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1. FROM THE SATSANGHS OF SAIBANISA JI

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Shirdi Sai's Philosophy in the words of Saibanisaji

Sai is both father and mother to the people of the world. For sixteen months after a child is born the father and mother have to speak to him in babyish words; then gradually they reach him to speak as an adult. Like earthly parents, Sai first takes care of the people and then leaves them to the care for themselves. He first brings things to pass according to their desires and then He brings them to a peaceful and safer shelter.

What Sai preaches in His language, people receive and assimilate in their own language as if it were intended exclusively for them.

In an epidemic He appears as a healing physician and in war He preaches for forbearance and mercy for the suffering people; for those who believe that things are everlasting, He preaches transience and uncertainty; for those who are proud and egoistic, He preaches humility and self-sacrifice; for those who are entangled in the web of worldly pleasures, He reveals the misery of the world.

Om Shantih Shantih Shantihi

Lokah Samastah Sukhino Bhavantu

To be continued...

2. SAI'S NEWS FROM THE TIME MACHINE:

September 9, 1918: Dasa Ganu wrote "Sri Sai Sthvana Manjari" at Maheswaram on the banks of the river Narmada.

September 28, 1918: Nathpanth Saint Rama Maruthi of Kalyan passed away.

September 29, 1952: "Kalash" of gold was fixed on the spire of Samadhi Mandhir.

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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.

APRIL-1995:

10-04-1995

Sai appeared in the form of an unknown person. He cautioned me not to do injustice to poor children under the cover of offering prayers and worshiping, as it will suffocate HIS children. Sai meant that I should not betray the poor for the sake of my personal gains.

Poor are the favorite children of Sai.

11-04-1995

Sai gave the message in the form of an unknown person as follows:

Even the waste water diverted to the guava tree, continues to give us the sweet fruit in return. Will it be fair to engage in plucking the fruit?

In the night hours, when it is taking rest.

There is no escape from death even though one has lot of wealth,

Wisdom and adamancy.

Everybody turn deaf ears when I say God gives us everything, but are busy in racing after human beings for winning their personal favors.

God knows what is best to be given.

13-04-1995

Sai in the form of an unknown person said-

Extend help to others only after ensuring their credentials to avoid future headaches. Also offer shelter in the house only to the deserving ones, lest they might show you the way out.

Offer shelter to the right and deserving person.

To be continued.....

4. QUINTESENCE OF SRI SAIBABA'S PHILOSOPHY:

(By Late Sri Bharam UmamaheswaraRao)

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30. Efficacy of Prayer and Worship

Baba further said – Know the root cause of your Janma and then only you will know your true self. If you develop firm devotion and faith in Me, the egoism evaporates, sins rooted out and self-realization sets in. then My nama will always be in your mind. If you have faith and worship Me, you will be free from worldly worries. Realize Me as pristine, pure, pleasant, unblemished, equipoised Brahman. I shall be pleased with those who worship Me with unwavering mind and unflinching devotion. In this worldly ocean, when the life boat is rowed by Sadguru one will definitely reach the divine destination. When divine hand of Sadguru blesses the disciples, all his sins will be shattered and the egoism of the disciple will be crushed down.

Baba said – Do not try for name and fame in this world. Try to get mercy of God and get the grace of God. Do not try to get praises from worldly people. Keep My form in your mind and try always to worship Me, who is seated in your heart. Keep your mind firm on Me and do not allow to think about your body, house or money. Then you will attain mental peace and your mind will not waver during Pooja. When the mind is in such a state, you can be sure that it is in the path of Divinity.

The indescribable Sat-Chit-Ananda Swaroopa has come on earth in the shape of Sai Baba to facilitate His devotees. He said to one of His devotees – those who think I am present only in Shirdi; do not understand My real nature. Am I not present everywhere?

To be continued.....

5. SANATANA DHARMA & SHRI SHIRDI SAIBABA

Baba got almost all the temples in Shirdi repaired. Through Taty Patil, the temples of Shani, Ganapati, Shankar-Parvati, Village Deity, and Maruti were put in order. Sai Satcharita-Chapters VII - Behaviour of Sai Baba

Lord Ganesha: the elephant god

In the Hindu pantheon, there is perhaps, no other, more familiar figure than that of Ganesh, the elephant-headed god with a mountainous belly, one missing tusk, four hands and seen seated, usually on a mouse. His extremely familiar figure, dots every village, hamlet and town in India. Of all the religious icons, Ganesh's is one of the most popular, therefore it's not surprising to come across ganesh statues, ganesh pendants, ganesh images, ganesh pictures, ganesh photos, ganesh symbols and other instances of ganesh art. He is known to different people by different names, chief among these being Vakratunda, Vinayaka (lord of the lords), Gajanana, Siddhivanayaka, Ekadantha (one tusked), and Vigneshwara (one who removes impediments). In

Maharashtra he is adoringly called God Ganapati or simply Ganapati . Ganesha is also seen in the Hindu belief system as the only Hindu God who is the embodiment of Om or Pranava. It's been ordained by Lord Shiva, Ganesha's progenitor that before the commencement of any task or undertaking the name of Ganesha or Om should uttered or intoned(Sri Ganesha).

In the language of symbolism his feet are signifiers of Knowledge and Action. The axe that he holds in one hand is the symbol of severing ties that bind one to the worldly attachments. The rope or line that he holds in the other hand is a depiction of how he pulls his devotees closer to himself. Ganesha had been blessed by Shiva to be the one whose intercession would remove hurdles or obstacles from the path of anyone who invoked his help (Vigneshwara). That is the rationale underscoring all prayers that are made to him before the beginning of any project. It is also said of Ganesha in the scriptures that he is the ruling spirit of the Muladhara Chakra which is the center of the body where all psychic energy (kundalini Shakti) is directed.

It was made obligatory at Lord Shiva's command to pay obeisance to Ganesh before embarking on any journey, task or undertaking, this was done for the twin purpose of auspicious beginnings and a hurdle-free passage through the tasks. He decreed Ganesha should be worshipped in the month Bhadra Pada.

NEWS

www.svtsydney.org

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA, SVT, September 9, 2007: The Hindu temple here in Helensburgh celebrated Sri Krishna Janmashtami. Hundreds of devotees participated, chanting Bhagavad Gita Chapters 2 & 15 and Vishnu Sahasranama, kathak dancing, children's skit (Krishna, the Butter Thief) and bhajans.

The temple will celebrate Ganesha Visarjana on September 16 with the usual festival (Mela) attracting thousands to enjoy the Ganesa pujas, cultural programs, foods and other stalls and the final procession to the shores of Pacific Ocean to immerse Ganesa, to beats of drums and chants of Ganpathy Bappa Moriya! See URL above for details. This is one of the largest Visarjana celebrations outside of India. Hindu devotees from all over the world are invited to pilgrimage to this great temple.

www.cnn.com

LILBUM, GEORGIA, August 27, 2007: BAPS has opened the "largest temple of its kind in North America" in a suburb of Atlanta with consecration ceremonies that were broadcast live on three Indian TV channels. BAPS opened the temple for the press, giving guided tours and answering questions on the details of the construction and the enormous force of volunteers that came together for the manifestation of the temple.

www.azcentral.com

ARIZONA, U.S.A., August 24, 2007: Longing for a place to worship God in a traditional Hindu way, South Indian Hindus in Arizona will soon have their dream come true. For more than five years the congregation has been worshipping in a double-wide trailer. The news release says that come next September they will have a new home, "The new temple will pay homage to South Indian architectural styles, down to the height of the towers and carvings on concrete pillars. The first phase of the project includes construction of the building, which will include four to six towers, the tallest reaching 55 feet. For the second phase, artisans from India are expected to work and live in Arizona for two to three years as they hand-carve and paint the concrete temple.

6. DEVOTEES EXPERIENCES:

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Fri, August 3, 2007 12:17 pm

My Experiences happen in March 2006, just weeks before my my birthday, I was lying in bed in the morning and started to prayer to Sai Baba, and for a breif 2 minutes he came and blessed me. He was sitting on a stone and was wearing white clothing.

I didn't see him in a dream but I was fully awake, with my eyes close. I just don't know why he came, but this is an experiences I didn't see him in a dream but I was fully awake, with my eyes close. I just don't know why he came, but this is an experiences I will never forget and from that day onwards March 2006, have become a Sai Devotee.

Om Shri Sai Ram

Hitesha

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.

Two Frogs in Trouble

Once a big fat frog and a lively little frog were hopping along together when they had the misfortune of jumping into a pail of fresh milk. They swam for hours and hours hoping to get out somehow; but the sides of the pail were steep and slippery and death seemed to be certain.

When the big frog was exhausted he lost courage. There seemed no hope of rescue. "Why keep struggling against the inevitable? I cannot swim any longer." He moaned. "Keep on! Keep on!" urged the little frog, who was still circling the pail. So they went on for a while. But the big frog

decided it was no use. “Little brother, we may as well give up” he gasped. “I am going to quit struggling.”

Now only the little frog was left. He thought to himself. “Well, to give up is to be dead, so I will keep swimming.” Two more hours passed and the tiny legs of the determined little frog were almost paralyzed with exhaustion. It seemed as if he could not keep moving for another minute. But he thought of his dead friend, and repeated, “To give up is to be meat for someone’s table, so I’ll keep paddling on until I die – if death is to come – but I will not cease trying – while there is life, there is hope.”

8. SPIRITUAL GEMS FROM SAI SATCHARITRA

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On 8/12/07

Sai Ram. Let us continue with the Spiritual Gems from Sri Sai Satcharitra. Sai Ram.

SSS: Baba's Characteristics -- His Dependency on Bhaktas

Baba allowed His devotees to serve Him in their own way, and did not like any other persons interfering in this. To quote an instance, the same Mavsibai was on another occasion, kneading Baba's abdomen. Seeing the fury and force used by her, all the other devotees felt nervous and anxious. They said, "Oh mother, be more considerate and moderate, otherwise you will break Baba's arteries and nerves". At this Baba got up at once from His seat, dashed His satka on the ground. He got enraged and His eyes became red like a live charcoal. None dared to stand before or face Baba. Then He took hold of one end of the Satka with both hands and pressed it in the hollow of his abdomen. The other end He fixed to the post and began to press His abdomen against it. The satka which was about two or three feet in length seemed all to go into the abdomen and the people feared that the abdomen would be ruptured in a short time.

The post was fixed and immovable and Baba began to go closer and closer to it and clasped the post firmly. Every moment the rupture was expected, and they were all dismayed, did not know what to do, and stood dumb with wonder and fear. Baba suffered this ordeal for the sake of His Bhakta. The other devotees wanted only to give a hint to the Mavsibai to be moderate in her service and not cause any trouble or pain to Baba. This they did with good intention, but Baba did not brook even this. They were surprised to see that their well-intentioned effort had resulted in this catastrophe; and they could do nothing but to wait and see. Fortunately, Baba's rage soon cooled down. He left the satka and resumed His seat. From this time onward, the devotees took the lesson that they should not meddle with anybody but allow her to serve Baba as she chooses, as He was capable to gauge the merits and worth of the service rendered unto Him.

SSG: A wonderful story again and reinforces what we said above. Baba knows what service to accept from each of us. Sai Ram.

Sai Ram. We have completed for now another wonderful chapter from this Ocean of Sai, viz. Sri Sai Satcharitra. We will take up the next chapter in the coming week. Sai Ram.

S.V.Swamy,

9. ARTICLES FROM SAI DEVOTEES:

"Sudha vohra" sudha_vohra@hotmail.com

Wed, 22 Aug 2007 16:54:57 +0530

patthar samjha tha tujhe sai par tu to pighla hua sona nikla

ajmana chahti thi main tujhe sai tu mujhko hi ajmane nikla

malum tha tujhe sai meri haar har dum nishchit hai,

esa khel kiyon khela sai or mujhjo hi tu harane nikla

tere liya yeh koi nai bat nahin sai , duniya mein har dum esa hota hai

giri huee thi bahle hi main sai tu mujhko or girane nikla

aab gir jo gayee hoon to sambhal tuhi sai, ab khud ko sambhalna

mushquil hai

ek hath barade meri taraf sai, kiyon tu bhi thukrane nikla

SUDHA VOHRA

10. LETTERS FROM SAI DEVOTEES:

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On 9/7/07

Sai Ram,

This is very good web site all information is there in this web site. Good job.

Best Regards,

Manoj Sivadasan,

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Wed, 15 Aug 2007 08:55:28 -0700 (PDT)

SaiRam,

I am really impressed by reading the contents of your E-mail about the Glory of Shirdi Sai. You are doing good work.

M.V.Subba Rao

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

y_skumar@rediffmail.com

On 9/6/07,

SaiRam, It seems since last three issues, I am unable to play arati/bhajans from the E-magazine. I don't know if has something to do with the settings in my computer or a bug within the magazine. Any clues?

Sampath Kumar Yerra.

Response by Saidarbar Team

vijishvanya@gmail.com

On 9/6/07

Sairam Sampath,

Thanks for bringing the issue to our notice. Yes, it was a bug that is fixed now. Please re-load the eZine and you should be able to listen to the arati. Let me know if any issues.

Thanks

Vijay

v_shandilya@rediffmail.com

On 9/7/07

Om Sai Ram

I really appreciate the hard work put by you for this beautiful ezine. Keep it up.

Saicharandas vikas sharma.

madhukrish123@rediffmail.com

On 9/7/07

SaiRam,

from your website site, I have got Sai Satcharitra in Hindi language. I am very happy that I have got because of Saibaba bless.

Thank you.

R.Thenmozhi

saitrustindia@gmail.com

On 9/6/07.

SaiRam, wonderful, keep it up, the real seva that can really guide people in this changing attractive world.

Badri Narayan

panjuttu@gmail.com

On Sat, 14 Jul 2007 00:13:04 40500

SaiRam,

It is really fantastic and I feel Iam extremely lucky in getting and reading this emagazine. My heart full thanks to one and all.

L. BALAJI

sunitha_7078@yahoo.com

On Thu, 12 Jul 2007 23:09:16 40500

SaiRam, It's was really amazing. I appreciate your hard work in developing this.

Regards

Sunitha

sai_jnirmala@yahoo.com

On Fri, 13 Jul 2007 01:55:51 40500

SaiRam,

this link is excellent work.

J. nirmala

shikha_4ever05@rediffmail.com

On Fri, 13 Jul 2007 03:45:10 40500

SaiRam, The Glory of Shirdi Sai Baba is Very Beautiful. I really love it. U can make this beautiful n colorful Pages instead of White Pages. Baba Bless us n keep it up.

Sai Daughter,

Shikha Kohli.

prasad_rit@yahoo.co.nz

On Thu, 12 Jul 2007 16:13:23 40500

Jai Sai Ram

Very good, please keep up the good work Baba's blessings will always remain on all.

Rita Prasad

dee_jai1@yahoo.com

On Thu, 12 Jul 2007 10:33:46 40500

SaiRam, we are very happy to receive emails like this, because we feel that SaiBaba himself has blessed us through this. keep sending information like this.

thanks

Deepaa Jaishankar

11. TELUGU SECTION:

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Please visit for Sai Aaratis Audio:

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

12. SAI'S BOOK WORLD: (HINDI)

Title: Shirdi Ke Sai Baba

Author: Rakesh Shastri

Sadhana Pocket Books, 39 U A Bianglo Road

New Delhi – 110 007

Title: Ishwar Aahe Nahi Ka Mahantosh

Author: V. B. Kher

Alak Niranjana Shop No.4, Sriram Nivas

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Mumbai – 400 045

Title: Shirdi Sai Baba

Sai Sudha Trust, Gadangal (Kasauli)

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couple.) 3) Kalalalo Sai (Sai in Dreams.) On Gurupurnimaday (29-7-2007) rendered by
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SaiSevak SrinivasaRao Kasturi

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