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Transcript of Video Message by Dr. Narendranath Reddy (With References)

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Loving Sai Ram to all of you.

Let us offer our love and gratitude at the Divine Lotus Feet of our Lord, Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba for the grace and blessings He has showered on us and continues to shower on us, as our eternal companion. In His infinite love, He has assured us He will be with us always, wherever we are, guiding us, guarding us and protecting us. He is everything, everywhere, ever.

He assured, in His infinite love, His mother Easwaramma, that Puttaparthi and Prasanthi Nilayam will be the pilgrimage centre for all spiritual seekers around the world. It will be like another Shirdi, Kashi and Tirupathi. ⁽¹⁾ In His previous avatar as Shirdi Sai, Baba assured us that He will be speaking through His Samadhi and His bones will be speaking and blessing His devotees.

In this present avatar, Swami continues to bless and answer the prayers of the devotees through His Samadhi in Prasanthi Nilayam. This is my experience and I have also heard from many devotees during my travels around the world who have never seen Bhagawan in His physical form, that their prayers are answered when they come and pray at the Samadhi.

It is shocking to hear the statement made by the Muddenahalli group, insulting and mocking the sacred Samadhi and the devotees who are worshiping at the Samadhi. Many of us were pained to hear this statement. It is sacrilege, it is blasphemy, to decry and denounce the sacred Samadhi of Bhagawan. It is contrary to His teachings. It is not only sheer ignorance but a great sin and betrayal. Lord Buddha, when he was approached by his disciple, Ananda, to know where he will get spiritual upliftment after he leaves his body, Lord Buddha directed him to four places: 1. Lumbini, the birth place of Lord Buddha; 2. Bodh Gaya, where he got his enlightenment; 3. Sarnath, where he gave his first sermon; 4. Kusinara, where he left his mortal coil. But, we Sai devotees are fortunate as we have all the four in one place.

Prasanthi Nilayam is the punya-bhūmi, the holiest of the holy lands, where the Lord has taken birth. It is His janma-bhūmi (birth place) and also it is kreeda-bhūmi (playground) where He did his divine sports and leelas. And this is His karma-bhūmi where He did great humanitarian work to alleviate the suffering of the needy people. And this is His upadesha- bhūmi where



He gave his divine message through many discourses. And this is His thyaga-bhūmi where He scarified everything for the sake of humanity. And this is His prema-bhūmi where he showered His love on all the devotees all the time. So, every particle, nay every atom, in Prasanthi Nilayam is saturated with His divine love and blessings. In addition to this wonderful pilgrimage centre, Swami has given us the Sathya Sai Organisation to which he has lent His name.

In 1961, after the Dasara celebration, Swami announced the first Sathya Sai Samithi (Sathya Sai Center) and told the devotees that anyone who is a member of the Sathya Sai Samithi and does loving and selfless service will be liberated from the cycle of birth and death. Not only they, but their children, grandchildren and even great grandchildren will be liberated. But Swami said there will be tests and once we pass the tests, victory will be ours. ⁽²⁾ Swami said it is a great good fortune to belong to the Sathya Sai Organisation and it should be our life breath. He warned that the people who leave the mainstream Sathya Sai Organisation are the most unfortunate ones. ⁽³⁾ In His Christmas discourse on 25 December 2000, Swami said, during the time of Jesus, Judas betrayed Him for a few coins but in this present avatar Swami warned there will be many Judas' who will be betraying the lord through many wicked deeds. ⁽⁴⁾

So, let us be alert, let us always be careful and let us all be united in love with one pointed focus on Swami, His message and His work. Let us discharge our sacred duty to preserve the sanctity of His name and His message. Also, it is a great service to help the innocent devotees who are distracted, misguided, mislead and misdirected from the right royal road to divinity which Bhagawan has shown us.

I pray to Bhagawan to shower His blessings on everyone and lead us from untruth to truth, from darkness to light and from death to immortality.

Asato Maa Sad-Gamaya | Tamaso Maa Jyotir-Gamaya | Mrityor-Maa Amritam Gamaya | Om Shantih Shantih Shantih ||

Jai Sai Ram.

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1. Swami assured Mother Easwaramma: "There will be no jungle and no snakes when I go there (Prasanthi Nilayam). There will be hundreds of pilgrims pouring in every day – and that place will become a Shirdi, a Tirupati, and a Kasi."

Excerpts from "Easwaramma: The Chosen Mother".

2. The year 1961 was also important for the Sri Sathya Sai Service Organizations. After the *purnahuti*, Swami came to the mandir and addressed the huge assembly and declared, "I am starting a Seva Samithi. The persons who become members of this Samithi and perform selfless service will be liberated from the cycle of birth and death; not only they, but also their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. But the test will be severe. I will see how many will withstand this test and emerge victorious in the end."

Excerpts from "Sri Sathya Sai Anandadayi (Journey with Sai)"

by Karunamba Ramamurthy, pp 139–140.

3. "Embodiments of the Divine Atma, take a vow to develop the Sai Organization day by day. Take all people within the fold. People who have gone away from the Organization are the unfortunate ones; you should not become unfortunate. Come what may, do not give up this Organization. Consider this Organization as your life's breath. This is real service. This is real penance. Take a vow on these lines to become experts. This is what I desire. Swami will be with you in whatever you are doing."

Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba, 24th November 1990

4. "Jesus had twelve disciples. Judas was one of them. But he betrayed Jesus. At that time, there was only one Judas, but today there are many such 'Judases.' Today the world is engulfed in unrest because of the rise in the number of treacherous people like Judas. They are mean-minded and are easily tempted by money. Judas betrayed just for a few pieces of silver. Even two thousand years ago, money was the primary temptation of man. Because of their greed for money, people resorted to evil and unjust ways, destroyed truth and indulged in false propaganda. This was the case then, and it is the same even today."

Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba, 25th December 2000