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गुरुब्रह्मा गुरुर्विष्णुः गुरुर्देवो महेश्वरः ।
गुरुः शाक्षात् परब्रह्म तस्मै श्रीगुरवे नमः॥

सबुरी

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Sai a Beacon for Humanity

EXPERIENCES OF SAI BA.NI.SA WITH SHIRDI SAI - 17

Sai Satcharitra highlights that all saints are spiritually one. They organize the events to take place and have extra communication links amongst themselves although they are physically apart by large distances. Each one has knowledge about the other fellow saints and their doings. They do everything under the instructions of the Lord i.e. God for the benefit of society.

I was watching TV program on great saint of southern India -- Sri.Raghavendra swami on 16th of Sept 1993. It is said that all saints are born as messengers of the lord. They arrive on this earth with some specific mission and attain Maha Samadhi after completion of the assigned task. The saints are instrumental in loading their devotees on the path of righteousness and spiritually guided them for Atma sakshatkara i.e. self-realization. While watching TV, a funny idea swept through my mind and I desired that either Sai's photograph should appear or some connected message should be telecast before this particular coverage comes to an end. This particular desire may appear to be ridiculous but in the inner consciousness I was eager to look for Sainath and also simultaneously test my faith. I took to wait and my eyes glued to the TV screen. The program came to an end and I was disappointed terribly. Then followed the Regional News item in Telugu. I blamed myself for the cranky wish and the end result. Half- heartedly I listened to the News. The first item of the News was the coverage of Lorry strike in the state of Andhra Pradesh and the resulting inconvenience to the common public.

A row of Lorries was shown and one such in the row was shown in close up with letters boldly written " SHIRDI SAI BABA LORRY SERVICE" and photograph of SAI in blessing posture. I shouted with ecstasy and my joy knew no bounds and Sai has proven that nothing is impossible if approached with sincerity and faith. The master can fulfill every desire and one has to patiently wait for things to happen. I leave it for readers to gauge my new found happiness.

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Sri Guru Charitra



Jaganmayethi
bhodhakaya

Namaha

Sai Bhakti
Radio



By Shri S.N.Huddar

(As published in Sri Sai Leela English Monthly Magazine
from April 1975 onwards)

*Gurur Brahma, Gurur Vishnu, Gurur Devo Maheshwara
Guru Sakshat Parabrahmah Tasmai Shree Gurave Namah*

Chapter XXXIII

A Devoted Cocubine

One day a rich Vaishya, wearing a Rudraksha wreath, came to her. He had in his hand a Shiva Linga of precious stones, which was as bright as the Sun. The concubine longed to have that Shiva Linga. She asked her maidservant to ask the Vaishya if he would sell the Shiva Linga, or he would give it to her if she accepted to serve him as a devoted wife for three days.

When the maid servant told this to the Vaishya, he laughed and said, 'I would gladly give this Linga to your mistress, if she agrees to serve me as a devoted wife for three days.' The Vaishya then said to the concubine, 'you are a prostitute by profession and caste. How can I believe that you would be honest with me for three days? Take an oath for this.'

The concubine took the oath. 'I shall serve you devotedly for three days.' He then gave the Linga to her hand and said, 'I love and regard this Linga even more than my life. If it is lost or destroyed, I shall give up my life. It should not be with you at sex-play. Keep it safe.'

She agreed and kept the Linga tied to a pillar in the dancing hall. Both then entered the inner apartment. While they were enjoying, the dancing hall caught fire and was burnt in no time. Efforts to extinguish the fire were made, but the Linga was burnt! Seeing that the precious Linga was burnt, the Vaishya arranged a pyre and burnt himself.

The concubine was much grieved. She decided to observe 'sati' as she had agreed to be a devoted wife of the Vaishya. Her relatives tried to persuade her from giving up her life, but she was firm in her resolution. She called the Brahmins and gave money in charity. She arranged the pyre, took three rounds around it and leapt in the fire of the pyre.

Instantly Shri Shiva with five heads and locks of hair on his head, caught her in his ten hands and took her out of the fire and said, 'I am pleased with your devotion. You are really a 'sati'. You can ask for a boon. I myself had come to you as the Vaishya to test you. I myself set the dancing hall on fire and entered the pyre and got burnt.'

The concubine said, 'Kindly take me with all my relatives and servants to your place.' Shri Shankar seated them all in his divine plane and took them to Kailas.

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Excerpts from Sai Leela

A Universal Prayer to Baba for a Blissful New Year

Beloved Baba, bless us with a Blissful New Year,
New year of peace, prosperity and freshness,

Freshness in every action of our without indolence;
Indolence, the worst enemy to our progress be driven away.
To be driven away illiteracy, poverty, violence and sluggishness,
Sluggishness is the worst enemy detriment to our progress;
Progress in every walk of life should be our motto.
Our motto must succeed, grant us our wish, Lord of the Universe,
Lord of the Universe, let our land be filled with divinity;
Divinity will grant us the power to succeed in all our endeavours.
To succeed in all our endeavours is possible with Baba's grace,
Baba's grace over flows whenever we pray for it;
Whenever we pray for it we get it irrespective of caste or creed.
Caste or creed create insignificant and superficial differences,
Superficial differences are to be discarded when we ascend to spiritual heights;
Spiritual heights of oneness is the highest aim for us to attain.
To attain this, Sai, the Supreme must be with us,
With us is Lord Sainath, we have no need to fear;
Fear is only for those who have no faith.
Faith of us is to be firm, along with it patience comes,
Patience comes when we surrender to Sainath, the Universal Father;
Surrender to Sainath, the Universal Father is what we need.
What we need is always granted by our Merciful Lord,
Our Merciful Lord blesses all on this New Year;
This New Year will certainly be filled with peace and prosperity.
Peace and prosperity is a divine bliss bestowed on us by Lord Sai,
Lord Sai is ever watching us hence we need n't fret, fear, starve and suffer;
Fret, fear, starve, and suffer are not for us Sai devotees.
Sai devotees, be sure Baba's blissful and graceful glance is on us;
On us pours Lord Sai His glory and makes us lead a worthy life.

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*Jadonmaththa
pisacha
bhopyantha
sacchith
sukhasthithaya*

Namaha



Please enjoy the talk
given by [Saibanisa ji](#)
in Telugu

Sri Vishnu SahasraNaamam

VISHNU SAHASRANAMA STOTRAM

**a-raudrah kundali cakrI vikram_yurjita-sasanah |
sabdaticah sabda-sahah sisirah sarvikarah ||97||**

a-raudrah - om a-raudraya namaH.
He Who is not driven to anger easily.

kundali - om kundaline namah.
He Who is bedecked with beautiful ear-rings.

cakrI - om cakrine namah.
One with the Discus in His arm.

vikrami - om vikramine namah.
a) He Who has prowess.
b) He with the characteristic stride (in His tri- vikrama incarnation).
c) He Who has no difference in His different incarnations.
d) He Who has a distinguishing role - that of protection.

urjita-sasanah - om urjita-sasanaya namah.
He of inviolable commands.

sabdaticah - om sabdaticaya namah.
He Who is beyond words.

sabda-sahah - om sabda-sahaya namah.
He Who shoulders the burden of the words of cry of distress.

sisirah - om sisiraya namah
He Who rushed to render help. .

sarvari-karah - om sarvari-karaya namah.
a) He Who had the destructive weapons in His hands.
b) The Maker of `night' - in the form of samsara.
c) The maker of night - the time for rest.
d) He Who is in the form of the cool rays of the moon in the nights.
e) He Who causes destruction of His enemies.

THE GLORY OF SHIRDI SAI

AN ANTHOLOGY OF PRAYERS AND PRECEPTS

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WHY FEAR WHEN I AM HERE ?"

Sri Sai Baba

Why fear when I am here?
Have patience and faith in me.
You have to get everything from me.

Feed the hungry first, then feed thyself.
Entertain always noble thoughts.
Avoid falsehood and needless disputation.
Resort to the wise for guidance.

Why are you anxious? I take all care of you.
How can I allow My children to fast or starve?
Ego must be killed out.
Not a leaf moves except by My grace.

If I do not save My children, who else will?

All the universe is Me.
My business is to give blessings

Have consideration for the poor and wretched,
Efforts must be made to make the mind steady.
Remember, I look on all with an equal eye.
Even from the tomb, I shall be active and vigorous.





Children Section

GITA FOR CHILDREN

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‘No one asks a person, “Why are you happy?”. On the other hand, if a person is very sad, every one would try to find out why. The reason for this is simply that happiness is in fact the natural state of a human being. To be technically correct, I should say that Bliss is

the natural state of a human being.’

‘As a result of this, everyone everywhere is continually trying to secure happiness in one manner or the other. But the trouble is that almost always, almost everyone is using the wrong method!’

Arjuna asks, “Krishna, what do you mean by the wrong method?”

Krishna replies, ‘Patience! I am coming precisely to that. You see Arjuna, people are trying to find happiness in this world, and that is what is wrong.’

A puzzled Arjuna asks, ‘Wrong? Why is it wrong? Where else except in the world would one seek happiness?’

Krishna smiles and replies, ‘You are puzzled because you think that the world is all that exists, and that the world is the only place where happiness can be found; that is not correct. This world that you see around you is the external world, but there is a much larger and a better world within you; that is the INNER world. Real happiness exists in the Inner world and NOT in the outer world as people imagine.’

‘Arjuna, the external world is a part of Creation and therefore not permanent. As a result, the happiness that the external world can offer is also short-lived; it is transient, it is ephemeral. You may be happy for a while but after that pain would visit you for sure.’

‘This external world is what the Wise refer to as a dual world; it is full of “pairs of

opposite” such as pleasure and pain, profit and loss, joy and misery, success and failure, and so on. These two members of a pair are like the two sides of a coin. They can never be separated. Can you ever have a coin with just one side?’

Arjuna asks, ‘So? What exactly are You trying to convey?’

Krishna replies, ‘Simple! You cannot have joy alone. If there is joy today, be sure you will experience sorrow tomorrow. As I often say, pleasure is an interval between two pains! Pleasure and pain form a package deal; if you pray for pleasure, it would be granted, but then, you must be ready for the pain that would come along with it as a part of the inseparable package! Now do you understand what I am trying to tell you?’

Arjuna says slowly, ‘Am I right in saying that the happiness that a transient world can offer is also short-lived?’

Krishna joyously replies, ‘Great! You got it!! The point Arjuna is that man is right in seeking happiness. In fact he must, since Bliss is his true nature. But he must go about it in the proper way. Bliss means eternal happiness, and eternal happiness can be found only in the Inner world and NOT in the outer world. The outer world is temporary and therefore, the happiness it can offer would also be temporary. How can the temporary offer something that is permanent? Man is not able to understand this simple fact!’

‘Arjuna, true happiness is union with God. Now where do you find Me? What is My permanent address? Your Heart is My permanent residence. Look for Me in your Heart, and there you will find Me for sure. Become one with Me there and you can enjoy Bliss forever! Got it?’

‘In the external world, happiness comes bundled with sorrow because it is a dual world. A dual world MUST have the pairs of opposites. But My world is not a dual world. It is a single world; there are no opposites. Bliss is thus all by itself and has no opposites.’

‘Let Me explain the point. Suppose you eat a delicious mango. That would certainly give you great joy. Fine. Now suppose five years after that event you recall your eating this mango. You would probably tell yourself, “Well, that was a very nice mango,” that is all. You will not experience the sweet taste once again and feel equally joyous as you first did. With Bliss, it is very different.’

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*Janma
bhandha
vinirmuktaya
Namaha*

Sri Sai Satcharita

Saibaba-The Invocation of the Divine

No more for me the chanting of other mantras, nor yet, any other penance!
I see only the pure, manifest form of Shri Sai, all the time.

Gazing into Sai's face, hunger, thirst – everything is forgotten. What worldly pleasure can stand comparison to it? The trials and tribulations of worldly life are forgotten altogether.

Looking into Baba's eyes, one forgets one's self. And, as the love wells up from within, the mind is immersed into inexpressible joy.

To me service at Sai's feet is everything; -- karma and dharma, Shastras and Puranas, yoga and ritual sacrifice, and, the performance of prescribed religious ceremonies, pilgrimages, penance, -- everything.

A constant, scrupulous adherence to the guru's word, when firmly rooted in the mind, and backed by an unswerving faith, will bring to the mind, abiding peace.

Such was the state of my mind, a result, no doubt, of my past karma, which fostered in me a growing fondness and attachment to Sai's feet, and I experienced its incomprehensible power. How can I ever describe that power?

It is the power from which springs devotion and a loving attachment to Sai, which brings renunciation while yet in the worldly life, along with a state of incessant joy.

Many are the forms of devotion, described variously by different schools of thought. Briefly, and as carefully as possible, I shall now describe their characteristics.

Ceaseless meditation on one's real Self is the main characteristic of devotion; so say the Self-realized Acharyas, who are proficient in Veda-Shastras.

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Sri Sooktam:

Ya Evam Veda |

Om Mahaa-Devyai Ca Vidmahe Vissnu-Patni Ca Dhiimahi |

Tanno Laksmih Pracodayaat

Om Shaantih Shaantih Shaantih ||37||

Meaning:

37.1: This (the Essence of Mahalakshmi) Indeed is Veda (the ultimate Knowledge).

37.2: May we Know the Divine Essence of the Great Devi by Meditating on Her, who is the Consort of Sri Vishnu,

37.3: Let That Divine Essence of Lakshmi Awaken our Spiritual Consciousness.

37.4: Om Peace Peace Peace.

*** Shubham Bhavatu ****

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