

will have no room for hatred, envy, jealousy or animosity. So I beg you, please accept my Love.

I shall start with some of the comments made by Dr. Michael Goldstein with great brilliance in the letter which he circulated to all of you. In his letter he says Unity is oneness. But we have to look at that in the greater dimension. Unity is the consciousness of one Atma, which means that you and I are not different. When I told you that I Love you, it means I Love myself. When I say I serve you, I am serving myself.

Unity also means that every time you look at someone, feel that you are looking at yourself, and behave accordingly.

As far as Purity is concerned, it is the removing of the contamination from your mind, the distractions that your mind creates because these really lead you nowhere.

And the third is Divinity, which, really is the personification of Love. Dr. Goldstein put it nicely in the letter when he said that Unity, Purity and Divinity are not attributes but the three stages of spiritual progress.

Educare. I might mention that I have written an article on this subject. To me, Educare means that every dunce, under correct care, can have enlightenment. That is the secret of Educare. If you follow this program, you are bound to be enlightened, no matter what you may do.

As far as service is concerned, Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba has said that service should be your life breath. He also uses, more often than not, the expressions: "Love All, Serve All. Help Ever, Hurt Never." We repeat these words, but very rarely do we tell people how to prepare themselves for this mission. What is the inner meaning? The reason why I say this is because, paradoxically, Knowledge and Ignorance are the two sides of the same coin. To gain Knowledge, you do not necessarily erase Ignorance. Ignorance has to be addressed separately.

Presently, a lot of people in the spiritual field believe that pedantic knowledge should be our focus. They quote scriptures for all occasions. But in so doing, they often forget that Ignorance is not erased.

Now, I am going to be using certain acronyms that have been coined by me, which are perhaps not quite intelligent, but do convey the meaning of my orientation. For example:





E-G-O, to mean 'Every General's Orientation.'

L-O-V-E, 'Life of Visual Enlightenment.'

S-E-R-V-I-C-E, 'Service Encompasses the Real Vision of Community Enlightenment.'

P-O-L-I-C-E, 'People of Love Involved in Community Enlightenment.'

Mark the words "Community Enlightenment" at every stage. You and I are really Bhagawan's police. The only difference is that we have Love instead of the Stick, or the Handcuffs, or whatever.

Please remember that service is a function of life. Service is not merely giving out a few packages of food. It is throughout your waking hours, and possibly even in dreams. We should dream of giving service to others.

In doing service it is important to realize that nothing really belongs to us. It is all Bhagawan's; and He has given it to us so that we may use it judiciously.

If we wish to serve, let us not think just in terms of food packets. Let us not think of what would be a seasonal activity. Let us think in terms of 'what would be service to God?' I think the best service to God would be for us to understand that no matter to whom you pray, what form you worship, you are praying to the one God.

Air Chief Marshall Suri concluded his remarks with an appeal that we all strive to come together, be loving to one another and be respectful of each other's religious orientation. He said it is not important to know when Sai Baba was born, or when Jesus was born, or when Rama was born, or when Mohammed was born and died. What is important, he said, is that Rama, or Christ, or Sai, or Mohammed be born in your heart, and live in your mind. Baba wishes us all to remember that "Service is living in enlightenment."