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“SAIDARBAR” STEPS IN TO ELEVENTH YEAR

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1. FROM THE SATSANGHS OF SAIBANISA JI

FOUNDATION STONES FOR THE SPIRITUAL LIFE

11. The dress you wear should be suitable for climatic conditions and not for pomp and show.
12. Your expenditure should not exceed your income.
13. You should give respect to the local traditions where you live and at the same time, you should not forget your family traditions.
14. You should avoid eating non-vegetarian food and drinking alcohol.
15. You should not unnecessarily criticize the Government and at the same time you should not shelter the anti social elements.
16. You should be faithful to your parents and always receive their blessings.
17. You should not hurt the feelings of others.
18. You are responsible for the good character of the persons dependent on you.
19. For the advancement in the spiritual life, you should select a good guide (Guru). If you fail you will not achieve spiritual goal.
20. You should eat such food that gives good health and longevity. You should know that you are not living only for eating.

To be continued.....

2. SAI'S NEWS FROM THE TIME MACHINE:

February 22, 1914: A Sadhak of Yoga (Swami Ram Baba) visited Shirdi and seeing Baba eating Roti with onion got suspicious and disappointed. However Baba proved His power of Omniscience by reading his mind and the Sadhak returned highly satisfied and blessed

3. SAI IN DREAMS:

These are the dream sequences and messages as received by SaiBaNiSaji From our beloved GURU LORD SAINATH OF SHIRDI. 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 -1996

08-05-1996

Yesterday night, Sai appeared in the form of a fakir and said-

I have examined your heart, put it into the dhuni at Dwarakamayi, refined and put it back into your body. I was able to observe the gratitude in your eyes for the gesture.

I could recollect the performance of Khandayoga by Baba as mentioned in Satcharita.

Agni (fire) symbolizes purification.

10-05-1996

Yesterday, Sai appeared as an old Brahmin and said-

The prayers and perambulations offered by you in the childhood days in Param Shiva temple, Kakinada (a town in Andhra Pradesh, India) are now being rewarded. Peace and patience are very essential for quick progress, even more than the diet. Give them utmost priority.

Every deed good or bad is accounted for.

To be continued.....

4. QUINTESENCE OF SRI SAIBABA'S PHILOSOPHY:

(By Late Sri Bharam UmamaheswaraRao)

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32. Significance of Meditation

Preliminaries to Meditation

How to Practice Concentration on God Daily?

If we meditate on Baba either as Himself or as formless, we will get Ananda. Think of this day and night. With such meditation the mind dissolves into unity. Then the difference between Baba and ourselves and the act of contemplation is lost. Sai Baba's glance is bread and milk for the pupil.

After crossing the mire of delusion, when our intellect has become steadfast and firm in meditation, then we will attain Self-Realization or Union with God.

We must sit in meditation devoting with heart and soul after controlling all our senses, we should not feel proud of our sense control because pride goes before downfall. Without developing

egoism, we must feel that it is only God's grace. By divine grace, we must denote ourselves thinking that He is God and God is his, while he is neither of the worlds nor the world is his. Delusion is born of egoism, the sense of mine or desire. To accept the body as 'I' or 'Mine' is delusion born out of egoism.

Sri Sai Baba also said: Meditation is many lakh times superior to Manana and Sravana. All of you should move with fraternal feeling. Divine knowledge can be attained by constant meditation. Meditation is philosophical feast.

To be continued.....

5. IN THE DAYS OF SHRI SHIRDI SAIBABA

Baba cured the Vomittings of Shri Krishnaji Narayan Alias Chottu Bhaiya saheb Parulkar

Shri Krishnaji Narayan alias Chottu Bhaiya Bhaiya saheb Parulkar was suffering from Vomittings as and when he took meals. He has consulted all the doctors, but in vain. Shri S.R.Pattavardhan, a friend of his father has sent a well known Doctor from Nagpur for his proper treatment. The Doctor gave him three small packets of medicine for taking them one in the morning, one in the noon and one in the night.

After taking it as prescribed by the doctor, he gone to motions for several times that he was not even able to walk by 8 P.M and became so weak that all were afraid of him then the Doctor went to his Puja room and prayed the Almighty and gave medicine to stop motions.

After taking these medicines his motions and vomitings have stopped from 11 A.M. The Doctor told his father that no medicine will cure his vomitings except that of the grace of a Blessed soul. After 5 to 6 years of this incidence, Mr.Parulkar had the chance to come to Shirdi and took darshan of Baba. Neither himself nor any body has spoken to Baba about his affair.

During his next trip to Shirdi i.e. on a Guru Pournima day, he again met Baba with his brother and a third person was sitting before Baba by about 4 P.M. At that time one Mousibai came there. Baba asked her "why you come late". Mousibai replied "Baba, you made me to vomit much often and hence I came late". Baba told her "That's because you eat much, you have to vomit much". For this Mousi Bai told "Baba I am vexed up with so much vomiting". Baba told her pointing to Parulkar that this man also vomiting for many years. On hearing this Parulkar's brother requested Baba to stop the vomitings of his brother. Baba told him that his brother did not vomit hereafter and from that time Baba uttered these words, his vomittings have stopped and he ever felt thankful to Baba.

NEWS FROM SAIDARBAR – HYDERABAD

Saidarbar-TV channel-Internet World TV

Sairam,

Saidarbar came into existence on 25-12-1998. With the blessings of Sri Shirdi Sainath and due to the untiring efforts of Saibanisa Gopala Rao Ravada, Saidarbar came to today's position.

Saidarbar made a modest beginning in the media of Internet through a free website and very soon took shape as www.saidarbar.org with the sole purpose to serve Shirdi Sai devotees.

Later on 01-01-2003 e-magazine The Glory of Shirdi Sai was started as per suggestions received from a section of devotees. <http://www.saidarbar.org/glory.htm> due to Sai's grace, the E - magazine is well received and appreciated by one and all with a wide readership. Due to the over-whelming response, the fortnightly magazine was later converted into 3D- page turning format with the active help and technical support rendered by Sri. Vijay Agarwal from Saidarbar Schwenksville Chapter.

Again bowing down before our well wishers, on 01-08-2008 <http://saibanisa.blogspot.com> was started catering the spiritual needs of Sai devotees spread over Eighty one countries.

On completion of one decade of Saidarbar movement, Saibanisaji's spiritual Discourses were neatly brought out in Mp3 for-mat audio CD's in English and Telugu languages. We are ever grateful to Lord Sainath for the good response received from Sai devotees for these CD's. Not stopping with these activities, we have marched further and gone in for creation of Saidarbar channel in Internet World Television. The channel is in operation from today i.e. Thursday-12-02-2009.

Sai devotees may click on the website: <http://saibanisa.blogspot.com>

Valuable feedback and suggestions are welcome on saidarbar@gmail.com

In service of Shirdi Sai and His devotees

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6. DEVOTEES EXPERIENCES:

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An Atheist Builds Sai Mandir (Though this was published article in Shree Saileela 25 years ago now written from a different angle for the benefit innumerable Sai devotees of the present day. Let us note the divine hand of Sri Sainath). Shri Keshav Ramachandra Pradhan, a native of Bhivapuri road near Mumbai was a noted atheist. Sai Maharaj in his own mysterious way pulled him to Shirdi and turned into a staunch believer as narrated below. He was pulled to Shirdi through his friend who was a regular visitor to Shirdi. Pradhan also used to go to Manmad, Kopergaon on official work.

Once he had agreed to accompany his friend to Shirdi on that condition that he should not be forced to see Baba. They rented a room. Pradhan stayed back. At 12'0 clock noon Arati bells began to ring. This sound had magnetic effect on Pradhan by dragging him towards Dwarakamai. Pradhan went into trance after stepping into the place.

After Arati all left except Pradhan. Baba called him near and asked for dakshina. He had an amount of rupees two thousand and five hundred rupees including money collected on behalf of his employer. In that trance he gave entire amount. He was at a loss as to do what after coming to normalcy from trance. He was short of cash for going to Bombay except a gold ring. He engaged a Tonga and gave gold ring for sale. A tall suited gentleman who observed this not only paid Tonga fare but also purchased ticket for Bombay. (Dear Readers who could be the gentleman?) On his return to Bhivanipuri he sent a letter to his employer stating he was unwell. The employer replied that he could attend the office later as he received double the amount. This news made the 'atheist' in Pradhan to disappear.

The tiny seed of devotion sown at Shirdi has sprouted. Pradhan prayed "Oh! Baba I am a sinner. So far I remained away from you and did not yield to the request of my friend to come to your lotus feet but you have now favored me by your grace and I am sure all my sins must have now been wiped out." In one of Pradhan's visits to Shirdi in 1916 Baba handing him over a replica of himself said, "Go back to Bhivapuri, build a temple and place this replica there. Start all the functions there and do not come here." (Beloved readers this reveals that Baba had approved construction of temple for him. His replica is as powerful as he is and celebration of all functions also was approved by Baba. I feel it was the first Sai Mandir built during Baba's physical presence at Shirdi- If not, please enlighten us on this point) He did not comply with Baba's instructions and went to Shirdi. Baba questioned "when I have come to your house why have you come here? Bhivapuri is your Shirdi now? (Readers! Shirdi is the place wherever Baba rests. Baba rests where there is full devotion.)

It is confirmed Baba's dictum those who think I am at Shirdi have not understood me). This remark of Babaji awakened Pradhan a temple amidst good natural surroundings was built. Not only Pradhan but also his guests felt the presence of Baba in the mandir. People heard opening of the doors at 12 midnight and closing of the doors at 3 am. Pradhan built a beautiful shrine room, a spacious hall, a wide verandah and a guesthouse. Sai-intoxicated soul in Pradhan left this earth in 1939 leaving the responsibilities of upkeep of mandir to his sons, son-in-law. On account of

heavy inflow of devotees it was planned for further expansion. The work was held up in the middle for want of funds. Sri Narayana Purohit resorted to the feet of Sai Baba through parayana of Sri Satcharita. After four days SaiBaba appeared in the dream of Pradhan and asked, "Where is my dhuni? If there is no dhuni how can this be Shirdi? How will the temple be completed?" As this dream was repeated Sri Purohit informed the trustees who had erected dhuni which was inaugurated by the grand son of Shri Dhabolkar on 7-04-1949.

Afterwards a devotee offered to pay all the expenditure of the roof and other structure. (Now we learn that dhuni is a must for Shirdi Sai temple. Secondly Sri Sai Satcharita parayana is a means to seek Sai's grace and instructions).

Source : Saidarbar Files

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.

Let's See On Which Side the Camel Sits

Once a greengrocer and a potter jointly hired a camel and each filled one side of the pannier with his goods. The camel as he went along the road took a mouthful every now and then, as he had a chance, from the greengrocer's bag of vegetables. This provoked a laugh from the potter, who thought he had the best of the bargain.

But the time came for the camel to sit, and he naturally sat on the heavier side, bearing down on the pots, and also to have his mouth free to operate on the bag of greens. This caused the pots to break in the bag, and then the green grocer had all the laugh to himself.

8. SPIRITUAL GEMS FROM SAI SATCHARITRA

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Fri, Dec 26, 2008 at 12:11 AM

Shri Sai Satcharitra

Chapter XXXII

In Quest of Guru and God - Fasting Disapproved.

In this Chapter Hemadpant describes two things: - (1) How Baba met His Guru in the woods, and through him God; and (2) How Baba made one Mrs. Ghokhale, who had made up her mind to fast for three days, eat Puran-Polis.

SSG: Sai Ram. This chapter, like the others before and those to follow is entertaining and at the same time, instructional. Sai Ram.

Though he spoke so tenderly, we discarded his request and marched on. We thought that we were self-contained men and needed nobody's help. The woods were vast and trackless; the trees therein grew so close and tall, that the sun's rays could not penetrate through them; so we lost our way and wandered here and there for a long time. Ultimately through sheer good luck, we came back to the place from where we started. The Vanjari met us again and said, "Relying on your own cleverness you missed your way; a guide is always necessary to show us the right way in small or great matters; and no quest can be successfully carried out on an empty stomach. Unless God wills it, no one meets us on the way. Do not discard offers of food; served dish should not be thrust away. Offers of bread and food should be regarded as auspicious signs of success."

Sai Ram. The ego has the limited perception and can't see beyond. The seekers were in forest (literally and figuratively since the samasara is like a forest) and were in darkness, literally and spiritually too. The Guru, disguised as Vanjari was trying to seek out and help them. The food offered was not only physical but Brahma Jnana and He was suggesting that such offers come only because of our merits in past and should not be neglected. But our egos have their own destinies. Sai Ram.

Saying this he again offered us food and asked us to be calm and patient. Again we did not like this good hospitality and discarded his offer and went away. Without doing any quest and without taking any food, the three began to move out. So obstinate were they. I was hungry and thirsty and I was moved with the Vanjari's extraordinary love; we thought ourselves very learned but were quite strangers to pity and kindness. The Vanjari was a quite illiterate and unqualified fellow and belonged to a low caste. Still he had love in his heart and asked us to eat the bread. In this way he who loves others disinterestedly is really enlightened and I thought acceptance of his hospitality was the best beginning of getting knowledge. So very respectfully I accepted the loaf of bread offered, ate it and drank water.

Sai Ram. Baba was already beyond the Three Gunas (the three who went away!) and was ready for the ultimate enlightenment. He was already a Pandita, a Samadarsi (the Vanjari was also Samadarsi, Yama who rides a bullock probably). Annam ParaBrahma Swaroopam goes the saying. So, Sai accepted the Para Brahma by accepting the food. Sai Ram.

S.V.Swamy

To be continued.....

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9. ARTICLES FROM SAI DEVOTEES

Gurugita-Saisatcharita

Sairam,

Today's discourse is therefore centered on my aim to project similarities between Gurugita and Sri Sai Satcharita

In the 24th sloka of Gurugita -----

Param Siva said to Parvathi-"Oh dear, a Sadhak observing all rituals like Japa, Tapa, Vrata, Yagna, and Dhana all turn out to be useless without understanding Guru and his teachings properly.

Therefore we should understand our Guru very well before beginning any rituals so as to derive the full benefits.

The same message was conveyed by Shirdi Sai Baba in the chapter -32 of Sri Sai Satcharita. He said, "Bookish knowledge is of no use. We should fully discharge all our responsibilities. Treat Guru as God and place your heart and soul at the feet of the Guru". To get such a belief one must have firm faith in his Guru.

In the 38th Sloka of Gurugita, -----, Where ever Guru's service is undertaken, that place is as sacred as Gaya.. Gurudev's lotus feet are the same as the feet of the Lord Vishnu. The heart and soul offered at the Lord's feet attain Brahma Swaroopa.

The same essence is conveyed in the chapter- 46 of Sri Sai Satcharita. Shyama was an ardent devotee of Baba. He served Baba in Dwarakamayi. He wanted to go to Gaya and asked for Baba's permission. Baba sent him as his representative for attending thread ceremony of Kaka sahib Dikshit's son at Nagpur and marriage of eldest son of Nana saheb Chandorkar in Gwalior. Shyama was then to proceed to Kashi, Prayag and Gaya for his pilgrimage. Baba said-

"By the time you complete your journey to Kashi and Prayag, I shall meet you in Gaya". Indirectly Baba wanted to say that Dwarakamayi is Gaya for Sai devotees.

Shyama performed Guruseva in Dwarakamayi. So Baba appeared to Shyama in the form of His photograph in Gaya .Baba thus conveyed that Shyama had the dual benefit of seeing Baba in Gaya and Dwarakamayi.

Baba demonstrated to Dasgunu maharaj that his feet are Lord Vishnu's feet by bringing the holy rivers of Ganga and Yamuna to Dwarakamayi itself. Thus devotees who surrendered totally to the feet of Sainath were experiencing Para-Brahma in Sai.

Let us listen Slokas 80 and 81 of Gurugita-----,

Only Guru can help us tide over the difficulties. We should bow down before him with full respect. Guru himself is an embodiment of the world.

In chapter -33 of Sri Sai Satcharita, Nana saheb Chandorkar's daughter Mainatayi was suffering from labour pains. Baba accompanied Bapugir bua in role of a Tongawala. He sent udhi from Dwarakamayi through Bapugir bua to Nana saheb Chandorkar and saved her.

Again in the chapter- 7 of Sri Sai Satcharita, on the day of Diwali, Baba put his hand into the burning fire of dhuni in Dwarakamayi and saved the child of a blacksmith who had accidentally fallen into fire from mother's lap. We thus conclude the presence of guru everywhere.

Let us listen to Sloka -113 of Gurugita -----,

We should bow down before a Sampoorna Guru. A Sampoorna Guru is the one who always wears white clothes and decorated with flowers and sandal wood paste. He should be wise, wear a pearl necklace, look cheerful in appearance, and possess attractive eyes. He should sit on His left thigh like Lord Siva, full of compassion and a gentle smile on the face.

We can come across this message in the chapter -22 of Sri Sai Satcharita. Let us see how. Baba is seated on the granite stone. What a pleasant sight it is. His right leg is resting on the left leg's knee. Throughout his life Baba always wore white Kafini. Mahelsapathi applied Sandalwood paste to his neck. When people chanted Sej- Arati in Chavadi, devotees put pearl necklace around his neck. Let us all recollect those beautiful things and enjoy to our heart's contentment imagining the Guru's divya swaroopa.

In the Sloka -179 of Gurugita- -----Those who walk on the path shown by Guru are sure to attain salvation. All those who desire to work for self realization must have devotion towards their Guru.

The same message is conveyed in the chapter- 31 of Sri Sai Satcharita. The people who attained Moksha in Sai's darbar are Vijayanad, Balaram Mankar, Sub-Judge of Pandaripur-Tatya saheb Noolkar, and Meghashyam... Let us also follow the footsteps shown by our Sadhguru and work towards achieving something worthy in this life.

We can get more information from Saibanisa's discourses on “Gurugita-Saisatcharita”.
Those who are interested in obtaining the MP3- Format CD may kindly contact:
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In the Service of Lord Sainath and His devotees,
Sai Sevak SrinivasaRao Kasturi

10. LETTERS FROM SAI DEVOTEES

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Thu, 12/2/09

SaiRam,

I am a devotee of Sai Baba; I am really touched by reading about Mrs.Gupta. She is a very lucky person. I am happy that I registered myself to this site otherwise I would have missed something very precious.

Priya

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Fri, 13/2/09

Om Sai Ram

I feel new experience about SAI BABA life in Shirdi.

Surendra Kumar.

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Thu, 5/2/09

Dear Sir,

Can you mail me Original photographs of Shree Shirdi Sai Baba and also photographs of Shirdi during those days.

Sudhir Ranjan

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Thu, 5/2/09

Thanks for the great information.

I always believed that Sai has some connection with Shiva and have a feeling that he is guiding and helping me in all my difficulties just as a loving mom would do that for her child.

You ask and he is ever ready to offer, you don't ask then also he has his firm hand placed so as to bring me back from the wrong path to the correct path and getting injured

He creates a conducive & joyful environment. In searching for him is he wandering in every pulse and trying to slowly remove the negative thoughts and introducing positive thoughts by giving daily demonstration? Or giving lessons of the Maha Yoga as told by Krishna to Arjuna. He is indeed the un-manifested in the manifest and a living live entity in the un-manifested world.

Shailesh

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On Fri, 6/2/09

SaiRam,

Thank you for sending important messages on Sai .We are really surprised, God is great
Nagasrinuvasarao Lakkaraju

11. SAI'S BOOK WORLD:

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12. EDITORIAL

Things impressed me from this magazine:

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Sri Sai Satcharita parayana is a means to seek Sai's grace and instructions.

Offers of bread and food should be regarded as auspicious signs of success."

Sai devotees may write about their Sai activities in their place, essays, articles and poetry on Sai to "The Glory of Shirdi Sai" they may be address their contributions to E-mail id: saidarbar@gmail.com

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