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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 lament and cry about their sufferings, entirely misunderstanding the significance their present acts have upon their following lives and the relation their suffering have to the acts of their previous lives. They rethink only of present desire and present suffering.

To us fortunately, the knowledge of the Sai's teachings has come, we should seek to believe in them and wish to be born in the Sai's Pure land. Knowing Sai's teachings, we should not follow others into greedy and sinful ways, nor should we keep the Sai's teachings to ourselves alone, but should practice the teachings and pass them on to others.

To those who have faith, He offers the opportunity to become one with Him. As this Sai is the all- inclusive body of equality, whoever thinks of Sai, Sai thinks of him and enters his mind freely.

This means that, when a person thinks of Sai, he has Sai's mind in all its pure and happy and peaceful perfection. In other words, his mind is a Sai-mind

Om Shantih Shantih Shantihi

Lokah Samastah Sukhino Bhavantu

To be continued...

2. SAI'S NEWS FROM THE TIME MACHINE:

Nov2, 1909: KakaSaheb Dixit, fist arrived at Shirdi (Aged 45 years)

Nov 5,1918 : Khushalchand sheth of Rahata passed away.

Nov6, 1960: Shirdi Sansthan's administration was taken over by the City

Civil Court and a "Court Receiver" was appointed.

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.

MAY-1995:

02-05-1995

Today Sai visually explained the inner meanings of Comfort and happiness. Both in reality are relative terms with bearing on the state of mind and can mean differently to different people-

Happiness comes to parents when others shower praises on achievements of their children.

To some comfort is experienced after participation in a marriage, followed by a sumptuous and tasty dinner.

Comfort is experiencing while happiness is a feeling.

03-05-1995

Sai has shown me with a visual describing the difference between obstacles and state of dejection. Both are again relative terms.

- Melancholy is experienced by heart when lifetime savings are looted.

- Helplessness and dejection are writ on the face on separation from the near and dear ones, unable to have the last glimpse even, in spite of rushing fast to the graveyard.

Time is the only heal for all untoward happenings in life.

04-05-1995

I prayed Baba to comment on the present state of match making in marriages. Baba in the form of an unknown person said-

Never enter in to marriage alliance unless the antecedents and credentials of the groom are fully verified, if need be through some mediators. Also never believe the middlemen to avoid later problems. Otherwise one may have to live cursing the fate and god for all the lapses on his part.

The human effort should be put in to the best in matters of this nature.

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

The act of bowing, bending is to give up his individuality and deny himself before he can win the joy of grace.

The folded palms, kept upright on the chest with the prescribed attitude "Namaskara" has this significance. When folded, the five fingers of one hand representing the 5 senses of action (Karmendriyas) and the 5 fingers of the other hand representing the 5 senses of Jnanendriyas, join together and kept in contact, the oneness of that and you (Tat and Twam) is emphasis and demonstrated. The namaskara is the Mudra of Aham Brahmaasmi, the Jivatma and paramatma join together.

Joss Sticks (Agarabatti) covers with 5 sheaths (Pancha Koshas). Prior to lighting, we place the joss sticks in straight position. This shows the outer sheath of this stick is 'Ahamkara'. When we light the joss stick, the light of knowledge and wisdom is kindled in the Jiva, i.e., the impurities start to burn. Then the ego is completely annihilated. The ash comes from the stick indicates the detachment, purity. In other words, burning of a joss stick symbolizes the process of reducing our impurities, the desires and ego to ashes.

The meaning of giving Arati is – we pray God to make our life as pure and transparent as camphor and it consumes itself in the fire and scatter warmth of love to all around us and at the end of it, let there be nothing left of us (as camphor leaves no ash), to render us liable to enjoy pleasure and pain.

To be continued.....

5. SANATANA DHARMA & SHRI SHIRDI SAIBABA

Diwali, is a major Indian festival that is very significant in Hinduism and Jainism. Known as the "Festival of Lights," it symbolizes the victory of good over evil, and lamps (called diyas or kandils) are lit as a sign of celebration and hope for humankind. The lights also represent the time when Rama came back from the forest, and all his village lit lamps to welcome him back home. Celebrations focus on lights and lamps, particularly traditional dīpa or deeya (earthen lamp, as illustrated). Fireworks are associated with the festival. Diwali is a colloquial name used in North India, while the festival is formally called Deepavali in South India.

Diwali is celebrated for five consecutive days at the end of Hindu month of Kartika (purnimata) or Ashwayuja (amanta). It usually occurs in October/November, and is one of the most popular and eagerly awaited festivals in India. Diwali comes exactly twenty days after Dussehra. Hindus, Jains and Sikhs alike regard it as a celebration of life and use the occasion to strengthen family

and social relationships. For Hindus it is one of the most important festivals, and beginning of the year in some Hindu calendars. There are several beliefs regarding the origin of the holiday. The most repeated version is that Hindus celebrate Diwali to mark the time when Lord Rama achieved victory over Ravana. Some also view it as the day Krishna defeated the demon Narakasura or in honor of the day Bali went to rule the nether-world, obeying the order of Vishnu. In Jainism it marks the nirvana of Lord Mahavira, which occurred on Oct. 15, 527 BCE. It is also a significant festival for the Sikh faith. In India, Diwali is now considered to be more of a national festival, and the aesthetic aspect of the festival is enjoyed by most Indians regardless of faith.

Diwali is celebrated in various parts of the world, in countries such as the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Suriname, Canada, Guyana, Mauritius, Fiji, Japan, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Singapore, Sri Lanka, South Africa, Trinidad and Tobago, Thailand, Australia, much of Africa, and the United States.[2] With more and more Indians and Sri Lankans now migrating to various parts of the world, the number of countries where Diwali is celebrated has been gradually increasing. While in some countries it is celebrated mainly by Indian expatriates, in others it has become part of the general local culture.

NEWS

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On 10/25/07,

A Report on SaiDarbarUSA Annual Day 2007 Celebration

Jai Sai Ram.

Fourth Annual Day of SaiDarbarUSA was celebrated by jubilant devotees in Greater Philadelphia area on 20th October, 2007 at Chinmaya Kedar, Langhorne, PA. HH Swami Siddhanandaji gave speech on mahatyām of 'Bharata Bhoomi'. Around 35 BalVikasMandal kids started the program with invocation prayer and presented various skits on Ram Parivar, AshtaLakshmi, Shiv Parivar, Tridevi and SaiBaba followed by a dazzling musical program.

This was the first year for SaiDarbarUSA to perform Palki Utsav. Palki Utsav commenced with Dhoop Arti, Aakar Vachan, Ghoshna Lalkar and Palki songs. Palki went around Chinmaya Kedar (Shiva Temple), three times and took approximately one hour and thirty minutes before it entered back into the temple. Palki was lead by devotees taking aarti, dancing and singing bhajans. You may view some pictures uploaded in

<http://picasaweb.google.com/RahulSAGARWAL/SaiDarbarUSA2007>

<http://picasaweb.google.com/arvimur/4thAnnualDay>

Later Swamiji recognized all the participating kids with mementos and certificates.

Best Regards,

Badri Narasimhan

modernbarbarian.blogspot.com

VELLORE, INDIA, October 11, 2007: One of the biggest Hindu shrines in southern India, the Sri Puram Golden Temple a grand golden temple built by a spiritual organization in Tamil Nadu , the consecration (kumbhabhishekam) was performed on August 24, 2007, presence of over 30,000 devotees. The Mahalakshmi temple, located on a sprawling 100 acres of land at Sripuram, near Vellore, about 125 km from Chennai, has been constructed by Vellore-based Sri Narayani Peetam, headed by spiritual leader Sri Sakthi Amma Sri Puram Golden Temple stands for unconditional love for the entire humanity," says Amma,.

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On 11/2/07

Air service between Mumbai-Shirdi to take off soon

Mumbai, Oct 18: Devotees of Sai Baba, who have been facing problems of long distance travel, can now just board a copter from the city and reach Shirdi within 45 minutes. Private carrier Jagson airlines on Thursday announced their new commercial venture of providing a to-and-fro 26-seater helicopter service between Mumbai and Shirdi on a daily basis from next week. The fare for the chopper flight is fixed at Rs 3,000."Talks for a regular airport at Shirdi are on. Keeping in mind the changing scenario of the holy place, the air services will benefit a lot of people," Minister for Energy, Technical and Medical Education, Dilip Walse-Patil, who inaugurated the services, said.

Chairman of Jagson, J P Gupta, said that Mumbai was aflush with devotees of Sai Baba and considering that most film personalities visited the shrine to offer prayers on several occasions, the airline started the services. Bureau Report

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6. DEVOTEES EXPERIENCES:

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Thu, 25 Oct 2007 18:26:07 -0700 (PDT)

The Healer Par Excellence RSS

Courtest-Ram Chugani

Shirdi Sai Baba

Spiritual Experiences

Dr.K Sudhakar of Hyderabad was a confirmed diabetic patient since 18 years and was under treatment for the same. In 1990, he had an abscess on his right foot, which did not heal in spite of antibiotic injections and application of ointments.

There is no disease greater than a sinful body, and no doctor greater than Sri Sai Baba of Shirdi.

He was admitted in hospital and finally it was decided that his foot had to be amputated lest gangrene might develop and spread to the upper portion of his leg. The writer who had recorded all the facts of this article, in his usual daily meditation got a message from Sri Sai Baba, in which the profile of the patient was shown, with the advice that he would not be cured in the hospital and therefore he should immediately go home. Baba also prescribed a mixer of Bilwapatris, Tulasipatra and Sharadaparta juice being applied on the wound. Upon hearing this, the patient got discharged and followed Baba's medicine. Miraculously his wound got completely healed in two weeks!

The writer himself had once suffered a heart attack and was admitted in the hospital, in May 1998. The doctors after all the tests diagnosed that all the three valves i.e. Aortic, Mistral and Pulmonary, were not functioning and due to this there was no sufficient blood circulation to the heart. At this juncture a by-pass surgery was not possible. A list of medicines to be taken daily had been prescribed.

Later in one of the messages, Baba said that the diagnosis of the doctors had been wrong and that it was Hypertrophic Obstructive Cardiomyopathy and prescribed some medicine for this disease!

Sri V Narayana Rao of Hyderabad said that his son was admitted in the Gandhi Hospital at Secundrabad, fearing that he was developing brain fever. A doctor examined his son and wrote on the case sheet that the disease was not brain fever. He wondered that it was unusual for a doctor to write that way. Furthermore how could he read his mind?! He thought that Sri Sai Baba had appeared as the doctor to relieved him of his tension. His son meanwhile in a semiconscious state had been chanting 'Sai Ram'.

The next day the fever subsided. The cure for this disease was the mantra 'Sai Ram', recited by the patient. There are innumerable miracles performed by Baba even after His Mahasamadhi. These experiences of devotees confirm that Sri Sai Baba is still living with us and guiding us in every affair. There is no disease greater than a sinful body, and no doctor greater than Sri Sai Baba of Shirdi.

(Sharing with Sai Love)

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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 Broken Pot

A water bearer in India had two large pots, each hung on the ends of a pole which he carried across his neck. One of the pots had a crack in it, while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water.

At the end of the long walk from the stream to the house, the cracked pot arrived only half full. For a full two years this went on daily, with the bearer delivering only one and a half pots full of water to his house.

Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments, perfect for which it was made. But the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection, and miserable that it was able to accomplish only half of what it had been made to do.

After two years of what it perceived to be a bitter failure, it spoke to the water bearer one day by the stream. "I am ashamed of myself, and I want to apologize to you. I have been able to deliver only half my load because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your house. Because of my flaws, you have to do a lot of this work, and you don't get full value from your efforts," the pot said.

The bearer said to the pot, "Did you notice that there were flowers only on your side of the path, but not on the other pot's side? That's because I have always known about your flaw, and I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day while we walk back, you've watered them.

For two years I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate the table. Without you being just the way you are, there would not be this beauty to grace the house."

The Moral: Each of us has our own unique flaws. We're all cracked pots. But it's the cracks and flaws we each have that make our lives together so very interesting and rewarding.

8. SPIRITUAL GEMS FROM SAI SATCHARITRA

. "Swamy" swamymain@yahoo.com

Sat, November 3, 2007 12:20 pm

Sai Ram. Let us continue with the Spiritual Gems from the chapter 25 of Shri Sai Satcharitra. Sai Ram.

We have already seen how Baba disapproved of Anna's efforts to get into cotton speculation and how He disapproved Anna's efforts in trying to make Baba a partner in that. Now let us see how He protected His devotee from other losses too. Sai Ram.

SSS: (2) Grain-Dealing

Then he thought of trading in grain, rice, wheat and other groceries. Baba read also this thought and said to him, "You will be buying at five seers and selling at seven seers a rupee". So this business was also given up. The rice in the prices of grains was kept up for some time, and Baba's prophecy seemed to be falsified, but in a month or two there was abundant rain everywhere and the prices suddenly fell down; and, therefore, those who stored grains suffered a severe loss. Damu Anna was saved from this fate. Needless to say that the cotton speculation which was conducted by the broker with the help of another merchant also collapsed with a severe loss to the adventurers. After seeing that Baba had saved him from two severe losses in cotton and grain speculations, Damu Anna's faith in Baba grew strong and he remained a true devotee of Baba till His passing away and even now.

SSG: Sai Ram. For faith to become strong and to stay strong, some miracles etc. like the above are needed. Baba was aware of that and encouraged the faith to develop by helping the devotee on the spiritual path. Sai Ram.

S.V.Swamy,

9. ARTICLES FROM SAI DEVOTEES:

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Tue, 9 Oct 2007 07:06:28 +0100 (BST)

sai tere dar pe aaya hoon khali haath,
ummeed tu hai,ki tu hai sada bhakton key saath,
mitt jayen sabhi vaasanayen bhari swarth,
kripa karo baba, sab jag key Naath.

jab-jab jag mey papi badey baba avatar ley aat,
treta mey ram,dwapar mey krishna-paarth,
kaliyug mey venkateswar swami saath lakshmi maat,
kripa karo baba, sab jag key naath.

icchaa mey rahoon teri hey anand daat,
karey gar tera naam smaran din aur raat,
anubhav karen tujhey aur terey gyarah baat,
kripa karo baba sab, jag key naath.

om sairam

R.Ramchandra kiran

10. LETTERS FROM SAI DEVOTEES:

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Thu, 25 Oct 2007 01:53:48 -0700 (PDT)

SaiRam,

Greetings to you from Kobe, Japan

We are very grateful to you for the Shirdi Baba's magazine, and true stories which are very thrilling to read and share with many devotees.

Whatever you are doing it is Blessings of ShirdiBaba to you and your family. May you continue to be a channel of God's blessings, as I feel it is His work assigned to you.

Please continue to send us these stories.

With Love and Respects,

Ram.Chugani

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

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On 9/20/07

Sairam,

Really this site is very nice

RAMACHANDRA SAYISEKAR

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On 9/21/07

Jai Sai Ram,

This Glory of Shirdi Sai is very beautiful and Words is more clear. Very Good. Keep it up. Baba Bless all over the world.

Sai Daughter,

Shikha Kohli.

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On 9/21/07

Om Sri Sai I am really enjoy this site and I get more information about BABA.

SHANTHI.

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On 9/20/07

Par excellence

Jayaprakash Narayan

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On 9/19/07

Dear Sirs,

Wholeheartedly I am appreciating your effort. Really it is a wonderful effort. Accept my Hearty Congratulations! BABA IS WITH YOU. That is why you are blessed with this DIVINE EFFORT.

Venkatachalam Tadimeti.

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On 10/24/07

Sai Ram

Your work is excellent. Sai's Blessing to you all.

N.Angamuthu

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: Sri Sai Baba Ashtottarasata Namavalih

Author: Ms. Zarine Taraporewala

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Title: God's Rainbow & other short stories

Author: Ms. Zarine Taraporewala

Meher Dhun Endowment, Nata Shahi

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Title: Ambrosia In Shirdi

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