

# Sai Vision

Self-Awareness  
Programme



## MAKE SATHYA AND DHARMA YOUR STEADFAST COMPANIONS



During a Discourse given in 2007, Swami narrated the story of the two gold coins that Shirdi Baba once had:

Once a long-time devotee, Lakshmibai, approached Baba. Baba gave her two gold coins and told her, "Lakshmi, keep these two coins with you. Preserve them carefully." ... (Swami also created two gold coins with His divine hands. Showing them to the devotees sitting in the Sai Kulwant Hall, Swami said,) "Look, here are those two coins. The two gold coins gifted by Shirdi Baba to Lakshmibai represent Sathya (Truth) and Dharma (Righteousness) that help the spiritual progress of human beings. ... Dharma is the duty that we have to perform. Hence, discharge your Dharma with Truth. These two are in fact the spiritual exercises you have to undertake. ...



Truth has to be experienced in one's heart. ... The entire universe represents only one Truth. But, people express it in different ways. *Ekam sath viprah bahudha vadanti* (truth is one, but the wise refer to it by various names). ...

Establish Truth in your heart firmly. Whatever activity you undertake, do it with Dharma. It is Truth that sustains Dharma and Dharma in turn will protect Truth. It is for this reason that Lakshmibai kept with her the two gold coins given to her by Baba. She felt, "These coins are given to me by Baba. These are gold coins. These coins are very valuable; more valuable than diamonds. There can be nothing greater than these coins. I do not need anything else." These two coins represent Sathya and Dharma.

Truth and righteousness alone protect the world. ... You must install these two values in the heart and follow them at all times, day in and day out. ... When you practice these values with all the sincerity at your command, you will achieve the desired results. ... One has to develop conviction in these values with all sincerity. Only then will they be imprinted in your heart forever. They always remain in you, with you. ...

One day the daughter of Lakshmibai approached her and requested, "Mother, please hand over to me those two coins which Baba had given you sometime back." But Lakshmibai refused, saying, "No, I cannot pass on these coins to you. They have to reach the same Person who gave them to me and no one else. I have no authority to deliver them to you. They shall reach Baba, the Embodiment of Truth and Dharma."



**Lakshmibai was a great devotee of Shirdi Sai Baba who meticulously served Him. Why do you think she was yet so "attached" to the coins that she never allowed anyone to take the coins from her and was ready to give them back only to Baba?**

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