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1. FROM THE SATSANGHS OF SAIBANISA JI

FOUNDATION STONES FOR THE SPIRITUAL LIFE

120. For fulfilling the social and moral obligations, one has to earn money. So earn money in a way that will not defame and bring difficulties to you.

121. Whatever money you earn, you plan a proper way for spending it. Preserve money for your old age needs only. The money you preserve for not spending is as good as money not earned.

122. Earning money is a painful process but when you earned in a proper way, will give happiness.

123. The shelter under the shade of cloud and company with a bad person will give a momentary happiness. In the similar way, the happiness with money and youth will give you temporary happiness.

124. No doubt, you have to work hard to earn your bread and butter. But it will be great if you work for other's bread and butter also.

125. The way the ants save food for rainy season, you should save the money what you earned during your youth for your old age.

126. The wise man will engage in charities for a better rebirth. A fool will avoid charities thinking that he may become pauper in this birth

127. The rich person will always strive to be richer and in that process he will lose all the happiness of the life.

128. Earning too much money is like attachment to a loving daughter. But you should know that loving daughter, will leave the house after marriage.

129. You should acquire knowledge and earn money gradually, the way you collect the droplets of rain water in a pot kept under open sky.

2. SAI'S NEWS FROM THE TIME MACHINE:

July -1926- Kaka Saheb Dikshit passed away at the age of 62 years while traveling in a Local train in Bombay while talking to Hemadpant.

July -1929 - Hemadpant (Anna Saheb Dhabolkar), the author of Sri Sai Satcharitra Passed away at Bandra- Bombay at the age of 72 years.

July 1976: Shri. Mota Maharaj, a great Saint of Gujarat left his mortal coils at the age of 78 years.

3. QUINTESSENCE OF SRI SAIBABA'S PHILOSOPHY:

(By Late Sri Bharam UmamaheswaraRao)

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34. Self Knowledge can overcome Karma

Baba did not give him any medicine. Bhimaji had two dreams. In one dream, his teacher beat him and he rolled with pain. In the next dream, Bhimaji found that someone had got upon his chest and rolled it with a roller. With these, his past Karma had gone and his disease fled.

This experience teaches us that we can overcome our Karma by Saranagati.

He also says: 'If any person meditates on Me, or repeatedly sings my name, sings My deeds are transformed into Me, his Karma will be lessened. I stay by his side always'.

Grief and hardship are not the result of Karma but of lust and Moha. The main cause for this is selfish thought and passion. We must know that both sin as well as piety are causes of our bondage. Instead of aspiring the mundane pleasures or heavenly pleasures, we must try to acquire spiritual bliss.

We have doubts about what the Karma is. Karma is nothing but transactions generated by living beings. Our freedom is only in performing Karma. Those who perform Karma anticipating rewards are delinquents.

To be continued...

4. IN THE DAYS OF SHRI SHIRDI SAIBABA

Baba cured the Vomiting etc, of the wife of Shri Raghuvir Bhaskar Purandare

Shri Raghuvir Bhaskar Purandare is a devotee of Shri Sai Baba. Once his wife suffered from continuous vomiting and passing stools from 3 A.M and was in such a position till 8 A.M. Her body became cold. The doctor has tested her body and told that she will die within one hour.

Without knowing her status, Purandare was in the house of a goldsmith from the morning it self who wanted to prepare a jewel for his niece. He was called on to his house. All were mourning about her. On his way home, at Datta mandir Baba appeared in the form of a Fakir with a Joli in His hand and told Purandare "Don't fear for your wife. She will not die. Give her udi mixed with water. She will recover in half an hour. I am safeguarding you all".

Accordingly, udi was administered in her mouth with water. All the members waiting on her told that he should not pour water in the closed mouth. Not adhering to them he poured udi water by opening the teeth with the help of a spoon and the remaining Udi he applied it all throughout her

body. After having done this, he took bath performed puja with naivedya and took his meals without waiting for anybody.

The doctor came again and examined her. He told that the body got hot and the pulse was normal He asked Purandare what you have given her? Purandare replied that he had given nothing but Baba's Udi. Then the doctor has also given medicine and she became completely alright afterwards by the Grace of Shri Baba.

5. DEVOTEES EXPERIENCES:

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Sai Ram,

My Sai and I, I don't know what kind of experience I can write about my Baba because there's too many things. First, My Baba is "BHOLA", he excuses all his devotees. When I am in trouble he is always here for me by my side. When I listen to the Bhanjan, Working, Cooking & etc., I feel Baba is here watching me and the smell of VIBHUTI. I have lots of things to write, but I don't know how to express my experience. Surrender all yours problems to Baba, he will take care. Baba will never let you down.

There is no true relation in this whole universe; all relations are so weak, so selfish, so temporary, so doubtful. Only one relation is really true that's between a mother and her child, "But the rare relation that is True, infinite and forever is the relation of our Divine Mother and Father Bhagwan Sathya SaiBaba."

Baba says, "As you put the first step at my 'DHWAR' I will never leave you because you are a part of me. Although you want to escape from me, I will never leave you, come to me with empty hands, I will fill you with blessing and grace. THAT'S MY BABA. "Believing in BaBa means believing in yourself. Never hurt anyone, help everyone". So forget all your SORROWS, come to BABA "DHWAR" and taste HAPPINESS BE IN PEACE.

Thank you for giving me an opportunity to share my experience and feelings with all the SAI DEVOTEES.

Aarti

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.

Right and Might

While a deer was eating wild fruit, he heard an owl call, "Haak, haak", and a cricket cry, "Wat", and, frightened, he fled. In his flight he ran through the trees up into the mountains and into streams. In one of the streams the deer stepped upon a small fish and crushed it almost to death. Then the fish complained to the court, and the deer, owl, cricket, and fish had a lawsuit. In the trial came out this evidence:

As the deer fled, he ran into some dry grass, and the seed fell into the eye of a wild chicken, and the pain of the seed in the eye of the chicken caused it to fly up against a nest of red ants. Alarmed, the red ants flew out to do battle, and in their haste, bit a mongoose.

The mongoose ran into a vine of wild fruit and shook several pieces of it on the head of a hermit who sat thinking under a tree. "Why did you, O fruit, fall on my head?" cried the hermit. The fruit answered: "We did not wish to fall; a mongoose ran against our vine and threw us down." And the hermit asked, "O mongoose, why did you throw the fruit?"

The mongoose answered: "I did not wish to throw down the fruit, but the red ants bit me, and I ran against the vine." The hermit asked, "O ants, why did you bite the mongoose?" The red ants replied: "The hen flew against our nest and angered us."

The hermit asked: "O hen, why did you fly against the red ants' nest?" And the hen replied: "The seed fell into my eyes and hurt me." And the hermit asked, "O seed, why did you fall into the hen's eyes?" And the seed replied: "The deer shook me down."

The hermit said unto the deer, "O deer, why did you shake down the seed?" The deer answered: "I did not wish to do it, but the owl called, frightening me, and I ran." "O owl," asked the hermit, "why did you frighten the deer?" The owl replied: "I called, but as I am accustomed to call - the cricket, too, called."

Having heard the evidence, the judge said, "The cricket must replace the crushed parts of the fish and make it well," as he, the cricket, had called and frightened the deer. The cricket WAS smaller and weaker than the owl or the deer, therefore had to bear the penalty.

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Sairam

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5. Janma Janmalala Lo Sai, 6. Sri Sai tatvamu
7. Nigoodardhalu, 8 Sri Sai Sandesalu, 9. Kalalo Sainadhudu.

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7. SPIRITUAL GEMS FROM SAI SATCHARITRA

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Chapter XXXIII

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.

Greatness of Udi

Narayanarao

Bhakta Narayanrao (father's name and surname are not given) had the good fortune to see Baba twice during the Latter's lifetime. Three years after the passing away of Baba in 1918, he wanted to come to Shirdi, but he could not come. Within a year of Baba's Mahasamadhi he fell sick and suffered much. All ordinary remedies gave him no relief. So he meditated on Baba day and night. One night he had a vision in his dream. Baba coming to him through a cellar, comforted him saying, "Don't be anxious, you will be improving from tomorrow, and within a week you will be on your legs." Narayanrao got perfectly well within the time mentioned in the vision. Now the point for consideration is this: - Was Baba living because he had the body, and was He dead because He left it? No, Baba is ever alive, for He transcends both life and death. He who loved Him once whole-heartedly gets response from Him at any time and at any place. He is always by our side and will take any form and appear before the devout Bhakta and satisfy him.

Sai Ram. Baba came through a closed door into the room where Megha was sleeping (See Sai Satcharitra – Chapter 17?). Similarly Baba appeared to Balram Mankar at Machindragarh in His body. Saint Raghavendra Swamy of Mantralayam appeared to His bhaktas in several such visions. Mahavatar Babaji appeared in an energy body (but which felt perfectly like the normal body) as mentioned in “Autobiography of a Yogi” by Shri Paramahansa Yogananda. Thus Gods and Saints (Yogis) have great powers beyond our comprehension. Sai Ram.

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

8. ARTICLES FROM SAI DEVOTEES

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SELF-IMPROVEMENT 3 A 'S'; AWARENESS, ACCEPTANCE AND ADJUSTMENT

Much of the unhappiness in the world can be attributed to lack of understanding or wrong understanding with regard to a given situation. Things happen the way they have to happen and not necessarily as we would like them to happen. We have to develop self-awareness and the ability to put things in the proper perspective. Bhagawad Gita tells us that we are all bound by the inexorable law of 'karma' which not only accounts for the inequality among the individual embodied souls but also clearly indicates that our life is not a mere accident but part of a 'Great Design' not comprehensible to us. Karma follows man like his shadow. Seen in this light, even sufferings and hardships acquire a new meaning, and as far from being instruments of punishment, are meant to contribute to our growth and development. The moment we enter the precincts of this world we find ourselves not just individual entities but placed in relation to certain people and circumstances beyond our control. Initially, it is the family towards which we have certain obligatory duties which have to be accepted without resentment. As we grow older our area of interaction expands into ever widening circles.

The important thing to remember is that we are inseparable from others in our personal or social relationship and we are constantly interacting with circumstances, favourable or otherwise. There are occasions when no fault of ours we get ill-treatment from our near and dear ones, when in spite of our best efforts things go awry and we find ourselves beleaguered by seemingly insurmountable problems. All this is due to our parabdhya karma [actions done in previous birth] from which there is no escape. We have to reap the fruits of our past actions, good or bad, and have to pay off according to our balance sheet. Whenever things go wrong we tend to blame the external circumstances or lack of proper opportunities or fate but disown our responsibility. We forget that the real trouble lies not with the external factors but with us who react to a particular situation in a particular way.

The same external factors may affect different people differently. One may have an exaggerated notion of a problem and get upset easily while another may take things in his stride and can work positively to solve the problem. If an individual does not have the courage and the confidence to face a difficult situation, he will try to run away from it but that is nothing but self-deception. No one can avoid the laws of karma. The only remedy is that you have to change your bad karma. You have to perform good deeds, stay away from sins and evils. And what is needed is patience and training of mind towards poise and equanimity so as to bring about a change in the habitual reaction pattern and develop the capacity to handle the situation in a constructive way. Have unflinching faith in God / Ishta Dev and rest assured that even though he may place you in a trying situation he will never test you beyond your capacity and will always give you guidance and strength throughout the period of pain.

You have to learn to accept things as they happen, without getting agitated about them and draw your attention on positive alternative. Everything in this world is in a state of flux, so change is bound to come. Every phase is transitory and will be superseded by another. Escapist tendency

will not take you anywhere; you have to learn to accept the reality. Remember, the root cause of all our inner tensions and turmoil is the intensity of our reaction. It can lead us to a violent outburst or throw us into an abyss of depression. In either case, one loses the sense of discrimination and cannot see things objectively. Hence the need to develop self awareness and to accept the inevitable.

Life demands adjustment if we are to live in harmony with ourselves and with our environment, whether at home or the place of work. Life is what we think. What is needed is clarity of thinking which may enable us to evaluate a given situation so that we can arrive at a correct judgment. We should look at the positive aspects of everything that happens from within and without. Through critical self-awareness we have to examine the validity of our value judgment which will ultimately determine whether a thing should be taken as good or bad. Personal adjustment involves a certain flexibility of outlook and a skill for better adaptability so that you feel at ease in any situation and can avoid extreme reactions. All that you need is proper self-direction and strong will-power to overcome negative emotions which manifest themselves in psychosomatic conditions. Our inner tension is reflected in external symptoms like sweating, hair pulling, shivering, stomach upset and so on. Our preoccupation with the external symptoms alone will not help since the real malady is in the mind, in our psyche. It is your behaviour and your reaction pattern which has to be changed. Yoga (humanity, morality, etc.) lays great emphasis on the inner personality which has to be properly moulded through constant practice. In order to follow the yoga way, we have to cultivate the right attitude towards others:

Friendliness towards those who are happy.
Compassion for those who are miserable.
Joyful participation with those who are virtuous.

This statement of Patanjali for better adjustment in life practically covers the whole gamut of human relationships. If we follow this advice, we will be able to live in harmony with others and keep our mind calm and steady.

Dedication :- We dedicate this work at the holy lotus feet of our beloved Sathguru SRI SHIRDI BABA MAHARAJ , and lets pray to Baba on this very auspicious day :-
Oh our cherished Shirdi Sainath! We are ashamed of our sins we committed intentionally or unintentionally you have the power to forgive, please forgive us Sainath. Oh our merciful Baba we dedicate all our actions ; body, mind, intellect, ego, doubts , wrath, love, sincerity, good and bad deeds, five vital forces ,five senses with actions and perception, desire, anger, avarice, wealth, speech, organs, lust, attachment, passion, greed and jealousy. Please accept our offerings as you accepted from your devotees whom you loved very much. Oh sathguru Sainath we are very weak, so help us, we are very dirty clean us with the water of your blessings, we are in danger protect us; we know that you don't need us but we need you very much Sai. Please accept us as your slaves Sai Baba, the one who love his devotees, the one who care very much for his devotees, the one who protect his devotees.

Pyaar se bolo: Jai Sainath
Jhoom ke bolo: Jai Sainath
Zor se bolo: Sathguru Shirdi Sai nath maharaj ki jai

9. LETTERS FROM SAI DEVOTEES

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Dear Saibandhu,
SaiRam!

Yesterday Night I read “The Glory of Shirdi Sai” and visited the website and read the book, “Sai in Dreams”. After reading the book I felt so confident that I prayed Sai hoping that he will definitely to talk to me in my dreams.

After waking up this morning I remembered my dream from last night where one of my childhood friend was leaving me some messages saying "Love is Good and Love is Unifying" I instantly remembered that these lines were from a book about SaiBaba called "God who walked on the earth" I felt so happy for getting Sai's messages I began to choke and Cry with Love for Baba.

Thanks for writing such a wonderful book

With Regards,
A Sai Devotee.
Canada

10. SAI'S BOOK WORLD:

Books in Hindi by Dr. Rabinder Nath Kakarya

1. SRI SAI SATCHARITRA - Price Rs.250/-
2. SRI SAI BABA KE ANANYA BHAKT – Price Rs.75/-
3. MUKTHI DATA SRI SAIBABA – Price Rs. 60/-
4. SAI KA SANDESH - Price Rs.90/-
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11. EDITORIAL

Things impressed me from this magazine:

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The root cause of all our inner tensions and turmoil is the intensity of our reaction.

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:

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