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On the occasion of completion of ten years of Saidarbar, our website www.saidarbar.org is adorned with a new facelift and presented to our esteemed Saibandhus. Our special thanks to Shri. Raghav N of SAI INC, Bangalore, who has put in his best efforts and ideas in translating the thoughts of Saibanisaji Gopalal Rao Ravada effectively into action in a record time. We earnestly hope that our renewed site will be appealing to our visitors and would welcome the changes made.

Readers are kindly requested to go through and offer their valuable comments and suggestions towards our committed goal of continued improvement and service to Shirdi Sai devotees to the site address info@saidarbar.org

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1. FROM THE SATSANGHS OF SAIBANISA JI

FOUNDATION STONES FOR THE SPIRITUAL LIFE

51. You should know that the Goddess Death is not having partiality towards rich or poor, healthy or non healthy, educated or uneducated. She treats everybody with the same coin.

52. You should know that one day after your death the body is going to become ash and mix with the earth. Still you are taking care of the body by giving medicines to prolong the life. Similar way after the death, the soul needs peace for that when you are alive, you should chant the name of Lord.

53. Some of the beautiful flowers which give fragrance will contain harmful bacteria. In the similar way some persons in the aristocratic families will have bad qualities. So you should beware of such persons.

54. In the name of penance you can conquer hungry and thirsty. But the day when you conquer the desires and attachments towards your kith and kin, you will be the real yogi (saint).

55. You will water the coconut tree for first two or three years, but afterwards it will give sweet water for its lifelong. In the similar way, when you receive help from the society, it is your bound duty to reciprocate the same.

56. The greatest quality in the life is “You serve others without anticipating any returns”.

57. You look to the road side tree which receives the hot sun light and gives the shadow to the travellers. In the similar way, you should live for others.

58. A fool will dig for water after his hut is under fire, you should not be such a person. You should think about the God while you are in good health.

59. You should know that the society will recognize the good persons and in the similar way it will shun the bad quality persons.

60. You know that very well if you do not do the charities in this life, you will be a beggar in your next life. After knowing this also if you are not performing charities in this life, you should prepare to hold the begging bowl in the next life.

Compiled by:

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To be continued.....

2. SAI'S NEWS FROM THE TIME MACHINE:

April 1954: Abdul Baba passed away at the age of 83 years.

April 1973: The combined issue of Saileela in English and Hindi started.

Sri Rama Navami 1911: Shri.Bhishma and Shri.Kaka Mahajani started celebrating Sri Rama Navami festival in Shirdi. Construction of Dixitwada was completed. Dixit wada was declared open for public.

Sri Rama navami 1913: Balbuva sattu performed Rama Navami samkirthan and Baba rewarded him with Rs.150/-

Sri Rama navami 1914: Dasguna Maharaj was ordered to perform Rama Navami Kirtan at Shirdi every year.

Sri Rama navami 1951: A spacious Assembly hall was constructed in Butywada (in front of Baba's samadhi).

3. 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 you want to be near God, you meditate always. Meditation means combining the mind with Atman and making them one. If you want to get rid of the sins, you have to do 'Adhyatmika Dhyana' and then you will get salvation. Meditation is superior to taking bath in Saptha Samudras.

Bodily ailments, doubts, dissatisfactions, misconception and unsteady mind etc are all hindrances to meditation. Before starting meditation, you do prayer to God that you are surrendering your body, Prana and Dhyana and do prostration.

I am indestructible and ever present. So if you meditate on Me, you can reach the permanent abode in Me. If you take this as your unquivering aim in your life, you can reach the goal safely. Never aspire at impermanent affairs. To attain My mercy and to reach Me, devotion with pure heart is very essential. Whatever ideas you have during your lifetime, they only project in your mind at the end of your life. You must meditate on Me, thinking of My divine attributes thru out your life and then you are sure to attain Me.

To be continued.....

4. IN THE DAYS OF SHRI SHIRDI SAIBABA

Kalemama's meeting with Sadguru Sai Baba

By Niket Kale

Kalemama or Ramchandra Bapuji Kale was born in Kolhapur, a city of Maratha Rulers. His father Bapuji Kale was a Minister in the personal court of Maharaja of Kolhapur. Kalemama, born in such an influential family, of links with the Royal families of Kolhapur, was ought to receive the best during his childhood and youth and he was sent to Bombay to graduate in the faculty of Civil Engineering. It was during the British rule in India, holding a graduation degree in Engineering was a promising career, and alike the expectations Kalemama later served as Chief Executive Officer of the Kolhapur Municipal Corporation, also as Secretary of Dhule Municipal Corporation, State Engineer at Akkalkot Sansthan and many a few other places until he met Meher Baba and came to Meherabad for a final stay, which lasted until the 16th of September 1954, when he rested in peace.

Kalemama met Shri Sadguru Sai Baba of Shirdi, which changed the course of his life. After Sai Baba dropped His physical body in 1918, Kalemama met Meher Baba at Ahmednagar in 1926 and his solitary life ended at Meher Baba's feet as his wife Mrs. Janki, or more often referred as Mrs. Kalemama had already passed away in 1932, at Meherabad. Meher Baba had included her name in the list of 120 dear departed souls whom He paid homage, as a token of love and gratitude. It was a gesture of love for their surrenderance and unquestionably holding faith in Meher Baba, during the hilly walks of life. It was on the 16th of September 1954 that Kalemama passed away at Meherabad, Kalemama's son Murli was staying at Jabalpur, to practice Homeopathy, as permitted by Meher Baba.

To be continued.....

5. DEVOTEES EXPERIENCES:

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Dear Sai Bandhus,

I was suffering a lot in my work due to some politics slowly this took toll on my health one day I had to quit because of my health. Slowly I started getting depression and anxiety I even started thinking very negatively always feared of something and I was even anxious of going out or talking to anyone, my life had become unhappy by then one night I prayed Sai Baba to help me and promised to post it on the web as my health gets better.

One day while I was coming home from a class in the evening I felt that I missed Sai Baba a lot and I had an urge to see him, I did not know nothing else rather than seeing him I felt so much pain without Sai Baba I cannot explain how I felt my eyes where just looking for him around me even though I knew that he was omnipotent. Then I prayed that if I see an old man today with white beard I will consider him as Sai Baba. Then I got down at my stop and started walking home it was very cold and snowing, I just turned back and I saw an old man with white beard. He looked just like Sai Baba (there is a Sai Baba picture in Dwarakamayi in Shirdi and his faced exactly resembled it), he was looked quite unconcerned about the weather he did not even wear proper clothing to suit the winter needs and his clothes where torn at places and looked at me in such a way as if he said “why are you going away after you called me”, his face was shining in the lights, and I was in bit of a dilemma. I told my father about what I was thinking, by then we had crossed the road and where going home, he said that even he felt something towards the old man sitting there, he asked me to go and offer him dakshina, I prayed in my heart that I will offer him \$5 (and not tell my father whom I thought would mind as we had no income) and by then I started getting heart palpitations, I somehow managed to cross the road, the old man meanwhile walked into the bus shelter, when I approached him he looked at me with concern I just took \$5 out and gave him he said “oh thank you”, I walked out and turned back and looked at his face again, which was so attractive. By then my heart palpitations stopped and I felt so relieved.

I went home and my window faces the “Jane n finch intersection” where I live and I looked for the man by then he wasn’t there. When I went home my father asked me how much I gave him when I said I offered him less, he said he had the same \$5 amount in mind, and when I told him that I did give him \$5 he was so happy, and then I realized how Sai Baba took from us the dakshina which we both wanted to give, my mother is a staunch devotee of Sai Baba, she cried out of happiness after hearing that and I realized my mistake which was “I was keen in seeking his darshan but finally when he did come I just gave him some dakshina but I wonder why I did not fall at his feet and not leave him until he gave me his true form, why was I covered by that Maya”. My parents asked me to always believe in him he who came for me when I needed.

From then onwards whenever I feared or was anxious about something I opened the Sai Gurucharitra book and it said “why fear I am here”, “don’t be anxious and sit quietly ”and “I will never allow my devotes to get lost ”, these I read before many times but at the time of hopelessness these gave me so much strength to my mind, I can say that my only food those days where those powerful quoted said by Sai Baba, I used to study 11 times his astotharam for a week, slowly my mind started thinking positively and I started realizing that there was nothing

wrong with me and it was just my thinking I came out of my illusions, I am even preparing for interviews, now I depend on him for matters big or small and I am very happy for this as I know whatever he does is good for me. My dear Sai bandhus, if I had not trusted and did not have faith in him I would have certainly gone astray by now. I have also realized that he doesn't care for any other offerings more than the "faith" and "patience". Now I feel so thankful for him for what all has happened without which I wouldn't have realized his power.

A Sai devotee

Om Sri Sai Nathaya Namaha

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I and my entire family are greatly devoted to Baba. Some of us heard His stories and were moulded thereby. But some, like my father, who initially disbelieved Baba, was forced to Believe Him!!! Many incidents were responsible for this. I narrate one of those numerous ones! My eldest sister (Anchi) did not have any issue even till 4 years after marriage. She was shown to a doctor and got all the tests done. But to our disappointment, some complicacies were found, for which they said, she could never have a child. My papa and my brother-in-law, both being doctors witnessed the ultra-sound tests and were disheartened.

Soon after this, my aunty (who herself is solely devoted to Baba) asked my papa to resort to Baba's feet, and assured us that everything would be all right. My papa made up in his mind, saying that he would know the presence and power of Baba, only if He did anything for his daughter and prayed to Him sincerely. Within a day or two after this, a pregnancy test was performed on her, and to all's surprise, she was found pregnant!!! "Oh Baba!" This was what came out of my Papa's mouth upon hearing this! She gave birth to a very cute little baby girl, after so many complicacies.

Who would now deny His presence!!

Thanks,

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6. SAI WITH CHILDREN:

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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 PROUD PEACOCK:

Once, a proud peacock lived in a forest by the side of a lake. Every day he would go to the lake. There he would open his beautiful, colourful feathers and preen them with his beak and beautified himself. Then he would see his reflection in the lake water and admire his own beauty. One day, a white crane came to live by the lake. The peacock thought, "Oh! A new visitor is here to stay. I must go and introduce myself to him. After all, he must know that a beautiful peacock is his neighbour." So, the peacock walked with a pompous gait to the lake side. The crane was busy catching fish for lunch. The peacock began his daily ritual. He went near the water and spread out his gorgeous feathers for display. Then he preened them with his beak, beautified himself and looked into the water. He felt very proud at his colourful reflection. Then, with pride, he turned his head towards the crane and addressed him, "Hello, Mr. Crane! So you are my new neighbour. Welcome to the forest." "Thank you so much, Mr. Peacock," the crane said.

Then the peacock continued, "Mr. Crane, I was wondering how you feel with the plain with white feathers. They are so simple to look at and do not add to your appearance at all." The Crane smiled at the peacock. He flew in the air and landed by the peacock's side. Then the crane said, "Feathers and wings are given to us so that we can fly. No doubt, your feathers are very beautiful but, they are of no use because you cannot fly with them for long. I would rather have simple and useful wings than showy and useless ones like yours." At this moment, the peacock got speechless. He went away ashamed without a word. After that day, he never preened his feathers to show off to others.

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NEWS FROM SAIDARBAR – HYDERABAD

Saidarbar -TV channel-Internet World TV

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7. SPIRITUAL GEMS FROM SAI SATCHARITRA

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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.

Fasting and Mrs. Gokhale

Baba never fasted Himself, nor did He allow others to do so. The mind of the faster is never at ease, then how could he attain his Paramartha (goal of life)? God is not attained on an empty stomach; first the soul has to be appeased. If there is no moisture of food in the stomach and nutrition, with what eyes should we see God, with what tongue should we describe His greatness and with what ears should we hear the same? In short, when all our organs get their proper nutrition and are sound, we can practise devotion and other sadhanas to attain God. Therefore, neither fasting nor overeating is good. Moderation in diet is really wholesome both to the body and mind.

Sai Ram. Fasting has its place and can be resorted in early stages of spiritual sadhana. But any dogmatic approach is not good. One should not get puffed up with pride that one is able to fast and look down at others as sinners. One should not fast if one is always thinking of the food. The sanskrit word for fast is upavas, meaning staying near. Near to whom? To God. If one is truly near to God in consciousness, one will forget thirst and hunger, without the Bala and Atibala mantras (Sage Viswamitra gave these mantras to Ram and Lakshman when He was taking them to the forest for protecting his yagna against the demons). If we read the story of Sai and His Guru above, we see that when the mind is merged into the Para Brahman, all thoughts, including thoughts of food subside. That is how; the sages of ancient times were able to stay in Samadhi for years at a time. Fasting the body may be needed in illness, but is not a right thing to progress spiritually. Sai Ram.

One Mrs. Gokhale came to Shirdi with an introductory letter from Mrs. Kashibai Kanitkar (a devotee of Baba) to Dada Kelkar. She came to Baba with a determination to sit at Baba's Feet observing a three days fast. The day previous, Baba said to Dada Kelkar, that He would not allow his children to starve during the Shimga, i.e., Holi holidays, and that if they had to starve, why was He there? Next day when the woman went with Dada Kelkar and sat at Baba's Feet, Baba at once said to her, "Where is the necessity of fasting? Go to Dadabhat's house, prepare the dish of Puran Polis (wheat rotis with gram-flour and jaggery), feed his children and yourself too." Shimga holidays were on. Mrs. Kelkar was then in her menses and there was nobody to cook in Dadabhat's house. So Baba's advice was very timely. Then Mrs. Gokhale had to go to

Dadabhat's house and prepare the dish as directed. She cooked that day, fed others and herself. What a good story and how beautiful its import!

Sai Ram. Baba knew the past, present and future. No surprise then about this Leela. Sai Ram.

S.V.Swamy

To be continued.....

8. ARTICLES FROM SAI DEVOTEES

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The Dakshina Bhiksha Samstha was established during the year 1915 to serve the needs of pilgrims visiting Shirdi. The samstha published a journal called "SAINATH PRABHU"(vide Sri Sai Satcharita, chap 2). The information furnished here-under is taken from the journal as every Sai devotee would like to know more about Shirdi alias Sheeladhi alias Saiabad of 1915 and also what Baba spoke/taught to the visiting devotees of yesterday. The then population of Shirdi was 1500 only. They considered Sheeladhi as Mukthi-Kshetra of the Yuga with Shree SaiBaba as Mukthi-Data. Many of His Bhaktas heard Him saying that Shirdi with three other villages had been given to Him by His Malik. Shirdi was His ancestral place. Baba declared more than once that He had come to stay there permanently after an interval of about two hundred years.

Maharaj did not say the name of the original place from where He came. But He often mentioned that, that place was inhabited by typical men well versed in all arts and professions besides being kind hearted and God-loving. Even Shirdi, which was barren and forsaken village during the early period, it was an excellent citadel encircled with pleasant groves of fruit trees. Its Bazaars were large enough to have kept His favorite Marwari-vysyas in great affluence. Again with the advent Sainath the spiritual importance had steadily grown. Baba's unique pure and divine love, His simple way, His scanty and ordinary food enhanced observer's regard for Him. Baba saved many sufferers from bodily ailments. Though He did not leave Shirdi, His body was seen in distant lands attending to His beloved Bhaktas. In his own words, "Me kutra, manjar, Dukkar, hovun hi jatha" (I am moving in the form of dog, cat and pig.) The sick and the wounded expect miraculous cure from Amritaic Vibhudhi.

Many an atheist had changed and become his sincere bhakta. With the increasing fame of Shri Sainath the importance of Shirdi also had grown and it is reckoned as an important pilgrim center in the world. The good and deserving attempted to reach His paramarthic goal under His safe and sure guidance. Sainath Maharaj had practically shown to the world that the platform of Dwarakamayi was a sight to see where devotees of all religious faith gather for common prayer irrespective of their caste, creed, sex, and region.

Not a single disturbance had ever been witnessed during so many years of such congregated worship, consequent on any religious difference. No doubt Baba Sai Accepted Dakshina or Arpans from visiting Bhaktas. "Jyonchekadoon paise hote tyancha kamala te paise lavathe. Te mala katha karatche" (If I borrow money from somebody I will utilize for his work why I require

his money). Of course Baba did not ask Dakshina of every one or did He accept everything offered everybody. He was often heard saying that He had to keep an account for the owner and Government. "Mala he shob te vayla lagto malik ka karitam (sarkara karitam)" Perhaps associations or individuals who revive money should bear in mind that every paisa has to be accounted to the giver as well as to Government as the collection is in his name. Sainath Prabhu used to disburse dakshina amounts among sevakarīs bhaktas, gosevis, fakirs, bairagis and children.

Seasonal fruits were purchased and distributed. His care for the poor, the needy and crippled worth moulding. Baba used to say, who else would see the poor except myself. He used to impress on the devotees such charities would confer extraordinary benefits on the giver. We may conclude this article with Sadguru Nath's invaluable assurance. "Pannas hazar aale, aani chappan hazar gele, tyanchasi aplavala kay karanche! Jyanchi nista ghad aaye ani iman sabath aahe tyamla saath samud myahala kareen! Maza manasana 72 nid yaniryant meech ambhalathao, Fifty thousand people may come and fifty-Six thousand may go. Why we should bother? A person whose faith is firm and integrity is established he can cross seven seas. I look after my people for 72 generations.

Sairam,

“SAI'S ADVICE ON CONDUCT IN LIFE”

Baba in chapters 10 and 15 of Sri Sai Satcharita had said that He is servant of His devotees .HE also said that could be found in everybody's hearts. Before proceeding to the actual topic, I request you to accept my pranams.

I would like to place before you the message that has attracted me the most, when I was reading Satcharita for the first time.

“Life is like a white paper. If you write good words, people will hold it in high esteem and give respect. On the other hand, if bad words are written, they will tear it off and drop it in the nearest dustbin”.

The best living example is Sri Sai Satcharita itself. Let us go through chapter 2 of Sri Sai Satcharita. Anna Sahib Dhabolkar wanted to write Sri Sai Satcharita. Baba said to Shyama-

“He should shed his inner ego and place it at my feet”.

In this way Baba nipped ego from Anna Saheb in the budding stage itself. Anna Saheb followed the instruction in spirit of the words and thereafter commenced writing Sri Sai Satcharita which today is reaching millions and millions of Baba's devotees. During the writing stage, Anna saheb was nicknamed as Hemadripanth by Baba. All those engrossed in regular 'parayana' of the Sri Sai Satcharita in their daily life are getting immensely benefited.

“After climbing few steps on the spiritual ladder, one should learn to remain there and should neither fall down nor descend”.

This we can see in In chapter 21 of Sri Sai Satcharita, Baba said to V.H.Takur- “The road is not that easy as told by Appa. It is not as simple as a buffalo ride in the valleys of Naneghat. The terrain is difficult one. So also the spiritual path is a difficult one to follow; Efforts and concentration are therefore required to be made in the right direction”.

“In case your life partner pre-deceases, do not repent, switch over to spiritual life. Spend the remaining portion of the life in chanting God’s name”.

We can come across this message as we read about Bapu saheb jog and Khaparde couple. Bapu saheb jog switched over to saffron clothes whereas Khaparde spent rest of life in Baba’s service, after demise of their wives.

“It will be worthwhile to live down in the cool valleys and stay by the side of calm riverbeds rather than remaining at peaks of life surrounded by all difficulties.”

We can come across this piece of advice by Baba to one of His devotees, Tatya Saheb Noolkar; a sub-judge from Pandaripur. Noolkar delivered land mark judgment that temple ownership has no rights on the dakshina to the priests from Aaratis. He invited lot of opposition from the temple management, which in those days was a powerful lobby. Ultimately He had resigned from his position, unable to withstand the pressures and mental torture and finally decided to stay in Shirdi. When Noolkar passed away Baba said-“Tatya has left before us, there is no rebirth for him”.

“Life need not be a big river, it could as well be a small stream, but even that has to ultimately merge in the sea”.

We co-relate this message with the life of Meghashyam an ardent devotee of Baba. He was poor and uneducated, but dedicated his entire life in service of Baba. He died at a very young age. When Megha passed away, Baba said-“He is my true devotee.” Baba stood by and participated in the last rites of Megha.

“Life should grow like a tall coconut tree and be useful to society instead of remaining like a wild useless growth.

We can co-relate this message with the life of Bapu Saheb Booti, a millionaire in service of Baba. Booti put Baba’s order into practice by constructing Samadhi mandir with his wealth and grew tall in stature like a coconut tree. He continues to be useful to millions and millions of Baba’s devotees and remembered for ever for the great services rendered.

“Life is like a train travel, your wife and children are like your co-passengers. They may not like to travel further, the moment you have changed over to spiritualism.”

This we can infer from the life of Tatya saheb Noolkar, Sub-Judge of Pandaripur. His wife and children preferred not to go with him to Shirdi after he has chosen to dedicate his remaining part of his life in service of Baba. Once Noolkar was going through bad health. Baba assigned his childhood friend to take care of him in Satewada. Just a day before Noolkar's death, his eldest son came from Bombay and offered 'Baba's padha theertha' to Tatya Saheb Noolkar. He then breathed his last and Baba blessed Noolkar. Baba said, Noolkar has no rebirth.

“It is essential to explore God, but it need not necessarily begin early in life. It could as well start at the middle age”.

Kaka sahib Dikshit was a Bar-at-Law in England. He came to Bombay and practiced there. Later he visited Shirdi during the year 1909 and finally became a true devotee of Baba. Anna saheb Dhabolkar came to Shirdi in the year 1910 and made a beginning to write Sri Sai Satcharita. With blessings of Baba He became popular as Hemadripanth. Khaparde, a Lawyer from Amaravathi came to Shirdi in his middle age and became a true devotee of Baba.

“Life is like a seven storied building. Stay in the seventh storey having seven doors and be nearer to God”.

Let us refer to chapter 14 of Sri Sai Satcharita. Here the first six storeys are symbolic with the Six Arishadvarghas-Kama, Krodha, Lobha, Moha, Madha, and Mascharyas. Here devotee is advised to be above them and live in the seventh storey from where the gap with God would be least. The seventh storey is the head in the human body which is at the highest level and has seven openings. The seven openings are the two eyes, two nostrils, two ears and one mouth, which all happens to be the sensory organs of the human body.

“Do not get addicted to alcohol as an excuse to overcome difficulties. Do not fast to please God”.

We can relate this message to an incident in chapter 18 of Sri Sai Satcharita. Baba appeared to one of His devotees addicted to alcohol in his dream and did not leave him till he promised that he would not to drink again. In chapter 32 of Sri Sai Satcharita, Baba said to one of His female devotee Radhabai, not to fast in the name of God.

Only Sadhguru can remove the unwanted growth of weeds of ignorance, from the crop called wisdom. Efforts have to be put in, by the devote himself to sustain healthy growth from there onwards.

We can relate this to the conversation Baba had with Nana saheb chandorkar in the chapter 39 of Sri Sai Satcharita.” Guru shall teach to recognize ignorance”. It was difficult to understand the meaning of the words. Baba explained in detail. Removal of Ajnana is to educate about Jnana and removal of ignorance itself is acquiring wisdom”.

When looking for children, do not grieve on the birth of a female child. Baba advised to bring her up like any other child, educate her and perform Kanyadhaan.

We can relate this to an incident in the chapter-47 of Sri Sai Satcharita. The rich man was born as Veera bhadrapa in a poor Brahmin's family. The rich man's wife was born as priest's only daughter, named Gouri. On the advice of Baba, the priest had performed Kanyadhan of his only daughter with Veera bhadrapa.

“In the last moments, do not grieve over the absence of your children by your side. Keep extending love to the kid in your neighbourhood, maybe he would offer the holy water in your last moments”.

We can know this fact from Kaka saheb Dixie's demise. Hemadripanth offered water to Dixt in his last moments. Bade Baba offered to Vijayanad, a sanyasi from Madras. Megha was a bachelor and devotees from Shirdi offered him a sip of water before his death. Nimonkar an ardent devotee of Baba, offered holy water to Baba in His last moments before attaining Mahasamadhi.

I believe that Hum Sab Ka Khoon Ek Hai Aur Sai Us Khoon Ki Taaqat Hai. Jai Sairam

Get more information from Saibanisa's discourses on “Sai's advice on conduct in life”. Those who are interested in obtaining the MP3- Format CD may kindly contact: saibanisa@gmail.com

In the Service of Lord Sainath and His devotees,
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9. LETTERS FROM SAI DEVOTEES

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Thu, Apr 16, 2009 at 12:32 PM

Dear Shri Sai Devotees,

This is really a worth knowing Advice for all the Spiritual endeavors in the life.

Regards to all the concerned.

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Om Sai Ram, Its Good way to spread Sai leelas, I really appreciate, I also want to become member of this great community so that I can also make contribution in spreading Sai Leelas
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Dear Saibandhu,

Thank you very much. I am indeed blessed what a wonderful treatise there is so much to read and know in depth and to devotees it is a very great help.

Sai Ram Thank you

Ravi Ramamurthi

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