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1. FROM THE SATSANGHS OF SAIBANISA JI

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Shirdi Sai's Philosophy in the words of Saibanisaji

The Sun rises in the eastern sky and clears away the darkness of the world without prejudice or favoritism toward any particular region. So, Sai's compassion encompasses all people, encouraging them to do right and guides them against evil. Thus, HE clears away the darkness of ignorance and leads people to Enlightenment.

Sai has no shape or color, He comes from nowhere and there is nowhere for Him to go. Like the blue sky, He arches over everything, and since He is all things, He lacks nothing.

Sai's Body fills every corner of the universe; it reaches everywhere, it exists forever.

Sai appears in the world of suffering because He cannot desert suffering people; His only purpose is to spread the Dharma and to bless all people with its Truth.

Om Shantih Shantih Shantihi

Lokah Samastah Sukhino Bhavantu

To be continued...

2. SAI'S NEWS FROM THE TIME MACHINE:

August 1918: BABA offered Hemadri Pant a glass of buttermilk and said, "Drink it all, you won't get such opportunity again.

August 1929: Composer of "SAGUNOPASANA" Arati Book, Shri K.A.Bhishma passed away at Mohra in Nagpur District.

August 1982: Swami SaiSharananandaji (WamanRao Patel) passed away at Ahmedabad (Aged 93 years).

August 1984: Administration of SHIRDI SAMSTHAN handed over to the Board of Trustees by the court and Executive officer appointed for day to day administration.

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:

21-03-1995

Baba please show me a way to live peacefully was the prayer of the day. Sai has shown me with two visuals and asked me to choose myself one of the two.

Some people dedicate their whole lifetime for making money and neglect their responsibilities totally. They become slaves to the wine and die drinking. The second variety fulfill their duties perfectly, get tired and die in sleep, effortless.

A hard day's labor grants a good sleep in the night.

26-03-1995

Yesterday, I was thinking about the past relationships brought over due to the karmic deeds. I prayed Baba to explain me further on the subject. Baba has shown me with-

Doctors perform surgery on an eight year- old boy and take out a fetus from his lungs. Is it not an example of something carried over from the previous birth?

Is it not one's own fate, needing to work even after retirement in the old age for meeting the family expenditure?

A person has lot of money and also an air ticket in hand for an air travel, but could not board the plane as he reached the Airport late and had to catch a train for reaching the destination. Can we conclude that he has no eligibility for the air travel?

Man proposes and God only disposes.

30-03-1995

Oh! Lord Sainath, Give a message for the Saibandhus.

Sai appeared in saffron robes and indicated in the form of a scene -

As one reaches the last stage of the journey, the soul leaves the body on the platform and starts looking to board another train i.e. to get into another physical body. I thrive to take my devotees to the ultimate destiny and thus save them from another ordeal in making.

A commoner in confusion looks directionless.

To be continued.....

4. QUINTESSENCE OF SRI SAIBABA'S PHILOSOPHY:

(By Late Sri Bharam UmamaheswaraRao)

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30. Efficacy of Prayer and Worship

Truthful prayer or worship gets Love, Grace and Forgiveness from God. Sri Sai Baba said 'Light the wick of Divinity within; dispel the darkness around and all sins'.

Sri Sai Baba has thrown light on the evolution of the process of His prayer and illuminated us about the inner meaning of the various steps.

Prayer has a very significant affect in one's well being. Prayer stimulates fervor. The heart gets rooted in the Divine look and the mind becomes one-pointed. The prayer must come from the bottom of the heart, but not from the lips alone. Inner communion is the best prayer. God is always with us to respond to our prayer. God knows what to give and when. The prayer leads us to step by step to perfection. One must feel the inner Divinity.

Detach ourselves from objects which allure the five senses and attach our self to God. In the pooja we must fix our mind on God. Then we will be binding ourselves with the Divine splendor. Watch the vibrations of cosmic energy and be conscious of our oneness and touch with Divine Self. This is the truest form of Prayer. Our heart then fills with Divine Bliss and attains Spiritual freedom.

In the Pooja, mere offering of flowers, offering of prasadam and uttering of Mantras are of no use. Sri Sai Baba said that these things are not necessary for Him, but He wants whole-hearted devotion. If we love Sri Sai Baba and serve Him with whole-hearted devotion, we can invoke and get His grace even without outward Poojas. We must unite our heart with Sai. Observance of truth, in our thought, word and deed, purifies us and makes us identify ourselves with the Supreme Soul.

To be continued.....

5. SANATANA DHARMA & SHRI SHIRDI SAIBABA

In deep meditation aspirants may see forms like snow or smoke. They may feel A strong wind blowing or a wave of heat. They may see within them more and more light: Fireflies, lightning, sun, or moon. These are signs that one is far on the path to Brahman.

-Shvetashvatara Upanishad

There is only one way to know the Self, and that is to realize him yourself. The ignorant think the Self can be known by the intellect, but the illumined Know he is beyond the duality of the knower and the known.

-Kena Upanishad

NEWS

www.khabrein.info

PURI, ORISSA, INDIA, July 17, 2007: An estimated million people Monday witnessed the world famous Rath Yatra, the annual chariot festival, with devotees driven to a frenzy to catch a glimpse of the triad of Hindu Deities in this eastern Indian seaside town.

In the morning at about 9.30 a.m. the Deities - Lord Jagannath, Lord Balabhadra and Devi Subhadra - came out of their 12th century abode amidst chants of hymns and the rhythmic beat of traditional instruments. The devotees surged forward for a glimpse of the Lords on three chariots as fine sunny weather greeted the huge crowds.

Devotees danced to the beats of gongs and chants of 'Haribol' and 'Jai Jagannath' as the three gigantic chariots - Taladhwaja, Nandighosha and Devadalana - rolled down the Grand Road. The chorused chant of hymns, beating of the traditional drums and other musical instruments and the roar of the teeming crowds were loud enough to drown the roar of the waves by the seashore.

Sri Shirdi Sai Philosophy on Radio.

We are very happy to inform you that lectures on Sri Shirdi SaiBaba given by Saibanisa – GopalaRao Ravada Garu will be broadcasted in BIG – 92.7 FM Radio - Hyderabad in “Subarambam” program between 6.15 A.M to 6:35 A.M I.S.T in Telugu Language. The duration of these capsules will be around three minutes bite starting from this Thursday i.e., from 26-07-2007. This will continue on every Thursday at the same time. The songs sung by Saidarbar team will also be played. If there are any further changes in the schedule we will keep you informed.

Saidevotees may listen the above program and give their feedback on E-mail id saidarbar@gmail.com

Good news for Sri Shirdi Sai devotees in Republic of Mauritius:

Radio Mauritius (local time evening 7.00 to 7:30 – Gurupadukalu program) is broadcasting on every Thursday, spiritual discourses of Saibanisa – GopalaRao Ravada Garu in Telugu Language.

Saidevotees may listen the above program and give their feedback on E-mail id saidarbar@gmail.com

Sai Sevak SrinivasaRao Kasturi.

6. DEVOTEES EXPERIENCES:

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Tue, July 10, 2007 8:13 pm

My Experience

Sai Ram,

I am from Machilipatnam in A.P .I have a lot of experiences. But here is the one miracle of Sai. One day my father started scolding my sister unnecessarily I thought she was bearing the pain for which she was not and I started to weep before the image of Sai and asked him “O father without your order a leaf of a tree is unable to move so under your guidance we are suffering from the pain for which we are not and I slept then I had a dream in that dream a big snake surrounded our house I started to close the doors unfortunately one door was opened snake entered the kitchen and sat in the grinder my sister went to the side of grinder I shouted her not to go but she didn’t listen to me the snake bit her.

I started to take her near the doctor on the way I came to SaiBaba temple then a small boy dressed in Kafini exactly like Baba came towards me then I thought my sister is out of danger like this way my dream ended.

I wake up it is nearly 3.30pm we closed the doors then I heard a voice asking for food so my mother and I offered the food that day we didn’t had our lunch since we gave to him the boy came with Kafini but at that moment I didn’t recognized him.

In evening I started to say for my mother about my dream then it strike to me that mid day who came for food is nothing but "LORD SAI". A wonderful day I never forget in my life .So if we sincerely believe in Him we will surely get immediate response for Sai at an early hour. So trust in Sai and your life will be with brightful colors.

I am very happy to share my experiences with all of you. I am a regular visitor of this site www.saidarbar.org

Swathi

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 PROUD PEACOCK:

Once, a proud peacock lived in a forest by the side of a lake. Every day he would go to the lake. There he would open his beautiful, colorful feathers and preen them with his beak and beautified himself. Then he would see his reflection in the lake water and admire his own beauty. One day, a white crane came to live by the lake. The peacock thought, "Oh! A new visitor is here to stay. I must go and introduce myself to him. After all, he must know that a beautiful peacock is his neighbor." So, the peacock walked with a pompous gait to the lake side. The crane was busy catching fish for lunch. The peacock began his daily ritual. He went near the water and spread out his gorgeous feathers for display. Then he preened them with his beak, beautified himself and looked into the water. He felt very proud at his colorful reflection. Then, with pride, he turned his head towards the crane and addressed him, "Hello, Mr. Crane! So you are my new neighbor. Welcome to the forest." "Thank you so much, Mr. Peacock," the crane said.

Then the peacock continued, "Mr. Crane, I was wondering how you feel with the plain with white feathers. They are so simple to look at and do not add to your appearance at all." The Crane smiled at the peacock. He flew in the air and landed by the peacock's side. Then the crane said, "Feathers and wings are given to us so that we can fly. No doubt, your feathers are very beautiful but, they are of no use because you cannot fly with them for long. I would rather have simple and useful wings than showy and useless ones like yours." At this moment, the peacock got speechless. He went away ashamed without a word. After that day, he never preened his feathers to show off to others.

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8. SPIRITUAL GEMS FROM SAI SATCHARITRA

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Sat, 28 Jul 2007 09:26:32 -0700 (PDT)

Sai Ram. Let us continue with the Spiritual Gems from this Chapter 24 of Sri Sai Satcharitra. Sai Ram.

SSS:

Moral

Let us mark and note carefully, what Baba has taught us, by this incident. He has advised us that before the senses, mind and intellect enjoy their objects, he should first be remembered, and if this be done, it is in a way an offering to Him. The senses etc. can never remain without their objects, but if those objects are first offered to the Guru, the attachment for them will naturally vanish. In this way, all the Vrittis (thoughts) regarding Desire, Anger, Avarice etc. should first be offered and directed to the Guru and if this practice be followed, the Lord will help you in eradicating all the Vrittis. When before enjoyment of the objects, you think that Baba is close by, the question whether the object is fit to be enjoyed or not will at once arise. Then the object that is not fit to be enjoyed will be shunned and in this way our vicious habits or vices will disappear and our character will improve. Then love for the Guru will grow and pure knowledge will sprout up. When this knowledge grows, the bondage of body - consciousness (we are the body) will snap and our intellect will be merged in spirit-consciousness (we are the spirit). Then we shall get Bliss and contentment.

There is no difference between Guru and God. He, who sees any difference in them, sees God nowhere. So leaving aside all ideas of difference, we should regard Guru and God as one, and if we serve our Guru as stated above, Lord (God) will be certainly pleased and purifying our minds. He will give us self-realization. To put the matter in a nut-shell, we should not enjoy any object with our senses etc. without first remembering our Guru. When the mind is trained in this way, we will be always reminded of Baba, and our meditation on Baba will grow apace. The Sagun Form of Baba will ever be before our eyes and then devotion, non-attachment and salvation will all be ours. When Baba's Form is thus fixed before our mental vision, we forget hunger, thirst, and this samsar; the consciousness of worldly pleasures will disappear and our mind shall attain peace and happiness.

SSG: Sai Ram. A very lucid and cogent statement from Shri Hemadpant and very useful to remember for all disciples of every Guru. Sai Ram. Sagun form of Baba is the first step to realize His Nirgun form and His oneness with all Gods and Gurus, as shown time and again in Shirdi to various devotees. Sai Ram.

We will continue with this chapter in the coming weeks. Sai Ram.

S.V.Swamy,

9. ARTICLES FROM SAI DEVOTEES:

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Mon, 16 Jul 2007 15:35:22 +0530

Aaisi koi subah na hoi Sai, jab jubaon par tera nam na ho

Aaisi koi rrat na ho sai, jis mein teri koi bbat na ho

aankh khule to savera hai, verna har vakt andhera hai

meri aankh khule ha band rahe mere samne sai ka chehra hai

aaisi koi aankh na ho jis mein teri surat na ho

meri har khata par bata quion mujhko sanbhalta hai tu sai

meri har khamoshi par sai quion aavaz lagata hai tu sai

aaisi koi khamoshi na ho jis mein teri aavaz na ho

Sudha Vohra

10. LETTERS FROM SAI DEVOTEES:

ciscosom@yahoo.co.in

On 7/26/07

Rear Sir /madam,

I am greatfullto you that every Thursday I get to read about Sai ram .I know you and your team have put a lot of effort into creating this E-magazine. I understand the pain and effort that goes into it, but for people like it's me very easy to pass comments or point out errors.

One example is:-

The combination of the back ground color of the book and the fonts that has been chosen for this edition, it makes a bit hard for us to read the contents of the page, would humbly request to change it to a better combination.

Thanks in advance.

Regards

Somashekar.D

Response by our team:

From: Vijay Aggarwal vijishvanya@gmail.com

On 7/26/07

Sairam Somashekar ji,

Thanks for your feedback.

We would take extra care next time onwards to make the background and the text color more readable.

As always your valuable feedback is appreciated.

Vijay

saritha_185@yahoo.co.in

On 7/18/07

Om Sathguru Sainath Maharaj ki Jai

Every Thursday after reading this magazine I am really getting energized. Many thanks to who ever is behind this wonderful magazine. Today I liked article on PURE HEART.

Sai bless all

Bandla Saritha

"Hargun rajani" sadhuwadhu@yahoo.co.in

Thu, 26 Jul 2007 12:37:31 +0100 (BST)

Nice wish you all the best. Time has come that in each and every educational institute of world reaching of SaiBaba of Shirdi should be taught. He is/was secular god. Today is greatest ekadashi, kindly request president of India who belongs from Jalgaon to take necessary steps to start teachings of Sai Baba in educational institutes of India.

H.D.Rani wishes you all the best and happiness.

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

shalispal@yahoo.com

On Sat, 09 Jun 2007 16:37:19 40500

SaiRam

Thank you for sending this book

Sahlis dholakia

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On Sun, 03 Jun 2007 13:48:39 40500

I had seen now only it is very nice.

Lakshmipathy. C. V.

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On Fri, 01 Jun 2007 14:15:20 40500

SaiRam,

Awesome website <http://www.saidarbar.org> I liked it a lot.

Komal patel

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On Fri, 01 Jun 2007 02:33:04 40500

Dear Sirs,

It is very good to receive such detailed information of our Saima. If possible put the whole information in the form of DVD/audio format and distribute to the devotees. Best regards.

Yours lovingly,

Paruchuri Seetharamaiah

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On Thu, 31 May 2007 09:45:30 40500

SaiRam,

May Sai Bless the team of Sai Darbar. E-Magazine in 3d format is a great format.

Sampath

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On Tue, 22 May 2007 06:40:38 40500

SaiRam,

Excellent work- keeps it up.

Arun

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On Tue, 19 Jun 2007 03:08:02 40500

SAI RAM.

Audio is very good. Please add some bhajans&108 names of Sai.

A Humble devote

C. Madhavarao

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On Mon, 18 Jun 2007 05:27:10 40500

Sairam.

Great! Seen for the first time, liked the magazine.

Ashok

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On Sun, 17 Jun 2007 16:49:43 40500

Dear all

This is brilliant! I enjoy it very much, please keep it up! The format and content are excellent.
Many thanks

DR LYNN

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On Sat, 16 Jun 2007 02:55:00 40500

SaiRam,

It is excellent very nice no words to express feelings. Very nice media to know lord SaiBaba.
Thanking you.

God bless you all

Rupeshkumar

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On Fri, 15 Jun 2007 02:11:08 40500

SaiRam,

This is very good one, From Telugu people .com we are getting more info.

Vasantha Kumar Bagadi

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On Wed, 06 Jun 2007 13:14:03 40500

Sai Baba,

please help me to attain my targets in my job, last month you helped me in achieving it, please do the same every month,

Ramana rao

11. TELUGU SECTION:

Please visit: <http://www.telugubhakti.com/telugupages/Misc/ShiridiSai/shirdisai.htm>

Please visit for Sai Aaratis Audio:

http://www.shrisaibabasansthan.org/main_English/saibaba/saibaba_aarti.asp

12. SAI'S BOOK WORLD: (HINDI)

Title: Shri Sainath Sagunopasana

Author: Vikas Mehta

Siddharth Publications, 10 D.S.I.D.C Scheme II

Okla Industrial Area, Phase II, New Delhi – 110 020

Title: Sai Sneh

Author: Vikas Mehta

Siddharth Publications, 10 D.S.I.D.C Scheme II
Okla Industrial Area, Phase II, New Delhi – 110 020

Title: Shirdi Ke Sai

Author: Prakash Nagayach

Diamond Pocket Books, X-30 Okhla Industrial Area,
Phase –II, New Delhi -110 020

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In the Service of Lord Sainath and His devotees,

SaiSevak SrinivasaRao Kasturi

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