

Sunday, January 24, 2010 – Brother Satyananda

Topic: “Spiritual Character”

January 26, 1950 – India inaugurated its government and constitution. Republic Day. 60th anniversary becoming a democratic republic.

Preamble of constitution – Gandhi fought for equality.

Brother’s mother gave him a copy of the 7 Deadly Sins of Gandhi to straighten him out!

Gandhi's Seven Deadly Sins

Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, one of the most influential figures in modern social and political activism, considered these traits to be the most spiritually perilous to humanity.

- Wealth without Work
- Pleasure without Conscience
- Science without Humanity
- Knowledge without Character
- Politics without Principle
- Commerce without Morality
- Worship without Sacrifice

<http://www.deadlysins.com/features/gandhi.htm>

Living by truth-based convictions – implement Gandhi’s 7 Deadly Sins. His movement in India – “firmness in truth.”

Truth becomes dynamic force for change.

Let us stand firm in the foundation of truth.

Introspection must be put to work to be alive. Philosophy is useless unless we apply it to our daily lives.

Brother’s personal conviction: “Every soul is endowed with the gift of free will.” We must learn to choose God.

Brother wants people to choose and make their own decisions. He resists telling people what to do.

Practice the truth so that it’s not just an idea. Know truth by practicing it.

MLK spent one month in India in 1959 to study the techniques of Gandhi’s non-violence.

One component of good virtue: cultivating a personal virtue.

Each one of us brings within from a past incarnation at least one fully-developed virtue. It's a part of our lives, personality and character. Something you are naturally passionate about -- your signature virtue. Don't take your virtue for granted. It's a powerful resource that you can build on. One virtue is all you need to grow and build on other virtues.

Discover your signature virtue. It will serve you in all of life's circumstances. Define it. Then look at what Master says about it. Increase the expression of this virtue.

Synchronicity of inner character and outer life. Inner virtue with outer expression of action.

Jesus – law of virtue. “Unto him who hath shall be given.”

Use the virtue or lose the virtue. Cultivate virtue and it will increase. Don't use it and it will degrade and decrease. Natural default in this universe is decline. We need to actively grow.

Patanjali outlines virtues – a virtue with a spiritual power. In 2nd Coming, Master rephrases 10 commandments with virtues and spiritual powers. (pg. 1246 – 2nd Coming)

Reciprocating cosmic laws.

Truly virtue has its own reward.

1. Building your life on truth-based conviction and living those truths.
2. Discover your signature virtue.

Spiritual HW for February will be on character.