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1. FROM THE SATSANGHS OF SAIBANISA JI

FOUNDATION STONES FOR THE SPIRITUAL LIFE

61. You should know that the relationships with the relatives and friendship with friends are like passing clouds in the sky and like floating logs in the river. They sometimes meet and sometimes they disperse. A wise person will not bother for the good and bad happenings with friends and relatives.

62. You should know that a wise person will neither get excited for the praises nor depressed for the criticism and he maintains equilibrium.

63. If you are interested to enter the Spiritual life, give least importance for the money; fear not the death and lastly the attachment towards kith and kin.

64. The way the day and night follows one after one, similarly in human life sorrows and happiness will follow one after one. When you know this phenomenon, why do you entertain fear in the life?

65. The way you accept the medicines from the herbs available in the forest to cure your illness, sometimes you should also be prepared to accept the help from the persons who are unknown to you thinking that they are God sent one.

66. You should know that your wisdom is your money, your greediness is your enemy, your character is your beauty and your happiness is your health.

67. The food you offer to your guest will be digested with in no time but the food you have offered with affection and love will be in his memories for his life- long. So always offer the food with love and affection.

68. You should know that half your life will go in the sleeping, remaining half will go in your child hood, youth and old age. Try to utilize your youth for constructive work in the life so that you will not repent in the life.

69. We should follow the traditions / standards given by the eminent personalities which will be beneficial to society.

70. Any spiritual book reveals that helping the humanity is dearer to the God and harming the humanity is the sin.

To be continued.....

2. SAI'S NEWS FROM THE TIME MACHINE:

May 1913: waman Rao Patel (Swami Sharanandji) visited Shirdi again and this time he stayed for eleven months.

May 1917: Lokmanya Bala Gangadhar Tilak arrived at Shirdi with Dada Saheb Khaparde for having Baba's dharshan.

May 1990: Foundation stone was laid for Sai Baba Bhaktha Niwas Sthan in Shirdi.

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?

Concentrate on meditation; it is possible only when the mind obeys the spirit who dwells within you. Then only deep concentrated meditation is possible. Thru meditation and concentration, one becomes conscious of the pure indwelling spirit, holding court in the citadel of the human body. Complete surrender of the ego 'I' to the divine 'I' in you is the only way to reach the plane of harmonious vision. Deep meditation and complete surrender, devoid of all thoughts and mental activities constitute the way to attain to the plane of Consciousness. Awake from the mental delusion and the seeming tangle of dualities. Rise above the intellect to higher planes of Truth-Consciousness- Bliss.

It is not how long one meditates, but how intense it is. The balanced and controlled mind will fetch you peace and bliss. Meditation quietness the mind gives subtle power to the intellect and makes you understand the root cause of rebirths.

If you meditate on Me, the nectar of My grace will fill the vessel of your heart. If one meditates on Me with truthful urge, he can know Me. To such a person, I shall grant not only the vision of My physical body, but also take him to greater spiritual heights.

Concentration in meditation will only lead you to see the Divine vision. Without concentration, you will get in your mind several mundane desires for wife, sons, riches, honour, health etc. therefore, such meditation will not lead to see My divine vision. So you must have firm resolve that you have only to realize Me.

To be continued.....

4. IN THE DAYS OF SHRI SHIRDI SAIBABA

Kalemama's meeting with Sadguru Sai Baba

By Niket Kale:

Kalemama had a well settled family. One of the Kalemama's daughter's was married to Dr. Bhadbhade of Indore and another was married to Rao Saheb Pandit, an Eminent Educationist and founder of the "Sanjeevan Vidhyalaya" at Panchgani, an institution that has now gained paramount importance in the field of imparting education in various faculties. Murli's elder brother Shreedhar or more frequently called Babu was also at Panchgani and Babu's wife Nirmala was Matron of Central Jail Jabalpur.

Kalemama was one of those very rare and fortunate persons who had the opportunity to meet Shri Sadguru Sai Baba, Shri Sadguru Narayan Maharaj and Shri Sadguru Upasni Maharaj. It was during the years 1908 to 1909, Kalemama was supervising the construction work of Burhanpur Tapti Mill at Burhanpur. The site was close to the Railway station and one day one of his friends informed Kalemama that Shri Sadguru Narayan Maharaj was going to Khandwa that day and would be boarding the train from the Burhanpur Railway station. Kalemama with his friends went to the Station and had Sadguru Narayan Maharaj's darshan. Later from April 1910 to May 1911 Kalemama was appointed Secretary of Pandharpur Municipal Corporation. And during this time, the glory of Sai Baba, had spread throughout Maharashtra and many a Govt. officers and learned persons were devoted to Him. At Pandharpur Mr. Rale and Mr. Patwardhan were disciples of Shri Sadguru Sai Baba. They requested Kalemama to come to Shirdi for Sai Baba's darshan.

The above three along with Justice Hatyangadi of Pandharpur made their way to Shirdi and met Sai Baba and attended the two days function during last week of December 1910. At Shirdi some Govt. Officers and some of the prominent solicitors of Bombay had also come to attend the gathering, as during the winter vacations it was convenient to make a pleasure trip, for the families. Until Sai Baba's darshan Kalemama had never heard of Shirdi and he felt very happy to attend the function at the place.

5. DEVOTEES EXPERIENCES:

OM SHRI SHIRDI SAI NADHA SARANAM

I would like to share the experience of my Brother's fiancé (Ms.Uma Keerthivasan) being an Ardent Lord Sai devotee.

Three years ago when we were in Godavarikhani and when I was in my Graduation, My younger sister Bharathi was a great Devotee of Sai and she painted a SAI Image and kept it in POOJA room. My sister believed on SAI very much and used to pray Sai daily and she got a seat in MCA She asked me too to follow SAI and asked me to do "Sai's one week PARAYANAM" and Said that I would M.B.A seat. I was very lazy and I said that I can't do fasting and also I don't believe in this.

My mother forced me and started that "Sai's one week PARAYANAM" That book contains all the stories of SAIBABA and how he helped POOR, DISABLED. Hope you must have read that book. "Sai's one week PARAYANAM" should start on Thursday and should end on next Thursday, In this entire week we have eat only once and Sleep on the floor and on the final day of this POOJA we have remain in fasting and have the food after offering the food to most wanted Beggar or poor person or a Person who cannot afford to have Food.

It is written in the book if we give food to a person suffering from Leprosy or a Handicapped or a very hungry beggar, BABA will be very happy and he will come to our house in the some or the other form. So on the final Thursday I was fasting and was waiting for a Beggar so that I can give food, but in that place Sighting a beggar was very rare and nobody came that day. I was waiting near the gate till 3 PM. then my mother told me to give the food or Servant as she was also poor, but I didn't agree I said she was poor but she can afford to buy vegetables and prepare lunch and have it. I wanted a Handicapped person I was very determined and made up my mind that I was end this fasting till I find a suitable person. Mummy was forcing since my elder brother who was very close to me was waiting was my lunch at last mother told to keep some food aside for a poor beggar and have my lunch.

I told that I will a last glance and went to the gate and found a Very old lady was passing by and she was handicapped and she was the right person. I called her and said that today I did Sai Baba's Pooja and asked her to have the Lunch in our house. She was very happy and she said that she did not have food from past few days my sons are very bad and they don't take care of me & they have sent me out. and she was moving her handicapped hand so that I can notice. Mummy asked from which place she is coming and belong to and she told that our native place is GodavariKhani which is also our Native place. We felt so pity on her and my second brother asked her to come daily to our house and have the lunch here itself.

We gave her prasadam, rice, poori and everything we prepared. She ate only prasadam and said that I will take the rest in the evening, I told her I will give you food for evening also, and have the food here itself. She said NO NO I ATE PRASADAM AND STOMACH IS FULL. She thanked us so much for giving food and she went off. First we came inside and my brother said we will find Address So that we can send food, we came outside only in the matter 15 to 20 seconds gap, but we could not see her. From our gate we can see people coming and going for almost Half Kilometer. She was very weak and it has taken her almost 1 Min to come from previous house to our house but we could not trace her we tried a lot even by coming outside. Then we thought it was SAIBABA who came to our house in the form of an OLD LADY and I was very happy. From that time I started worshipping Sai Baba and I got a M.B.A seat.

By Uma Keerthivasan, Hyderabad.

(This experience was received by Saidarbar during the year 1998)-Editor.

From the files of Saidarbar

6. 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 Seven Weavers and the Field of Flax

Seven weavers once started on a moonlight journey. They had not gone very far from their home when they lost the road. After trying to find their way, they came to a field of flax, which they took to be a river, as the field was in flower, and they fancied the blue colour of the flower to be that of water.

They stripped themselves and began swimming. After hard labour, they got across. To make certain that no one was drowned, they took the precaution of counting themselves before resuming their journey; but they discovered that one of them was missing, as each forgot to count himself.

Grieved at the loss of one of their company, they had not the heart to pursue their journey, but returned home.

NEWS FROM SAIDARBAR – HYDERABAD

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7. 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.

Baba's Sircar

Baba gave a story of his boyhood as follows: - "When I was a youngster, I was in search of bread and went to Beedgaum. There I got embroidery work. I worked hard, sparing no pains. The employer was very much pleased with Me. Three other boys worked before Me. The first got Rs. 50/- the second Rs. 100/- and the third Rs. 150/-. And I was given twice the whole of this amount, viz. Rs. 600/-. After seeing my cleverness, the employer loved me, praised me and honoured me with a full dress, a turban for the head and a shela a for the body, etc. I kept this dress intact without using it. I thought that what a man might give does not last long and it is always imperfect. But what My Sircar (God) gives, lasts to the end of time. No other gift from any man can be compared to His. My Sircar says "Take, take," but everybody comes to me and says 'Give, give.' Nobody attends carefully to the meaning of what I say. My Sircar's treasury (spiritual wealth) is full, it is overflowing. I say, "Dig out and take away this wealth in cartloads, the blessed son of a true mother should fill himself with this wealth. The skill of my Fakir, the Leela of my Bhagwan, the aptitude of my Sircar is quite unique. What about Me? Body (earth) will mix with earth, breath with air. This time won't come again. I go somewhere, sit somewhere; the hard Maya troubles Me much; still I feel always anxiety for My men. He who does anything (spiritual endeavour) will reap its fruit and he who remembers these words of Mine will get invaluable happiness."

Sai Ram. Sai was alluding to His own spiritual sadhanas and was referring to the Sadhana Shatsampathi. And whatever Siddhis were given to Him, He kept intact without using them for any egoistic purposes. He is asking the devotees to realise the nature of the truth and take away the cartloads of Brahma Jnana. We beg for worldly favors and instead should realise our true nature, which is same as the Sircar, the Fakir and the Bhagwan. When we realise that, the keys of the treasury are ours and we don't need to go Saints and beg for materialistic favors. Sai is identifying Himself with sadhakas like us and is lamenting the troubles of a sadhaka. By Satsang, we will loosen the grip of maya and will go towards the unity with the unity. Sai Ram.

Bow to Shri Sai - Peace be to all

S.V.Swamy

8. ARTICLES FROM SAI DEVOTEES

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On Tue, Apr 28, 2009 at 3:53 PM

Know Master is there

A sick man turned to his doctor, as he was preparing to leave the examination room and said, "Doctor, I am afraid to die. Tell me what lies on the other side."

Very quietly, the doctor said, "I don't know."

"You don't know?" You, a Christian, and you do not know what is on the other side?

The doctor was holding the handle of the door; on the other side came a sound of scratching and whining, and as he opened the door, a dog sprang into the room with his tail wagging with an eager show of gladness.

Turning to the patient, the doctor said, "Did you notice my dog? He's never been in this room before. He did not know what was inside.... He knew nothing except that his master was here, and when the door opened, he sprang in without fear. I know little of what is on the other side of death, but, I do know one thing. I know my Master is there and that is enough."

N. Sivanandam

GREATNESS OF SAI DARSHAN

People were immensely benefited by having a darshana of Baba. Some became hale and hearty; wicked people were turned into good ones. Kushtha (Leprosy) was cured in some cases, many got their desires fulfilled, without any drops or medicine being put in the eyes, some blind men got back their sight and some lame ones got their legs. Nobody could see the end of His extraordinary greatness." -Sri Sai Satcharitra, Ch. VII

This narration appeared in "Swadeshmitran", a Tamil magazine dated 15-9-1944. Sri T.R.S Mani Iyer of Kumbakonam was an ardent devotee of Sai Baba. He had a daughter Rajalakshmi who was dumb since birth. When she was 9 years old, Sri Iyer was directed by Sai Baba to visit his Samadhi at Shirdi. Sri Iyer visited Shirdi on 28-3-1942 along with his daughter. They worshipped the Lord before His Samadhi with all devotion, and lo! The girl began to cry "Sai Baba, Sai Baba", the first words uttered by her. Sri Iyer went to Shirdi during Ramanavami celebration, presented a Banaras Silk shawl, and a silver lamp of the height of his daughter to Baba. A photo of the girl Rajalakshmi was also published in the said news magazine of that date.

The fact that all saints are one and shows how they work in unison" -Sri Sai Satcharitra, Ch. XXXIII

V Swaminatha Iyer of Mayavaram arranged for pooja of Sai Baba on 6-2-1944, and for the purpose requested Maruthur Sanathana Ganapathigal to come with four other Vedic Brahmins. The said Ganapathigal declined, hence alternative purohiths and Brahmins were arranged.

But at 10:30 a.m. on 6-2-1944, Ganapathigal himself turned up for the pooja, and said with a chagrined face that he declined the previous day, thinking Sai Baba was a Muslim, But at 5:30 a.m. on 6-2-1944, Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Peetadhipathi Sankaracharya Swamy appeared in his dream and directed him "you go to Mayavaran junction immediately and do my pooja there, don't doubt." He came with four other Vedic Brahmins and performed pooja for Sai Baba.

N. Sivanandam

9. LETTERS FROM SAI DEVOTEES

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Saturday, 18 April, 2009, 5:01 PM

Dear Saibandhu,

First of all pranam to Baba & then you, I really like the way you are preaching the name of Baba. Sainath always bless you & your family...

Regards,

Tanmoy

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Saturday, 18 April, 2009, 8:53 AM

Dear Saibandhu,

My name is Karthik and is also one of your subscribers.

I am a devotee of Shirdi Baba and I feel that He is everything for me. None of my day goes without Baba's grace. I am a resident of Chennai and the place where I live there is a Baba's Temple. We are a group of around 25 people (most of us adults of not more than 30 years of age).

We do Bhajans in the Temple and also devotees call us to their homes for performing Bhajans. If you happen to make a visit to Chennai, do write to me. It is my humble request to you to come to our Temple and give a religious discourse.

Sairam

Regards,

Karthik

10. SAI'S BOOK WORLD:

Books in English:

HOW I FOUND GOD

Author: **YOGI M.K.SPENCER**

Published by: S.K.GARG

Indian Publishers Distributors, 156 – D, Kamla Nagar, Delhi – 110007

Books in Telugu:

Sri SaiBaba Jeevitha Charitram

Author : **Sri Pathi Narayana Rao**

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11. EDITORIAL

Things impressed me from this magazine:

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