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Module 4

ORIENTATION PROGRAMME FOR SSIO OFFICE BEARERS



Module 4 ~ General Outline

- The Oneness of All Beings
- There is Only One God
- Follow the Spiritual Heart
- Application of the Unity Principle
- Unity of Faiths





“Experiencing unity in diversity is spirituality. The fundamental truth that you should realise is that there is one conscience in all beings. Questions and doubts arise when we see multiplicity where there is actually unity.”

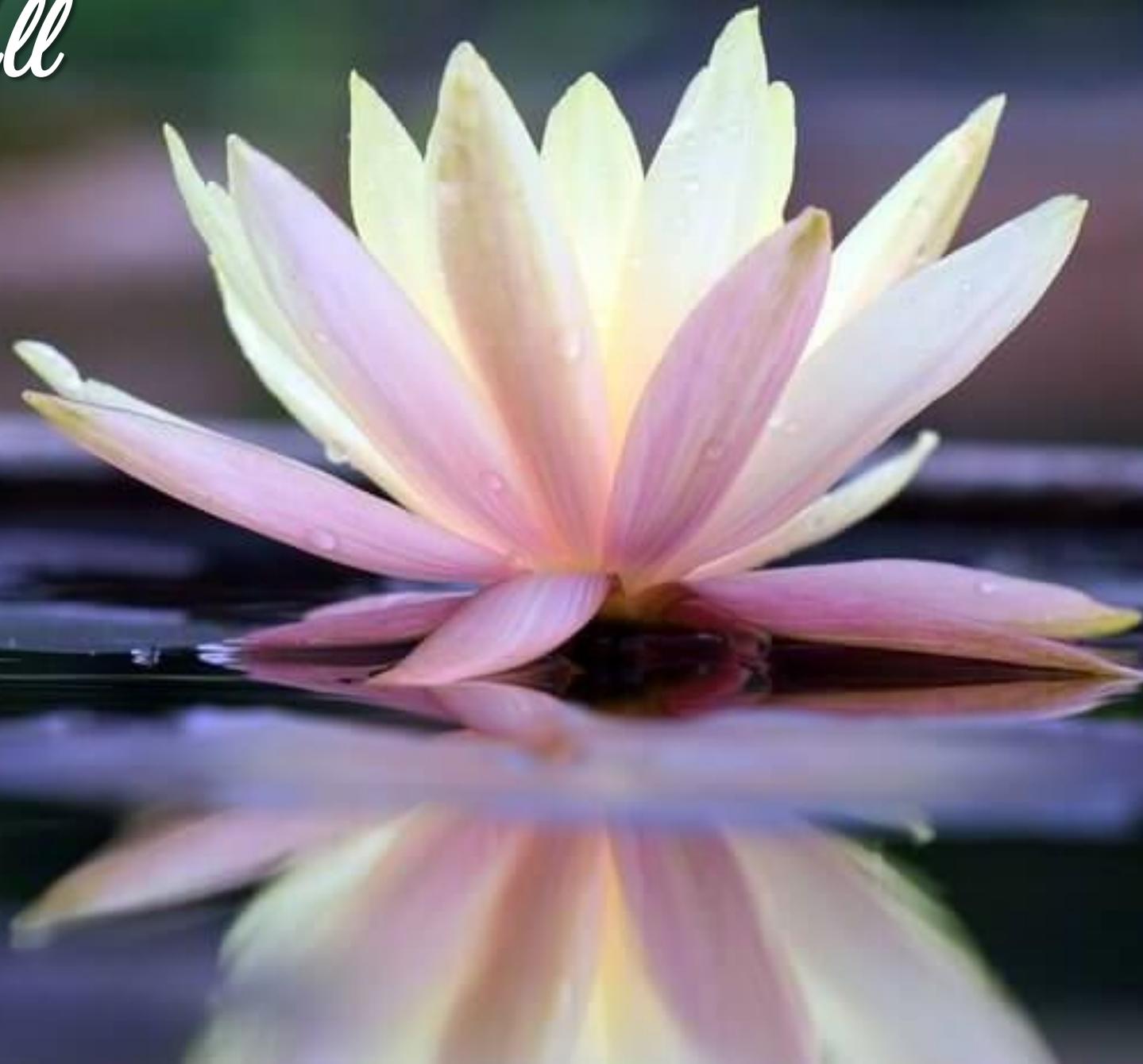
~ *Sathya Sai Baba* (21st November 2001)

Question for reflection...



*How can we become exemplars
of Sathya Sai Baba's teachings,
demonstrating unity in diversity?*

The Oneness of All



“The universe is the body of God; every particle in it is filled with God, His glory, His might, His inscrutability. There is no place in the universe that God is not present. Believe that God is the inner truth in every thing and being. He is truth, He is wisdom, He is eternal. Thus everything in the universe is an embodiment of Divinity.”

~ *Sathya Sai Baba* (SSS Vol. 12, pg. 34: 1974)

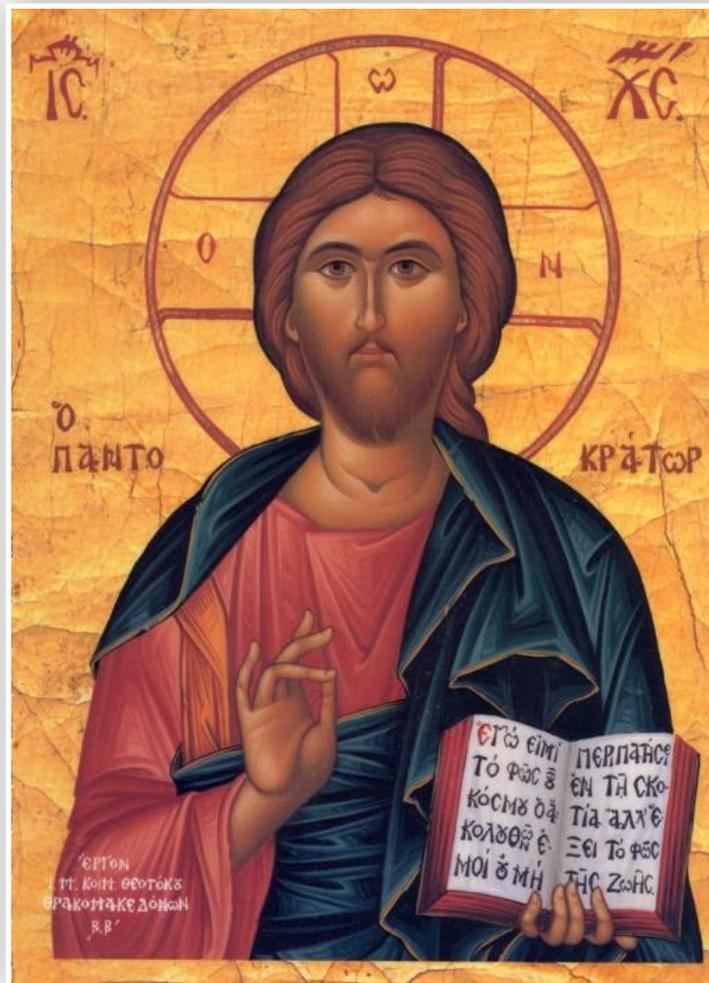




“Mamaivāṁśo jīvaloke jīvabhutaḥ sanātanaḥ”

The eternal Soul in all beings is a spark of My Being

(Bhagavad Gita, Chapter 15, verse 7)



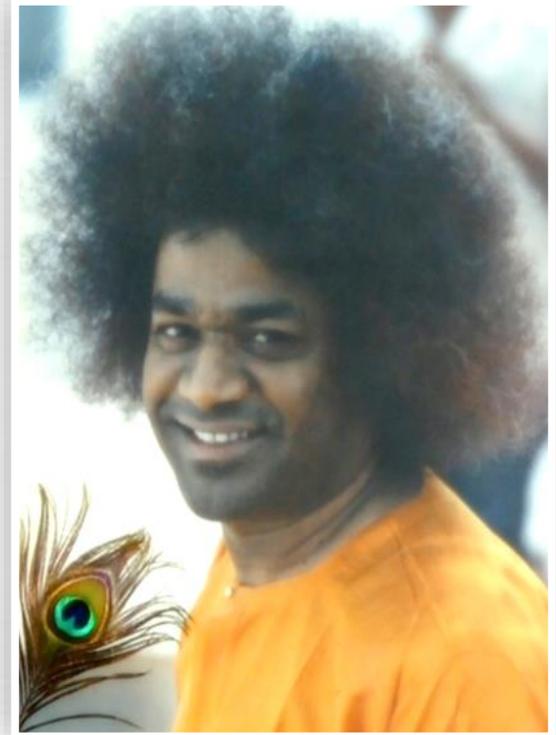
“I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you”

(John, Ch. 14, v. 20)

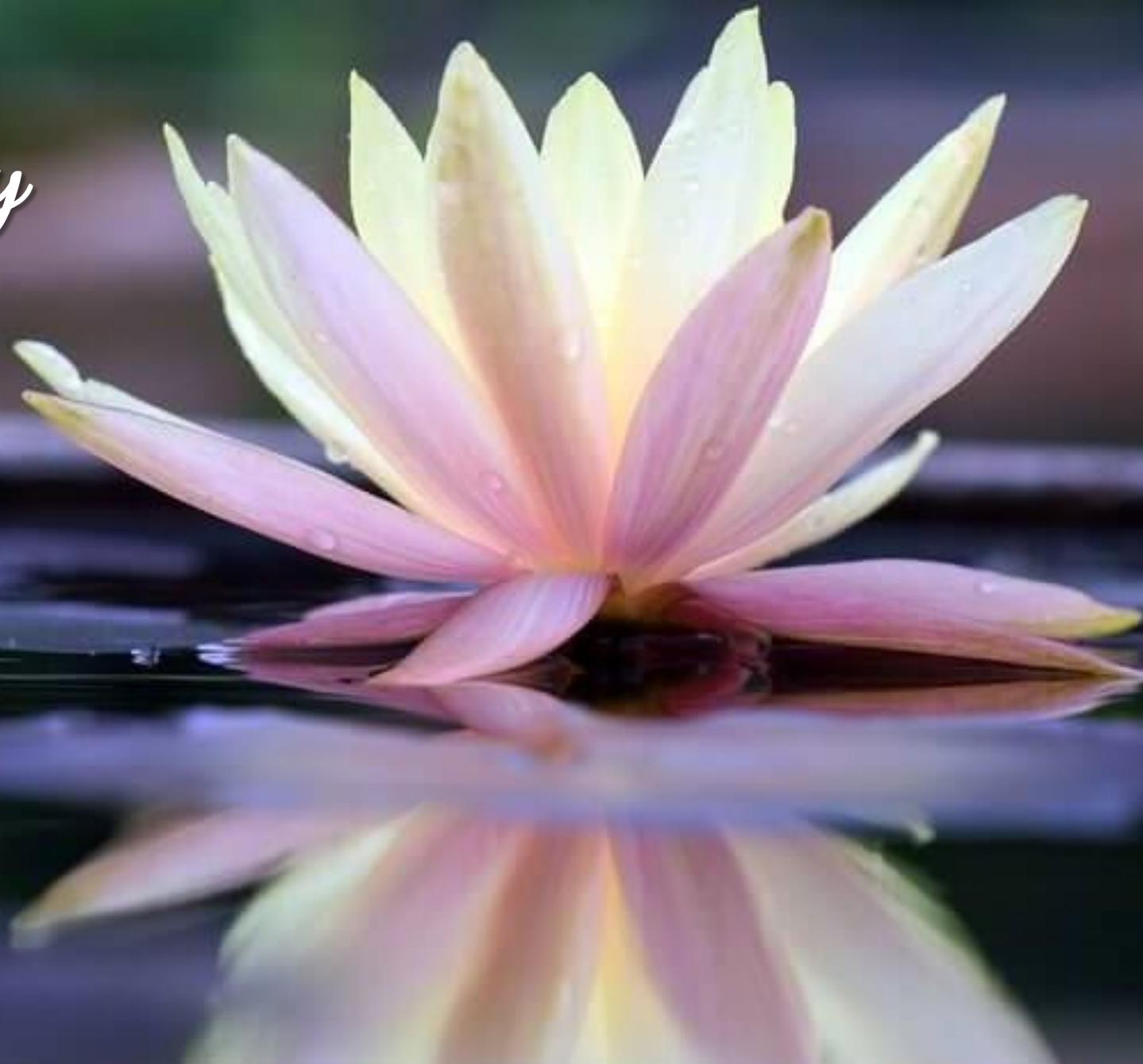
*“God is the only mother and father to one and all. Follow the maxim: **Brotherhood of Man and Fatherhood of God**. The Bhagavad Gita declares: *Mamaivamsho jivaloke jivabhuta sanathana* (the eternal Atma in all beings is a part of My Being). You are not different from Me, we are all one! You must develop faith in such Oneness. Where is God? He is present as the indweller in every human being. God is omnipresent, you need not go far to realise Divinity. If you search your own heart and share your love with others, you can easily understand Divinity. All are bound by the bond of love. All will be united with universal love only.”*

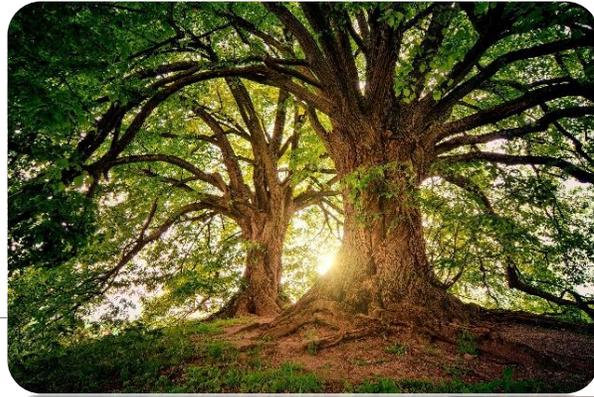
~ Sathya Sai Baba (Sathya Sai Speaks Vol. 40, pg. 45)

“Do not observe any differences on the basis of religion. The same effulgent Atma is present in the heart of everybody. People may wear different types of dresses or speak different languages, but the Atma present in all is one and the same. Names and forms can be different, but the Divine principle is one in all. God has no name or form. He is also referred to as Atma. The Atma is indivisible; it is true and eternal. We should love Atma and make it the basis of our life. This is true human quality. That itself is Truth, Righteousness, Peace, Love and Nonviolence.” ~ *Sathya Sai Baba* (SSS Vol. 40, pg. 20)



*Understanding
Unity in Diversity*





UNITY IN DIVERSITY

Unity

- *Unitas* (Latin) = one, oneness, totality

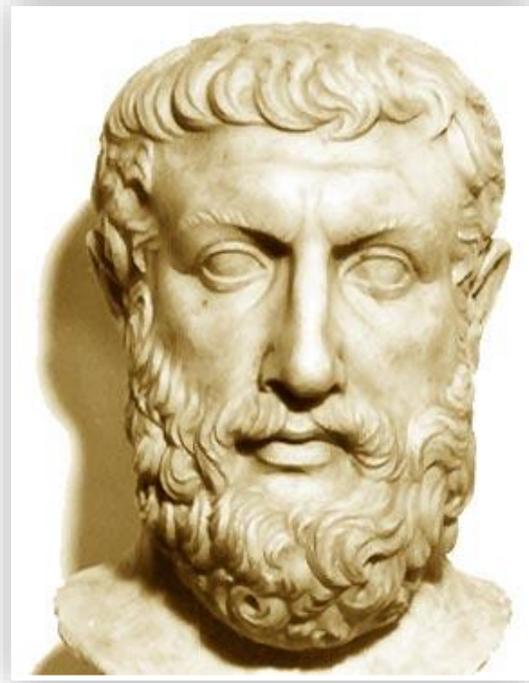
Diversity

- *Diversitas* (Latin) = abundance, variety
- *Divertere* (Latin) = 'to turn in the opposite direction'

UNITAS < Gr. EN = Sanskr. EK

“EKOHAM BAHUSYAM”

“I am ONE, let Me become Many”



Parmenides of Elea
early 5th century BC

“EN TO PAN” i.e. “All is One”

“True education is that which originates from the heart. You should rely more on your spiritual heart than on the physical heart. Conscience is another name for spiritual heart. Keep your heart pure; this should be your main endeavour. Whatever is done with love and purity of heart will confer bliss on you.”

~ *Sathya Sai Baba* (17th August 2005)



*Application of the
Unity Principle*



Love Promotes the Feeling of Oneness

“Develop the spirit of Oneness. *All are One, be alike to everyone.* Different bulbs have different wattages and colours, but the current that flows through them is one and the same. Each of you is a spark of the divine. You will become divine when you recognise the Oneness of all. You all belong to the same universal family. It is only Love that can dispel the darkness of ignorance. Love can unite the entire world.” ~ *Sathya Sai Baba* (16th July 2001)



Unity is the Secret to Social Progress



“When individuals change, society will change; and when society changes, the whole world will change. The welfare of the individual is bound up with the welfare of society as a whole. Unity is the secret of social progress and service to society is the means to promote it.”

~ *Sathya Sai Baba* (SSS, Vol. 1, pg. 29)

Question for reflection...

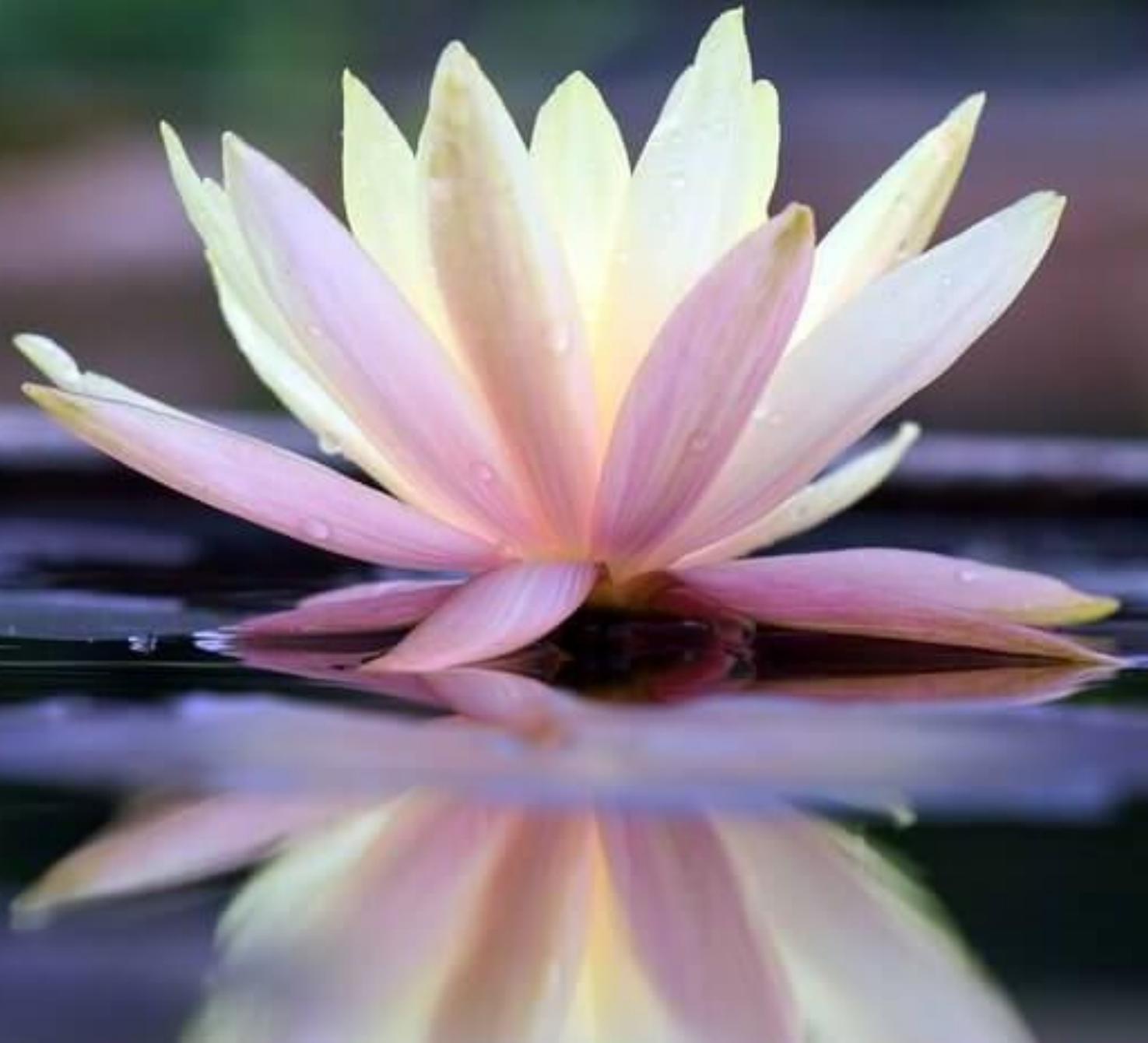


*How does service to society
promote unity?*

Unity as Highlighted in the Guiding Principles

1. Love and serve your country. Do not be critical of others' countries.
2. Honour all religions, for each is a pathway to the one God.
3. Love all people without distinction; know that humanity is a single community.
4. Keep home and surroundings clean.
5. Help people to become self-reliant. Provide food and shelter, love and care, for the sick and the aged.
6. Do not tempt others by offering bribes or demean yourself by accepting them.
7. Do not develop jealousy, hatred, or envy on any account.
8. Do not depend on others to serve your personal needs; become your own servant before proceeding to serve others.
9. Adore God, abhor sin.
10. Observe your country's laws and be exemplary citizens.

Unity of Faiths



All Religions are Facets of the One Truth

- All religions are seeking the one and same God although they may refer to him with different names.
- All scriptures are holy.
- All places of worship are holy.

Religion

- **Religare** (*Latin*) = to reunite, to go back to origin



“Truth (God) is One. The same Paramathma (Supreme Soul) is called by different names like Rama, Krishna, Crist and Allah. This is the cardinal principle on which Sai Organisations work. The unity of faiths is the main plank of Sai Organisations... Never entertain malice towards anyone, the same God is inherent in all beings.”

~ *Sathya Sai Baba* (6th January 1975)



“Let the different faiths exist, let them flourish and let the glory of God be sung in all the languages and a variety of tunes. That should be the ideal. Respect the differences between the faiths and recognise them as valid as long as they do not extinguish the flame of unity.”

~ Sathya Sai Baba (4th July 1968)



*Experiencing Unity in
Diversity is the Mark
of True Spirituality*



The True Reflection of 'Me'



ME

The True Reflection of 'Me'



ME

WE

Spiritual Mathematics...



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Spiritual Mathematics...



$$1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 = 1$$

*“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,
He is omnipresent.”*

~ Sathya Sai Baba

