

The Nobel Foundation versus Michael Nobel

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MUMBAI: An award ceremony scheduled to take place in the city on Friday has revived an old controversy between the Nobel Foundation, which awards the most prestigious prize in the world, and one of the descendants of its founder, Sir Alfred Nobel.

Michael Nobel, the great-grand nephew of Sir Alfred, is in Mumbai as guest of honour at the silver jubilee award function of the Priyadarshni Academy. The awards will be distributed in the presence of CM Vilasrao Deshmukh.

On Thursday, Nobel recounted the rich heritage of the Nobel Prize. Sir Alfred, he said, had a big library and was fond of literature. "He was a physicist and chemist and a peace-loving person, therefore these prizes, and the one for medicine probably came from the fact that he was a hypochondriac," he added.

For all his family pride though, there is a hitch. Michael Nobel is the executive chairman of the Nobel Charitable Trust-which has nothing to do with the Nobel Foundation . He is not the "patriarch of the Nobel Prize" as his PR machinery describes him.

Michael's father Sven Oleinikoff took his mother's maiden name of Nobel. Michael has had a number of run-ins with the Foundation when he tried to institute a parallel award using the famous name. The Foundation even threatened legal action.

In an exclusive email interview to TOI, executive director of the Nobel Foundation Michael Sohlman wrote from Stockholm: "Michael Nobel has no relation whatsoever with the Nobel Foundation, even if on a number of instances , 'misunderstandings' to that effect somehow have arisen. He is in no way entitled to represent or give any official information about the Foundation. He has taken several initiatives which could be seen as infringements on the goodwill built over 100 years by the Nobel Prizeawarding institutions ."

Michael Nobel clarified that he was not connected with the Foundation. "I must admit that several advantages come with my new last name. However , I do not require the permission of the Foundation to use it, after all, my paternal grandmother was born a Nobel . There is no controversy. It is a civil matter that can easily be solved in the courts or by arbitration," he said.

All he wanted to do, he said, was to institute an award for people working in alternative energy. "We do not even have to call it the Nobel Prize, we could name it the Michael Nobel Award or Medal. I don't see how a new award of the same name could threaten the stature of the Nobel Prize, which is the best known prize in the world," he said.

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[Deception against Sathya Sai Baba](#)

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The screenshot shows a web browser window with a Swedish news article. The title is "Nobel var en bedragare" (Nobel was a fraud). The article discusses a conference in the USA where Michael Nobel was mentioned. It claims that Michael Nobel is not the same as the Nobel family and that he is a fraud who has stolen the Nobel Prize name. The article also mentions that Michael Nobel is a member of the Vatican and that he has stolen the Nobel Prize name. At the bottom of the article, there is a red button that says "CLICK HERE TO ENLARGE".

Sathya Sai Baba deceived by a Swedish imposter, Dr. Michael Nobel

Both his vaunted 'omniscience' and any plain common sense he has left failed when Sathya Sai Baba proudly announced how his own majesty had drawn Dr. Nobel to him, the relative of Alfred (who was claiming he was able to award four new Nobel Prizes). How come Sathya Sai Baba did not know he was a man of false credential, later to be totally discredited in the world media?

In his discourse of 18th November 2001, Sathya Sai Baba said the following:-

"They are giving the Nobel Prize to many people. The man who gives the Nobel Prize (Chairman of the Nobel Prize Committee) is coming here on the 22nd November. The ones who will show this to the whole world, TV people, are all coming here on the 22nd.

Who called them? Who invited them? If all things like these are seen, all sorts are coming here. No one has invited them at all. No one is giving them a (special) welcome. Yet they themselves are coming. What is the reason? That Chaitanya Jyothi (meaning Swami Himself) is here and It (He) is pulling them!

(Applause)" ([see the literal translation by Sai students here](#)) Note: The red italic text in parentheses is supplied by the translators)

Sathya Sai Baba actually believed that Dr. Michael Nobel is "the man who gives the Nobel Prize"! Such ignorance of the Nobel Prize – that is it given by one man – a distant relative of Nobel – is quite stunning! The actual and very worldly reason he came to Sathya Sai Baba was a fat contract for setting up the Radio Sai outfit!

Translation of the Swedish News Bulletin:-

NOBEL WAS A DECEIVER

The arrangers of a nano technology conferance in the USA believe that they were witness to a world news sensation and that they had received the honour of awarding four new Nobel prizes. But only days before the conference they got to know that they had been swindled by a relative of the Nobel family.

One can well imagine the arrangers' enthusiasm when the conference Nano TX 07 was contacted by Michael Nobel who wished to announce four new Nobel prizes for alternative energy technology.

Everything was ready, according to Swedish Radio. Press releases for the world's media at full steam. In short, every exhibition arrangers' wet dream – a world scoop.

Imagine their disappointment when they were contacted by the Nobel Foundation, who stated that Michael Nobel is a genuine Nobel family member but that he has no right whatever to take the kind of initiative as creating four prizes for alternative energy research.

The Nobel Foundation considers it an infringement of copyright, misuse of the good will and prestige the Nobel Prize has and say to the (Swedish) radio that they are going to take legal action.

The arrangers of the nano conference in the have in all haste both cancelled the announcement and banned Michael Nobel from partaking in the conference.

Michael Sohlman of the Nobel Foundation told the (Swedish) science radio programme that there exists absolutely no plans to institute new prizes in Alfred Nobel's name.

(signed) TT

How could Sathya Sai Baba have been taken in so thoroughly?

Well, who else but such a person surrounded only by sycophants (who never dare correct him) could fall into such a trap as to believe that a distant relative of Alfred Nobel may secure the Nobel Peace Prize for him?

One would have thought that someone among all the treasured professors, PhDs, and scientists in his cadre would have realised this and warned him off, but then there is not one internationally known or prestigious doctor or professor among them all – the majority of them being deluded devotees who cannot face all the facts that have emerged and/or pseudo-intellectuals who are hoping for a leg up in the world from the influence of his mini-empire.

Despite such an indictment of Dr. Michael Nobel and an imposter by the Nobel Foundation, the Sathya Sai official website still promotes him. He also takes it upon himself to speak "in the name of mankind" and thank his employer, Sathya Sai Baba . See screen capture of their propaganda here:-

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