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1. FROM THE SATSANGHS OF SAIBANISA JI

FOUNDATION STONES FOR THE SPIRITUAL LIFE

140. Adding oil to flames will aggravate the fire; similarly without contentment enjoying the desires will ruin the life.

141. For a happy atmosphere in the house, the understanding between the wife and husband is a must.

142. After marriage, ladies should lead a new and a happy life with in-laws. At the same time, they should not forget the past life and give the due respect to their parents.

143. Ladies are soft by nature. It does not mean they should be timid in self protection and protecting their family.

144. To maintain happiness in the family, house wife should behave at appropriate times like a Mother, Servant and Minister.

145. A husband will get real happiness in the family only when he has a faithful wife, good children and proper returns for the hard work.

146. Accepting or giving the dowry in the marriage is nothing but trading the children.

147. Maintaining the illegal contacts between men and women is nothing but destroying the society with diseases.

148. You should treat your wife's mother, brother's wife and your teacher's wife on par with your own mother.

149. For a better married life of your children, before marriage check their education, health, age, character, wealth and family traditions.

To be continued.....

2. SAI'S NEWS FROM THE TIME MACHINE:

Shravan 1912: Gurusthan Padukas were installed under the neem tree in Shirdi.

Shravan 1914: H.H.Shri.Vasudevananda Saraswathi (Tembe Swami) left for His heavenly abode at Gardueshwar on the banks of river Narmada in Gujarat at the age of 80 years.

Shravan 1941: Shri.Narayana Maharaj of Kedgaon left the mortal coils at the age of 56 years at Bangalore.

3. QUINTESSENCE OF SRI SAIBABA'S PHILOSOPHY:

(By Late Sri Bharam UmamaheswaraRao)

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34. Self Knowledge can overcome Karma

As Swami Vivekananda says: Our Karma determines what we are, and whatever wishes ourselves to be, we have the power to make ourselves. If what we are not has been the result of our past actions, it certainly follows that whatever we wish to be in the future can be shaped by our present action.

As Baba says: Sow a thought, reap a tendency, sow a tendency, reap a habit, reap a character, sow a character and reap your destiny, therefore you are the master of your destiny. Thought is another name for fate. Choose then what you think. Grief shall prey upon your soul. The fool thinks, he enjoys sensuous pleasures, but knows not that an impure or deed is consumed. The Law of Karma retaliates and baffles you when you want to do. The Law of Karma is not an iron law. By purification its effect can be modified. Do not despair, do not lose heart. The Law of Karma does not bind us if we renounce 'doership', take refuge in God and act in accordance with Him in everything that we do.

Sri Sai Baba says: The motive uppermost in your mind should be that whatever action is being done, it is done as an act of worship of God. Without assuming 'doership' or owning for the fruits and doing everything as an act of Karma. When you get rid of the body-consciousness, you will be fit to achieve liberation from Karma. You are the architect of your Karma.

To be continued...

4. IN THE DAYS OF SHRI SHIRDI SAIBABA

Baba cured the disease of the father of Shri Ramakrishna G.kothare

Shri Ramakrishna G.Kothare was born in 1908. His father and mother first came to Shirdi in 1911 and they were worshipping the oil paint photo of Baba (Dwarakamayi Posture). They used to go to Shirdi atleast twice a year. Baba used to give Ashirwad to His devotees with Udi by standing at the rails of Dwarakamayi by wearing violet colour edged Peethambaram. He was this. He loved Baba sincerely. His family was full of Sai devotion.

After his first visit in 1911, they started daily with a group of bhajan and Aarati performed there, which was called as Sai Laj. His father fell sick with Pneumonia in 1913 and became too serious. One Dr, Naik treated him said that his case is serious and got no belief in survival. His mother made a vow to Baba that if her husband cured from death bed, she would come to Shirdi by walk and take darshan of Baba.

The people of Sai Laj came and did bhajan in the name of Baba before the patient. His uncle also came with his bhajan mandali and did bhajan and told to his sister that his brother-in-law would not die on Pneumonia.

Doctor Naik came at 10:00 P.M and given an injection to the patient and told to all that the patient will live only up to 12' O clock midnight. Bhagwat Geeta read out to the patient to hear it. After 11 P.M, the patient began to suffocate and felt hard to breathe. At this time, patient's wife wailed like anything and bawled out "Baba save my husband". The suffocation lasted till 1 A.M.

They told the situation to the doctor. The doctor came and examined the patient and gave one injection and told that crisis was over and now the patient's status was within his look out. All the Bhajan went on till 4 A.M and all of them told the patient's wife, that Baba has yielded her request and that she should be ready for Shirdi trip on foot.

From that time, patient improved day by day and cured completely in few months. As per the vow of the patient's wife, patient, patient's wife and the bhajan mandal came on foot up to Kopergaom. From Kopergaom all came in 5 carts to Shirdi where as patient's wife alone followed the cart on foot up to Shirdi as per her vow.

She came to some distance in an uneven stony and thorny way and felt uneasy with swollen legs and sat below a tree. A man with white beard in shepherd dress straight away came to her and told her that her vow had been accepted by Baba and that there is no harm in getting into the cart and go over to Shirdi. But she did not accept and came away by foot along up to Shirdi. At that time, Baba asked Jog to stop Aarati for a little time. In the meanwhile all came to Aarati.

Baba told to Nanasaheb that I met her on the way and told her to come in cart. But she refused and came by foot. See how her legs were! They will be alright by evening. They all stayed at Shirdi and gone to their homes with Baba's permission, safe and sound.

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Sairam

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5. DEVOTEES EXPERIENCES:

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Sairam!

According to the directions of our Guruji, I would like to share a small moment with you. It was 31/07/2006 night 23:15hrs and I was taking rounds as a part of my regular job. I used to have Namasmarana (Chanting) during my walk. A divine message addressed me to have a variety chanting other than regular namasmarana of "Om Sri samardha sadgurusainadhayanamaha". I was blinking how can I bring a variety to this chanting, "Baba Please give me the phrase of variety chanting so that I will do it same" I replied in my heart. After making few steps forward a phrase generated in my mind which is well known to the people with a little difference....

Sai Rama Sai Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare
Sai Krishna Sai Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare

He is Srigurudatta, he is Srihari, he is Rama, he is Krishna, HE is everything.

Jaigurudatta

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 FOOLISH SCHOLARS

Once upon a time there lived four friends in a town. Their friendship was very deep. They always stuck together. Of them three were great scholars. They had read almost everything. But though they had acquired much knowledge, they lacked practical wisdom. As opposed to them, the fourth friend was not as learned but was full of common sense and practical wisdom.

One day they were all talking about how to make use of their knowledge to earn money and lead a happy life. The first scholar suggested that they should travel to far off lands to learn about other people's lives. This might lead them to some king or rich man whose favor could make them all rich. So they all agreed to travel.

Once again the first scholar said, "We three are well versed in knowledge and we shall certainly do well. What about this fourth friend of ours? He knows nothing. He will always be a burden on us."

The second scholar agreed with this and suggested that he should be left behind. But the third scholar did not agree. He said, "This will not be right. He is our child-hood friend. We cannot leave him behind". So finally they all started on their long journey. Traveling a long time they at last reached a dense forest. At one place they saw the bones of some wild animal lying scattered. One of the scholars said, "Friends, do you see the remains of some animal here? This is an opportunity to test our knowledge. Come; let us make this animal alive once again."

"I can prepare the full skeleton of the animal from these bones" cried the first scholar. "I can give flesh, blood and skin to that skeleton" said the second scholar. They both proceeded to do as they had claimed.

Now it is the turn of the third scholar. He said, "I can give life to this lifeless form," and got ready to do so.

Just then, the fourth friend cried out, "Wait, go no further. Don't you see this is a lion?"

The third scholar was much annoyed at this. He said with contempt, Fool, you can not stop me from proving my knowledge. I will certainly make him alive."

"All right, go ahead if you cannot listen to common sense. But wait for a second so that I might climb the tree." Saying this, the fourth friend climbed a tall tree nearby.

Just then the third scholar infused life in that animal. It was a ferocious lion. The moment he saw the three men standing before him, with a terrible roar, he pounced on them and killed all three.

When the lion had devoured all the three learned scholars, he went away into the forest. Now the fourth friend got down from the tree. Grieving for his three unwise scholar friends he returned to his home.

Bye children meet you in the next issue

7. SPIRITUAL GEMS FROM SAI SATCHARITRA

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Shri Sai Satcharitra

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

Appasaheb Kulkarni

To return to Appasaheb's story. While he was in Thana, he had to go on tour to Bhivandi and was not expected to return within a week. In his absence, the following wonderful thing took place on the third day. At noon a fakir turned up at Appasaheb's house. His features resembled exactly those of Baba's photo. Mrs. Kulkarni and the children all asked him whether he was Sai Baba of Shirdi. He said 'No', but that he was an obedient servant of His and came there at His order to enquire after the health of the family. Then he asked for Dakshina. The lady gave him a rupee. He gave her a small packet of Udi, and asked her to keep this in the shrine along with the photo for worship. Then he left the house and went away. Now hear the wonderful Leela of Sai.

Appasaheb could not proceed with his tour as his horse fell sick at Bhivandi. He returned home that afternoon and learnt from his wife about fakir's visit. He smarted in his mind as he did not get the darshan of the fakir and he did not like that only one rupee was paid as Dakshina. He said that had he been present, he would have offered not less than rupees ten. Then he immediately started in quest of the fakir and searched for him in the Dwarakamayi and other places, without taking any food. His search was in vain. He then returned home and took his food. The reader may remember here Baba's dictum in Chapter 32 that God's quest should not be made on an empty belly. Appasaheb got a lesson, here about this. Then after meals he went out for a walk with a friend Mr. Chitre. Going some distance they saw a man approaching them rapidly. Appasaheb thought that he must be the fakir that came to his house at noon, as his features tallied with those of Baba in the photo. The fakir immediately put forth his hand and asked for Dakshina. Appasaheb gave him a rupee. He demanded again and again and so Appasaheb gave

him two more. Still he was not satisfied. Then he borrowed Rs. three from Mr. Chitre and gave them to him. He wanted still more. Appasaheb asked him to accompany him to his home. Then they all returned home and Appasaheb then gave him again three rupees, in all nine. He looked unsatisfied and demanded again. Then he told him that he had a currency of Rs. ten. The fakir asked for the same and took it and returned the nine rupees in cash and went away. Appasaheb had said that he would pay Rs. ten and that sum was taken from him and nine rupees, consecrated by Baba's touch, were returned to him. The figure 9 is significant. It denotes the nine types of devotion (vide Chapter 21). It may also be noted here that Baba gave Rs. nine to one Laxmibai Shinde at His last moment.

Appasaheb examined the Udi-packet and found that it contained some flower-petals and Akshata. Then some time afterwards he got hair from Baba when he saw Him at Shirdi. He put the Udi-packet and the hair in a talisman and always wore it on his arm. Appasaheb realized the power of the Udi. Though he was very clever he got Rs. 40/- as pay in the beginning, but after he secured Baba's photo and His Udi, he got many times forty rupees per month and also got much power and influence; and along with these temporal benefits, his spiritual progress was also rapid. So those who are fortune enough to get Baba's Udi should, after bath, apply it on the forehead and take some little of it mixed with water in the mouth as holy Tirth.

Sai Ram. The udi mixed in water and taken after invoking His name works like a medicine as seen in many stories, esp. the case of Maina Tai, the daughter of Sri Nanasaheb Chandorkar. This servant of Sai also experienced the power of udi several times and has been fortunate to be chosen by Sadguru Sai to help others too. If udi from Shirdi or any Sai mandir is not available, any other udi will also do. This has been verified time and again. Sai Ram.

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

8. ARTICLES FROM SAI DEVOTEES

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Sri Sai Satyavrata Pooja

Baba declared "I do not need any paraphernalia of worship either eight fold or sixteen fold. I rest there where there is full devotion." At the same time He does good to his friend's i.e. who surrendered themselves to him and who remember him with unchanging faith.

It was in the year 1909 one Bhimaji patil of Poona district (India) suffered from acute Tuberculosis. Man looks to god after his efforts to find solutions to the problems fail to produce good results. So also our Bhimaji. He consulted Nanasaheb Chandorkar who advised him to resort to Baba's feet. He left for Shirdi. On seeing him Baba pointed out that the distance was due to the previous evil karma and he did not leave Baba. Baba was moved and assured his suffering would come to an end.

Doctor's Doctor Sainath gave treatment through the dreams. In the first dream Bhimaji was punished by the School teacher for not reciting poetry lesson. In the second dream someone caused him & intense pain and torture by rolling stone up and down over his chest. With the pain he suffered in the above two dreams, Sai's treatment was over and he went home. As a memory of this happy event Sri Bhimaji started Sri Sai Satya vrata pooja instead of Satya Narayana vrata pooja in his house.

Shri Syama Rao Jayakar who was taken to Shirdi by M.V.Pradhan for painting life like picture in oil painting was the painter of famous "Dwarakamai" photo. He narrates that one day one Mr.Varde sought Baba's permission for performing "Satyanarayana" vrata. He brought a small plantain plants and set them on both sides of Baba, to make a pandal and tried to use Baba himself for the God Lakshmi Narayana or Satyanarayana. Though Baba refused, He was ultimately persuaded to accept. Thus Baba himself played the role of Satyanarayana.

Now let us try to analyze and understand what lessons Sai taught us through Bhimaji Patil. One suffers according to one's previous evil karma. But a divine Sainath could save one from the effect of evil karma by making one to suffer as Bhimaji had undergone through dreams. One should be grateful to the lord for interfering and relieving us from evil effects. By playing the role of "Satyanarayana" Sai confirmed He is divine and no difference between him and Lord Narayana.

OM SAI SRI SAI JAYA JAYA SAI
D.Sankaraiah

9. LETTERS FROM SAI DEVOTEES

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Thursday, 13 August, 2009, 8:13 AM

Aum Sai Ram:

Dear Sai devotee, happy Baba's Thursday.

I am so happy to receive this mail and would like to wish you and your family a happy Janmashtami wishes.

Jai Sai Ram

Prakash

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Thu, Aug 6, 2009 at 2:19 PM

I am very happy to see the website and I congratulate you for maintaining such a good website. Thank u very much.

Mallikarjunarao.K.S.V.

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Jai Sai Ram!

Thank you so much for sending these issues of E-magazine “The Glory of Shirdi Sai” for me. I am very happy to receive all issues of E- Magazines of Sai Baba. I am very proud of it and all the contents are very interested. I am very happy to read. Whenever I pray Baba, Babaji give all of my wishes. Myself & my family are living only the wishes given by Babaji.
I am waiting all the Thursday will come.

Valsala Sivadasan

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SaiRam!

First of all I would like to thank you for adding me in this valuable site. This is a wonderful site.

Regards

Nisha

10. SAI'S BOOK WORLD:

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