

“Fika” with the Masters

The 20th of October is in the SSIO known as the Avatarhood Day, or the day when Swami declared to the world that he was a manifestation of the Divine. To celebrate this day, the Sathya Sai Center, Stockholm initiated a study circle series aligned with Baba's emphasis on the unity of faiths and the oneness of humanity. Called as 'Fika with the Masters', this program aimed to invite educators from different faiths to share their Master's message over a 'Fika', a Swedish tradition of conversation over coffee and cake. For the first session, we invited an educator from the Bahai Faith, cardiologist Dr. Ruha Cerrato.

Dr. Cerrato shared with us small stories from the life of their founders Bab and Bahauallah, who founded the Bahai faith in Iran during the mid-19th century. There were a number of common messages between their teachings and Baba's message, including the brotherhood of mankind and fatherhood of God, equality among all beings, irrespective of religious belief or societal standing, and an emphasis on the path of love and service. The study circle was well attended and followed by devotional singing, and a total of 27 guests attended the event.

Dr. Cerrato concluded her talk by inviting all members of our group to the bicentennial celebration of the Bab, being celebrated by the Bahai faith on 28th October. She also expressed willingness to collaborate on service projects to showcase our common desire to make a difference to our society. The attending guests were genuinely inspired by this interaction.