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

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### **INNER PERSONALITY**

Realization starts with attempts for the development of the inner personality of man. Religious ritual, recitation of prayers, pouring out in charities, etc. are all good in their own way but they do not serve much purpose if done mechanically without catching the principle behind them. Real spirituality is not an external show. Sublimation of the inner nature of man involves a technique different from the one employed in the refinement of material objects.

Any one moving on the road to the divine land unfailingly retains that divinity in his mind in whatever he does. He verily considers himself a servant of God doing only his work through all his activities. Since thus no work belongs to him, according to his own belief and conviction, he feels neither elated by its success nor depressed by failure. It is all, according to him, God's lookout. The aspirant is just unconcerned with it. His only business and chief aim is to perform his allotted duty to the best of his ability. If he deliberately and assiduously adheres to this attitude of detachment in all his dealings with others, he incurs no sin, no Karma and gets no rebirth.

Then quite in its natural course, his mind turns away from mere ostentation to real spirituality. It does not stop there. It slowly but surely conducts him to an inner search of himself and a deeper enquiry into his real origin, right growth and final goal. Gradually, he gets into a study of the nature of the Jivatma and its relationship with the Paramatma and that is the dawning of wisdom on him.

Thus if the Sadhaka is sincere, he can perform his duties prescribed by scriptures or any Dharma he follows, without refraining from the associated ritual thereof. But he should try to give it all a new turn and right direction by changing from the crust to the core, from the glittering cover to the sterling content.

**Om Shantih Shantih Shantihi**

**Lokah Samastah Sukhino Bhavantu**

To be continued...

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

March 1911- Tatyasaheb Noolkar, a staunch devotee of Baba, Sub-Judge of Phandarpur breathes his last at Shiridi at the age of 48.

March 1912- Dadasaheb Khaparde returned to Amroati. Mrs.Laxmibai Khaparde stayed behind in Shiridi.

### 3. SAI IN DREAMS:

These are the dream sequences and messages as received by SaiBaNiSaji 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.

03-01-1995

I bowed down before Baba and asked HIM to give a message to Saibandhus for the year 1995.Sai presented with the following visuals.

A Guru steers you through the worldly matters and extends help in fulfilling your moral and social obligations, whereas Sadhguru takes you across the spiritual ocean and marks a path to reach the almighty.

In true sense, love is confined only to the kith and kin, whereas it is equal for all in spiritualism.

A priest in the temple accepts dakshina for making livelihood, whereas Sadhguru demands dakshina to part it to the under privileged ones to practice equality.

Human tendency is to respect people by the presentations and the gifts they bring in, whereas Sadhguru thinks how to address them with love, affection and to decide as to what is to be given from HIS spiritual treasure for their benefit.

Seek the blessings of Samardha Sadhguru on the New Year.

04-01-1995

I prayed Baba to guide me to advance spiritually. Sai has shown me the following visuals:

No one appreciate a hungry person fasting for the cause of food, whereas undue publicity is received and sympathy is drawn, when the rich and well to do people undertake fasting.

In materialistic World, friends and relatives stand by you, whereas in spiritualism only Samardha Sadhguru renders the support.

Bear the facts in mind to make a beginning.

05-01-1995

Baba, please tell me about the difficulties to be faced while treading the spiritual path. Sai has shown me in the visual form-

Love for the daughter, lust towards wife and affection towards mother are detrimental to the spiritual progress.

Attachments are the biggest hindrance for the spiritual growth.

To be continued.....

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

(By Late Sri Bharam UmamaheswaraRao)

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#### **27. Maya**

Maya is the name given to the Shakti or power of Chaitanya which makes it appear in different forms. Can we separate Chaitanya from Shakti? We cannot – just as we cannot separate jaggery from its sweetness and the sun from its brilliance. The separation comes only at the end of Maya. Maya ends when Chaitanya is realized. Both Chaitanya and Maya are beginningless. Maya and Chaitanya are also named Prakruti and Purusha.

Pujya Sri B.V. Narasimha Swamiji explained Chaitanya is a cave and he who enters into that cave never returns but becomes the cave. He further said 'Maya' is 'Karya' and has wonderful qualities. I am such and such person, you are such and such etc is all result of this Maya. All these are unreal differences.

He further says: that Maya has two aspects 1. The Avarana – covering up the consciousness of the Soul and 2. Vikshepa – producing illusory appearances over the covering.

To be continued.....

#### **5. SANATANA DHARMA & SHRI SHIRDI SAIBABA**

From saisatcharita Chapter XL

In 1917 on the full-moon morning, Hemadpant had a vision. Baba appeared to him in his dream in the form of a well-dressed Sannyasi, woke him up, and said that He would come to him for meals that day. This awakening constituted a part of the dream. When he fully awoke, he saw no Sai nor any Sannyasi. But when he began to recollect the dream, he remembered each and every word the Sannyasi uttered in his dream. Though he was in contact with Baba for seven years and though he always meditated on Baba, he never expected that Baba would come to his house for meals.

However, being much pleased with Baba's words, he went to his wife and informed her that being the Holi day, a Sannyasi guest was coming for meals and that some more rice should be prepared. She enquired about the guest, who he was and whence he was coming. Then not to

lead her astray and not to cause any misunderstanding he gave her the truth, i.e., told her about the dream. She doubtfully asked whether it was possible that Baba should come there (Bandra) from Shirdi, leaving the dainty dishes there for accepting their coarse food. Hemadpant then assured her that Baba might not come in person but He might attend in the form of a guest and that they would lose nothing if they cooked some more rice.

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## **CELEBRATION OF HOLY**

The celebration of Holy is very ancient in its origin. And by its very origin, it celebrates an ultimate triumph of the 'good' over the 'evil'. While, a feast of colors associated with the Holi, is the face of this celebration, the original reason of celebrating Holi, lies in its soul. And this gives us the 'why' of this ancient festival.

Literally "Holi" signifies "burning" in Indian language. But, how it came to be associated with 'burning', is a story. The reference is found only in ancient Indian mythology. And It is the legend of Hiranyakashipu, to whom the celebration of Holi is associated.

There lived a demon king named Hiranyakashipu in ancient India. He wanted to avenge the death of his younger brother. The brother, also a demon, had been killed by Lord Vishnu, one of the supreme trio, monitoring the life and death in the universe, (according to the Hindu belief). To take on Vishnu, the tyrant king wanted to become the king of the heaven, earth and the underworld. He performed severe penance and prayer for many years to gain enough power. Finally he was granted a boon. Powered by the boon, Hiranyakashipu thought he had become invincible. Arrogant, he ordered all in his kingdom to worship him, instead of God. The demon king, however, had a very young son, named Prahalad. He was an ardent devotee of Vishnu. Despite his father's order, Prahalad continued to pray to Vishnu. So the demon king wanted to kill his son. He asked the favor of his sister Holika who, because of a boon, was immune to fire. They planned that Prahalad would be burned to death. A pyre was lit up and Holika sat on it, clutching Prahalad. Yet, at the end Prahalad emerged unscathed by the fire, And Holika, the demon, was burned to ashes. The earnest devotion and complete submission to Lord Vishnu saved young Prahalad. Thus was the triumph of Prahalad, the representative of good spirits. And the defeat of Holika, the representative of evil. Later, even the demon king Hiranyakashipu was killed by Lord Vishnu. But that is quite a different story. It is from Holika, that the Holi originated. This legend is relived even today on the Holi-eve when the pyre is re-lit in the form of bonfires. Even today, people celebrate this occasion. Huge bonfires are lit up every year on the eve of the full moon night of the Holi to burn the spirit of the evils. Hence the story associated with the soul of the celebration.

## NEWS

[www.lexpress.mu](http://www.lexpress.mu)

MAURITIUS, February 11, 2007: To mark the beginning of the festivities of Maha Sivaratri, 1,000 families simultaneously offered rituals to Lord Siva at the Swamy Srinivasacharya Badarika Ashramam. Several political personalities were present, including the Prime Minister, Navin Ramgoolam, Lady Sarojini Jugnauth (wife of the President) and Minister Arvin Boolell. It was an unprecedented event in Mauritius to have 1,000 Siva Lingams, symbols representing the God Siva, simultaneously worshipped with water collected from 108 rivers in India by the assembled devotees. Swamy Srinivasacharya Badarika Ashramam is a sociocultural organization managing a temple dedicated to God Siva in Forest-Side. Unrecognizable to regular visitors, the Ashramam temple was completely sheltered under a huge canopy to accommodate the total of 6,000 guests. Traffic was held up in the area of Forest-Side as 350 police officers diverted cars along the only route which passes through Curepipe. The devotees followed instructions given in several languages over loudspeakers. Priests had come from India to assist.

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[www.hindustantimes.com](http://www.hindustantimes.com)

ALLAHABAD, INDIA, February 16, 2007: Siva's most holy day of the year, Mahashivaratri, was celebrated with pomp by pilgrims taking a holy dip in the Sangam as the final day of the Ardh Kumbh concluded. The news release explained, "Massive arrangements had been made for the safety of bathers at the Sangam and at the ghats in the Mela area. The area reverberated with religious slogans and sounds. Pilgrims and citizens were seen carrying Ganga jal to be offered to Shivalingams. Once again, the surface of the Ganga was seen covered with flowers offered by the devotees."

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[www.statesman.com](http://www.statesman.com)

AUSTIN, TEXAS, February 20, 2007: On February 11 over 1,000 people attended the official opening of the Austin Hindu Temple and Cultural Center. The temple is located on more than 70 acres near the Travis County Exposition Center in eastern Travis County and is the first traditional Hindu temple in Austin. U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, and Austin Mayor Will Wynn helped open the center during an afternoon ribbon-cutting ceremony. They said that the center demonstrates Austin's interest in embracing people from different cultures and that they hope it will draw more Indians to the region. "The Indian American culture in Texas is enormously well-educated and productive," Cornyn said. "I think they will do nothing but enrich the quality of life in Austin." Austin's Indian resident has grown dramatically largely because of the region's high-tech industry, officials said.

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samachar.com

NEW DELHI, INDIA, February 16, 2007: Whether it's for a perfect husband or for the fulfillment of their wishes, many people across the country are observing a daylong fast today on the occasion of Maha Sivaratri. Celebrated in honor of the Hindu God Lord Siva, Maha Sivaratri is celebrated on the 13th or 14th day of the dark half of Phalgun (February-March). Said Kasturi Nath from Assam: "My mother and I are keeping a daylong fast without drinking even water. In the evening, we will go to the Siva temple next to our home, give offerings to the Lord and break our fast." After observing the fast, people give offerings to Shiva and bel leaves are an integral part of the offering. "Bel leaves are very sacred since it is said that Goddess Lakshmi resides in them. We offer these leaves to the Siva Lingam (an icon of Siva) and pray to the Lord," explained Sanchari Das of Delhi. "We wash the Lingam every three hours at night with milk, honey and rose water and chant 'Om Namah ivaya.' This is called 'Prahar,' " Das said. While most unmarried girls fast on this day in the hope of finding a perfect husband, many married women and young men also fast. Hymns in praise of Siva are chanted throughout the night.

## **6. DEVOTEES EXPERIENCES:**

mbirit@yahoo.com

Thu, February 15, 2007 2:50 pm

My Experience

Thank you Sai Baba for relieving my pain & showing me the right direction. I am here today because of your blessings, they are always with me. Bow to shree sai, Peace be to all

Manisha

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Goutham Shoroff: goutham.shoroff@gmail.com

On 2/7/07

This is a miracle of Shirdi Sai baba

One of the girls is the devotee of Shirdi Sai baba staying in Bangalore. She won't even take a glass of water on Thursdays. She was recently engaged to a boy. Before wedding day she requested Sai baba to come to her marriage. On the wedding day in marriage hall she was talking to Sai baba. Then the husband of the girl thought the girl as mad, and told I cannot marry the girl. Then the parents of girl requested the boy, that she is well but having great respect on Shirdi SaiBaba. Then the boy agreed for marriage. After marriage when photographer was printing the photos in every photo Shirdi Sai Baba is standing.

## 7. 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. Now I want to tell the stories what heard in my child hood.

The story of the bird with the two necks

Once upon a time there lived a special kind of bird which had two necks and shared a common stomach.

One day, one of the heads found a jar of nectar and on seeing this other head also wanted to taste the nectar but the first neck refused to let it have it. Enraged, the other neck soon found a jar of poison and it consumed it. The poison reached the common stomach and both the necks perished.

**MORAL: Sharing of a good thing with others is always good.**

## 8. ARTICLES FROM SAI DEVOTEES:

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Mon, 19 Feb 2007 03:30:10 +0000 (GMT)

Shirdi wale SaiBaba sabka tu hi rakhwala,  
kaisey pujun tujhe maya mein tuney hi daala,  
chakki key attey ne teri kiya mahamari nivaran,  
Bhimaji ka kiya tuney TB rog haran,  
jisney jis roop me puja tujhko,  
darshan wahi roop me mila usko,  
mujhme shraddha bhakti karo ujar,  
vishay-vaasana dur kar merey hriday ko bana lo apna  
ghar.  
puje tujhko jo bhi puri ho gayi uski aas,

Tere charno pe hoon natmastak mujh mey bhar do  
vishwas,

Hemadpant ko diya satcharit lekhan ka aadesh,  
aashirvad sey teri shanka bachi na sesh,  
leelaon ki gatha teri bhakton key liye Gita upadesh,  
manan leelaon ka kar upanishadon ka saar paata,  
sansarik icchhaen puri hoti bhav bandhan se mukti  
dilaata,

prarthna tumse yehi guruvar  
apney kandhon pe ley lo merey saarey bhaar

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"sudha vohra" sudha\_vohra@hotmail.com

Tue, 20 Feb 2007 09:48:11 +0530

Mere sapne main aana sai ji  
mujhe darsh dikhana sai ji  
mujhe aapna banana sai ji  
mujhe nahin thukrana sai ji

bhulen meri batana  
mujhe rah bhi dikhana  
main na janu kuch bhi  
sab kuch hai tumhe samjhana  
mujhe nahin bahlana sai ji

mere sapne .....

mera nahin hai kuch bhi

sab kuch tumhe saunpa hai

aayi samajh mein meri

bus aab yahi mouka hai

esko nahin hai ganvana sai ji

mere sapne .....

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

Valsala Sivadasan: valsala.sivadasan@hotmail.com

On 2/21/07

Jai Sai Ram,

Thank you very much for sending me the Glory of Shirdi Sai Magazine 4th edition. The detailed story of "Shivaratri" in this edition of the Magazine, I am very happy to read the story of the "King Chitrabhanu". Also about the shivaratri fast details, it is a good knowledge of everybody who is taking fast for Lord Shiva on that day.

The details which you were sending about of all the occasions which is absolutely fine because every details we do not have. In future how to maintain for fast / pooja, all knowledge will get from this detailed magazine.

Please accept my thanks to babaji & all Sai members in Shirdi Sai Group.

I am praying to the feet of babaji for helping me all the time.

With best regards,

Valsala Sivadasan - New Delhi.

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Response for "The Glory of Shirdi Sai" E- Magazine

in the 3d page turning NEW FORMAT

Patrick Gallivan: gallivan@eircom.net

Date: Feb 22, 2007 12:28 PM

This new format is very good and easy to operate. I am a 'Sathya' Sai devotee, but it was 'Shirdi' Sai who came to me first, in a dream. He was there all night; it was like looking at His black & white photo that depicts Him with his right leg over the knee of His left leg. He never said a word; we were just gazing at each other all night!

Thank you.

Sai Ram.

Patrick (Ireland).

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On Thu, 22 Feb 2007 08:49:12 40500

Sai Ram

Thanks for sharing this spiritual magazine. An innovative way of presentation. I and my wife intent to visit Shirdi in May/June this year. Would appreciate if you could kindly advice us on the travel plans as this would be our first trip. Thanks.

A. Thiru

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

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On Thu, 22 Feb 2007 08:46:09 40500

Sairam

I never miss to read Glory of Shirdi Sai every week. I really enjoy the moral stories and devotees experiences very much. They will help lot in my spiritual growth.

Kalyani

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On Thu, 22 Feb 2007 19:21:16 40500

SaiRam

Just Amazing. Whenever, I go thru this magazine, I always come across something which clarifies my current doubts. It's just amazing and reminds me that SAI is always with me and SAI is always with the people who have SHRADDHA in him.

Ram Prasad

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SaiRam

Excellent. I enjoyed the book and the new layout. Please keep it up.

Sivakumar

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gayathrimt@yahoo.com

On Thu, 22 Feb 2007 13:50:05 40500

Om Sairam

You are doing a divine job through this site. May Baba bless you and be with you always.

Regards

Gayathri

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chiiny5609@yahoo.com

On Thu, 22 Feb 2007 09:01:51 40500

Sairam

Thank you for giving me opportunity to serve this book for me.

Lakshmi Jandhyala.

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sathsapna27@gmail.com

On Thu, 22 Feb 2007 09:06:05 40500

Thank you for giving me such an opportunity to express my gratitude.

Satheesh.J

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Sai Ram

The most beautiful site which leads us to the path of Sadguru. I feel a deep sense of surrender to Sai Nath everytime I visit the site.

Sai Arpana

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On 2/23/07

Jai Sai Ram

Thanks for giving us the new 3D format. It is excellent. We are enjoying it. Please see that the text is little big. We old people are finding to read as it is too small. Thanks.

C.Madhavarao

A humble Sai devotee

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[pavany@hotmail.com](mailto:pavany@hotmail.com) Wed, 21 Feb 2007 13:27:14 40500

Sairam This is by far the best magazine I have read. The new format is very good. I love it. Keep up the good work

Pavan

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Title: Shri Sai Baba ke Param Bhakt (HINDI)

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ISBN: 8120727797

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Things impressed me from this magazine:

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Attachments are the biggest hindrance for the spiritual growth.

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