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Follower Of Sai Baba

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The poems or gems here are the words of Shri Sathya Sai Baba. He has over 100 million followers. Thousands of books have been written about Sai Baba. A Jewish psychiatrist wrote The Holy Man and the Psychiatrist. An African Christian Victor Kanu, Z Bashiruddin, a Muslim woman, professor and poet, JC, a woman artist from Virginia, an Italian priest, Don Mario Mazzoleni, a Russian yoga teacher, Indra Devi, a British animal rights activist, Peggy Mason, a Parsi oral surgeon, Eruch Fanibunda, Arnold Schulman, Hollywood screenwriter are some of the thousands.

All Beings Are Beautiful

All beings
are beautiful
seen through eyes
of love

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Barking Dog

A barking dog in a room full of mirrors sees only enemies.

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Be Like The Stream

Be like the stream which flows in ananda (joy) over rocks.

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Be Silent Like The Rose

Be silent like the rose which communicates only through fragrance.

(Within the walls of the ashram, the rule is silence unless one is in his or her own room.)

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Dead Ball Moon

Why does the dead ball moon shining with
stolen light have more power on
earth than the vastly larger self luminescent stars?
Proximity

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Diamonds

Diamonds shine more brightly foiled by black velvet.

(a response to warmonger cartel traducers)

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God Is In Every Creature

God is in every creature. How can you cause such pain?

(a reference to the eating of animal and fish flesh)

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Gold In The Foot

The gold in the foot of an idol is as valuable as that in the head.

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High Soaring Bird

However high a bird may soar, it has sooner or later to perch on a tree top, to enjoy quiet.

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Hour Hand

1 stroke of the hour hand equals 60 acts of the minute hand or 3600 movements of the second hand. The hour hand is the jnana marga or path of wisdom. The minute hand is the bhakti marga or way of devotion. The second hand is the journey of the karma yogi who follows the path of action or good works.

(paraphrased)

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How Happiness Comes

Happiness will seep into your life as quietly as dew into a coconut.

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I Give You What You Want

I give you what you want so that you will want what I have to give.

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I Have No Followers

None can follow Me for I face all directions.

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If The Fruit Is Green

If the fruit is green it will not fall to the ground even if you beat it with a sharp stick. When it is ripe it falls of its own accord in the silence of the night.

(Poster, upset once by the callousness of an acquaintance,
opened at random to this quote.)

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Inside The Wrath Of The Chalice

'Inside the wrath of the chalice is the blood of Jesus.

(spoken to disciple in meditation)

(if one compares the body to the chalice, the pain is
transmuted into miracle power)

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Love All Beings

Love all beings. That is enough.

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Love All Serve All

Love all. Serve all.
Help ever. Hurt never.

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Love Is The Rose Lust Is The Thorn

Love is the rose.

Lust is the thorn

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Love, Theism, Atheism

Love is the one form in which everybody is ready to accept God.

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Merging Bubbles

A bubble is on water and merges in water. Man is born in God and merges in God.

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Most Heinous Sin

The most heinous sin is to hurt the heart of another.

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Mother

'If you honour your mother, the Mother of the universe will guard you against harm.'

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Nonviolence

By eating flesh one develops violent tendencies and animal diseases.

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Not In The Morning Pond

Not in the morning pond does the lion wash his blood.

(Alternate hearing: not in the mourning pond does the lion wash his blood)

(said to a disciple in meditation)

(This koan has many meanings. It is the evening pond which bathes the lion or It is not a pond at all but the sea which bathes the lion etc. etc.)

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Omkar

The sea is ever engaged in omkar

(omkar: the repetition of Om)

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Opening

All beings are equally embodiments of atma, the divine principle.
The only difference among individuals is the size of the opening
to the God within.

(paraphrased)

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Past Present And Future

Yesterday has deceived you and gone; Tomorrow is a doubtful visitor. Today is a fast friend — hold fast to it.

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Proximity

Proximity leads to thought.
Thought leads to attraction.
Attraction leads to action.

(Baba on why men and women
are segregated at the ashram)

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Reflection Does Not Adhere To The Mirror

Like the reflection that does not adhere to the mirror,
Like the water on the lotus leaf that is unattached to it,
Sins do not adhere to the man of devotion.

From Vidya Vahini Chapter 15

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Sea Bath

Of what use is it to wait till the waves are silenced, before you wade into the sea for a bath? They will never cease. The wise man learns the trick of avoiding the blow of the onrushing wave and the drag of the receding wave. But a sea bath is essential.

(from Geetha Vahini which is
at sssbpt)

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Start The Day With Love

Start the Day with Love;
Spend the Day with Love;
Fill the Day with Love;
End the Day with Love;
This is the way to God.

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The Actor Who Slapped You On Stage

The actor who slapped you on stage waits behind the curtain to congratulate you on your performance.

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The Ant Caught On A Leaf

An ant was caught on a dry leaf that was being carried down a flooded river and he called out from its tiny heart to God for succour who prompted a kite that was flying over the river to dive and rise up, with the leaf on its beak; for He made the bird mistake him for a fish or frog! The bird was sorely disappointed, but, the ant was delighted to land on hard ground! God came as a kite and rescued me, he felt. I must be grateful to the bird, to all birds, he resolved. One day, while on his morning round, he saw a hunter aim an arrow at a bird; he bit the heel of the hunter, just when he was releasing the mortal shaft; the aim failed; the bird flew off, and was saved. The ant had paid his debt.

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There Is No Charity Greater Than Feeding The Hungry.

There is no charity greater than feeding the hungry.

There are no greater gods than parents.

There is no greater dharma than compassion.

There is no greater gain than the company of the good.

There is no enemy greater than anger.

There is no wealth greater than good reputation, .

Bad reputation is death itself.

There is no ornament more beautiful than the chanting of God's Name.

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Thief

The thief so intensely desired the jewels of Krishna that
He poured them into the thief's lap.

(when poster opened at random to one of the 38 volumes
of Sathya Sai Speaks to ask Baba if she could reproduce His
pictures without going through ashram bureaucracy, she opened
to the above passage)

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Time Squandered

Childhood passes in trivial play with other children.

Youth passes in amorous sport,

Middle age absorbs time and effort in amassing wealth,

Come dotage, time crawls in futile longing for worldly desires, yet there is no time for contemplation of God.

Thus is wasted the precious heritage of human birth, deeply entangled in the net of karma.

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To Ask For Love

To ask love in return is to be a coolie demanding wages

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Why Pluck A Flower

Why pluck a flower and hasten her death?

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You Are Stars In God's Sky

You and the Universal are one;
You and the Absolute are one;
You and the Eternal are one;
You are not the individual, the temporary;

Realise this truth and be free.
You are flowers in God's garden
You are stars in God's sky.
You are the breath of God. It is through him that you are alive, active and aware.

You can find the footprints of God wherever there is beauty, virtue, humility, justice, truth, love and peace. You can hear the footsteps of God when silence reigns in the mind.

You have come from God.
You are a part of His glory;
You are a wave of that ocean of bliss;
You will get peace only when you again merge in Him.

You have the Lord dwelling in the core of your being; Yet you are bound, miserable, limited, weak and agitated. Why? You are ignorant of your spiritual Reality.

You may worship the picture of God but you should not worship god as a picture.

You must give up the luggage of your desires and wishes and thus make life less burdensome.

You must surrender your judgement to the Lord. Then Lord will assume full responsibility.

You should not pray to God for secular advantages. You should pray only for grace.

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