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1. FROM THE SATSANGHS OF SAIBANISA JI

FOUNDATION STONES FOR THE SPIRITUAL LIFE

71. You should live in a spiritual World where truth is your mother, wisdom is your father and righteousness' is your brother, kindness your friend, peace as your wife and forgiveness' is your son.

72. Try to talk the truth in a sweet manner, even though the truth looks bitter.

73. Do not waste your energies in the arguments and quarrel and try directing your energies for acquiring the good will of the society.

74. Earn the money and be happy following path of righteousness.

75. Think that the things which will bring sorrow to you will create sorrow to others also.

76. We will all know that the God is truth. So do such things where you can please God.

77. You are inviting your downfall by damaging the justice and encouraging injustice.

78. We all know that the idle man's brain is devil's workshop. In a similar way keeping the physical body in lazy condition is inviting ill health.

79. While offering the charities, select the deserving,

-Going to their house and extending is the best way if you can.

-Inviting them to your house and giving them is the good.

- Remember that giving charities to your servants is not a charity. It is only a duty.

80. If you want to be happy, do not indulge in too much praise or abuse, involve in controversial talks or hurting other's feelings.

To be continued.....

2. SAI'S NEWS FROM THE TIME MACHINE:

Chaitra 1878: H.H. Akkalkot Swami left the mortal coils at Akkalkot in Sholapur Distict.

Chaitra 1908: Sri Kashiram Shimpi, a blessed devotee of Baba passed away.

Chaitra 1922: Hemadripanth (Sri. Anna Saheb Dhabolkar) commenced writing Sai Satcharitra Marathi Script.

3. QUINTESSENCE OF SRI SAIBABA'S PHILOSOPHY:

(By Late Sri Bharam UmamaheswaraRao)

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33. The Importance of Satsang

In Satsang we listen more about Sri Sai Baba's philosophy or about His Vedanta sayings. As a result, our mind and intellect shine with Divine Knowledge. These discourses will teach us that 'You' are 'Atman'. It is useless to hear discourses mechanically. We must know that there is deep philosophical meaning in every sentence of Baba's sayings.

After Sravanam, we must recapitulate (Manana) what we learnt in the Satsang. Manana is better than mere Sravanam. Meditation is better than Manana by one lakh times.

During Satsang, spend more time in meditation. Participate in Satsang to get rid of sins done with mind, speech and body. When the mind is good, good qualities develop in us. With the help of Satsang, we can avoid bad company. In Satsang we should not discuss unnecessary matters. If we simply chant Baba's name with our mouth without mental concentration, our mind will wander in its sinful ways. We must pray to Baba to give us Chitta Suddi and Chitta Santhi. If we want to be redeemed of our sins, we must do Satsang always. Sat-Chintana, Sat-Bhajana and Sadacharana will acquire thru Satsang.

In Satsang we must have full faith and belief. We should not be insisted upon to do Nama Japa or meditation. Those who treat Baba as their mother and father and devotees of Sri Sai Baba as their relatives are fit to participate in Satsang. Those who participate in Satsang, they will know the vagaries of mind for love and hate and pleasure and pain. To visualize Brahma, one should realize that Baba as pristine pure, pleasant, unblemished equipoise Brahman. This can be realized in Satsang. In Satsang, give up mutual criticism. Likes and dislikes among us should go. Unless we demolish likes, there is no use of conductions any number of Satsangs.

To be continued.....

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4. IN THE DAYS OF SHRI SHIRDI SAIBABA

Kalemama's meeting with Sadguru Sai Baba

By Niket Kale:

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 Kale mama'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 "When ever 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.

To be continued.....

5. DEVOTEES EXPERIENCES:

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I am a staunch devotee of Lord Sainath and visit often to Shirdi. I visited All India Sai Samaj, Mylapore, Chennai on Dattaatreya Jayanthi, 19th December 2002. Immediately after morning arathi, Shri K.Ramaswamy, ex-President of this Samaj requested the very large number of devotees assembled in the hall to pronounce "Jai" at their utmost voice without feeling shy. On completion of his prayer, he used to pronounce nine times... "Akilanda Koti - Brahmanadanayaga-Rajathiraja-Yogiraja-Parabrahma- Satchitananda Sadguru Sainath Maharaji ki".... This he used to repeat nine times and the "Jai" from devotees will echo very much....Shri Ramaswamy further elaborated that "Jai" indicates success of their wish and Lord Sainath will take care of them.....for their dedication of following the two coins of Lord Sai..."Shredda" and "Saburi"....the devotees can achieve anything from the prayer to Lord Sai.

I planned to visit Shirdi with my parents on 24th December 2002 and booked tickets accordingly. On 23rd December, prior day of my journey to Shirdi, I had a miraculous escape of a disaster to my eye.

I usually put eye drops daily before going to sleep. The eye drops and a mosquito killing acid was kept side by side in the almirah. My mother, who used to put me the eye drops, in her sleepy mood, mistakenly put the acid, which was kept by the side of the eye-drops into my eye...Lo! I started shouting that it pained my eye a lot and uncontrollable pain...I asked my mother to check whether it was the medicine she applied ...we came to know that it was the acid kept for killing the mosquitoes. My right eye in which she had dropped acid became very red and gave heavy pain...the eye balls became thick red ...I washed my eyes with water and did many other things to control the pain...though the pain was too

Much. Nothing got cured... Meanwhile...my mother started crying a lot, as I am the only child and my father wanted to cancel the trip to Shirdi, as my eye is more important at this stage of life.

I requested my mother to get Lord Sainath Udhi. I applied it all around my eyes. I had firm belief on Lord Sai and His Udhi. I just applied often-chanting Sai's name and lay down in bed closing my eyes. I was not able to withstand the irritation that continued for a long time. As time passed, I too fell asleep after hearing and chanting Sai Naama. When I woke up in the morning, I saw my eyes in the mirror,

I was not able to believe myself. I had no pain and my eyes were crystal clear. Before catching the train to Shirdi, we went to doctor for check up of my eyes. The doctor himself was not able to believe that acid had been dropped. AS EXPECTED WITH MY FIRM BELIEF, THE UDHI DID ITS MIRACLE.

It cured my eyes or otherwise I could have lost my eyesight and could not have even had the chance to narrate this incident to you all.

Shri K.Ramaswamy's wordings echoed my ears: Believe Sai with deep devotion (faith) and patience. You will achieve everything from His Blessings.

Yes, Shredda and Saburi are the two real coins in everyone's life...Lord Sai will protect us, once if we follow these two under His feet.

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Om Sai Ram!!!

Saimaa who is well known in the Sai Community is on a visit to Toronto. Divine Lady has completely surrendered and dedicated to Sai Preaching and Activities. On Feb 18, 2003 at 7:00 P.M. we had a nice Bhajan in Mississauga, Canada with Divine Sai Hymns and Aarthi. SaiMaa brief discourse was very inspiring and touching the feelings of Sai to tread upon in this Kaliyug world to attain Self-Realization. She also impressed upon the participants to serve the poor and sponsor the down trodden to uplift the basic living standards and impart education to the unfortunate without compulsion within our means. We all Sai Devotees also witnessed Sai Blessing and Miracle on Vibhuti with "OM" sign on it. Lord Sai always drawn His devotees and shown His gracious presence in numerous forms. May Lord Sai invoke His Blessings and answer the Prayers to all who has Faith and Love in Him.

Saidata

Raavinder Thota.

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 TALKING CAVE

Once there lived a lion in a forest. He had grown old now and so found it difficult to hunt. Often his prey escaped him, and then he had to sleep hungry. He did not know what to do. One day he roamed in the forest a long time in search of a prey. He was tired and hungry. But he could not catch anything. Suddenly he came across a cave. He said to himself. "There must be someone living in that cave. I shall hide behind the bush and pounce on him as he comes out." He kept waiting and waiting but nobody came out. Tired, the lion thought that probably the owner of the cave was away. It would be better for him to go inside the cave and wait for his arrival. The moment the owner entered his cave he would kill him. So he entered the cave and hid himself in a corner there.

That cave, in fact, belonged to a jackal. After some time he returned to the cave. Now, the jackals are clever and cautious creatures. So, when he neared his cave, he saw some footprints entering his cave. No foot- prints were coming out. He at once knew someone was inside the cave. It must be a dangerous creature. It would not be wise to enter the cave without making sure.

So the clever jackal spoke loudly, "Cave, O my dear cave."
There was no reply. The jackal again called out, "O my dear cave, what is the matter with you? Earlier you always welcomed me when I came back. Why are you keeping quiet today? If you do not speak to me, I shall go away elsewhere."

The lion was listening to the words of the jackal. He foolishly though that probably the cave was actually in the habit of welcoming the jackal on his return. That day it was keeping quiet out of fear of the lion. Now, if the jackal was not spoken to, he would go away somewhere else. So the lion called out in his heavy voice, "Come home my friend, I welcome you."
The clever jackal recognized the voice of the lion. He immediately ran away, leaving the foolish lion waiting inside the cave.

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Shri Sai Satcharitra

Chapter XXXIII

Greatness of Udi

Scorpion Sting and Plague Cases Cured - Jamner Miracle - Narayanarao's Sickness - Balabuva sutar - Appasaheb Kulkarni - Haribhau Karnik.

In the last Chapter we described the greatness of the Guru; now in this we will describe the greatness of Udi.

Sai Ram. The greatness of udi comes from greatness of Guru only, though Guru does not attribute that to Himself but praises the udi as gift from Siva. See Sri Guru Charitra. However, in this chapter, we get clear evidence for the greatness of udi arising from the Guru through some examples, where udi was substituted by other ash and even the mother earth!

Preliminary

Let us bow now before the great saints. Their merciful glances will destroy mountains of sins and do away with all the evil taints of our character. Their casual talk gives us good teachings and confers on us imperishable happiness. Their minds do not know any difference such as 'This is ours and that is yours.' Such differentiation never arises in their minds. Their debts (obligations) will never be repaid by us in this birth as well as in many future births.

Sai Ram. They don't differentiate because they have crossed the barriers of ego. It is the ego that creates the feeling of I and not I (you, they). Once the ego has been sublimated through, bhakti or jnana, they embrace the karma path and do whatever they have to do without any expectation of reward. We, being in the egoistic phase, need to think about karma and karma phala but they don't think and such thoughts never cross their minds.

Being with them, seeing them, talking to them, serving them and even remembering them through their photographs, idols, recorded messages, videos etc. is satsang. And "satsangatve nissangatvam, nissangatve nirmohatvam, nirmohatve nischala tatvam, nischala tatve jeevan muktih... Bhaja Govindam Bhaja Govindam," Satsanga washes away and burns off our sins, removes the avidya, ignorance and makes us remember our true nature. True detachment comes when the ego is sufficiently refined as to realize the oneness of all and leads to a calm mind. A calm mind that is unaffected by the desires leads one to be a liberated soul even while in the body. Sai Ram.

Bow to Shri Sai - Peace be to all
S.V.Swamy

8. ARTICLES FROM SAI DEVOTEES

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SUCCESS IS NOT WHAT WE TAKE IT TO BE

Baba said, “If you can do anything, do some good unto other” in Sri Sai Satcharitra, Ch X.

Everyone wants to be successful in life. But there are few who know the elements of success, the factors that go to build up success. Today, success is being confounded with making money, with amassing millions and billions. John D. Rockefeller was such a multimillionaire, to whom success did not bring him happiness. His biographer tells us that by the time Rockefeller was 53, his life was a wreck. He was the richest man in the world and yet he was miserable! He was sick – physically, mentally and emotionally. All his millions could not make him happy.

Rockefeller turned a new leaf. He stopped accumulating wealth, and began to give away his wealth. Thus was born the Rockefeller Foundation, which sponsors and supports education and medical care throughout the world. John Rockefeller re-wrote and re-defined the meaning of success for himself. Some people equate success with power and position. A fond mother said to me that her son had achieved success in life at the young age of 23. He had been appointed as the Managing Director of a large industrial concern. But a few days later, heard that the young man was rude to his colleagues and unpopular with his workers; that he had a foul temper, and that he had fallen a victim to the two vices of gambling and drinking. Would you describe this young man as being successful?

Many of us tend to equate success with visible material acquisitions. There was a young woman who wore expensive clothes and diamond jewels; her handbag was stuffed with currency notes, she drove about in a Mercedes. Everyone agreed that she was indeed a woman who had achieved success in life. But when this young woman had problems too. She was one of the unhappiest women on earth. Her husband was constantly running after other women and paid no attention to her. Would you call this young woman successful?

Jay Gould, the American millionaire, amassed great wealth. But as he lay dying, he lamented, “I suppose I am the most miserable man on earth!” There is no happiness in wealth, but there is considerable wealth in the experience of happiness.

What is the definition of success? What is true success? I believe that true success is in some way or the other, related to inner happiness and peace of mind. It has been rightly said that if you lose your wealth, you lose but little. If you lose your health, you lose something. But, if you lose your peace of mind, you have lost everything!

Outer things, external achievements, are not the yardstick for success. Power, prestige, position, social influence, higher degrees awarded by universities – all these are outer things. They only touch the fringe of life; they don't enter the depths within. A man may have all this, and yet he

may be intellectually barren; he may be emotionally unbalanced, spiritually sterile. Would you call such a man successful?

What then, is success all about? One can define success as the ability to be happy and make others happy; the ability to love and be loved; the ability to remain in peaceful harmony with oneself, with those around you and with God's cosmic laws.

Let me tell you the story of such a man, who achieved success in life.

You may have heard of Dunlop tyres. They were manufactured by George C. Dunlop. As a young man, Dunlop was far from wealthy. But he genuinely cared for an old woman, who was an invalid. She was confined to a wheel chair, and George would often propel the chair for her. He found she suffered severe jolting and discomfort, when steel rims of the wheel chair moved on rough terrain. He wanted to do something that would reduce her discomfort.

In those days, a new material was much talked about. People were beginning to marvel over its flexibility and softness. It was nothing but rubber! Dunlop took strands of rubber and wound them around the steel rims of the wheel chair and found that this smoothed considerably, the movements of the wheel, giving a great deal of comfort to his invalid friend. Thus began the story of Dunlop tyres – first designed to bring comfort to an invalid's life, they made George Dunlop a wealthy man many times over!

N. Sivanandam

9. LETTERS FROM SAI DEVOTEES

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On Sat, May 9, 2009 at 8:02 AM

SaiRam, BABA IS GREAT, Good work keep it up.

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Fri, May 1, 2009 at 7:28 AM

SaiRam, you have done excellent effort to bring BABA to my home right now I am listening to 12 o, clock Aarti

Sir, Baba will bless you with health & wealth

Girija Kaul.

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Fri, May 1, 2009 at 7:37 AM

SaiRam,

Amazed to see your e-journal. Please talk to me personally .I want to see you & take guidance for spiritual life I congratulates you on your dedicated efforts to bring this NEWS LETTER in this form

VIJAY RATTAN KAUL

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Thu, Apr 30, 2009 at 2:03 PM

SaiRam,

WONDERFUL JOB DONE IN EXTREMELY DEDICATED MANNER MAY SAI BHAGWAN SHOWER HEALTH HAPPINESS TO YOU.

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Sairam,

As I said in my earlier mail to you, the new web-site is beautiful. Earlier in my mail, I had requested for adding the photographs available in the earlier web-site (Camera) as well and now those have been added, my wish is fulfilled. Thanks a lot for your efforts which are well spent.

There are millions of web-sites on our Sai Baba, but the opening photo of Baba is so live. It is so good.

Thanks and Regards

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Wed, Apr 29, 2009 at 11:49 PM

Om Sai Ram,

The improved format of the magazine is very attractive, beautiful and innovative.

Thanks and kind Regards,

Tusar Kanta Mohanty

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11. EDITORIAL

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