

## 27. The unique University

This day, I am announcing an event which will give you great joy. Sai is ever full of joy. Anxiety, grief and unrest cannot approach Sai, not even as near as millions of miles, Believe it or not, Sai does not have the slightest experience of anxiety, for Sai is ever aware of the formation and transformation of objects and the antics of time and space and of the incidents therein. Those who have no knowledge of these and those who are affected by circumstances are affected by sorrow. Those who are caught in the coils of time and space become the victims of grief. Though Sai is involved in events conditioned by time and space, Sai is ever established in the principle that is beyond both time and space. Sai is not conditioned by time, place or circumstance.

Therefore, you must all recognise the uniqueness of the Will of Sai, the Sai *Sankalpa*. Know that this *sankalpa* is *Vajrasankalpa*---it is irresistible Will. You may ignore its expression as weak and insignificant but, once the will is formed, whatever else undergoes change, it cannot change.

Fifteen years ago, while inaugurating the College at Anantapur, I had said that it will soon be transformed into a University. People thought that Sai Baaba uttered those words in that strain merely to enthuse them. We established a College at Prashaanthi Nilayam only last year. While doing so., I said "This will be transformed into a University next year and so, we must ensure a stable basis." When I said so, Bhagavantam remarked: "It is impossible". "Institutions working for twenty or even thirty years, having acquired many distinctions and equipped themselves with postgraduate faculties, have yet to realise this goal. Swaami is declaring thus! What course will this Sai *Sankalpa* take"? he thought within himself. He knows what course it will take. Still, it appeared to him doubtful that it would become a University in the very second year of its existence.

### Uniqueness of Prashaanthi Nilayam University

This is the second year of the Prashaanthi Nilayam College. Since Swaami's will is the Almighty Will, the Government of India has agreed to the inauguration of a University by us here. Therefore, this very day, Vijayadashami, the College at Prashaanthi Nilayam and the College at Anantapur are raised to the status of constituents of the new University.

This University will not be imparting in its Botany Course merely a knowledge of trees in Nature; we will spread the knowledge of the Tree of true living. It will not be imparting the knowledge merely of economics; the knowledge of theistic ethics too will be included. It will not be merely teaching Chemistry (*Rasaayana Shaasthra*); it will also unravel the mystery of "*Raso vai sah*," the Supreme Embodiment of nectarine sweetness, the *Aathma*. It will teach not only the science of the material world (*padaartha*); it will also teach the science of the non-material world (*paraartha*). It will not differentiate the material from the non-material or treat the non-material as irrelevant to the material. We have decided that this shall be the uniqueness of the University.

This will not, like other Universities, adopt a few faculties and burden their alumni with degrees, which they can present as begging bowls while clamouring for jobs. This university will confer on its alumni the courage and confidence, the knowledge and the skill, to shape their careers by their own efforts, standing on their own feet and relying on their own strength. So, we have proposed that spiritual education is to be integrated harmoniously with the teaching of ethical, physical and metaphysical sciences in this University.

***Sai Sankalpa is based on Truth and for Truth***

A few minutes before I came here, I performed the *Bhoomi Pooja* (consecration of the site) for the Administrative Building of the University. There, on top of the range of hills, commanding a beautiful vista of nature's charm, the imposing, attractive centre of University activities will come up soon. For the mind, *haayi* (calm comfort); for the body *reft* (cool softness); for our life, *Sayi*--that is the Reality here. On the hill behind South Prashaanthi your eyes can feast on the sight of a magnificent building next year, at this time.

Our construction schedules or schedules for other projects are not planned for five years or ten years. They are 'five-day' plans and 'ten-day' plans. Since we have to conform to the rules and limits set by the Government, this delay is caused. Otherwise, they can happen in a moment because My resolves are based on Truth and are for Truth. Their purpose is the promotion of human well-being, the prosperity of the world. It is not tainted by either a sense of ownership or self-aggrandizement. So, there is no need at all to doubt. Sai Will must fructify at the specified time. May you all derive benefit and joy from these developments!

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