

SECTION 10: TEN CARDINAL PRINCIPLES

1.0 GENERAL

The Ten Cardinal Principles were announced by Bhagavan Baba during his 60th Birthday. These principles relate to Community Sadhana.

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1. Love GOD and Fear Sin.

God is within us, around us and near us. When we show regard and respect to a fellow human being, we are showing love for God.

On the other hand, we must abhor sin, which will hurt us as well as others.

2. Love and serve the Motherland and do not hate or hurt the Motherland of others.

Malaysia, our motherland has given us a home and a good life. We must love our Nation as we love our mother. By the same principle, we should not sow the seeds of hatred against the Motherland of others.

3. Honour every religion; each a pathway to the ONE GOD.

All religions teach the same "Truth". Their fundamental tenets are identical. We should not praise one's own religion, and condemn the faiths of others. The different religions take us on different paths, but they lead to the one and only God who is known by different names. God's name may be spoken in various languages and may sound different, but the one God belongs to all.

4. Love all men without distinction; know that mankind is a single community.

All men and women, irrespective of their complexion, colour, height, weight or language are members of the human community. We have to extend love to all mankind as love is God and God is love. Service to man is service to God.

5. Keep your home and its environment clean; it will ensure health and happiness for you and the society.

The home is an important area of activity. It is a shelter from the outer world and a place to rest, learn, develop values and attitudes. Therefore, the cleanliness of the home and its environment will go a long way in providing a pleasant atmosphere for the family. Cleanliness is next to Godliness.



6. Practise Charity - but do not encourage beggars by giving them money; provide food and help them in whatever way possible.

Understand the concept of charity. Bhagavan does not like to see beggary. Instead of giving coins to the beggar purely to get rid of him, we should provide him with what he needs, in order to discourage him from going about with the begging bowl. It is better to teach a man how to fish than giving him a fish everyday.

7. Never give a bribe or take a bribe.

Corruption is an unethical practice that goes against the very embodiment of truth. If one offers a bribe to the other, the giver and the recipient are both at fault, morally and legally. As long as this arrangement is allowed to go unchecked, greed, anger and jealousy will thrive and this will destroy the nation.

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9. Do not depend on others to serve your personal needs; become your own servant before proceeding to serve others.

This principle will help us inculcate the habit of not depending on others to serve our needs. As Sai devotees, if we wish to carry out seva, we must do it ourselves, wherever possible.

10. Observe the laws of the state and become an exemplary citizen.

The laws of the land are meant to create an atmosphere of peace where we can live our lives in comfort. Violation of the law will lead to a situation of chaos. No one will feel safe or comfortable, and eventually we will all lose our peace of mind.

