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**ONE WORLD ONE FAMILY - VASUDHAIKA KUTUMBAM**

**Om! Asatoma Sargamaya, Tamasoma Jyotirgamaya, Mrityorma Amritamgamaya, Om  
Shantih, Shantih, Shantih!**

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## **1. FROM THE SATSANGHS OF SAIBANISA JI:**

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### **SEARCH FOR TRUTH**

Once Yama, the legendary King of Hell, asked a man who had fallen into hell about his evil deeds in life, whether, during his life, he had ever met the three heavenly messengers. The man replied: “ No, my Lord, I never met any such persons”.

Yama asked him if he had ever met an old person bent with age and walking with a cane. The man replied: “Yes, my Lord, I have met such persons frequently.” Then Yama said to him: “You are suffering this present punishment because you did not recognize in that old man a heavenly messenger sent to warn you that you must quickly change your ways before you, too, become an old man.”

Yama asked him again if he had ever seen a poor, sick and friendless man. The man replied: “Yes, my Lord, I have seen many such men.” Then, Yama said to him: “You have come into this place because you failed to recognize in these sick men the messengers from heaven sent to warn you of your own sickness.”

Then, Yama asked him once more if he had ever seen a dead man. The man replied: “Yes, my Lord, I have been in the presence of death many times.” Yama said to him: “It is because you did not recognize in these men the heavenly messengers sent to warn you that you are brought to this. If you had recognized these messengers and taken their warnings you would have changed your course, and would not have come to this place of suffering.”

To be continued.

## **2. SAI'S NEWS FROM THE TIME MACHINE:**

Shravan 1912: Gurusthan Padukas were installed under the neem tree in Shirdi.

Shravan 1914: H.H.Shri.Vasudevananda Saraswathi (Tembe Swami) left for His heavenly abode at Gardueshwar on the banks of river Narmada in Gujarat at the age of 80 years.

Shravan 1941: Shri.Narayana Maharaj of Kedgaon left the mortal coils at the age of 56 years at Bangalore.

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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.

#### **FEBRUARY-1996**

##### **02-02-1996**

Yesterday, I prayed Baba to indicate how I can set myself free from the love for the physical body and the greed for money.

Sai appeared in the form of a ward boy and pointed towards a Lady doctor. Her husband expired twenty years ago and she is about to retire in another five years. She is daily engaged in dissecting the corpses and explaining to the medical students the parts of the human body. At the same time she is engaged in flirting with her male colleagues. Can I call it love for the physical body?

In another dream, Sai appeared as my bitter enemy. He has given me a bundle of currency notes amounting to one Lakh rupees and said-“keep it for yourself. In the next life, you can be my slave”. Although, I was tempted to take the money, wild imaginations regarding the life to be encountered as a slave made me wise enough to reject the offer.

Physical body is to perish and money is always to multiply owe.

##### **05-02-1996**

Sai appeared in the form of a hermit and said-

You may exhibit pomp and show with the wealth but not devotion. Devotion should be confined to heart and not for exhibiting in public. Wear simple clothes in the old age and eat light food. Maintain distance from those who promise sadhgati that can come only by self-efforts.

Life style followed should be as per the age and should not mismatch in every sphere of life.

##### **06-02-1996**

Sai appeared as Schoolteacher and said-

Social cause is missing from the society, as it has become a breeding ground for the vices- the three W's- wine, woman wealth and craze for name and fame. Better march towards spiritualism, where experiences are like fruit bitten and tasted by parrots. No doubt they are tastier, but not useful for others in real sense. One should opt to climb the tree and taste the fruit desired by him.

Spiritualism is a lone march

#### **4. QUINTESSENCE OF SRI SAIBABA'S PHILOSOPHY:**

(By Late Sri Bharam UmamaheswaraRao)

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#### **32. Significance of Meditation**

**Black Light:** White light is followed by Black light in meditation. The Goddess of this color is 'Krishneswari'. First we will see red, then white flame within red aura and the black light within the white flame. Our meditation will become stable only when we concentrate on the black light. During this period, we will see in deep meditation, a deep and terrifying darkness. In this stage, we will feel pain between the eyebrows. Both eyes would roll upwards and pupils will spin like wheels. When eye spins, we would feel the Prana moving gently between our throat and space between the eyebrows. We will smell different sweet odors in this stage. Sometimes people around us will also get sweet odor floating around us.

**Blue Color:** We will first see red aura, then white flame, then the black light and finally the Blue Color. When we see Blue Color, the condition of our body and mind and our ways of understanding will be changed. We will feel more delight in ourselves and will be filled with pure and noble thoughts. When this color is seen, meditation will be subtle. When we see this color, it is the highest stage we have to enter within Blue Pearl to inner self for full realization.

The blue color is a great and holy pilgrimage center. Jnaneswar Maharaj says: 'This radiant and scintillating and sublime Blue Color can be seen directly in meditation. If we want to see such a great and wonderful thing, our way of life and our habits must be the purest and most holy. Then only we become worthy of it. Our association, our words, and our thoughts should be full of God. He who has seen the Blue Color is the most blessed of all human beings.'

#### **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 FROM SAIDARBAR – HYDERABAD**

Now all the works of Saibanisaji (translated into English Language by Sai Sevak Sri Raghu Raman Satulury) are available in one place in the web blog:

<http://saibanisa.blogspot.com/>

Sai devotees may kindly visit the above blog, read the articles and give your valuable comments in the “Guest Book”.

## **6. DEVOTEES EXPERIENCES:**

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Thu, July 24, 2008 11:49 am

Sai Devotees,

SaiRam, I am happy to share following Experiences of Sai with you all.

### **Experience 2:**

The next one I want to share is after I finished the first saptah, I read in the satcharita that baba gave visions to people after finishing their saptah. I had the inner desire to see him at least as a part of my dream. That afternoon I slept thinking about it. I got a call on my cell phone and I was in deep sleep. This woke me up and I was half awake. I could still hear mom & dad talking in the hall. I was trying to sleep hard and was in a waken state. I have a table next to me where I sleep in my room and have a beautiful baba idol. It is Sai sitting on a stone. I all of a sudden felt that Sai lifted his right hand and blessed me. I could witness the hand moving and see the

friction. I am calling mom loud to show her the miracle of Sai and all of a sudden I come back to my senses. I still do not know if it is a vision or dream but I can feel it even now. Such is the grace of the lord Sai. And to add to the mystery, the same friend of mine had dreamt that I had recorded a video of Sai moving from the idol at my house and was showing this to her in her dream. We both go to Sai temple very often and have lot of faith in him.

We are so crazy about him that we try looking for him in every place possible. On vehicles, sign boards, news papers etc. We are filled with joy when we come across any other Sai devotee. I am sharing this here as I know that it will not be misinterpreted and will be taken in the right sense.

We will continue with these wonderful Experiences of Sai in the Next issue. 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.

### **The story of the geese and the tortoise**

Once upon a time there lived a pair of geese and a tortoise all three of whom were great friends. One day they faced a huge drought and the lake in which they lived was drying up. They decided to leave the lake and look for a new lake. But the tortoise could not fly. So the geese thought of a plan, where by the tortoise would have to hold a piece of stick by its mouth which would be carried by the two geese. The only condition was that the tortoise should not speak or it will fall from the stick to death. The tortoise agreed to be silent.

But on seeing this strange arrangement, people on the way started laughing at the tortoise. Unable to control his anxiety, he spoke out "What are they laughing about?", and so fell to his death. If he had kept quiet he could have saved his own life.  
Bye children meet you in the next issue.

## **8. SPIRITUAL GEMS FROM SAI SATCHARITRA:**

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Fri, Aug 8, 2008 at 9:32 AM

Spiritual Gems from Sri Sai Satcharitra - chapter 29

### **Tendulkar family**

There lived in Bandra (a suburb of Bombay) a Tendalkar family, all the members of which were devoted to Baba. Mrs. Savitribai Tendulkar has published a Marathi book named "Shri Sainath Bhajan Mala" containing 800 abhangas and padas describing the Leelas of Baba. It is a

book worth reading by those who are interested in Baba. The son, Babu Tendulkar was studying hard day and night and wanted to appear for the medical examination. He consulted some astrologers. Examining his horoscope they told him that the stars were not favorable that year and that he should appear for the examination next year, when he would be certainly successful. This cast a gloom over him and made him restless. A few days afterwards his mother went to Shirdi and saw Baba. Amongst other things she mentioned the gloomy and morose condition of her son, who was to appear for the examination in a few days. Hearing this Baba said to her, "Tell your son to believe in Me, to throw aside horoscopes and predictions of astrologers and palmists and go on with his studies. Let him appear for the examination with a calm mind, he is sure to pass this year. Ask him to trust in Me and not to get disappointed". The mother returned home and communicated Baba's message to her son. Then he studied hard and in due course appeared for the examination. In the written papers he did well, but being overwhelmed by doubts he thought that he would not secure sufficient marks for passing. So he did not care to appear for the oral examination. But the examiner was after him. He sent word through a fellow-student, stating that he had passed in the written examination and that he should appear for the oral. The son being thus encouraged appeared for the oral examination and was successful in both. Thus he got through the examination that year successfully by Baba's grace, though the stars were against him. It is to be noted here that doubts and difficulties surround us just to move us and confirm our faith. We are tested as it were. If we only hold on steadily to Baba with full faith and continue our endeavors, our efforts will be ultimately crowned with success.

SSG: Sai Ram. A wonderful story and which goes to confirm several similar similar stories which are given in Sri Guru Charitra and also in Sri Sai Satcharitra too. This type of personal experience only helps a Sadhaka to develop total faith in Guru and it is known that only total faith can lead to total surrender and thus help one to cross the turbulent ocean of mind, populated by crocodiles of doubt, whales of desires etc. No astrologer can make totally correct predictions and while good predictions are in general welcome since they help the person maintain an optimistic attitude to life and thus achieve success in his or her endeavours, negative predictions are not to be taken in totality. In any case, God and Guru can always help one overcome the negative effects of planets and stars in one's horoscope and one should therefore maintain an optimistic attitude and have total faith in one's God / Guru (Who are one and same as we keep repeatedly telling through these articles). Sai Ram.

SSS: The father of this boy, Raghunathrao was serving in some foreign mercantile firm in Bombay. As he grew old, he was not able to attend to his work properly and so he had to take leave and rest. As he did not improve during the period of leave a further extension of leave or retirement from service was inevitable. The Chief Manager of the firm decided to retire him on pension as he was an old and a reliable servant. The question regarding the amount of pension to be given was under consideration. He was getting Rs.150/- p.m. and his pension i.e. half the amount viz. Rs. 75/- would not be enough to meet the expenses of the family. So they were all anxious about this matter. Fifteen days before the final settlement, Baba appeared to Mrs. Tendulkar in her dream and said, "I wish that Rs. 100/- should be paid (settled) as pension, will this satisfy you?" She replied "Baba, why ask me this? We fully trust in You". Though Baba said Rs.100/- still he was given ten Rupees more i.e. Rs.110/- as a special case. Such wonderful love and care did Baba exhibit for His Bhaktas.

SSG: Sai Ram. Total faith and trust works wonders. And Mrs. Tendulkar showed total faith in her Guru and was well rewarded thereby. Sai Ram.

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

S.V.Swamy

To be continued.

## **9. ARTICLES FROM SAI DEVOTEES:**

### **Kalemama's meeting with Sadguru Sai Baba -By Niket Kale –part 2**

This time Kalemama stayed at Shirdi for two days and returned back to Pandharpur. After sometime Kalemama's elder brother Krishnaji or rather known as Anna Kale's first wife died of Plague, on 1st February 1911, at Solapur. To find peace after the loss Anna ji came to Kalemama for a stay at Pandharpur, expecting a change. Meanwhile one of Kalemama's close relations Justice Noolkar had taken voluntary leave from his job and was staying at Shirdi in service of Shri Sai Baba. Justice Noolkar's friend Mr. Bhate had also resigned from his job and was serving Sai Baba at Shirdi for some time.

Kalemama received a letter from Justice Noolkar proposing marriage negotiations regarding Bhate's daughter who was slightly over age, and invited Kalemama to bring his elder brother Krishna ji or Anna to Shirdi for Sai Baba's darshan and to approve their daughter for Anna ji's re-marriage. Kalemama along with his elder brother, thus went to shirdi perhaps in Feb or March 1911 and met Sai Baba which later changed his life. On reaching Shirdi Kalemama with his brother Anna boarded their luggage at a suitable place and walked towards the Mosque in which Shri Sai Baba was staying and as it must have been during the afternoon, Shri Sai Baba was alone inside. Kalemama and Anna went to Sai Baba and bowed down to Him in reverence and Sai Baba asked for two rupees. Kalemama had only two rupees in his pocket which he gave to Sai Baba. On receiving the money Sai Baba further asked for four rupees and Kalemama had no money in his pocket, therefore, while handing over the keys to their suitcase, he asked Anna to go to the place of their stay and bring the money desired by Sai Baba. Kalemama further expressed in his notes that during this meeting Sai Baba was very pleased to meet them and made a significant remark.

During discussion while waiting for the money and Anna ji's return, Sai Baba said to Kalemama in marathi "You are amongst us", " When you intend to come again". To this Kalemama replied instantly "Whenever You may kindly brings us again ". Although by this time the four rupees desired by Sai Baba were brought and given to Him by Anna, both stayed in the company of Sai Baba for some time and returned back to their place of stay.

## **10. LETTERS FROM SAI DEVOTEES:**

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Fri, Aug 8, 2008 at 3:56 AM

SaiRam,  
Good work, we are knowing everything of SaiBaba from you, Sai bless you all

**Venkata Swamy.**

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**Response for “The Glory of Shirdi Sai E- Magazine” in the 3d page turning New FORMAT**

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Jai Sai Ram  
Great Work! Keep it up.  
**Amit Kalra.**

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Fri, Aug 8, 2008 at 7:59 AM  
Aum Sairam

I am very happy to read the contents of E-Magazine letter and it is very informative. I would like to get some saibhajans, kindly guide me to which site I have browse.

Thank u and I would like to see more about BABA.

Sairam

**Chandran.N.**

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**Response by Saidarbar Team**

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Sairam,

Thanks for your comments.

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**Vijay Aggarwal**

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Thu, Aug 21, 2008 at 8:32 AM

SaiRam,

<http://www.saidarbar.org> & your E-magazine "The Glory of Shirdi Sai" are very good.

Keep it up.

**Someshwar Sirimalla.**

### **11. TELUGU SECTION:**

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

Please visit for Sai Aaratis Audio:

[http://www.shrisaibabasansthan.org/main\\_English/saibaba/saibaba\\_aarti.asp](http://www.shrisaibabasansthan.org/main_English/saibaba/saibaba_aarti.asp)

### **12. SAI'S BOOK WORLD:**

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### **13. EDITORIAL:**

Things impressed me from this magazine:

Only total faith can lead to total surrender and thus help one to cross the turbulent ocean of mind.

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