

Pujya Swamiji's Talks in Abhu Dhabhi, UAE

Abu Dhabi was blessed and filled with the aura of the divine presence of Pujya Swamiji from 21st to 23rd December 2012. The Abu Dhabi branches of BGHS group and Aim for Seva had organized the three-day talk by Pujya Swamiji on the topic "**Successful Living**". It was a special privilege and opportunity for the people of Abu Dhabi to meet and receive his blessings. The three day talk was held in the Emirates Hall Auditorium of the Abu Dhabi Women's College. The talks began on 21st December with a prayer to Lord Vinayaka by Smt. Radha Swaminathan.

Pujya Swamiji was at his humorous best on the first day and had the audience rolling with laughter on many occasions. On the first day Swamiji talked about the relative nature of success and explained that there is no fixed thing called success as the criteria for success varies from time to time and person to person. Even if you ask the Top 20 rich persons on the Earth in the Forbes List they will still say they are not fully successful but are in the process of achieving more success in life. Also Swamiji talked about various mistakes we do in our life that can make our life act as impediments to success. A person plays various roles in life at the same time like a father, son, brother, husband, employee, citizen etc. at the same time. Every time he has to play the role as needed but should always remember to detach from the role when the requirement for that role play is over.

The second day started with the singing of devotional songs by children (learning music from Smt. Radha Swaminathan). After this Smt. Latha Ravi made a presentation to the audience about the various activities of "Aim for Seva" and urged the audience to contribute towards the cause of Vidya Dhaanam which ranks as the foremost amongst all types of charities.

On the second day Pujya Swamiji stressed the importance of not looking at oneself as an insignificant person in this universe but look at situations and things objectively which will enable a person not to become subjective to anyone or anything. Pujya Swamiji had a word of advice for various members of a family not to look at small mistakes done by other family members as it will lead to unnecessary misunderstandings.

The third day, being Gita Jayanthi day, started with a chanting of the twelfth chapter of Bhagavad Gita (Bhakthi Yoga) by children who are students of Sri. Subramaniam. Then, Sri. S. M. Raoji, a well known businessman who currently owns and operates state- of- the- art steel smelters in the UAE and has held various positions including Chairmanship of the Indian School, Dubai felicitated Pujya Swamiji and made a short speech in which he urged everybody in the audience to read the Bhagavad Gita Home Study by Pujya Swamiji which will give a proper and systematic understanding of the Bhagavad

Gita. After Sri. Rao's speech, Pujya Swamiji, continued from where he left on the earlier day in which he dealt with few significant issues that will lead one to "Successful Living".

Pujya Swamiji talked about the proper attitude towards performing one's duties i.e., doing what needs to be done without either not performing or procrastinating. This is called svakarma and svakarma is nothing but svadharma mentioned in the Bhagavad Gita. Another key to Successful Living is to accept the fact that the result of any action performed by us is dependent on many factors and not only on the action performed. This realization will lead one to accepting the result of the action whichever way it may turn out to be.

At the end of the talks, there was a question and answer session in which Pujya Swamiji answered lot of questions by the audience. In his own inimitable style Pujya Swamiji made even seemingly insignificant questions as significant ones. One such

question by an audience was to tell a mantra for sleeping properly. Swamiji immediately answered "Sri Rama Rama Rameti Rame Rame Manorame, Sahasranaama Thathulyam, Rama Naama Varaanane" and also explained the importance of this mantra.

Everyone present expressed their gratitude by offering their Guru Dakshina to Pujya Swamiji and obtained Swamiji's blessings and "yajna prasadam". Pujya Swamiji also invited the audience to visit the Arsha Vidya Gurukulam centre in Coimbatore and meet him anytime.

During his visit, Pujya Swamiji, honoured the Gita Home Study class members by directly taking a class for about 45 minutes on the sloka **Karmanye Vadhikaraste, Ma phaleshou kada chana, Ma Karma Phala Hetur Bhurmatey Sangostva Akarmani**. We are really fortunate that Swamiji took the class directly for us.

By Balaji Subramaniam

It is the simple things that bring about cheerfulness. It involves living one day at a time, for that is a life in keeping with the reality. Today is real; tomorrow I may not be here at all. That does not mean I worry about what will happen tomorrow. Today I am alive and what is to be done this day, I just do. The future can take care of itself. If I can manage today, tomorrow I have only one day to manage. This is the truth about life. Your whole life, all you have to manage is one day. Even if you are worried, your worry is only for one day. Yesterday's worry is gone. What happened yesterday was yesterday. It is not today. If yesterday you made a mistake that is fine. You are wiser for it. If you are worried about it today, not only yesterday was spoiled, today also is wasted in worrying about what happened yesterday. With reference to the result of action, and what is to be done, certain surrender allows you to live happily. The future will take care of itself. This one day at a time never goes away.

Pujya Swamiji