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***“POWERFUL DECLARATIONS FROM THE AVATAR
BHAGAVAN SRI SATHYA SAI BABA”***

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Sai Ram!

Good morning everybody.

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SATHYA SAI BABA AND HIS MISSION

Let us be aware of one basic fact: that every Avatar has a mission to fulfill. Until that mission is fulfilled, they will not leave their sojourn on earth. Then once their mission is fulfilled, they disappear, that's all. They have come here in human form with a mission. This is what is called “*leela janma*”: *janma* is ‘birth’, *leela* is ‘Divine sport’. So here they come down in human form with a special mission. I repeat: The moment their mission is fulfilled, they disappear.

Next point: let us look at a few examples that we know: Rama came with His mission of *Sathya* and *Dharma*, Truth and Righteousness. By demonstrating this in His own life, at the end what happened? He just withdrew from the scene. He just withdrew from the scene! All of them, all brothers, just withdrew from the scene.

Take for example Krishna: When His mission of spreading Prema, Divine Love, was accomplished, He just withdrew from that scene. Take for example, Shirdi Baba. Shirdi Baba came here to bring about a kind of brotherhood between Hindus and Muslims. He also came to spread love through His miracles and His own personality, His compassion, and His Love. And after that mission was fulfilled, He withdrew from His body.

Jesus Christ: When His mission of sacrifice, love, dedication and service was fulfilled, He decided to leave His body. He knew the day of crucifixion. He knew that his enemies

would take His life. He knew that He was going to be crucified. He fixed that only after accomplishing His Divine program.

Rama, Krishna, Jesus . . . do you know Buddha was poisoned? He allowed Himself to be poisoned because He had accomplished His Divine program. He had fulfilled His Divine program. So what I want to let you know is this: Avatars come down on earth, they mingle with us freely with their Divine program, and continue to be with us until their tasks are fulfilled completely. Then they disappear.

The same thing happened in the case of Bhagavan Sri Sathya Sai Baba. What we say about His mission and all that is only our cheap imagination and immaturity. Let me talk to you on this, and tell you what Baba said.

EVERYTHING HAPPENS AS PER HIS WILL

Some people said -- it's really very silly -- that Baba left His body because He felt that His body decayed and that His body was useless, and that it will not serve Him any purpose. What a foolish statement this is! Did He ever say, "My body decayed"? Did He ever say that His body had become useless? Not to my knowledge. Not to my knowledge!

He'll be hurt if you say, "How are you Swami?" I remember one incident. A top doctor from America came and asked Him, "Swami, how are You?" Swami said, "I am fine." Dr. asked again, "How are You?" because the doctor knew that Swami was not doing well. Swami said, "I am fine." This doctor asked again, "How are You?" Swami said, "If you ask again, I'll send you out!"

After all, the body may appear to be decaying in your sight. The body might be looking useless from your point of view. But it is left to His discretion, it is left to His decision, how long to continue, that's all. The body won't dictate to Him. Please understand this. The decaying body will lead to the end of *our* lives. But not in His case: His body won't dictate to Him; He dictates to His body, meaning He'll withdraw when He decides. That's all. Not according to the condition of the body. Let us be aware of this.

And some people also say that Swami said, "What is the use of this body? Nothing can be done. It is better to discard such a body." Would Swami say that? Or they say, "Swami gave up His body because of ill health, to take up the subtle form." This is the point they try to make: He has discarded His body to take up the subtle form! **There cannot be any greater sin than this. It is the worst of the crimes that we can ever commit in our life. Utter distrust in Swami! Total disregard to His teachings!**

So, according to you, He left His body because it was decaying. Why? “To transfer to the subtle body.” Is that possible? Very bad! It means Swami Himself will take the form of subtle body. That’s what they said.

Baba said, as I mentioned in the previous talk, **there’s no subtle body. Subtle body ends with death.** It is a false claim that He takes the form of subtle body after discarding the present body. *Pucca* untruth! **Totally false!** We cannot be carried away by such things.

And then, some people claim that He was forced to leave His body because of ill health. And a further foolish statement: “He was made to leave His body early against His Will.” **What a dirty, stupid, idiotic statement it is!**

On one hand, you say, “He’s God.” “Whatever He wills will happen.” You say that He controls the whole thing. But then you also say that He had to leave His body quite early against His Will!

Does it not look rather shameful to say these things? Very sad. While going through these statements, I felt very sad, because we hold Baba to be omniscient, omnipresent, omnipotent, GOD, all powerful, who controls the whole thing by His Divine Will. And then you say that He left His body against His Will!? **When everything happens as per His Will, how can He leave His body against His Will?** Is it not contradictory? Just think for yourself.

BABA IS THE DIVINE DIRECTOR

In *Bhagavatha Vahini*, which is His own composition, His own writing, what did Baba say? He said He’s the Divine Director. He’s a Puppeteer. He will make the puppets dance. Something like the director who directs the actors how to act on the stage! He is *Sutradhari*, the Divine Director, the Puppeteer.

And then please follow this point: Swami said this in *Bhagavatha Vahini*: His Will guides and determines every single moment and gesture. I repeat: He guides and directs every single moment and gesture! That’s what He declared in *Bhagavatha Vahini*. With what face then do you say that He left His body against His Will because the body is decaying? Does it carry any meaning? That’s what my question is.

“He is the Puppeteer (Sutradhari), the holder of the strings that move the puppets and make them act their roles, but He seats Himself among the spectators and pretends to be unaware of the plot or story or cast. The characters cannot deviate a dot from His directions; His Will guides and determines every single movement and gesture.”

Bhagavatha Vahini, p.41,

<http://www.ssbpt.info/vahinis/Bhagavatha/BhagavathaVahiniInteractive.pdf>

Again, *Sathya Sai Speaks*, Vol. 37, ch. 23, October 17, 2004, what does Baba say? He's the Cosmic Play Director. Baba is the Cosmic Play Director. He directs you! Who are you to direct Him? He guides you, so who are you to guide Him? Cosmic Director, *wah, wah!* That's an eye-opener for all of us to know that everything happens as per His Will.

"It is God who makes you play your role in this cosmic drama. It is He who makes you sing, dance, etc. He is the cosmic play director."

SSS 37.23: October 17, 2004,

<http://www.sathyasai.org/discour/2004/d041017.html>

And I should also tell you: *Sathya Sai Speaks*, Vol. 3, ch. 4, February 5th, 1963, my friends! 1963 is very long back. What did He say? **His role will be according to Him**, that's all. You cannot say, "Swami, this is Your role." Nobody can say, "I imagine this role to be played by You." No! "Any role or any part, I take it upon Myself; it'll be according to Me." That's what Baba said.

And further, let's not say, "Swami left all of a sudden and Swami decided to leave us; He was very sick and therefore He had to discard His body." Wrong! Because Baba said in His discourse, **"Every step in the career of the Avatar is predetermined."** Everything is preordained. Everything is predetermined: when He should appear, when He should disappear, when He should take up a body, when He should withdraw from the body. They are all predetermined! The Divine Plan! That's what Baba said. So we cannot say, "It happened all of a sudden."

"Every step in the career of the Avatar is predetermined."

SSS 03.4: February 5, 1963,

<http://www.ssbpt.info/ssspeaks/volume03/sss03-04.pdf>

"THE TASK FOR WHICH I HAVE COME WILL SUCCEED"

And then, I would also like to tell you how confident He was. The other name of confidence is Bhagavan Sri Sathya Sai Baba, the Confidence. See, here's what He said: **"The task will succeed."** There's nothing like going back. **"The task for which I have come will succeed. It will not be impeded by any obstacle."** It will not be impeded by any obstacle, meaning nothing comes in the way of His Will. Nothing can stop Him. Things will happen as He designed and as He decided.

And then Swami also said: **“It will not be limited. It will never be slowed down.”** See that! He’s so confident that His mission will never be slowed down. It will never stop. It will succeed.

Further Baba said: When the Lord decides, **when the Lord decides and wills, His Sankalpa cannot be hindered.** That’s *Vajra Sankalpa*, His will is as strong as a diamond! Nothing can happen. **It has to happen as He wills. It must happen as He decided, that’s all.** That’s what Baba said.

“This task will succeed; it will not be impeded by any obstacle. It will not be limited or slowed. When the Lord decides and wills, His Sankalpa (Resolve) cannot be hindered...”

SSS 4.49: December 17, 1964,

<http://www.ssbpt.info/ssspeaks/volume04/sss04-49.pdf>

WHY HAS HE TAKEN HUMAN FORM

And Swami further said, **“This body has come because of Divine Sankalpa, Divine Will.**

“This Body has come through Divine Sankalpa (the Lord's Resolve), to come.”

SSS 4.49: December 17, 1964,

<http://www.ssbpt.info/ssspeaks/volume04/sss04-49.pdf>

And ‘Why has He taken human form?’ may be the question. And this is the answer given by Baba. What did He say?

He has come here to uphold the human values: Sathya, Dharma, Shanti, Prema; to bring the whole world under one canopy: the Fatherhood of God, and brotherhood of Man; to come to the rescue of the devotees; to encourage the pious people; to put people along the right path. He has a Divine program which has got to be fulfilled, and He fulfilled it to a great extent. That we’ll come to know slowly, by and by.

“That resolve is intended to uphold Sathya. Bhagavath-sankalpa (God's resolve) is always Sathya-sankalpa (resolve that comes true).”

SSS 4.49: December 17, 1964,

<http://www.ssbpt.info/ssspeaks/volume04/sss04-49.pdf>

HIS DEPARTURE WAS A CONSCIOUS EXIT

And then, He has not left the body all of a sudden. Please understand my friends, because He Himself said, **“Departure was a conscious exit.”** He knows when He should leave. Gradually, He’ll allow His body to go. Nobody can force Him. That’s what Baba said.

For your reference I may tell you what He said. Yes that’s what He said in His talks, yes. *Sathya Sai Speaks, Vol. 4, ch. 49*, December 17th, 1964. I think it’s quite enough for all of us to know how He could peep into the future, how He could look into the future and warn all of us against these threats, against these possible changes.

And then my friends, there’s a claim by somebody that, “Swami did not complete His mission, and the rest of the mission I have to fulfill, complete it.” Oh-ho! I don’t know how people believe such statements!

Sathya Sai Speaks, Vol. 3, ch. 15, July 6th, 1963, long, long back, what did He say?

“Nothing can halt, nothing can stop My work as an Avatar. Nobody can stop Me.”

“Let Me tell you one more thing: nothing can impede or halt the work of this Avatar.”

SSS 3.15: July 6, 1963,

<http://www.ssbpt.info/ssspeaks/volume03/sss03-15.pdf>

And further He said in His Birthday Discourse in the year 1968, which was the 43rd Birthday. What did He say? **“This task will succeed!”** What I decide, what I designed, what I planned, will succeed. Nobody can stop it—impossible! **“It will not be slowed down.”** That is what He declared in one of His Birthday talks in 1968, on His 43rd Birthday.

“This task will succeed. It will not be limited. It will not be slowed down. When the Lord decides and wills, His divine will cannot be hindered. ... My activities and movements will never be altered, whoever may pass whatever opinion on them. I shall not modify my plans for the establishment of righteousness (dharmasthapana), my discourses, or my movements. I have stuck to this determination for many years and I am engaged in the task for which I have come: that is, to inculcate faith in the path of the highest spiritual peace (prasanthi). I shall not stop or retract a step.”

43rd Birthday Discourse,

<http://www.sathyasai.org/discour/1968/d681123.htm>

And then He also said, **“I’m engaged in the task for which I have come.”** I’m always engaged . . . Swami is very busy to fulfill the task for which He has come. What is this task? **“To inculcate faith in the path of the highest spiritual peace.”** The highest spiritual peace! We don’t have peace today. Let us have faith in peace. Swami has given us a way. He has taught us how to live peacefully, how to live blissfully. That’s what He said.

And then, we devotees should be charged with this saying of Swami, such an emphatic saying of Swami! What does He say? **“I SHALL NOT STOP OR RETRACT A STEP.”** I shall not stop or retract a step! I will not go back. I will not step down, even a single step. I will not stop in any case. That’s what He declared on that day. “Nobody can stop Me.”

“I am engaged in the task for which I have come: that is, to inculcate faith in the path of the highest spiritual peace (prasanthi). I shall not stop or retract a step.”

43rd Birthday Discourse,

<http://www.sathyasai.org/discour/1968/d681123.htm>

And then, **“Nothing agitates Me.”** Yes, understand that. **“MY RESOLVE MUST PREVAIL. My task will be accomplished. MY MISSION WILL SUCCEED.”** That’s what Baba said. What an emphatic statement it is! What a Divine declaration it is! Only He could say that. *Sathya Sai Speaks, Vol. 1, ch. 16, September 9, 1958.* That’s what He said, my friends. Let us understand it.

“My Resolve must prevail; My task must be accomplished. My mission will succeed.”

SSS 1.16: September 9, 1958,

<http://www.ssbpt.info/ssspeaks/volume01/sss01-16.pdf>

EXERCISE THE POWER OF DISCRIMINATION

Now I come to a different dimension: Some say He left a lot of work behind, and we must complete that work, and we must complete that work very fast! We should speed up our work, leftover by Him.

And further foolishness has reached the climax with this statement: Someone says, “He did only 20% of His work during His lifetime, and it’s my job to do the remaining 80% of His work.” The one who says such a thing is a fool and the one who believes that is a double-fool! You are capable of doing 80% of His work when Avatar could only accomplish 20%?! Did He say that to you? Or did He say that to the public? When He

openly said, **“I WILL SUCCEED, NO ONE CAN STOP ME,”** then how can you say that 80% is leftover? Is there any truth in that statement?

And then, it's false to say that there's a lot of work left behind for me to do, and the work has to be speeded up, and that He will do it in this so-called 'subtle form'. **That's all utterly false.**

And further, the climax of madness is this: that subtle form will do greater work faster than Sathya Sai Baba Himself! Ah! The climax to one's own foolishness! I don't know! How can you be faster than Him? Well, with what authority do you say, "I will fulfill His mission?" How can you do like that? How can you do that?

Therefore, they say in all these years of His physical form on earth, He has done far less than what His subtle form could do. That is the claim these people make. Imposters! False gurus! What do you expect!

How can you make such statements, having been with Swami? How should I estimate myself if I follow such words? How should I consider myself if I believe such words, believe such false claims? I have to blame myself. The man who makes these claims may have his own selfish reasons. But I should use my intellect, my reason!

PLEASE MY FRIENDS, EXERCISE THE POWER OF DISCRIMINATION! JUDGE FOR YOURSELF! WAKE UP! IT'S TIME TO WAKE UP. That's what we have to do.

SATHYA SAI BABA SPIRITUAL MOVEMENT IS SLOW AND SILENT

And then, his further statement is: "One third of His mission is completed; two-thirds of His mission is not yet completed! That's what I'm going to accomplish." What! Why do you say that? Why do you say that? Only one third, is it? "Two thirds I'm going to do in this subtle form." Did Baba say that? Please understand this, my friends.

There are some books published under the title *“Conversations with Bhagavan Sri Sathya Sai Baba”*, Vol. 3, page 37. He said it on 8th of August, 2001. "Some people will say, in three to four years, we could start so many institutions. In three to four years we could start so many hospitals. We could start so many service activities within just three to four years!" It's something like instant coffee, instant food. It's not like that, it's not like that.

Sathya Sai spiritual movement is slow and silent. It's a spiritual revolution! Sathya Sai mission is not merely service activities, not merely establishing institutions. **His main mission is the transformation of Mankind, the transformation of Man: to make every man realize the Divinity within;** it's not for the establishment of institutions, gathering supporters, and collecting funds within a short time.

I think, though I don't know to what extent I'm correct, that allopathy medicines give you relief immediately. If we take a Paracetamol tablet, the temperature will go down. Good! But next morning, it will rise. So the rapid program, the quick programs will give you only short-term gains, short-term profits. But in the long run, these gimmicks, this magic won't help. Everything should be slow: slow and steady wins the race. Baba believes in this.

“Start early”: He started His mission right from His childhood. “Drive slowly”: When was Eswamma School established? After how many years did He start the College at Anantapur? After how many years did He start the University in Puttaparthi? After how many years did He start the Super Specialty Hospital? How much time has He taken? He has taken a pretty long time! Why? Because the projects are not for projects' sake! The projects are not merely for propaganda or publicity. **Projects are the opportunities for the devotees to take part, to play their role in the fulfillment of the Divine Mission, which is slow and steady.**

URGENCY VS. SLOW, CALM, PEACEFUL TRANSFORMATION

As a young boy, He started reformation and transformation in the village. As a young boy, He started serving everybody. As He was getting older and older, He started establishing schools. Just estimate, because all the statistics are available. When was the school established? When was the College established? When was the University established? When were the hospitals started? When was the water project started? How much time He has taken! What was the gap between these projects?

Why should you take a long time when you can do it in three to four years? “I can do within four to five years; I can do the whole thing!” It won't do. **“Start early, drive slowly, reach safely.”** It's not only His saying; His Mission also should be like that. He could successfully run His Mission like that – slow and silent, slow and silent. Silent – no publicity. Slow – gradual. So gradual, silent change He brought in everybody, not through a kind of mesmerism or anything like that! Not all of a sudden! Please understand.

Baba said it clearly in that *“Conversations with Bhagavan Sri Sathya Sai Baba”*, Vol. 3, page 37, 8th of August, 2001. What did He say? “I don't make a rapid program. I don't take any rapid program or quick programs. I don't take that. It's not like a TV campaign.” That's what Swami said.

“All these things that you take up very fast, they give you only temporary results.” I'm just quoting Swami: **“The projects that could be completed within a short time will give you only temporary results.”** They'll give you temporary results and you may have temporary publicity, but so what? Swami said: **“My process is slow but the methods will be effective and permanent.”** The effect of Sathya Sai Baba, the steps

He has taken up, will be effective and ever-lasting, permanent! That's why He was quite slow, quite slow in His Movement.

“Now, having come, be assured the task will be accomplished, but not as fast as impatient humans would like. By an intensive T.V. campaign, rapid change could be accomplished, but it would be only temporary. God sees things differently to man and He knows that to start early, drive slowly, reach safely is correct. The change that Baba is bringing about may be through slow methods, such as His colleges, but the methods will be effective.”

CWBSSSB p.37,

http://media.radiosai.org/journals/Vol_03/08AUG01/cws.htm

And then, it is also written here. Baba is also reported to have said the following in “*Conversations with Sathya Sai Baba*”, Vol. 4, page 87, 1st May, 2006. I think it was Hislop who asked Him. Swami said this:

Hislop: *Swami, Ramakrishna touched Vivekananda, and there was immediate change in Vivekananda. Will it happen now also?*

This is Swami's answer. What did He say? **“Slowly gradually I bring about change in the lives of devotees, not all of a sudden. But the change I bring about is permanent.”** That's what He said. Therefore, let's understand it. Let's not expect any rapid, quick results like that.

Hislop: “Can it be said that the reversal given to Vivekananda's life by the touch of Ramakrishna is given to our own lives merely by the Darshan of Baba?”

SAI: “Baba does not do that. He slowly and gradually changes the lives of his devotees. But the change is permanent.”

CWBSSSB p.87,

http://media.radiosai.org/journals/Vol_04/01MAY06/conversation.htm

And further, *Sathya Sai Speaks Vol. 1, ch. 31*, Sept. 29th, 1960, which is long back, what did He say? **“I shall certainly achieve the purpose of the Avatar.”** There's nothing like dropping in the middle, nothing like not being total or not completing any task, leaving it incomplete. That's all our misconceived notions and foolish ideas that He never said. On the one hand, He said, “I will complete the task.” So who are you to say

that He has not completed the task? Who are you to say that? How foolish it is! That's what He said: **"I shall certainly achieve the purpose of this Avatar. Don't doubt it."**

Some people doubt for themselves and make all of us doubting Thomases. You're already gone and you want also to be mad! What's all this?

And further He said: **"I will take My own time to carry out My Plan."** Swami has time. He has His own Plan. Look at ourselves: when we come to Swami, He decides how long we should be in His fold. He decides how devoted we should be. He guides. But He will not leave you in any case. Therefore, my friends, "I take time. But I will certainly carry out My Plan." That's what Swami said.

Arre! Highlight this: **"I cannot hurry because you are in a hurry."** We're always in a hurry to catch the bus or to catch the train. To catch *moksha* also, we are in a hurry! 'Hurry, worry, curry' won't do here. Swami takes His own time. He'll watch you and bring about transformation without your noticing, and accomplish what He wants through you. And He will not leave you until then, as He said.

And Swami said, **"My word will never fail. My word will never fail. It must happen as I will."** **"All that I say MUST happen as I will."** That's what Swami has said.

"I shall certainly achieve the purpose of this Avathar, do not doubt it. I will take My own time to carry out My plan. So far as you are concerned, I cannot hurry because you are hurrying. I may, some time, wait until I can achieve ten things in one stroke; just as an engine is not used to haul one coach, but waits until sufficient haulage in proportion to its capacity is ready. My word will never fail; it must happen as I Will."

SSS1.31: September 29, 1960,

<http://www.ssbpt.info/ssspeaks/volume01/sss01-31.pdf>

Are these statements from Swami not enough for us to be convinced? Are these not adequate for us to be wise? Are these not enough to decide what is right and what is wrong? What is truth and what is false? Are these statements not enough?! Statements made right from 1960!

We don't care to read His message. We don't want to keep ourselves familiar with His teachings. That is the plight today. We're simply carried away by His gifts of grace – what ring He has given me, what watch He gave me, and how He named my great, great grandson, how He got my granddaughter married. That's not His real work. That's not His Mission! These are only gifts of His grace to just pull you towards the spiritual path. You've forgotten that and you just brag about these things. It's our fault.

AVATARS LEAVE THEIR BODIES ONCE THEIR MISSION IS COMPLETED

And then He says -- please note this point -- what did He say? **“Avatars leave their bodies once their mission is complete.”** It means they don't leave until then. *Sathya Sai Speaks Vol. 42, ch. 04* February 21, 2009.

2009, that's when He made this statement:

“The Avatars of Rama, Krishna, etc., may be different in names and forms; but the Atma Principle in them is only one. They all lived in their human vestures till the completion of their Avataric mission, and once their task was completed, they disappeared.”

SSS 42.04: February 21, 2009,

<http://www.ssbpt.info/ssspeaks/volume42/sss42-04.pdf>

Therefore, let us not be carried away by these falsifications or false statements. So it is totally false that He left because of His ill health.

And then, even Sri Ramakrishna Paramahansa also lived until he completed his task. And that had happened, that's what Swami said.

And again, see *Sathya Sai Speaks, Vol. 10, ch 39*, December 25th, 1970: What did He say? **“My body is like other bodies: it's a temporary habitation.”** Swami's body is also as temporary as the bodies of anybody.

“But My Power is eternal!” Baba's power is eternal, all-pervasive, everlasting! *Arre!* When I start repeating these statements, I get charged and highly emotional because nobody in human history made such statements. **“My power is eternal, all-pervasive, everlasting!”**

“My Body, like all other bodies, is a temporary habitation; but My power is eternal, all pervasive, everlasting! This body has been assumed, to serve a purpose: the establishment of Dharma and the teaching of Dharma. When that purpose is over, this Body will disappear, like the bubble on the waters.”

SSS 10.39: December 25, 1970,

<http://www.ssbpt.info/ssspeaks/volume10/sss10-39.pdf>

So you cannot say, “Baba left His body; I'm in charge of Baba.” You cannot say, “I'm going to do what He did before.” Or, “He has entered into my body and made me do all this.” What is all this? This statement says, **“My body is like the body of anybody,**

which is temporary; but My Power is eternal, everlasting, all powerful.” Then these silly points, these silly things, will never be said again by anybody.

And then, after all He also said this: *Sathya Sai Speaks, Vol. 42, ch. 5, February 23rd, 2009.* What did He say?

“This body, or the body of an Avatar, exists for a certain period and then withdraws as per their plan of action.” That’s what He said.

“When the Divine Atma embodied in the physical body reaches its eternal abode, it is a matter of joy, not sorrow.”

It means: “When I withdraw from this body, don’t cry. Don’t feel sad.” When Swami left His body, there are many people who are telling even today, “Swami left His body...” So what! He left His body; you’re still in the body. **Swami’s in you!** So where’s the question of ‘Swami left’? It’s foolishness. And therefore He said, “Don’t cry because I have withdrawn from you, physically.”

“The physical vestures last for a particular period and then cease to exist. Divinity takes different forms later. For example, you are now attached to this physical body. You worship this body and derive great satisfaction and bliss thereby. But, after sometime, this body may disappear like the earlier Avatars. Then you should not feel sad. When the divine Atma embodied in this physical body reaches its eternal abode, it is a matter of joy, not sorrow.”

SSS 42.5: February 23, 2009,

<http://www.ssbpt.info/ssspeaks/volume42/ss42-05.pdf>

And therefore, “I have gone to the Source, the Source because it’s everywhere in a formless, nameless state.” He has come down with a name and form, and then gone back to nameless, formless state. He has come from the nameless, formless state, and He has gone back to the nameless, formless state. Where does it exist? All over, all over! The Divinity exists all over, everywhere, but comes in a human form, when He decides, when He wills. Let’s understand this.

Therefore, let us not say, “Swami has gone, Swami has left.” There’s no meaning at all in saying that.. Where has He gone? From nature, from all the five elements, from the whole of the universe. But He is here, around us, in us, above us, below us. That is the feeling that we should have, as Swami Himself declared many times.

“Meditate upon Divinity, which is true and eternal. The body is made up of five elements and is bound to perish sooner or later, but the

indweller has neither birth nor death. The indweller has no attachment whatsoever and is the eternal witness. Truly speaking, the indweller, who is in the form of Atma, is verily God Himself. (Telugu poem) Hence, never consider the physical body as permanent. The bodies appear according to the time and circumstances. Once the prescribed time is over, they just disappear. Even the experiences gained by the physical body vanish.”

EVERY AVATAR GOES THROUGH STAGES

And then He also said Avatars have some program, have some stages.

“The course of an Avatar goes invariably through the same stages. It is the same for every Avatar at all times.”

CWBSSSB, pp. 191-192,

http://media.radiosai.org/journals/Vol_04/01MAY06/conversation.htm

Why, if you think of Rama, His first stage was: *Bala Kanda*, *Ayodhya Kanda*, and then came *Yuddha Kanda*. All these ‘*Kandas*’ mean ‘chapters’. There are four chapters in the life of Sri Ramachandra. In each chapter His behavior is better, is different. I think I’m clear. Therefore every Avatar goes through some stages.

Take Krishna. Krishna *leela* is full of miracles. Then second part is the teaching of *Bhagavad Gita*. Teaching of *Bhagavad Gita* is another chapter. Therefore, even in the life of the Avatar, there are different stages.

Therefore, in respect to Swami also, He said in *Sathya Sai Speaks, Vol. 1, ch. 1*, October 18th, 1953. Wow! 1953! What did He say?

I have three steps (stages). First 16 years is child sport, Divine sport, *leelas*, *bala leelas*, full of miracles to make people happy, to make them enjoy, and to make them come to Him. Full of miracles! There are many people even today, who enjoyed all His miracles of those days. Why miracles? To give joy and contentment. All His *bala leelas*, the heavenly sport during His childhood, are meant to give us joy and contentment.

And after the 32nd year what will happen? Spiritual instruction. My job is to give you spiritual instruction, “teaching erring humanity and directing the world along the path of truth, righteousness, peace and love.” Therefore first the *leela* stage and then comes the next stage, *bodha* stage, the teaching process. That’s what Swami has said. Let us note it.

“The first 16 years of this Life have been, as I have often told you, the period when divine child sport predominated, and the next 16 is being spent mostly in miracles in order to give joy to this generation. Joy and contentment are short-lived sensations; you have to catch that mood and make it a permanent possession: bliss (ananda). After the 32nd year, you will see Me active more and more in the task of spiritual instruction—teaching erring humanity and in directing the world along the path of truth, righteousness, peace and love.”

SSS 1.1: October 18, 1953,

<http://www.ssbpt.info/ssspeaks/volume01/ss01-01.pdf>

And then Swami also said in *Conversations with Sri Sathya Sai Baba*, pages 191-92, Vol. 4, 1st May, 2006. What did He say?

Invariably, necessarily, an Avatar goes through certain stages: childhood, sure; youthful stage, quite sure; old age, quite certain. All stages one has to go through and the Avatar has no exemption. But the Divine power continues in all these stages. That’s what He said. First 16 years are characterized by constant *leelas*. From (age) 45-60 emphasis will be on teaching. After the age of 60, He will directly give -- please note this -- He will directly give added strength to the minds of the people who are directly working with Him. Swami’s here to guide us, to direct us, to strengthen our minds. He’s on the job at the age of 60, and from then onwards.

STRONG WIND BLOWS AWAY THE HUSK, LEAVING ONLY THE KERNEL

At age 60 starts a time of change. That’s what Baba said. What a wonderful example he has given! Just as when a strong wind comes up and blows away the husk, it leaves only the sound kernel, the rice grains, you know. The husks will be blown away by the wind. But the grain will be staying there. **So this is the crucial stage, where the husk, the weak-minded people, the doubting Thomases, the confused minds, will be blown away. But those with the strength of faith, with the strength of wisdom, will stay with Him forever and ever.**

This statement was made in 2006! How true it is today. **In these times, many devotees will fall away from Sai, leaving only those devotees whose faith is sound and solid.** So all those fellows will go; but those devotees whose faith is solid and sound will stay with Him. That’s what Baba said.

“The course of an Avatar goes invariably through the same stages. It is the same for every Avatar at all times. The first 16 years are characterised by constant leelas; then leelas and teaching up to age

45. From age 45 to 60, the emphasis is almost wholly on teaching. At age 60, there is a very big change... After age 60, Sai will directly give added strength to the minds of those persons who are actively working with Him. Now is starting a time of change. It is just as when a strong wind comes up and blows away the husks, leaving only the sound kernels. In these times, many devotees will fall away from Sai, leaving only those devotees whose faith is sound and solid."

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Therefore my friends, my appeal to you all in this talk is **let us be fully assured of the Divine mission**. Let us never, even in the wildest of dreams, think that He has left the body because of His weakness, or that He has not completed His mission and there's somebody else to fulfill it; or that His process is not as fast as it is somewhere else.

I explained throughout these recent talks why He's slow, why He left, why we should not be carried away by these masquerades or imitators or mimicry, and also understand that all the gimmicks, the magic that we see around, is only because they are possessed by evil spirits.

PRAYER THAT WE SHALL NOT DEVIATE FROM HIS PATH

I conclude with a prayer to Swami from the bottom of my heart that we shall never deviate from the path that He laid for all of us.

May Bhagavan bless you!

Thank you very much for your time.