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1. FROM THE SATSANGHS OF SAIBANISA JI

Compiled by: Sai Sevak Smt. Rajeswari Kasturi, Saidarbar – Hyderabad.

Shirdi Sai's Philosophy in the words of Saibanisaji

In my opinion

Human desires are endless. It is like the thirst of a man who drinks salt water; he gets no satisfaction and his thirst is only increased.

There are three kinds of people in the world.

The first are those who are like letters carved in rock; they easily give way to anger and retain their angry thoughts for a long time.

The second are those who are like letters written in sand. They give way to anger also, but their angry thoughts quickly pass away.

The third is those who are like letters written in running water; they do not retain their passing thoughts; they let abuse and uncomfortable gossip pass by unnoticed; their minds are always pure and undisturbed.----Saibanisa

Om Shantih Shantih Shantihi

Lokah Samastah Sukhino Bhavantu

To be continued...

2. SAI'S NEWS FROM THE TIME MACHINE:

October 1, 1918: Baba asked a devotee by name Waze to read ' RamaVijay' (by Shridhar Swami) and listened to it for 14 days.

October 8, 1918: A tiger met its death at the feet and presence of Sai Baba and was emancipated.

October 15, Tuesday 1918: On Vijaya Dashmi, Saibaba left His mortal coil at about 2:30 p.m. Few minutes before, He gave Rs.9/- as charity to Laxmibai Shinde.

October 16, Wednesday 1918: Early morning Baba appeared to Das Ganu at Pandharpur in dream and said " The Dwarakamai has collapsed and all the oilmen and grocers have troubled Me a lot. So I am leaving the place. Go there quickly and cover My body copiously with flowers".

October 16, Wednesday 1918: Early morning Baba appeared to Laxman Mama in dream and said, " Get up quickly, Bapusaheb Jog thinks that I am dead and he won't come, so you do My worship and Kakada Arati".

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:

17-04-1995

Yesterday, Sai appeared in the form of saint and shown me with results of being lustful in life-

It is legitimate to eagerly wait for the monthly salary while working hard, but not in good taste to step sideways to make more money.

It is perfectly right to look for sex in marriage but seeking sex outside marriage amounts to sin.

Lust should be confined only to the legitimate partner.

18-04-1995

Yesterday, Sai has shown me few personalities leading the life of arrogance and cautioned me not to toe their lines.

-A person ill-treating the parents blinded by his position in society.

-A rich one looking low and ignoring his kith and kin.

-Bridegroom's party subjecting the bride's side to humiliation.

-Disrespecting the teachers.

Shun the path of arrogance.

19-04-1995

Yesterday, Sai has shown me a leper. He was in his past life leading the life of a jealous person as follows:

- He was rich and well to do person, but leading solitary life. On the other hand there was a poor person, earned good name, fame and commanded respect in society. This factor has led to intolerance in the rich person who suffered both mentally as well as physically. He died with that background and is reborn in the next life to lead the life of a Leper. So avoid being jealous.

Jealousy leads to intolerance and often wrecks the mind and health.

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

For the Gruhastha, the best way is the Bhakti Marga, the path of devotion to God. The name of God is like the beaten track that leads a man, lost in the woods, out of it. Let us adopt the Bhakti Marga and leave everything to God. Let us sing His praises and lose ourselves in His glory and beauty. Let us tell Him: "Oh God. I am a mere blundering mortal. I do not know what is right or wrong. No matter how I act, my actions are bound to be imperfect because it is perforce incomplete, partial and fragmented. I surrender myself to you. I know only one thing and that is that you know what is best for me. You be my guide and take me unto You".

Sincere devotion to God is all that is needed. In fullness of time, God gives us everything, taking care of us as a mother would take care of her child. If the mind still wavers, we should recite Sri Sai's stotra and do Japa and Nama Sankeertana and through Satsang steady our mind.

When we pray, we surrender ourselves whole and entirely to God's dispensation. 'Thy will be Done', we tell Him. It is a willing confession of our helplessness and seeking refuge in Him. We call it 'Saranagati'.

But the surrender to God doesn't obviate human effort. We must do our duty even while we make this surrender. The fact of surrender merely means that we should not think about fruits of our actions and leave them to God only. Such dedicatory action is true prayer. God likes the person who does his duty and not him who merely utters God's name in prayer with his lips, and without doing his duty. It is in this sense, that work is worship. The technique of individual prayer is silence. It effects direct communion with God.

To be continued.....

5. SANATANA DHARMA & SHRI SHIRDI SAIBABA

October 15, Tuesday 1918: On Vijaya Dashmi, Saibaba left His mortal coil at about 2:30 p.m. Few minutes before, He gave Rs.9/- as charity to Laxmibai Shinde.

The readers up till now heard the stories of Baba's life. Let them now hear attentively Baba's Passing away. Baba got a slight attack of fever on 28th September, 1918. The fever lasted for 2 or 3 days, but afterwards Baba gave up his food and thereby He grew weaker and weaker. On the 17th day, i.e., Tuesday, the 15th October 1918, Baba left His mortal coil at about 2-30 p.m. (Vide Professor G.G. Narke's letter, dated 5th November 1918, to Dadasaheb Khaparde, published in Leelamagazine, Page 78, first year).

Two years before this, i.e., in 1916, Baba gave an indication of His Passing away, but nobody understood it then. It was as follows: - On the Vijayadashmi (Dasara) day Baba at once got into wild rage in the evening when people were returning from 'Seemollanghan' (crossing the border or limits of the village). Taking off His head-dress, kafni and langota etc., He tore them and threw them in the Dhuni before Him. Fed by this offering, the fire in the Dhuni began to burn brighter and Baba shone still brighter. He stood there stark naked and with His burning red eyes shouted - fellows, now have a look and decide finally whether I am a Moslem or a Hindu. Everybody was trembling with fear and none dared to approach Baba. After some time Bhagoji Shinde, the leper devotee of Baba, went boldly near Him and succeeded in tying a langota (waist-band) round His waist and said - what is all this? Today is the Seemollanghan, i.e., Dasara Holiday. Baba striking the ground with His satka said - is my Seemollanghan (crossing the border). Baba did not cool down till 11-00 p.m. and the people doubted whether the chavadi procession would ever take place that night. After an hour Baba resumed His normal condition and dressing Himself as usual attended the chavadi procession as described before. By this incident Baba gave a suggestion that Dasara was the proper time for Him to cross the border of life, but none understood its meaning.

Dasara or Vijayadashmi is regarded by all the Hindus as the most auspicious time and it is befitting that Baba should choose this time for His crossing the border-line. He was ailing some days before this, but He was ever conscious internally. Just before the last movement He sat up erect without anybody's aid, and looked better. People thought that the danger had passed off and He was getting well. He knew that He was to pass away soon and therefore, He wanted to give some money as charity to Laxmibai Shinde.

Being so watchful and conscious, Baba also took other precautions in His last moment. In order that He should not be embroiled or entangled with love and affection for His devotees, He ordered them all to clear off. Kakasaheb Dixit, Bapusaheb Booty and others were in the Dwarakamayi anxiously waiting upon Baba, but He asked them to go to the Wada and return after meals. They could not leave Baba's presence, nor could they disobey Him. So with heavy hearts and heavy feet they went to the Wada. They knew that Baba's case was very serious and that they could not forget Him. They sat for meals, but their mind was elsewhere, it was with Baba. Before they finished, news came to them of Baba's leaving the mortal coil. Leaving their dishes, they ran to the Dwarakamayi and found that Baba rested finally on Bayaji's lap. He did not fall down on the ground nor did He lie on His bed, but sitting quietly on His seat and doing

charity with His own hand threw off the mortal coil. Saints embody themselves and come into this world with a definite mission and after that is fulfilled they pass away as quietly and easily as they came.

NEWS

"Shirdi Sai Baba" technical@saidarbarusa.org

Tue, October 2, 2007 6:23 pm

SaiDarbar USA - Annual Day 2007 - Invitation.

Jai Sai Ram

Om Shri Ganeshaya Namah – Om Shri Saraswatyai Namaha – Om Shri Sai Nathaya Namaha

With the blessings of Lord Shri Sai Nath, SaiDarbarUSA.org is completing its fourth year and cordially invites you with family and interested friends for its Annual Day Celebrations at Chinmaya Mission - Kedar

560 Bridgetown Pike, Langhorne, PA 19053

On 20th October, 2007 at 01:30 pm

Bow to Shri Sai and Peace be to all.

<http://www.saidarbarusa.org>

6. DEVOTEES EXPERIENCES:

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Sun, September 30, 2007 1:37 pm

In 1996 November, we got married and applied for our green card through my husband's company. That time process was really slow. Suddenly our date became current in 1998 and we were ready to apply, date moved back. We were really disappointed but doing our regular puja and I used to pray to SaiBaba and had faith that Baba will take care of it.

On 15th January, 1999 I got letter that current company lawyer won't be handling our case anymore. I was shocked, it was Friday 5:30pm when Lawyer Office was closed, my husband had gone to Colorado for his company work and I didn't want to tell my husband about it when he is so far away from home. We used to check our date on regular basis and that week on Monday or Tuesday we checked and our green card was not approved. Now Lawyer will not proceed so everything was going wrong. But I had faith in SaiBaba took the letter and started praying to Baba. After I finished my prayers I tried to see Baba with my eyes closed and Baba told me to go

and check date, I was saying in my mind it wasn't current but since Baba said I took the phone and called the number. I couldn't believe my ears our date was approved for green card. So I had news for my husband one good and one bad.

My husband came home and I told him about it. He was shocked why Lawyer terminated his case. He didn't want to ask his company so he decided to ask the lawyer directly. But lawyer office was closed on Monday due to President's day so we waited till Tuesday. Lawyer said company didn't want him to do green card as company's owner thought my husband will find better job once he gets his green card. But we told Lawyer our situation and long wait. He agreed to help us with SaiBaba's grace and we went for our interview on 20th of January and we got green card. This all was possible just because of Saibaba's grace.

Peace to all. Om Shree Sainathayai namaha.

Sai Devotee

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 Heron, Serpent and the Mongoose

Once upon a time there lived a group of herons on a banyan tree. In the hollow trunk of the tree dwelt a black serpent that ate the young herons before they grew. Out of sorrow the heron, approached the crab.

The crab heard of the serpent and then thought to itself, "The heron is also the natural enemy of our race. So I need a scheme to get rid of all of them". So he advised the heron to throw fish bits all the way from the house of the mongoose to the tree where it lived.

The heron did as told and the mongoose following the trail of the fish came and ate the serpent and at the same time crept up the tree and ate all the herons too.

MORAL: Don't listen to the advice of your natural enemy.

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8. SPIRITUAL GEMS FROM SAI SATCHARITRA

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On 9/21/07

Sai Ram. We will now, with His grace, take up Chapter 25 of His Satcharitra. Sai Ram.

SSS: Damu Anna Kasar of Ahmednagar - (1) Speculations - (2) Amra-Leela

Damu Anna

The readers are aware that a mention of this gentleman was made in the 6th Chapter, regarding the celebration of Rama-Navami festival in Shirdi. He went to Shirdi about the year 1895, when the Rama-Navami Utsava-celebration began and from that time he has been providing an ornamental flag for that occasion every year. He also feeds the poor and the fakirs that come there for the festival.

SSG: Sai Ram. He was indeed a lucky man to be able to go to Shirdi for so many years and thus get developed spiritually. Sai Ram.

SSS: His Speculations: (1) Cotton

A Bombay friend of Damu Anna wrote to him, that they should do some cotton-speculation business in partnership which would bring them about two lacs of rupees as profit. (Damu Anna says in his statement made about the year 1936 to Mr. B.V.Narasimha Swami that the proposal about speculating at Bombay in cotton was from a broker who was not to be a partner, and that he (Damu Anna) was to be the sole adventurer: - vide P.75 of the Devotees' Experiences Part II). The broker wrote that the business was good and involved no risks and that the opportunity should not be lost. Damu Anna was oscillating in his mind.

SSG: Sai Ram. That he could not make up his mind was indeed due to the grace of Baba. Otherwise, he would have gone ahead and lost a lot of money as we shall see shortly. Sai Ram.

SSS: He could not at once determine to venture in the speculation. He thought about this and as he was a devotee of Baba, he wrote a detailed letter to Shama giving all the facts and requested him to consult Baba and take His advice in the matter.

SSG: An excellent idea and Damu Anna was indeed fortunate and he showed an important characteristic of a devotee, viz., Sraddha, faith, faith that the Sadguru will guide us and show us the way. Sai Ram.

SSS: Shama got the letter next day and when he came with it at noon to the Dwarakamayi and placed it before Baba. He asked Shama what the matter was, and what the paper (letter) was about. He replied that Damu Anna of Nagar wanted to consult Him about something. Then Baba said - "What does he write, and what does he plan? It seems that he wants to catch the sky and

that he is not content with what God has given him; read his letter". Shama than said, "The letter contains what you have just said now. Oh, Deva you sit here calm and composed and agitate the devotees and when they get restless, you draw them here, some in person and others through letters. If you know the contents of the latter, why do you then press me to read it?" Baba said - "Oh Shama, read it please. I speak at random and who believes Me."

S.V.Swamy,

9. ARTICLES FROM SAI DEVOTEES:

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Sun, 15 Jul 2007 02:50:18 -0000

Aum Sairam

A true disciple is one whose mind is always fixed on the feet of the Lord wherever he is placed. A person can never be termed as a devotee if he is wearing a saffron robe or counts beads constantly if his mind is attached to materialistic things. The application of vibhuti on forehead or loud repetition of God's name or keeping this scripture nearby is no sign of a disciple.

When one comes in the refuge of the great Guru of the time, one learns about the ways and means of combating the various obstacles at every step and is thus saved from the onslaught of the mind. The path then becomes very simple and the seeker forges ahead dauntlessly. The Guru then takes his devoted seeker to the journey of the soul after initiating him. Devotee should have some Sentiments within him.

Some of the sentiments or what we can term them as best qualities are

Acceptance – Faith - Complete Surrender - Constant Remembrance - Unbroken Love and Devotion

However, to strengthen these five best qualities or sentiments Gurus out of limitless mercy and grace has prescribed five rules, which are important for every Devotee. Whosoever follows these five principles definitely evokes his grace in abundance.

Five Rules are

Prayers and Worship - Selfless Services - True Association – Meditation - Divine Vision

Only by devotion to guru can the mind be cleaned and purified and made to only by devotion to Guru can the mind be cleaned and purified and made to behold the radiance of the lord, who is perfectly pure and spotless. Blessed is he who finds a perfect spiritual guru and receiving initiation from him, follows his instructions with unquestioning faith. God appears with full radiance in such a devoted soul, and enlightening his entire life and hereby taking devotee to his life's destination salvation.

10. LETTERS FROM SAI DEVOTEES:

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Wed, 3 Oct 2007 03:10:01 +0100 (BST)

Dear Sai Sevak Badri Narasimmanji,

Congratulations on Saidarbar's completion of fourth year in USA. This is indeed a delightful moment to see this mail as the first mail in the morning today (Chennai). We wish all the best for Saidarbar's function on 20th October 2007. And our heartfelt wishes for Saidarbar USA to grow and flourish in the future.

Sai Bandhus,

Chennai Saidarbar Team.

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Thu, 4 Oct 2007 06:25:08 +0100 (BST)

Sairam to All Saibandhus,

I just want say Hello to all and Best wishes. I, just thank Respected Saibanisa Ravada Uncle & other Saidarbar members for their continuing support to me and to <http://www.omsrisai.net>

With Inspiration of Baba & with co-operation of Sai Devotees in USA & INDIA, We have started Non-Profit Online Store for Distribution of Sai Satcharita. Baba Always encouraged good thoughts. Although I am not in good financial position, to start this project, he used me for Base for this project and Sent Many Devotees for volunteer contributions in form of Books, Money. Please check my new project in Spreading Baba's Messages:

<http://www.saiseva.omsrisai.net/store>

A Small Tribute from His Little Devotees.

We need all your support & wishes, which we feel them are Blessings from BABA. Also please remember me, if you need any I.T Related Matters.

Also you can download and listen to Saibanisa's Telugu Disclosures:

<http://www.omsrisai.net/Saibanisa/>

"Murali Krishnamurthy" murali_krishnamurthy2003@yahoo.com

Wed, 3 Oct 2007 07:28:09 -0700 (PDT)

Sai Ram.

Dear Sai Bandhus,

We pray Lord Sainath for his blessings for all the Saidarbars to continue preaching peace in the world.

Saidarbar Laurel, MD USA is completing Two years also this month October 2007. We started October 2005 with the able guidance of Uncle Saibanisa.

Congrats to Shri. Badri and other Sai bandhus from all of us in Laurel, Virginia and Tri-State DC area.

Sai Sevak

Murali Krishnamurthy

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Wed, 3 Oct 2007 17:25:52 +0100 (BST)

Dear Sai Bandhu Murali Krishnamurthyji,

We feel really happy that the divine light is carried on in USA soil. We also feel great about our brothers like you of your wonderful service! Congratulations on completing two years of Sai service! Our heartfelt wishes to carry the service and celebrate better and better in coming years! By the way, the baby Saidarbar Chennai is completing four and a half years this October! Will send the celebration details soon!

All the Best!

Saidarbar Chennai Team!

"Shirdi Sai Baba" technical@saidarbarusa.org

Wed, 03 Oct 2007 10:41:07 -0700

Jai Sai Ram.

Wonderful indeed. Greetings from SaiDarbarUSA - Greater Philadelphia Sevaks and Sevikas.

Best Wishes to All the members of SaiDarbar - MD (Tri-State).

If Baba wishes, we will make Northeast Sai Utsav in the near future.

Bow to Shri Sai and Peace be to all.

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

rvemurin@yahoo.com

On 10/5/07

Sairam,

You are taking each devotee nearer to BABA. Your efforts are excellent.

V.Raamam

y_skumar@rediffmail.com On 9/13/07

Dear Sairam,

When I clicked on eZine link in the e-mail of latest issue on Ganesh Chaturthi special, it still opens old Krishna Janmastami special issue. Is it something like, eZine is update only once in a month or some internet cookies problem?

Thanks and Regards,

Sampath

Response by Saidarbar team:

On 9/13/07

Sairam Sampathji,

We alternate the e-mail and the 3d Page turning eMagazine on the alternate weeks. So issue 19 Ganesh Chaturthi special is out in e-mail this week, and will be available in 3D format next week. We send a mail on alternate weeks when the 3d issue is available.

Hope that explains.

Sairam

Vijay

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On 9/13/07

Respected Sir,

Jai Sai Ram.

I have received your magazine through mail, I am very happy that I got details of Shri Sainaath Maharaj ji through your site.

Thank you.

With Regards,

Sai Devotee,

R. Thenmozhi

Response by Saidarbar team:

On 9/13/07

Sairam

SaiSatcharita is available in many languages at:

<http://mywindowtodivinelit.ettitudemedia.com/bookslist.php?Category=Hindu>

Thanks

Vijay

11. TELUGU SECTION:

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12. SAI'S BOOK WORLD: (HINDI)

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Things impressed me from this magazine:

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The fact of surrender merely means that we should not think about fruits of our actions and leave them to God only. Such dedicatory action is true prayer.

Saints embody themselves and come into this world with a definite mission and after that is fulfilled they pass away as quietly and easily as they came.

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