

# **THE GLORY OF SHIRDI SAI**

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**ONE WORLD ONE FAMILY - VASUDHAIKA KUTUMBAM**

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

**(Aum! Lead from wrong path to the right path, from ignorance to knowledge, from  
mortality to immortality! Peace be to All)**

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

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### **SEARCH FOR TRUTH**

Once there was a young woman named Kousalya, the wife of wealthy man, who lost her mental balance because of the death of her child. She took the dead child in her arms and went from house to house begging people to heal the child.

Of course, they could do nothing for her, but finally a follower of Sai, advised her to see Baba, who was then staying in Rahata. She carried the dead child to Baba.

Baba, looked upon her with sympathy and said: "To heal the child I need some poppy seeds, go and beg four or five poppy seeds from some house or other where death has never occurred."

So the woman went out and sought a house where death had never entered, but in vain. At last, she was obliged to return to Sai. In his quiet presence, her mind cleared and she understood the meaning of his words. She took the body away and buried it. She then returned to Shirdi and became one of His disciples.

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.

## **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**

#### **14-02-1996**

Sai appeared as one of my well-wishers whom I vaguely recollect to have seen sometime earlier. He was clad in a white kurtha and pyjama and advised:

1. I shall take you to be my follower provided you shed the Inner ego, talk free and mix freely even with an enemy.
2. Feel satisfied and be grateful towards the God for whatever is bestowed, while comparing with his lesser Privileged.
3. Extend a helping hand to a weak person.
4. Real service to me is when you serve food to the hungry.
5. Absorb my philosophy and write a book and I shall do the required publicity.

**Shed the inner ego and practice equality, rest shall follow.**

**20-02-1996**

Sai appeared as an unknown person and advocated the minimum duties to be performed as a human being:

1. Believe in truth and be truthful
2. The institution of marriage is supreme. Observe sincerity and be loyal.
3. Never enter into conflict with others.
4. Do not waste money. Use it for good and noble causes.
5. Avoid unnecessary travel.
6. Gradually reduce attachments.
7. Serve food to the needy and hungry.

**Conduct should be such as to fulfill all moral and social obligations.**

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

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

Who do we say that our Meditation is Pure and Free from thoughts?

Our meditation becomes pure, if it becomes free from thought. For example, when our meditation is fixed on the Blue Color, the mind becomes permeated by it and in fact; we temporarily lose consciousness of our Self.

We became oblivious of the inner and outer worlds. Objects are not seen when there is no one to see them. In that state, there is neither happiness nor sorrow, nor ignorance, neither perceiver nor perceived. Only the pure Paramatma, the Supreme Self, remains pulsating in His own being. It is an unwavering, thought free, tranquil condition. It is the goal of our meditation. If we stay in this state for a short time, and then, we begin to come out of meditation, we go from 'Turiya State'. Afterwards, in Turiya, no matter what happens, we will retain the realization of transcendental state Turyiata.

#### **5. IN THE DAYS OF SHRI SHIRDI SAIBABA :**

##### **Baba given Darshan as a beggar to Shri Kakasaheb Dixit**

On one evening Shri Kakasaheb Dixit was returning from his office. A strong, young and able bodied beggar came and begged him. On seeing his face, he was convinced and gave some coins in his hands. After the receipt of the money, he went away laughing without asking anything from anybody. Dixit seen him off till he disappeared. Dixit started to Shirdi on the day, when he met Baba in Shirdi, he enquired Him about the matter. Baba replied "Yes". I verily came to you in that disguise. Dixit was so much pleased on hearing this.

##### **Baba given Dashan as his Ishta daivam to Shri Sadashiv Joshi**

Shri Vasudeo Sadashiv Joshi of Sitharam Co., accompanied by Shri Chidambara Rao Keshav Gadge patil went to Shirdi to have Baba's darshan. They stayed in Sathe's wada. Arati was being done to Baba's photo in Sathe's wada and Shri Vasudeo Sadadhiv Joshi also attended the Aarati. For him Baba has given darshan as Narasimha Murthy in the photo. He got this kind of darshan during the three consecutive days.

On one day, both of them went to Baba for darshan and the latter gave them Prasadam. They felt that the prasadam was insufficient to distribute to their men in the native place. Then Baba gave Re. 0-8-0 to them and directed them to by Prasadam in any shop in Shirdi and take it with them and added that any Prasad purchased in Shirdi is His Prasad. On another occasion, Baba gave them burfi Prasad. As it is very tasty, they wanted more and they went to the shop to buy some

more of it. Baba called them back and told that three baskets of Prasad was there, take two mounds from them. They went away to their place with Baba's Udi and Prasad.

After some days, Shri Joshi sent his friend with Rs.10/- as dakshina to Baba and requested him to take Baba's photo and return with Baba's Udi and Prasad. His friend went to Shirdi, offered Rs.10/- as dakshina to Baba and kept silent as he had no courage to take the photo of Baba. Baba, knowing this, He Himself asked Him to take His photo as requested by Joshi. Then he took one Baba's photo in sitting posture and one in standing posture. Baba has ordered him that the photos should not be sold in excess rate; they should sell only at reasonable rate and gave him permission to go with His Udi and Prasad. Baba had fulfilled the desires of His devotees.

To be continued.

## **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 3:**

At the end, I would like to share another leela of Sai due to which I am writing today. I always read the stories on this page but I had never made up my mind to write it. It was just yesterday when my very dear one hurt me through a message. It was not his mistake though but I was hurt very badly that I cried so much in front of Sai's picture. I spoke to him a lot and asked him why this was happening with me. I started relating things and almost felt very dejected. Then I made up my mind to read his leelas on Saidarbar page for a while because I knew only this could change my mood. Most of the stories I read spoke about having faith and patience. I felt that it was Baba's message to me. I kept reading it and I was so lost in it. I made up my mind to finish reading all the stories at once today and after I finish reading if the same person messages or calls me and makes me feel better, I will write the miracles which have happened with me. I finished reading in the afternoon and went back to sleep. Then I have a neighbouring kid who is called Sham.

But he always calls himself Shama. He came home when I was sleeping and asked mom to wake me up. I love playing with him. Even mom knew that I was upset. I don't know what made her say this but she said .... See Baba has come through him to you to make you feel better. After she told me, I don't know why, but I felt that the kid was behaving different than the usual. He first told mom, wake her up – tell her that I have come. I woke up. Mom got food for me and then he dint let me eat till he tasted a bit. He did that with everything I was eating. Then I kept feeling oh may be Baba wants me to offer it to him before my taking it. Then he was having a particular snack and there were groundnuts in it. I love the fried groundnuts in it. I have never discussed it with him for he is too small to understand. He took out all the ground nuts, gave to me and asked me to have them. I was shocked. I kept looking at him with a blank face and had them. He took care of me so much; he kept telling mom why you are giving her rice, give her dosa. I like dosa too. It seemed as if he knew everything.

Then, he all of a sudden looked at the Baba idol and said what your Baba is sitting like this with his legs crossed and started making fun of me. I felt may be Baba did that to check how I would react. I was quite rude to him when he did that and he playfully kept pulling my leg. I did not know how time passed and I had to get ready to office. Mom kept saying it is Baba who has come through him and I also strongly believe so. I did not know how to treat that kid. I did not know if I had to play with him or take his blessings. I am so thankful to him for he realized that I was upset and made sure he spent time with me and changed my mood. I have no words to describe about him. I just feel like gazing at his picture for hours together and keep talking to him.

I almost forgot about my resolution as I knew it was merely impossible. But I still knew that nothing is impossible for my Sai. My friend was very busy and was out of town and I knew he really did not have any time to think about anything. I was at my workplace and suddenly happened to look at the Baba's photo. There are only Baba's pictures and idols on my desk. When I looked at one of the pictures which I admire a lot. I suddenly remembered that I had to wait for a message or call from my friend. I happened to look at the phone and I see a message. I did not even realize that my phone beeped until I looked at Baba's picture. I was wonder stuck to see it is my friend. I felt that Baba gave an indication to look at the phone. Then I read the message. This is how it started ' This message has come all the way to make you smile....' My joy knew no bounds. I had tears in my eyes looking at Baba. He did exactly what I was looking for. I felt sorry for him that I keep asking him so many things and demanding them with conditions and he fulfilled so patiently. I felt like hugging Baba and crying. It might look very small for few but I can't express what I went through. Since Baba had finished his duty, it was my responsibility to write about his leelas as per my resolution.

Hope u guys enjoyed reading it. If Baba wishes, he will make me write more too. I just want him to be with me always and guide me. Me and my other two very dear ones need his grace and blessings very badly. I know he is with us, I just pray that he continues to shower his blessings on us.

Let peace be with all – BOW TO SRI SAI – 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.

### **Lord Krishna and the Lapwing's Nest**

It was the battle of Kurukshetra. The white conch shells were about to sound, the elephants to march forward, and the attack of the archers to commence. The moment was brief and terrible. Banners were flying, and the charioteers preparing for the advance.

Suddenly a little lapwing, who had built her nest in the turf of a hillock in the midst of the battlefield, drew the attention of the Lord Krishna by her cries of anxiety and distress for her young. "Poor little mother!" he said tenderly, "let this be thy protection!" And, lifting a great elephant-bell that had fallen near, he placed it over the lapwing's nest.

And so, through the eighteen days of raging battle that followed, a lapwing and her nestlings were kept in safety in their nest, by the mercy of the Lord, even in the midst of the raging field of Kurukshetra.

## **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

### **SSS: (3) Captain Hate**

Captain Hate, who was staying in Bikaner, was a great devotee of Baba. Once Baba appeared to him in his dream and said "Did you forget Me?" Hate then immediately held Baba's Feet and replied, "If a child forgets his mother, how could it be saved?" Then Hate went into the garden and took out fresh walpapadi vegetables, and arranging 'shidha' (ghee, wheat-flour and dal etc.) and Dakshina, was about to offer all this to Baba when he was awakened and came to know that the whole thing was a dream. Then he decided to send all these things to Baba at Shirdi.

SSG: Sai Ram. Baba had His own ways of pulling His devotees to Him, either physically or more importantly mentally and spiritually. This story illustrates His pulling His devotee mentally and spiritually to Him. Sai Ram.

SSS: When he came to Gwalior some days afterwards, he sent Rs.12/- by money order to a friend, with instructions that Rs. 2 should be spent in buying shidha articles and walpapadi

vegetables, and those should be offered to Baba with Rs. 10 as Dakshina. The friend went to Shirdi and purchased the things mentioned, but walpapadi was not available.

SSG: From another great book, "Devotees Experiences with Sai Baba" it is learnt that the friend was none other than another great Sai devotee, Shri Kakasaheb Dixit. Sai Ram.

SSS: In a short time a woman turned up with a basket on her head, which curiously enough contained the vegetables. It was purchased and then all the things were offered to Baba on behalf of Captain Hate. Mr. Nimonkar prepared the 'naivedya' (rice and walpapadi vegetables) next day and offered the same to Baba. All the people were surprised to see that Baba while dining, took and ate walpapadi, and did not touch rice and other things. Hate's joy knew no bounds when he heard of this from his friend.

SSG: Sai Ram. Baba showed that the dream was not an imagination of Captain Hate and is not like other meaningless dreams that we ordinary people get. The dream was indeed a vision and Sai appeared in Hate's dream to establish the connection more firmly. Sai Ram.

SSS: Consecrated Rupee

At another time Captain Hate wished that he should have in his house a coin of rupee consecrated by Baba with His touch. He came across a friend who was bound for Shirdi. With him Hate sent his rupee. The friend went to Shirdi and after the usual salutation gave first his Dakshina which Baba pocketed. Then he gave Hate's rupee, which Baba took in His hand and began to stare at it. He held it in front, tossed it up with His right thumb and played with it. Then He said to the friend, "Return this to its owner with the Prasad of Udi, tell him that I want nothing from him, ask him to live in peace and contentment." The friend returned to Gwalior, handed over the consecrated rupee to Hate, and told him all that happened at Shirdi. This time Hate was much pleased and realized that Baba always encouraged good thoughts, and as he wished intently, Baba fulfilled the same accordingly.

SSG: Sai Ram. Baba's words can be interpreted in two different ways. One meaning is that Baba did not want anything from Hate. Another and deeper meaning is that Baba wants Hate to be in the state of nothing (free from all attributes of good and bad). His next words tend to reinforce the second meaning. Baba is asking Hate to live in peace and contentment, which is possible only when the Sadhaka crosses the world of duality and reaches the state of nirguna, nothing. Sai Ram.

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

His Servant,

S.V.Swamy

To be continued.

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

### **Kalemama's meeting with Sadguru Sai Baba -By Niket Kale –part 3**

Kalemama felt amused over the peculiar expression of Sai Baba "You are amongst us" and could not gather any significance from this conversations, until later discovered. It was, while pondering over the words of Sai Baba, Kalemama resumed his work and served for a few years at Akkalkote until 1917, when he left the job and decided to move to Kolhapur. While during his journey to Kolhapur he remembered that he was near to the place of Shri Sadguru Narayan Maharaj, and felt the immense desire to meet him. Kalemama got down at Kedgaon to meet Shri Sadguru Narayan Maharaj at Kedgaon-bet. Shri Sadguru Narayan Maharaj had constructed a temple of Shri Lord "Dattatreya", at Kedgaon-bet and it was supposed to be very auspicious for one, to have the opportunity to worship the deity, and wash the feet of the statue. Although for this purpose a due permission of Shri Narayan Maharaj's was always needed. Kalemama went to the temple and thus wishing to pray at the feet of the statue, requested Shri Narayan Maharaj to kindly permit him to perform the worship.

Shri Narayan Maharaj asked Kalemama if he was a Brahmin, to which Kalemama replied in positive and told his `gotra' and `pravar'. On satisfying the Sadguru's quarries Kalemama was permitted by Shri Narayan Maharaj to wash the feet of the deity . He further stayed at the Kedgaon ashram for one day and after this one days brake journey at Kedgaon-bet, Kalemama proceeded his journey to towards Kolhapur. Once from Ahmednagar Kalemama was to make his journey to Dhule. On remembering Sakori, as he had never had the opportunity to have Shri Sadguru Upasni Maharaj's darshan, requested Meher Baba if he was to return next morning he may kindly be permitted to also go to Sakori and to have Shri Upasni Maharaj's darshan. Meher Baba was kind enough to permit him, thus Kalemama proceeded to Sakori via Shirdi having darshan of Shri Sai Baba's Samadhi and met Shri Upasni Maharaj.

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

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Thu, Aug 28, 2008 at 12:05 AM

SaiRam,

I get a deep peace of mind when I start reading Sai articles. It is the only time that I feel good and nothing else matters for me. The more I read, the hungrier I become to read more Sai Articles.  
Ashish.

## **11. TELUGU SECTION:**

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

**Title: SRI SAI SAHASRANAMA ARCHANA (English Translation)**

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