

Group 4 Four Important Discourses of Sri Sathya Sai Baba

Lesson: Milestone discourses by Sri Sathya Sai Baba.

Value: 5 Human Values

Initiating the lesson: - 3 Aums **Silent Sitting:** Jyoti Mediation

The students will read and discuss the four most important discourses by Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba.

- 1. <u>Shiva Shakthi</u> (6 July 1963). Swami heals himself from an 8-day stroke and announces his third incarnation as Prema Sai.
- 2. The revelation (17 May 1968). The last part of Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba's discourse at the "World Conference of Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Seva Organizations" in Bombay, 17 May 1968. Sai Baba states plainly and directly that he has come as an incarnation of God to restore right conduct (dharma).
- 3. <u>Forty-Third birthday discourse</u> (23 November 1968). Another one, called the "milestone" discourse, is believed to be not a real discourse by Sathya Sai Baba but a series of sentences crafted from previous discourses by N. Kasturi. This speech does not appear in the Sathya Sai Speaks series, and no old-timer at Prasanthi Nilayam remembers it.
 - Kasturi reads this "discourse" in a video by Richard Bock while we see darshan scenes. The speech also appeared on a long-playing (33RPM) record and appears in Sam Sandweiss's book The Holy Man and The Psychiatrist.
- 4. Who is Sai? (19 June 1974). Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba's talks about God, the Religion of Love, and His <u>Avatar</u>-hood. He explains why he materializes rings, etc., and gives them to people, and he explains what "Sai Baba" means.

Swami's Message

I am the embodiment of divine love; love is my instrument. There is no creature without love; the lowest loves itself, at least. And itself is God. So, there are no atheists, though some might dislike Him or refuse Him, as malarial patients dislike sweets or diabetic patients refuse to have anything to do with sweets! Those who pose themselves as atheists will one day, when their illness is gone, relish God and revere Him.

- Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba, Sathya Sai Speaks Volume IX 88-92, 19 June 1974

Closing prayer: Om 3 x Shanthi