

consists of wandering from one pleasure and worldly pursuit to another, none conferring lasting peace or joy, none resulting in a life well lived, none resulting in the fulfillment of our profound purpose.

The human life worth living is a spiritual progression through Unity, Purity and Divinity. Being one, knowing who you truly are, is spiritual Unity. Removing the distractions that result from our animal nature, the desire for power and pleasure, that is spiritual Purity. These are intrinsic to our nature, that we should accomplish these goals. That is, this is the reason that we have taken these human births to pass through these stages until we become what and who we really are. We go through Unity to Purity; and then we achieve allenduring, all-encompassing Love, which is Divinity realized.

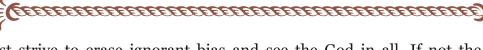
Swami's teachings inspire us to cast off the shroud of delusion and enable us to live without a shadow of doubt. Unity of thought, word and deed put us in command of our worldly selves. We subdue the worldly pretenders, so that We, the real We, prevail. We achieve Purity by removing the cardinal enemies, the contaminants – lust, anger, greed, pride, attachment and jealousy.

How do we gain this quintessential command? We put aside the distractions of our meddlesome minds and the interference of our incessant desires. Our thoughts, words and deeds, actually our bodies and our minds, are surrendered to the dictates of our conscience. Thus, spiritual Unity and Purity are achieved. As a result, we cease meandering through the maze of illusion, being blinded by the haze of desire and attachment. Upon cessation of these distractions, we achieve realization of who and what we have always truly been. Divinity is realized. Thus the Embodiment of Divinity, our Beloved Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba, teaches us.

In this 8th World Conference of Sri Sathya Sai Organizations, we will consider the profound spiritual significance and the practical worldly application of Unity (being one), Purity (removing contamination and distraction), Divinity (being a personification of selfless Love).

The All-India and International Sai Organizations will exchange whatever is spiritually constructive, amongst one another. United we will always stand. We will act and practice in the name of Divinity, our beloved Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba. We will work together as true brothers and sisters. Can it be any other way? Can the Light of perfect Love, Divine consciousness, be contained, defined or constrained by religion, race, caste or nationality?

Swami said "all are one, be alike to everyone." Therefore, we, the Organization,



must strive to erase ignorant bias and see the God in all. If not the first commandment of this Organization, it is certainly near the top.

In conclusion, from time to time, some of us are drawn into the world and we lose sight of the spiritual path. We become forlorn, and then we become skeptical. We ask ourselves: will we ever achieve this or that? When we ask if we will ever do this or that, we acknowledge the possibility of never. Asking "if ever" gives power to "never."

Swami has said that we should have no doubts. His mission will be accomplished. Therefore, for us there is no "never." We will become genuine devotees of our beloved Bhagawan Baba. We will act collectively as a genuine spiritual Organization and manifest the light of His Love all over the world. For us there is no "ever" or "never." For us, there is only the inevitable – inevitable self-realization, inevitable fulfillment of the Divine proclamation of our beloved Kali Yuga Avatar, Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba. Jai Sai Ram.

Mr. Leonardo Gutter

It appeared that the session might be ending, but at this point, Prasanthi Council member, Leonardo Gutter, got an indication to approach the dais. He approached Bhagawan, received His blessings and permission and went to the microphone. Mr. Gutter began his spontaneous, extemporaneous remarks by saying "dear brothers and sisters, I would like to share with you the Love of God."

Since the first time I met Bhagawan I felt His Divine Love, His incredible Love. I know all of you here have felt the same Love. He is here in this beautiful form in Prasanthi Nilayam. Though He is here, He is also with us always in our homes, at our work, everywhere.

Bhagawan, as Shirdi Sai said "If you look to Me, I look to you." The only thing that we have to do is to think about Him all the time.

When I first came here, I had many experiences with Him, some of which I will share with you now. On that first trip, I was with a small group of Argentineans, and I was waiting for a Divine opportunity to have an interview with Swami. At that time I was part of another spiritual organization. But one night, overwhelmed by the reality of His Divinity, I felt that I had to surrender to Him completely. So, that same night in my room, I wrote a letter of resignation from the position I had in the other organization and placed it on my altar. The next morning during Darshan, Swami instead of doing His usual rounds, came



