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GURUR-SAKSHATH PARAM BRAHMA; THASMAI SREE GURAVE NAMAHA:

GURU PURNIMA:

THE FULL moon day in the month of Ashad (July-August) is an extremely auspicious and holy day of Guru Purnima. On this day, sacred to the memory of the great sage, Bhagavan Sri Vyasa.

Sri Vyasa has done unforgettable service to humanity for all times by editing the four Vedas, writing the eighteen Puranas, the Mahabharata and the Srimad Bhagavata. We can only repay the deep debt of gratitude we owe him, by constant study of his works and practice of his teachings imparted for the regeneration of humanity.

In honor of this divine personage, all spiritual aspirants and devotees perform Vyasa Puja on this day, and disciples worship their spiritual preceptor.

The Srutis say: "To that high-souled aspirant, whose devotion to the Lord is great and whose devotion to his Guru is as great as that to the Lord, the secrets explained herein become illuminated". Guru is Brahman, the Absolute, or God Himself. He guides and inspires you from the innermost core of your being. He is everywhere.

Have a new angle of vision. Behold the entire universe as the form of the Guru. See the guiding hand, the awakening voice, the illuminating touch of the Guru in every object in this creation. The whole world will now stand transformed before your changed vision. The world as Guru will reveal all the precious secrets of life to you, and bestow wisdom upon you. The supreme Guru, as manifested in visible nature, will teach you the most valuable lessons of life.

Become a personification of receptivity. Empty yourself of your petty ego. All the treasures locked up in the bosom of Nature will become yours. You will progress and attain perfection in an amazingly short time.

The moon shines by reflecting the dazzling light of the sun. It is the full moon on the Purnima day that reflects in full splendor the glorious light of the sun. It glorifies the sun.

“The Guru’s form should be meditated upon; the feet of the Guru should be worshipped; his words are to be treated as a sacred Mantra; his Grace ensures final liberation”.

Take fresh resolves on this holy day, to tread the spiritual path in accordance with the precepts of your Guru.

At night, assemble again with other devotees, and sing the Names of the Lord and the glories of your Guru.

The best form of worship of the Guru is to follow his teachings, to shine as the very embodiment of his teachings, and to propagate his glory and his message.

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1. FROM THE SATSANGHS OF SAIBANISA JI

Sai Sevak Smt. Rajeswari Kasturi, Saidarbar – Hyderabad.

THE JOY OF SHARING GOOD THINGS

Amongst God's creations, man is perhaps the most selfish. If he happens to get even a small monetary benefit, he will never disclose it to anyone. Another well-known tendency is his preference to enjoy his meal or any special dish all alone and not to share it with others. Scriptures ask him not to remain isolated in such circumstances. Joy lies in distributing the same to others.

Even crows call other members of their tribe when someone throws a crumb. The tree, to which water is poured at the roots, grows upwards and yields fruits for the benefit of humanity. On other hand, when man meets with calamities and is not able to face them, he will immediately curse God, forgetting all the good that he had thus far been conferred with.

Om Shantih Shantih Shantihi

Lokah Samastah Sukhino Bhavantu

To be continued...

2. SAI'S NEWS FROM THE TIME MACHINE:

July -1914- Kashinath Upasani after a stay of three years and nineteen days left Shirdi and proceeded towards Nagpur, Kharagpur and further.

July -1926- Kaka Saheb Dikshit passed away at the age of 62 years while traveling in a Local train in Bombay while talking to Hemadpant.

July -1929 - Hemadpant (Anna Saheb Dhabolkar), the author of Sri Sai Satcharitra Passed away at Bandra- Bombay at the age of 72 years.

July -1938- Dada Saheb Khaparde passed away at Amroati at the age of 84 years

3. SAI IN DREAMS:

These are the dream sequences and messages as received by SaiBaNiSa Ji From our beloved GURU LORD SAINATH OF SHIRIDI. In Anticipation that this feature will help in one's spiritual growth are hereby compiled from his personal Diary and presented to SAIBANDHUS.

Translated and presented by RAGHU RAMAN SATULURY.

14-07-1994

I was thinking more about the physical body given by God and its protection. I could hear only the words emanating from a beacon of light as below:

I am formless, but to offer protection to my devotees, I may have to appear in different forms to shoulder their difficulties. Remember that your physical body requires all the care for its well being, till all the responsibilities in life are executed.

One should be physically healthy to tide over the periods of mental stress and to face crisis events. Mental ailments should be put under check so that they do not become stumbling blocks even for leading a normal life.

Take care of the physical body to the extent required.

18-07-1994

Yesterday I prayed Baba to grant me permission to correct the Vaastu deficiencies in my house. Baba had taken my memory lane way back to the year 1967 when I was working in Kota, Rajasthan. I happened to enter into a sweetmeat shop with photographs of all faiths hung to the sidewalls. Baba offered me a piece of sweet and thus I got an indication that I should go ahead.

Sincere calls are always answered.

19-07-1994

Yesterday, one of my close relatives caused me lot of humiliation. I was disturbed mentally and prayed my master to help me in overcoming the mental agony. The visual was an eye-opener for me-

A housewife has got news that her in-laws are arriving the next day morning. She prepares to welcome them with a broomstick in hand, readily waiting to pounce on them. The Auto rickshaw stopped just in front of their house. To her surprise the guests getting down turned out to be her own parents. She repented for the guilt in her, and took it as directive from God as threw away the broomstick. She realized the mistake committed and took a vow not to repeat such mistakes again. Thus my thinking got changed and faith in the almighty increased.

Once the mental blocks are overcome, the vision changes for the better.

21-07-1994

Yesterday, the domestic front was in disturbed condition with ill health of a member causing concern and with difference of opinions on all fronts. I was literally helpless and fed up with life. Sai appeared as an unknown person and said-

Difficult times are like dirt to the linen. However it never means that we will throw away the clothes. Instead, we try washing them up with a good detergent for them to be used again. In the same way, difficulties are to be surmounted praying for the divine grace.

Pray for the divine grace rather than running away from them.

To be continued.....

4. QUINTESENCE OF SRI SAIBABA'S PHILOSOPHY:

(By Late Sri Bharam UmamaheswaraRao)

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23. Human Body is Dharmakshetra

Human birth occurs as a result of both good and bad deeds performed in previous birth and hence enjoy joys and sorrows are intrinsic to it. Human nature is such that man will take the credit for himself when he is successful and denounce providence for his lost when beset with problems forgetting the fact that he is reaping only the result of his earlier misdeeds.

The God dispenses according to man's Karma and he is never partial. Further, it must be borne in mind that God never allows His devotees to suffer in life. When a person experiences sorrows, he must be convinced that his suffering is due to his earlier misdeeds and instead of bemoaning his fate, his devotion must get further strengthened and he must continue to discharge his duties properly.

Life in the world continues to be a struggle as long as a person does not realize the true nature of his Self (Atman). As long as he identifies himself with his mind-body complex because of ignorance, its afflictions continue to trouble him. The way out of this struggle is by Self-realization. The stages in which spiritual progress can proceed with success involved first an active life, the path of action, during which he masters the way to act in the world with detachment. The result of practicing selfless action is purification of mind, which is necessary for the further spiritual evolution. Ignorance of the nature of the Self, which is the cause of bondage, can be removed only by spiritual knowledge. Hence the path of action can not by itself lead to Self- realization

To be continued.....

5. SANATANA DHARMA & SRI SHIRDI SAIBABA

“AKHILANDAKOTI , BRAHMANDA NAAYAKA, RAAJAADHI RAAJA, YOGIRAJA, PARABRAHMA SREE SATCHITANANDA ,SAMARDHASADGURU, SAINATH MAHARAAJ KI JAI”

SANATANA DHARMA –NEWS FROM ABROAD:

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MAURITIUS, July 1, 2006: For the fourth consecutive year, the Shri Venkateswara Bhajana Maala (SVBM) will be celebrated in Eau-Coulee, on the island of Mauritius, Indian Ocean. This unique puja is dedicated to the glory of Lord Shri Venkateshwara Swami, also known as Balaji swami or Govinda. It has been scheduled for July 30, 2006. The SVBM is unique in the sense that it is celebrated according to the Vaikhanasa Agama Shastra and at the same time incorporates modernism. The puja is held at the Shri Venkateshwara Aalayam in Eau-Coulee, a traditional Dravidian temple (Telugu). The puja starts at sharp 0600 hours, when the aasthan archaka (officiating priest) opens the garbha aalayam (main shrine) and starts chanting the Suprabatam, to wake up the Deity.

For the hour which follows, mantras are chanted and rituals carried out to offer the Lord food and praise Him and chanting His asthara shatanamavalli (108 names of the Deity). At 0700, kirtanam and bhaajanam groups will take over, and every hour a different group will take their turn to sing the glory of the Lord of the seven hills. This kirtanam and bhajanam session will last up to 1700. From this moment the acharyas will start making preparation for the concluding puja, namely the shri venkateshwara agnihotram. A maha yagna marked by the use of a 3 metres long piece of teak wood with a carved elephant head for the purnahoothi (ghee offering ladle). At this particular moment over three litres of pure ghee will poured into the Khundha (fire pit). This is a spectacular moment where devotees can see the Lord through the glazing flames of the fire-- a once in a lifetime vision. The aalayam is visited by hundreds of devotees throughout the day. Devotees which come from all around the island. Bhojanam and prashadam (food) will also be offered throughout the day. This puja was first celebrated in 2001 and was organized by the Eau-Coulee Andhra Youth Wing with the immense support of Acharya Shri Sanjeeva Narasimha Appadoo. We hope that this year also the puja will be a resounding spiritual success.

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6. SAIBANISA OFFERS PRANAMS TO “LORD SIVA”

Specialities of Rameswaram

The place where the JyotirLinga is located, a large and expansive temple has been built. It is famous in the world as a typical architectural example. In the Ramnad district of Tamilnadu, this temple is situated on a big island of sand. It is worth seeing and is a wonderful experience. The main entrance of the temple tower has many storeys and stands tall. Its structure carvings, statues and the peaks make people dumb founded. The grandeur of the Lord is really felt here. The human weakness for being narrow-minded is automatically removed and they feel their horizons broadened.

On the tall stone pillars of temple, beautiful carvings can be seen. Elephants with their trunks raised are seen. The four sides of the temple are enclosed by strong stone walls. They are 650 ft. and 12ft. wide and tall respectively. This wonderful temple built on the sand island, is a work of great art and very impressive.

Near to a gold plated pillar, a river is carved on a monolithic stone of 13 feet high and a foot wide. This indeed is a typical example of beautiful sculpting.

Near the main temple of Rameshwar, there is a separate temple for Parvati known as Parvatavardhini temple. Besides this, there are temples of Santana Ganapati, Veerabhadra Hanuman, navagrahas, etc., At a distance of about nearly 2 kilometers from the main temple, there is Gandhamaadhan mountain. In spite of being a sandy area, it is very green with a variety of flora. This is the Nandanavan of Rameshwar.

This island shrine consists of 24 odd holy water sources like Rama teerth, Sita Kund, Jata Teerth, Lakshman Teerth, Kapi Teerthas, Brahmakund, Galawa teerth, Mangala teerth, Kodandaram teerth, Pandav teerth etc., The waters at all these places is sweet and has a taste of its own. Every teerth has a typical story attached to it. Devotees take Darshan and feel purged by doing so.

Every day, right from 4am till 10pm devotees keep coming to the temple and prayers go on. After the Harati at night, the Lord is made to sleep in a Golden swing i.e., the Bhoga statues of Shankara and Parvati put to bed.

During Mahashivaratri and on the 15th day in the month of Ashadha (Rainy season) a Badatra mela/fete takes place, with great festivity. Devotees flock here on these days and at all times right from Nepal and entire India. People in a variety of dresses, attired differently come here.

To be continued-----

7. DEVOTEES EXPERIENCES:

From the files of Saidarbar

Om Sai Ram, Hello my name Rohit Ummat from Saint John, NB Canada. I like to tell how Swami saved my life last Thursday October 8, 1998. I was coming home from work after 5:00 pm. The weather was very bad the rain was coming down very heavily. I was driving my car and going home. I just passed a car and the next thing I remember, the ambulance staff was helping me out of car. I had a very major car accident. The front of my car was all pushed inside. The windshield was shattered; the driver's door was all pushed inside. There was a lady who helped me to stop my bleeding. To me I think Baba came down and help her to save my life. The police told me, I do not know how I lived after this terrible accident. The whole car was destroyed. All I can say I want thank Baba for helping for saving my life.

I did not end up with any serious injuries, just cuts in my forehead. Baba was there, who saved my life. It all happened on Baba's day (Thursday).

Om SAI RAM

Rohit

8. SAI WITH CHILDREN:

Smt. Madhu Gopal Ravada, Saidarbar, Hyderabad.

Hello Children! I am Madhu aunty. Do you know Baba use to play with children and used to tell stories to them? I felt children visiting Saidarbar should be entertained with good stories. For the last 2 years I have told you about Lord Krishna's Leelas and Lord Rama Story. Now I want to tell the stories what heard in my child hood.

THE TALKING CAVE:

Once there lived a lion in a forest. He had grown old now and so found it difficult to hunt. Often his prey escaped him, and then he had to sleep hungry. He did not know what to do.

One day he roamed in the forest a long time in search of a prey. He was tired and hungry. But he could not catch anything. Suddenly he came across a cave. He said to himself. "There must be someone living in that cave. I shall hide behind the bush and pounce on him as he comes out."

He kept waiting and waiting but nobody came out. Tired, the lion thought that probably the owner of the cave was away. It would be better for him to go inside the cave and wait for his arrival. The moment the owner entered his cave he would kill him. So he entered the cave and hid himself in a corner there.

That cave, in fact, belonged to a jackal. After some time he returned to the cave. Now, the jackals are clever and cautious creatures. So, when he neared his cave, he saw some footprints

entering his cave. No foot- prints were coming out. He at once knew someone was inside the cave. It must be a dangerous creature. It would not be wise to enter the cave without making sure.

So the clever jackal spoke loudly, "Cave, O my dear cave."

There was no reply. The jackal again called out, "O my dear cave, what is the matter with you? Earlier you always welcomed me when I came back. Why are you keeping quiet today? If you do not speak to me, I shall go away elsewhere."

The lion was listening to the words of the jackal. He foolishly thought that probably the cave was actually in the habit of welcoming the jackal on his return. That day it was keeping quiet out of fear of the lion. Now, if the jackal was not spoken to, he would go away somewhere else. So the lion called out in his heavy voice, "Come home my friend, I welcome you."

The clever jackal recognized the voice of the lion. He immediately ran away, leaving the foolish lion waiting inside the cave.

9. ARTICLES FROM SAI DEVOTEES:

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OM SRI SAI SARVAHRUNNILAYAYA NAMAHA

The seventh Nama in the 108 Glorious Names of Sai is 'Om Sri Sai Sarvahrunnelayaya Namaha' which means salution to Pranava Swarupa Sai who dwells in the hearts of all. The 68th Nama is 'Om Sri Sai Sarvantaryamine Namaha' which means Salutions to Sri Sai who is all pervasive. Sri Sai Satcharitra gives a number of incidents to show the above attribute of Sai. Sai Baba Himself declared "I'm the inner ruler of all and I am seated in their hearts. All the insects, ants, the visible, movable and immovable world is my Body and Form (Chap 3). A Sarvartaryami Sai only could push His arm into the ever burning Dhuni of Dwarakamai to save a blacksmith's child who slipped into the furnace at a far off place.

Once Mrs. Tarkhad, an intimate devotee of Baba gave a piece of bread to a hungry dog before going to Dwarakamai for the Noon Harathi. Baba was pleased with this act of the devotee and said "Mother! You have fed Me sumptuously upto my throat, My afflicted Pranas have been satisfied. First give bread to the hungry and then eat yourself. A dog which you saw before meals and to which you gave bread is one with me so also other creatures (cats, pigs, flies etc..) I'm roaming in their forms. He who sees Me in all creatures is My beloved (Chap 9). On another occasion Baba called Laxmibai Shinde and said "O Lakshmi! I'm very hungry", she immediately ran to her house, prepared bread and vegetable and brought it to the Dwarakamai. Baba who was very hungry gave it to a dog. When Laxmibai was unhappy to see that Baba did not eat her bread, Sai said to her "The appeasement of the dog's hunger is the same as mine. The dog has soul as mine. The creatures may be different but the hunger of all is the same. He who feeds the Hungry, really serves Me with food. Regard this as axiomatic truth". How wonderfully Baba has

taught us, His children to see Him in all creatures. This great lesson is not to laxmibai alone but to all at all times.

In Chap 15 of Sai Satcharitra Omnipresent Sai declares "Though I am here bodily still I know what you do beyond the seven seas. Worship Me always who is seated in your heart as well as in the hearts of all beings. Blessed and fortunate indeed is he who knows Me thus". Baba says that he who knows that He is seated in all hearts is blessed and fortunate one. We may add here one can conquer lust, anger, greed, jealousy, hatred and egoism (six enemies of man), If one thinks that every other man's heart is Sai's abode. It is because we cannot hate Sai, we cannot be jealous of Sai so on and so forth. We have to respect and love every creature who is a Sai Swarupa.

Let us Pray to all merciful Sai to give us the eyesight to see Him in all creatures.

OM SAI SRI SAI JAYA JAYA SAI!!

Sankaraiah.D

10. LETTERS FROM SAI DEVOTEES:

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On 6/22/06

Sai Ram. I got the three CDs sent by you by post. Thanks so much. We finished listening these renderings which are so nice that elevate the spiritual mind of a devotee. The introduction is very informative.

Jai Sai Ram

Abburi Balakrishna Rao

RADHAKRISHNA T tangiralark@hotmail.com On 6/29/06,

Dear Saibandhu,

SaiRam. I listened to your C.Ds which are simply superb. Your analytical presentation is laudable and beyond comparison. May Baba get more such works done by you.

SAI RAM

Regards

Radha Krishna

11. FROM SAI ORGANISATIONS:

Due to space constraints of E-magazine, we are not able to give the full report on activities of Sai organizations. However, we are providing their contact e-mail ID's and web site address for interested readers.

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13. EDITORIAL

Things impressed me from this Magazine:

The God dispenses according to man's Karma and he is never partial

Life in the world continues to be a struggle as long as a person does not realize the true nature of his Self (Atman).

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