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1. FROM THE SATSANGHS OF SAIBANISA JI

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MIND AND DESIRE

With a judicious employment of free will man can do the most valuable service to himself by controlling the mind and killing desire. Desire is the arch enemy of man's spiritual progress. First it takes possession of the mind and establishes its control over it. It then drags the mind to various temptations and corrupts it in yielding to heinous methods for getting them fulfilled. The more the mind indulges in them, the more thirsty it feels for them. Quite in a subtle and surreptitious manner, it corrupts and enslaves man as an intoxicant and leaves him in the end like a boat caught in a storm in the middle of the sea.

Desire is insatiable and proliferates. We cannot kill desire by more desires just as we cannot extinguish a fire by adding more fuel to it. It leaves the person persuasively into a destructive clutches, as a light does to a moth. Thus a person hovers round all kinds of temptations and is incited to commit an endless variety of sins, which in their turn kill his higher nature and render him unfit for progress. When desire is opposed or defeated, it generates in man anger, hatred, delusion, ruin of reason and with the utter destruction of his inner personality.

To subdue such a disastrous foe and control the capricious mind and the senses behind it, the best way is to study Holy Scriptures and practice their elevating precepts. Good counsel stands endless repetition. That sensual pleasures and their consequential evils are most retrograde to one's spiritual advancement should be repeatedly dinned into his ears even to the point of fault. Regular prayer and meditation, association with holy personalities, filling the mind with spiritual ideas in order to keep at bay all evil thoughts help him as purifying agents of his filthy inside.

By sincere and assiduous practice of such remedial measures, he can wean away his mind from its pursuit of sensual pleasures and drive it in the right direction towards salvation. This is the best work he can do for his own uplift, to begin with.

Om Shantih Shantih Shantih

Lokah Samastah Sukhino Bhavantu

To be continued...

2. SAI'S NEWS FROM THE TIME MACHINE:

June 1911: Kashinath Govind Upasani visited Shirdi for the first time at the age of 41 years.

June 1929: Hemadri Pant (Anna Saheb Dhabolkar) completed writing SaiSatcharitra in Marathi

June 1940: Sakhran Balvanth, a staunch devotee of Baba and an advocate from Nashik passed away at the age of 67 years due to heart attack.

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.

MARCH-1995:

01-03-1995

Now a day, I am not able to get along well with friends and even domestic life is under turmoil. I prayed Sai to grant me with permission to opt for renunciation. Sai appeared in the form of an unknown person and said-

Everything happens at an appropriate time. One should be patient till then. Life is like playing the game of football. Try your best to make a goal, which will happen only at the pre-destined and opportune moment. One has to continue the play till it comes. I got the message.

Moments of distress should be faced patiently.

02-03-1995

I asked Sai to bless all my family members so that we always follow the path of righteousness. Sai in formless said-

Contentment and happiness will be in place once the housewife becomes a role model to begin with.

Happiness in family life is very important.

06-03-1995

Some people and make money by resorting to wrong practices and exploiting their positions. At times, I too am tempted doing the same, setting aside all the moral values. I put forward this predicament before Baba before going to bed. Sai in the form of an unknown person said-

Real character is put to test only when one encounters upon such situations. One may even feel and try justifying that the chosen path is only the right one under those circumstances. However the true Sai devotee emerges successfully after going through the stages of push and pulls.

A real Sai devotee can never go wrong.

To be continued.....

4. QUINTESSENCE OF SRI SAIBABA'S PHILOSOPHY:

(By Late Sri Bharam UmamaheswaraRao)

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29. Is Samsara Really Necessary?

Baba finally advised Nana Chandorkar about the importance of 'Gruhastashram'. Gruhastha is not at all inferior to a celibate. Of all the four Varnashramas, Gruhastashram is better than other Ashrams. It is the best one. The reason behind it is that, the householder has to provide food and shelter and shoulder the burden of the three Ashrams. In the same manner as all the rivers and rivulets reach their destination, the ocean, Brahmacharis, Sanyasis and Seers meet the people of Gruhastha in their houses as the meeting point. It is the main stay for social and cultural continuity. The mutual cooperation of complicating and supplementing the social fabric is seen at Gruhastashram. It is due to this that Gruhastashram is considered the best of all the four Varnashramas.

If a Gruhastha has these 10 qualities

1. Aprarigruha (non-receiving)
2. Patience
3. Boldness
4. Dama
5. Purity
6. Control of mind
7. The worldly vision
8. Philosophical Thinking
9. Leading a truthful life and

10. Without anger and ego

Then that Gruhastha may be called as Mahatma, who has renounced all the worldliness mind.

To be continued.....

5. SANATANA DHARMA & SHRI SHIRDI SAIBABA

At the beginning, mankind and the obligation of selfless service were created together. "Through selfless service, you will always be fruitful and find the fulfillment of your desires": this is the promise of the Creator.

-Bhagavad Gita 3:10

As a man's shadow follows his footsteps wherever he goes, Even so will destruction pursue those who commit sinful deeds.

-Tirukkural 21: 208

For the Self is everything.

When the seeker knows this,

He falls silent.

He no longer thinks,

"I am this, I am not that."

Such thoughts melt away.

-Ashtavakra Gita 18:9

www.zeenews.com

PITHORAGARH, INDIA, May 26, 2007: Starting out from New Delhi and walking 865 kms to complete their pilgrimage, the first of 16 groups with 45 pilgrims each will commence their journey on June 1. The news release explains, "The journey passes through the beautiful but tough mountain route including an arduous trek of 70 kms from Mangati onwards. There are five points - Gala, Bundi, Gunji, Kalapani and Nabhidang - on Indian side where the pilgrims would spend nights during the journey. After entering into Tibet through Lipulekh pass (16,500 ft), pilgrims would be staying in various camps at Taklakot, Kugu, Zaidi, Parkha, Hore, Dera Phuk, Darchain and Zongzairbu before arriving at the Mansarovar lake, situated at 14,862 ft with a circumference of 90 kms. Mount Kailash, considered as an abode of Lord Shiva and Goddess

Parvati, and Mansarovar, said to have been created by Brahma, is situated in Tibet."
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AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND, May 28, 2007: In a historic event for the Hindu community of New Zealand, Prime Minister Helen Clark inaugurated New Zealand's first Hindu conference by lighting the holy lamp at the Hindu Heritage Center in Auckland, May 12, 2007. The conference theme was The Contribution of Hindu Community to the National Life of New Zealand and the keynote address was presented by Dr. Guna Magesan, General Secretary of the Hindu Council of New Zealand. He highlighted the fact that the Hindu community is the second largest faith-based community in New Zealand and that it has grown by 62 per cent in the last five years.

Sairama Prasad

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On 4/27/07

INVITATION

8th Anniversary Celebrations

AKHANDA SAI NAMA SAPTHA SAPTHAHA

& DAILY ANNA PRASADA FROM 26-08-2007 TO 14-10-2007

Blessed Sai Bandhus,

To commemorate Baba's presence (In flesh and Blood) as an ascetic on 09-09-2000, It is scheduled to conduct 8th Anniversary Celebrations and Akhanda Sai Nama Saptha Sapthaha & Daily Anna Prasada Non-stop chanting of Baba's Taraka Mantra "Om Sai Sri Sai Jaya Jaya Sai" for 1176 hours From Sunday 26th August 2007 11.00 a.m to Sunday 14th October 2007 , 11.00 a.m.

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6. DEVOTEES EXPERIENCES:

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Shree Satchitt Ananda Satguru Sainath Maharaj Kee Jai

15th May 2007

Dear Sai family,

I would like to share with you all a recent experience of mine where Baba showed me clearly that he is behind me helping me with my application for permanent residency as well. I will try to be up to the point.

I have been an overseas student in Sydney, Australia; now came the time when I was trying to get all the documents sorted for applying for a permanent residency here.

Before applying for PR, I had applied for the certificate to an Acocuntancy association for the recognition of the subjects I have completed so far (here and in India) for migrating as an Accountant. This is the most crucial and the only document that was left. I had done very few accounting subjects here but had done some in India so it was very doubtful that they would approve my application and I was sure that they would ask me to atleast complete one or two subjects more.

Now for the PR application fees, I didn't even have around \$2000 straight away and thus I was a bit restless and had to delay everything. I had already asked several banks here for a credit card (since ages) and personal loan (recently) but everyone rejected it because I am not a permanent resident. About 2 weeks ago, I had some work in my Bank and I don't know what happened to me and I asked them if they give credit cards to non PR people now and she said that they do and sent my application.

As usual, when I went to the Sai temple next time, I told my Sai devotee friend about it. I also told him that if they approve it and the letter comes on a Thursday then it is all Baba's game plan. Boom! On 10th May, Thursday, I get a letter from my bank with the PIN number, which is sent before the actual credit card is sent for security, thus confirming me about the approval.

On 14th May, Monday, I get 2 letters in the post box. One with the credit card (limit \$6000) and a letter from the National Institute of Accountants. Before opening the letter I said to Baba that if I can't surrender to your will in this little thing then what will I have complete surrender; whatever you will is my will, I don't care about anything else. (Although I said that, my heart wanted it to be approved :o) The letter was to say that 9 subjects out of 12 have been approved, which is what is required to migrate as an Accountant. Date of approval on the letter by NIA is the 10th of May, Thursday, my Baba's day. I cried and the heart celebrated in front of him.

I have just finished applying for my PR online. Too many such things have started to happen only after I gained faith in Baba. At times I think that life's purpose (Moksha) is very easy as Baba is with me.

May Baba bless all.

Jai Sai Ram

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.

TRUE SUPERIORITY:

Once there was a king named Mallik. He was a very brave, kind and powerful king. He was loved by his subjects and also by his courtiers. One day a thought came to the mind of the King, "Am I really so great that there is no defect in me? How should I find it out?" "Do my people praise me because they could not criticize me at my face? The truth can be known when one hears the true opinion of the people. This can happen only if I am not recognized. People will not afraid to give their true opinion." The King called his charioteer. He told him that he wanted to go on a tour, he would take only the charioteer with him.

The king, with his charioteer, traveled far and wide in his kingdom. Wherever he went, he asked the people what they felt about their King Mallik? Everywhere people, without knowing that they were talking to the king himself, praised King Mallik as great and noble king. One day while he was traveling, his chariot came to a narrow bridge. Only one chariot could move over it at one time. Now, the usual practice of those days was that a lower ranking gave the way to a higher ranking man. Just when King Mallik's chariot reached one end of the bridge, another chariot came to the other end of the bridge which had to come this side. Who was to cross first? The charioteer from this side said, "My friend, let me cross first. The great King Mallik is in my chariot." The other charioteer replied, "If your master is a great king, then my master, the great King Brahmadata of Kashi is greater. It is you who will have to make way for him."

What was to be done? Then one of the kings suggested that since both of them were kings, their superiority could be decided on the basis of age and the size of their kingdoms. Most surprisingly, it turned out that both the kings were equal in age and the size of their kingdoms. How to decide who was superior? Both the kings started thinking. After much thought King Brahmadata said, "The greatness of a person is determined by his qualities. You tell me about your qualities to prove your greatness." King Mallik proudly spoke, "I reciprocate goodness with goodness and wrong with wrong." King Brahmadata said, "If these are your qualities, you cannot be bigger defect in the world than this." King Mallik was shocked, He said, "Maharaj Brahmadata, what do you say? Well, then, come out with your qualities. King Brahmadata said,

“Listen, O King Mallik, I repay wrong with goodness. Those who harm me, I help even those persons.”

When King Mallik heard these words, he bowed his head before Brahmadata. He acknowledged with his whole heart that King Brahmadata was indeed greater than he was. He still had many weaknesses which needed to be removed. Thus realization ultimately came to King Mallik that there were greater persons than he was. All his pride vanished.

8. SPIRITUAL GEMS FROM SAI SATCHARITRA

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On 5/16/07

Sai Ram. Let us continue with the Spiritual Gems from Sri Sai Satcharitra. As usual, SSS represents Sri Sai Satcharitra and SSG represents Sai Spiritual Gems. Sai Ram.

Ordeal of Guru-Bhakti

Let us now see, how the second Cholera-ordinance fared with Baba. While it was in force, somebody brought a goat to the Dwarakamai; It was weak, old and about to die. At this time Fakir Pir Mohamad of Malegaon alias Bade Baba was near. Sai Baba asked him to behead it with one stroke, and offer it as an oblation. This Bade Baba was much respected by Sai Baba. He always sat on the right hand of Sai Baba. After the chilim (pipe) was first smoked by him, it was then offered to Baba and others. After the dishes were served, at the time of taking meals at noon, Baba respectfully called Bade Baba and made him sit on His left side, and then all partook of food. Baba paid him also daily Rs.50/- out of the amount collected as Dakshina. Baba accompanied him hundred paces whenever he was going away. Such was his position with Baba. But when Baba asked him to behead the goat, he flatly refused, saying "Why it should be killed for nothing?"

SSG: Sai Ram. Bade Baba did not consider himself to be a disciple of Sai Baba and though he has seen many instances of Sai's powers did not get the spirit of discipleship. His ego (probably caused by his title of Bade Baba and the respect shown to him by Sai) prevented him from seeing Sai in the true light. Sai Ram.

SSS: Then Baba asked Shama to kill it. He went to Radha-Krishna-Mai and brought a knife from her and placed it before Baba. Knowing the purpose for which the knife was taken, she recalled it. Then Shama went to bring another knife, but stayed in the Wada, and did not return soon. Then came the turn of Kakasaheb Dixit. He was 'good gold' no doubt, but had to be tested. Baba asked him to get a knife and kill the goat. He went to Sathe's Wada and returned with a knife. He was ready to kill it at Baba's bidding. He was born in a pure Brahmin family and never in his life knew killing. Though quite averse to do any act of violence, he made himself bold to kill the goat. All the people wondered to see that Bade Baba, a Mahomedan was unwilling to kill it while this pure Brahmin was making preparations to do so. He tightened his dhotar and with a semicircular motion raised his hand with the knife and looked at Baba for the final signal. Baba

said - "What are you thinking of? Go on, strike". Then, when the hand was just about to come down, Baba said - "Stop, how cruel you are! Being a Brahmin, you are killing a goat?"
Kakasaheb obeyed and kept the knife down and said to baba - "Your nectar like word is law unto us; we do not know any other ordinance. We remember You always, meditate on Your Form and obey You day and night, we do not know or consider whether it is right or wrong to kill, we do not want to reason or discuss things, but implicit and prompt compliance with Guru's orders, is our duty and dharma".

S.V.Swamy

9. ARTICLES FROM SAI DEVOTEES:

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AAb to le lo appni panah mein sai
mene kiye hain bahut se gunah hai Sai

mene dekha hai bade payar se tujhe
tum bhi dekho bus eek nigah hai Sai
teri surat jo dekh le eek bar koi
usko phir se dekhne ki chah hai Sai
rrakh mujh par yakin tu bande mere
tune hi di hai sabko yeh salah hai Sai

Sudha Vohra

10. LETTERS FROM SAI DEVOTEES:

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Mon, 28 May 2007 15:43:23 -0700

Jai Sai Ram,

Many Blessings on all your great works. Thank you so much when you send your issue right in the email, so simple for people like me.

Dobby Sommer

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Wed, May 23, 2007 11:04 pm

SaiRam,

Thanks for the interesting and informative site. That is definitely what I have been looking for.

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On 5/23/07

SaiRam, Thank you for sending me a magazine based on Sai Baba please send me every weak.

Shilpa. S

Response for "The Glory of Shirdi Sai" E- Magazine in the 3d page turning NEW FORMAT

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On Thu, 19 Apr 2007 08:32:45 40500

Thanks for sending valuable information on Baba. My faith in him grows stronger after reading all the experiences of devotees. I strongly believe that one day I may be blessed by Baba in my vision and get the spiritual insight. Thanks for sharing and bringing us close to Baba.

Malini

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On Tue, 17 Apr 2007 00:58:25 40500

I have just been a member of this web site and for the first time I have read this magazine. It refreshed me and gave me hopes and joy. It took me closer to Baba.

Mandvi

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On Sat, 14 Apr 2007 23:12:09 40500

JAI SAI RAM

I enjoyed reading the magazines and listening to the beautiful bhajans.

Thank you so much.

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On Wed, 09 May 2007 09:31:15 40500

Excellent work... it just gets better... Thank you for providing such a good service....

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On Mon, 07 May 2007 19:15:45 40500

I am very much impressed by your work thanks for connecting all Sai devotees.

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It is really wonderful to see this ezine and I have been receiving this since 2005. I am grateful to that person who has added me to the mail list. I want to send the same to few of my friends. Pls. advice me how I can do it.

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This is a very convenient format it is very easy to turn the pages and read thank you very much

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Jaya Sai ram lo what a wonderful pages this magazine contained, it is Sai Krupa which made millions of His bhaktas read and emulate.

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OM SAI SRI SAI JAYA JAYA SAI

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SaiRam,

Please send the Aarti and Bhajan songs. I would like to hear it every day.

Sai Vishwa Jeth.

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