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## **1. FROM THE SATSANGHS OF SAIBANISA JI**

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### **MEDITATION MAKES MIND CLEAN & STEADY**

Leading a virtuous life may not by itself, sufficient for God-realization. Concentration of the mind is absolutely necessary. A good life prepares the mind as a fit instrument for meditation, which eventually leads to self- realization, without whose aid, one, cannot grow into the divine state or liberate oneself from its trammels and attain immortality.

Meditation is the keeping up of an unceasing flow of God- consciousness, when all worldly thoughts are shut out and the mind is saturated with divine thoughts. Just as oil, when poured from one vessel to another, flows ceaselessly, just as the harmonious sound produced from the ringing of bells falls upon the ear in a continuous stream, so too, the mind should ‘flow’ towards God in an unbroken way.

The man, who has not purified his mind, will not be able to start the fire of meditation. It is equally important that no violent or sudden attempt should be made to control the mind. It should be granted a little freedom for a while, make it run and exhaust its efforts. It will initially jump like an untrained monkey. But it is bound to calm down gradually. Divine thoughts should be allowed to get in slowly, when vicious tendencies will vanish. It is like sweeping a room that was kept closed for many months and where dirt remains accumulated.

**Om Shantih Shantih Shantihi**

**Lokah Samastah Sukhino Bhavantu**

## **2. SAI'S NEWS FROM THE TIME MACHINE:**

October 16, Wednesday 1918: Baba's Body was taken in procession through the Shirdi village and then interred in Butty Wada with due formalities.

October 27, 1918: Baba's devotees from all over gathered and funeral rites were performed by Balasaheb Bhate with Annadhanam to poor in Shirdi.

October 27, 1918: A committee was formed to manage the worship of SaiBaba's Samadhi, comprising of 15 members with Bapusahed Butty as the Chairman.

October 27, 1918: Nanavalli a great but quaint and queer devotee of Baba breathed his last.

October 7, 1954: A big and beautiful marble statue of Saibaba was installed behind Baba's Samadhi at the hands of Swami Sai Sharnandji.

October 19, 1956: H.H.Narasimha Swamiji passed away (Aged 82 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.

06-10-1994

How to live courageously with peace? I could not find an answer and I looked towards SAI for guidance. I was shown with the visuals--

I was insulted in a meeting of seniors by my boss. I felt very much let down and upset. Next day without losing patience, I presented him with facts and pointed the mistake he has committed. From there on, I observed a marked change in conducting myself before others is only due to Sainath.

I set out on a pilgrimage accompanied by my wife. On the way, I met a Saint resembling Sai. He said "wife can at the most accompany you on a pilgrimage, whereas on the spiritual journey, one has to travel by himself. It is relatively a difficult one and lots of efforts are needed to be put in". I woke up from my sleep.

An angry mind loses direction and purpose.

09-10-1994

My thoughts were reeling between courage and cowardice. As usual I looked towards my master. Baba said- both are mind dependent with their origin traced to within.

For example: Take lesson from a mother serving a plague effected child resting in her lap, lesson from a couple living happily even though they are not blessed with children and lastly the refugees from Tibet with small kids living against all odds without proper shelters.

I thus concluded once we are able to overcome the weak mind, the power of courage automatically surfaces.

Life never comes to standstill even with all the obstacles.

10-10-1994

Discharging of moral and social obligations should not be the only aim in life. Try knowing the creator and the purpose for which we are here. Never give away presentations to anybody after incurring debts. Winning over their hearts is of less importance compared to the troubles likely to be invited later unknowingly.

Know thyself.

To be continued.....

#### **4. QUINTESENCE OF SRI SAIBABA'S PHILOSOPHY:**

(By Late Sri Bharam UmamaheswaraRao)

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#### **25. Importance of Swadharma:**

If Swadharma is not performed properly, the mind will be dragged into and tied down in Samsara. Those who perform Swadharma properly, the wavering nature of their mind will be reduced and it becomes peaceful; their attractions towards worldly activities get reduced and they lead a straight forward right path of life. There is nothing superior to Swadharma.

We should not try to imitate to the Dharmas of others. Compared with Dharmas of others doing our own Swadharma much superior. This will uplift us soon. If we undertake others activities on our head, it will cause many difficulties, filling our mind with worldly affairs. Try to acquire the mercy of God. Get your mind out of the whirlpool of worldly affairs. Your mind will become pure. If your acts of Swadharma are done at all times, you will never get any harm.

Baba said to one of His Sadhakas, -“Everyone has to perform Swadharma daily as Yagna. If you leave your Swadharma and show interest in other Dharmas, you will be caught in the circle of births and deaths. If you are doing Swadharma well, you will not be entangled in worldly ties. As the world is entangled in Maya, one is becoming weak by not doing Swadharma. If you are associated Swadharma well, all your desires will be fulfilled, even without performing rituals, pilgrimages, Bhajans etc. Do not keep any selfish idea in your mind.

If you perform Swadharma with faith and devotion that itself will fulfill all your desires like Kamadhenu. Swadharma will never let you down. If you do not perform Swadharma, you will be surrounded by difficulties. You will not be able to enjoy your pleasures. However much you weep, you cannot get out of your difficulties. So do not leave Swadharma. Do not allow your Indriyas to go about as they please. If anyone does so, he will get destroyed like fish out of water. If anyone spends money with self-less motto, his sins will be washed out and will get God – realization. So everyone must do their own Swadharma and spend his money freely in his Swadharma.

To be continued.....

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## 5. SANATANA DHARMA & SRI SHIRDI SAIBABA

### NEWS FROM ABROAD:

[www.hinducounciluk.org](http://www.hinducounciluk.org)

LONDON, ENGLAND, October 17, 2006: The Hindu Culture and Heritage Society (HCHS), in association with Hindu Council UK and the London Fire Brigade, celebrated the Ganesha Chaturthi Festival for the second successive year outside India with stunning success on Sunday, October 8, 2006, in Southall West London. On October 5, 6 and 7 Lord Ganesha was worshipped followed by kirtan, arti and prasadam.

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CHAGUANAS, TRINIDAD, October 15, 2006: A Trinidadian pundit recently visited South Africa for the purpose of reawakening the spirit of Hinduism among South Africa's 1.7 million Hindus. Pundit Munelal Maharaj, of Lange Park, Chaguanas, spent three-weeks in South Africa with his wife, Naveeta and five-year old daughter, Vaishnavi, aimed at "recreating the Hindu Renaissance in South Africa." He hosted nightly programs in cities such as Durban, Pietermaritzburg, Dundee and Johannesburg. "The tour was indeed an awakening to the thousands of people who eagerly flocked to the programs to enjoy the melodious voices of both wife and husband.

[www.london.gov.uk](http://www.london.gov.uk)

LONDON, ENGLAND, October 19, 2006: Divali was celebrated October 15 in Trafalgar Square, London, by 20,000 people. Organized by the Mayor of London and the Divali in London Committee, chaired by Nitin Palan, the number of celebrants has increased 5,000 each year. Raghav, Hunterz and Kalakaar provided musical entertainment. Groups from the Saraswati Dance Academy, Brahma Kumaris, BAPS Swaminarayan School, Bombay Dance Club, Metropolitan Police Hindu Association, Sai School of Harrow, Kutch Leva Patel Community and the Brent Hindu Council gave dance performances. A Ram Leila play was presented by the Hindu Council of UK.

[www.hinducouncil.com.au](http://www.hinducouncil.com.au)

CANBERRA, AUSTRALIA, October 20, 2006: Diwali was celebrated at the Federal Parliament House in Canberra on October 16, 2006. The function was jointly hosted by the Hon. Senator Amanda Vanstone, Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs and the Hindu Council of Australia, a national body representing all Australian Hindus, and was attended by a number of Senators and Members of Parliament. After the ceremonial lighting of the traditional lamp, the Minister of Immigration emphasized the importance of celebrating Diwali at the Parliament House and the positive contributions being made by the Australian Indian community in the economic development and well-being of the Australian Multicultural society. A number of dances were performed by the young artists from Canberra, Sydney and Darwin. Sweets and light refreshments were served. The program ended with spectacular fireworks at the Federation

Mall outside the Parliament House. Visit the Hindu Council of Australia's website to see other news of Hindus in Australia and sign up for their newsletter.

## **6. SAIBANISA OFFERS PRANAMS TO “MAA TULASI “BABA USED TO MAINTAIN TULASI BRINDAVAN IN DWARAKAMAI**

TULASI KALYAN IS ON 02-11-2006

Tulasi in legends

A number of passages in the Puranas and other scriptures (Vedas), point to the importance of tulasi within religious worship. Tulasi is regarded as a goddess and a consort of Lord Vishnu. A garland of tulasi leaves is the first offering to the Lord as part of the daily ritual. Tulasi is accorded the sixth place among the eight objects of worship in the ritual of the consecration of the kalasha, the container of holy water.

One story has it that when Krishna was weighed in gold, not even all the ornaments of His consort Satyabhama could outweigh Him. But a single tulasi leaf placed by His another consort Rukmini on the pan tilted the scale.

Tulasi is ceremonially married to Vishnu annually on the eleventh bright day of the month of Kaartika in the lunisolar calendar. This festival continues for five days and concludes on the full moon day, which falls in mid-October. This ritual, called the "Tulasi Vivaha", inaugurates the annual marriage season in India.

## **7. DEVOTEES EXPERIENCES:**

Geetha

In 1996 I went with a few colleagues to Singapore, Bangkok and Hong Kong on a work related exposure trip. By the time we reached Hong Kong. I was tired and kept feeling I have not seen Baba's picture in days. In Hong Kong we could not find any accommodation due to the celebrations for the independence from British Rule. A local Indian Businessman known to a colleague got us place as paying guest with a Korean family.

I was in the elevator and it was Thursday. Suddenly a lady entered carrying agarbatti and I could not stop myself from asking her where she was going. And she said to the Sai mandir which is on the 10th floor of the building.

My hair stood on ends and I could not believe that this was possible. We got a place to stay in the very building that Baba's temple was there. To date whenever I remember that incident I cannot but bow my head with love to this great old man.

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## 8. SPIRITUAL GEMS FROM SAI SATCHARITRA

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Fri, 20 Oct 2006 21:29:39 -0700 (PDT)

Sai Ram.

Let us continue with the Spiritual Gems from Chapter 21 of Sai Satcharita.

"There have been institutions of Saints in this world, from time immemorial. Various Saints appear (incarnate) themselves in various places to carry out the missions allotted to them, but though they work in different places, they are, as it were, one."

All saints are one with each other. They work in unison under the common authority of the Almighty Lord and supplement work wherever necessary. An instance illustrating this is given below."

"Mr. V.H.Thakur, B.A., was a clerk in the Revenue Department and he once came to a town named Vadgaum near Belgium (S.M. Country) along with a Survey party.

There he saw a Kanarese Saint (Appa) and bowed before him." Sai Ram. To meet a Saint we must have some poorva janma punyam and the time has to come. "The Saint was explaining a portion from the book "Vichar-Sagar" of Nischaldas (a standard work on Vedanta) to the audience." Sai Ram. Vichar Sagar means a sea of Miseries. The Saint was explaining these abstruse concepts to people in a simple language. Sai Ram.

"When Thakur was taking his leave to go, he said to him, "you should study this book, and if you do so, your desires will be fulfilled, and when you go to the North in the discharge of your duties in future, you will come across a great Saint by your good luck, and then he will show you the future path, and give rest to your mind and make you happy".

Sai Ram. Is it not rather strange that the Saint should tell Thakur to read a book on Vedanta and assure him that if he reads that book, his desires will get fulfilled? At first sight, it does appear rather strange, but it is not strange if we understand what the desire(s) of that gentleman are. Suppose his desire is for liberation from the worldly desires, will not the study of Vedanta help? Yes, it will certainly help. Sai Ram.

And the Saint Appa knew the future of Sri Thakur and hence this assurance. It is very clear that Sri Thakur was a ripening fruit ready for plucking by the Master. Sai Ram.

"Then, he was transferred to Junnar, where he had to go by crossing Nhane Ghat. This Ghat was very steep and impassable, and no other conveyance, than a buffalo was of use in crossing it."

Sai Ram. Buffalo is the Vahana of Sri Yama, the Lord of Death and also Lord of Dharma and Karma. So, the little self of Thakur had to go through a lot of difficulty and finish its Karma before he could receive the grace of Sadguru Sai. Hence this buffalo ride!

"So he had to take a buffalo-ride through the Ghat, which inconvenienced and pained him much. Thereafter, he was transferred to Kalyan on higher post, and there he became acquainted with Nanasaheb Chandorkar. He heard much about Sai Baba from him and wished to see Him."

Sai Ram. This is called Subhechha, a good desire. Though all desires are to be finally given up, in the spiritual path, good desires help us move forward unlike the 'bad' (materialistic, sensual, pleasure seeking which make a person selfish and make him forget that he is not the little self but is one with the Universal Self) desires. In a way, good desires and the consequent good actions help us to nullify the negative karma. Thus Thakur got the desire to see the Saint, whom he was ordained to meet years ago, but is not aware yet.

"Next day, Nanasaheb had to go to Shirdi, and he asked Thakur to accompany him. He could not do so as he had to attend the Thana Civil Court for a civil case. So Nanasaheb went alone. Thakur went to Thane, but there the case was postponed. Then, he repented for not accompanying Nanasaheb."

Sai Ram. This is an example of most of us. We repent for lost opportunities (material or spiritual) without realizing that we cannot go back in time. But see the difference between a good Sadhaka and a not so good one. Thakur did not give up his plan of going to Shirdi just because he could not go with Nanasaheb. Sai Ram.

"Still he left for Shirdi and when he went there, he found that Nanasaheb had left the place the previous day. Some of his other friends, whom he met there, took him to Baba. He saw Baba, fell at His Feet and was overjoyed. His eyes were full of tears of joy and his hair stood on end."

Sai Ram. Guru's grace was passing like an electric current through him causing those sensations.

"After a while the omniscient Baba said to him - "The path of this place is not so easy as the teaching of the Kanarese Saint Appa or even as the buffalo-ride in the Nthane Ghat. In this spiritual path, you have to put in your best exertion as it is very difficult". When Thakur heard these significant signs and words, which none else than he knew, he was overwhelmed with joy."

Sai Ram. At other places also, Sai indicated the difficulty of the spiritual path, which is compared to a knife edge, a thin rope tied between two poles and suspended over a raging river below etc. "He came to know, that the word of the Kanarese Saint had turned true. Then joining both hands and placing his head on Baba's Feet, he prayed that he should be accepted and blessed."

Sai Ram. The surrender of the ego is an important part in learning. And Thakur knew that the great Saint referred to by Saint Appa is none other than Sadguru Sai. The placing of his head on Baba's feet is to receive the grace, which is like the flow of Ganges that will wash out the dirt within and illumine the inner space. Sai Ram.

"Then Baba said - "What Appa told you was all right, but these things have to be practiced and lived. Mere reading won't do. You have to think and carry out what you read; otherwise, it is of no use. Mere book-learning, without the grace of the Guru, and self-realization, is of no avail". Sai Ram. The word Acharya, which is used to mean Guru, actually means One who treads the path. For example, seeing the road map of the route from Hyderabad to Delhi is needed but not sufficient to reach Delhi. We need to take a guide (Guru), who is familiar with the route. Or we need to ask at important stages in the journey. In the case of Thakur, the Saint Appa indicated years ago that in future when he goes to north, he will meet a great Saint who will show him the further path. And Sai is showing him now. Sai Ram.

"The theoretical portion was read from the work 'Vichar Sagar' by Thakur, but the practical way was shown to him at Shirdi. Another story given below will bring out this truth more forcibly." Sai Ram. What a wonderful story! What great insights! We are truly blessed. Sai Ram.

Swamy

## **9. 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 two 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 story of the elephant and the sparrow**

Once upon a time there lived a sparrow with her husband on a tree. She had built a nice nest and laid her eggs in the nest. One morning, a wild elephant with spring fever feeling restive came to the tree in search of shade and in a rage broke the branch of the tree on which the nest was residing. Unluckily all the sparrow eggs were lost though both parents were saved. The sparrow was deep in lament.

Seeing her lament, the woodpecker bird, a friend of hers offered her consolation that she would think of a way of killing the elephant. Then she went to her friend the gnat, who in turn went to the counselor frog for advice. The frog then devised a scheme for killing the elephant. He asked the gnat to buzz in the ears of the elephant, so that the elephant would be thrilled to listen to the music of the gnat and close its eyes. Then she asked the woodpecker to pluck his eyes. She herself would be on the edge of a pit and would croak misleading the elephant to think that it is a pond.

The next day at noon the three carried out the plan and the elephant was killed when he fell flat into a pit after being blinded by the woodpecker when he closed his eyes in response to the gnat. So the revenge was taken with collective wit of all three animals.

**MORAL: Wit is superior to brute force.**

## **10. ARTICLES FROM SAI DEVOTEES:**

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Belief comes spontaneously. Belief comes by effort. In the spiritual life, a sincere, advanced and surrendered seeker can and will have spontaneous belief. Belief by personal effort, without the divine grace and Sri Sai Baba's unconditional protection, cannot be as effective as spontaneous belief. We have two principal organs: the eye and the ear. Our eyes quite often, if not always, believe themselves. Our ears very often believe others. These are our human eyes and our human ears. But the divine eye, the third eye, will believe only in the vision of Divinity, and the divine ears will believe only in the truth of reality. When we listen to the inner command, when we have the capacity to grow into constant obedience to our Inner Pilot, we feel within and without the presence of spontaneous belief. Belief is the reality of our inner obedience. This is divine belief, spontaneous belief. Belief by effort is a restricted, disciplined human understanding.

Belief is power. A real seeker of the infinite Truth knows this. An insincere and unaspiring seeker is aware of the truth that belief is power, but he cannot go beyond understanding or awareness; whereas a sincere, genuine, devoted and surrendered seeker knows that belief is dynamic power, and he has this power as his very own.

We see a tree. The tree bears flowers, and soon afterwards we see fruits. The flower is the harbinger of the fruit. In the spiritual life, belief is the flower. Belief is a divine angel which enters into us as the harbinger of Sri Sai Baba.

If we do not have belief, we can develop belief. How? We can do it by mixing with sincere spiritual people who care more for Sri Sai Baba than for pleasure. There are also people who care only for Sri Sai Baba in human beings, and if we mix with those people we can cultivate belief. When we have belief, we can walk with Sri Sai Baba in His Garden of Light and Delight.

Sai Ka Laadla

## **11. LETTERS FROM SAI DEVOTEES:**

Nagendra kumar: [vnk\\_nagu@yahoo.com](mailto:vnk_nagu@yahoo.com) On 8/10/06

Sai Ram

I V.Nagendra Kumar, residing in Hyderabad conveying my regards and congratulations to you and all the persons involved in running this E- magazine "The Glory of Shirdi Sai" since three years.

I pray Lord Sai Baba on behalf of us.

V.Nagendra Kumar

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Sai aerospace saiaerpace@yahoo.com

On 10/12/06

SaiRam!

What a pleasure it was to get the Glory of Shirdi Sai once again! I wish you and all the readers a very happy Diwali and May Sai bring all happiness, love and prosperity to one and all.

Sarve Jana Sukhinobhavanthu

G.Sugunakar.

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Wed, 11 Oct 2006 19:01:05 -0700 (PDT)

SaiRam!

I would appreciate if you can include the below Information regarding a opening of Shirdi Sai Mandir in Dulles, VA on Sep 27th so that people who are interested can attend the aarti's conducted by the temple.

Please visit: <http://www.shirdisaimandir.org/undercon.htm>

Thanks

Krishna

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Sai Ram,

We are Sai devotees from Malaysia. Ours is a registered society, Persatuan Shirdi Sai Baba Selangor, Malaysia. We conduct prayers on every Thursday morning 9.00 1m and bhajans at 7.30 pm in our Centre. Any devotees from Malaysia or Singapore like to visit our centre, please note the address:

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Thank you and Sai Ram

Ushalakshmi

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On 10/19/06

SaiRam!

Wish a happy depawali for all Saidarbar members.

Chandrasekhar

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On 10/20/06

Jai Sai Ram

Wish you all a very happy Deepawali.

Thanks & regards

Meenakshi Sharma

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On 10/20/06

Jai Sai Ram

Dear All Members of Sai Darbar Group,

Myself & My family wishing to everybody "A happy Diwali" and also get Bababji's wishing to everybody.

With best Regards & thank you so much for the E- Magazine.

Valsala

New Delhi.

## **12. SAI'S BOOK WORLD:**

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Things impressed me from this Magazine:

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Divine thoughts should be allowed to get in slowly, when vicious tendencies will vanish. It is like sweeping a room that was kept closed for many months and where dirt remains accumulated.

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