarly teaching us that humanity will be transformed by the Grace of the Divine when the plans, structure and functions of our institutions are consistent and noble.

Our minds select the direction our lives are to take. True education should provide our minds with a map of our Godward Journey. Our bodies must carry us to our Divine destination.

Sai Baba holds that education and medicine are provided by God and are the right of all men and women regardless of economic condition, caste, creed, race or religion.

Sai Baba has established primary schools, secondary schools, and the Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Education (deemed University). This University, in addition to the conventional educational programs, students are exposed to Sai spiritual education. Education which emphasizes the development of self-discipline and character concomitantly with the acquisition of skills and knowledge is offered free to all its students.



Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Learning

Sai Baba says that there is an urgent need to revitalize the world, to cleanse it of evil, and to sow the seeds of love, compassion and understanding. Only in this way will the world become what it is intended to be, a divine playground for children of the living God.

The seeds can be sown through education of the human race. In fact, it requires a sustained period of education and re-education as man has attached false values to so many material things in the world. He has allowed himself to be drawn into the world of illusion, a twilight world, where nothing has any lasting value.

Special emphasis is placed in the Organisation on the education of children, because they are the ones who will assume authority in the world of tomorrow.

Educational programs have been designed for the instruction of the children of followers of Sai Baba. The children are exposed to the teachings of the major religions of the world; they are taught prayers, meditation techniques, the value of selfless service in which they take an active part, and the importance of discipline.

Impartial observers have commented favourably on the outstanding discipline and adherence to moral principles displayed by children and young adults who have been exposed to Sai education in the schools and the community.

When there is harmony in the home; there will be
order in the nation.

When there is order in the nation, there will be
PEACE in the world.

Free Medical Care

Sai Baba is also demonstrating to us that medical care of the highest quality can also be provided free or charge, even in highly specialized fields such as cardiology, nephrology and urology. Bhagawan Sai Baba has established a General Hospital at the Ashram at which medical attention is given to residents and visitors free of charge.

Sai Baba has also established a Speciality Hospital, the first phase of which (concerned with cardiology) was inaugurated on 22 November, 1991 by the Prime Minister of India. The nephrology and urology, and ophthalmology constituted the second and third phase respectively. The most recent addition to the hospital is the nuclear medicine and imaging department.

In addition to having the latest equipment for the diagnosis and treatment of diseases, the hospital functions with a dedicated and highly qualified team of surgeons, physicians, technicians and nursing staff. They come from all over the world to provide loving and selfless service to the patients. The services of the hospital are available to patients absolutely free of charge.



Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Medical Sciences

Speak Truth
Act Righteously

How the Organisation Deals with Finances

As already pointed out, there are no fees for membership of the Organisation. No donations are solicited from the public at any time. Centres do not pay fees to the Central Council or remit funds to any authority. Participation in any activity is free of charge.

Whenever projects or activities are undertaken, it is ensured that they are within the means of the Centre and that no external assistance would be required.

Expenses of the Centres are met by anonymous contributions of members which are entirely voluntary. Such contributions are placed in a sealed box by a member willing to make a contribution, so that no one knows how much is contributed by any person.

Who is eligible for Membership of the Organisation

Any person of good character is eligible for membership of the Organisation. It does not matter what religion he belongs to; there is no requirement that he must change his faith. A member is required to familiarize himself with the objectives of the Organisation, the activities conducted and the guidelines relating thereto, and to sign the register of members. One of the prerequisites of becoming a member is that one follows the Nine-Point Code of Conduct (see p15). Those who do not wish to become members may also attend the meetings of the Centres, or Groups, and take part in their activities. There is no fee for membership or any annual or other contributions.

The Structure of the Sathya Sai Baba Organisation

The basic unit of the Organisation is the Centre which engages in spiritual, educational and service activities. The officers of a Centre are the President and the three coordinators who are responsible for the spiritual, educational and service activities respectively.

Centres meet regularly (usually once per week) for conducting devotional sessions, at which devotional songs are sung and prayers, meditation, discourses and study circles take place. Meditation and other workshops are organized to familiarize the members with the techniques and approaches to the disciplines. The members participate in service projects which are organized by the service coordinator. Service projects include feeding the underprivileged, visiting hospitals, providing meals for school children in the public schools, visiting and providing for the inmates of homes for handicapped and aged people, and other similar activities. Study circles are conducted which help to educate the members in the teachings of Sai Baba and general principles of spirituality.

Classes are organized for the children of members by the educational coordinator and the children are taught the spiritual values of Truth, Love, Right action, Peace and Non-violence by appropriate teaching techniques. The whole purpose of these activities is to provide a systematic course of spiritual discipline which will enable the members to advance spiritually.

The Organisation is established in over 137 countries of the world. These countries are divided into 15 regions, each of which is under the control of an official called the Central Coordinator who is responsible for the supervision of the activities of the region. He in turn is responsible to the International Chairman. There is a Central

Office in India to which reports on the activities of the Organisation are submitted and which exercises general supervisory authority over the Organisation worldwide.

Canada is one of the 15 regions into which the world is divided. In Canada there are over fifty Centres and Groups. In each region, Coordinating Committees may be established which coordinate the activities of the Centres and Groups which are assigned to them. The Chairperson of a Coordinating Committee reports to the Chairperson of a Central Council set up in those countries where it is necessary to have one.

The Organisation is governed by a Charter issued by the Central Office with the approval of Sai Baba. The Charter defines the responsibilities of the various authorities referred to above, and sets out certain guidelines which are to be observed in the running of the Organisation. It also establishes a Code of Conduct for all devotees. The Code requires members to engage in the spiritual disciplines referred to above and to practice the teachings of Bhagawan Sai Baba.

