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

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Naik and Shantaram were great friends. Both went to Shirdi for Baba's darshan. Shantaram was an alcoholic and couldn't stay without liquor even for a day. Baba made him stay at Shirdi for six days. During those days, he abstained from drinking and was cured of alcoholism. He never touched liquor throughout his life, thereafter.

Naik had another friend, who was upset with his son, as he was ruining his life with alcohol. Time and again, the doctor advised him not to drink, but he said that he could live only on alcohol. Naik advised his friend Sonar to send his son to Shirdi. Sonar and his son started for Shirdi. at Manmad, his son started vomiting incessantly, all the way to Shirdi. as soon as he stepped into Shirdi, the vomiting ceased. They went to Dwarkamai and had darshan. Baba blessed his son and made him stay for four days. During this time, he developed distaste for liquor.

In the month of Bhadrapad, there was Gauri-Puja. On the last day, at the conclusion of the ceremonies, everyone drank merrily. His friends forced him to drink, but he refused, time and again. Then they forced a glass of liquor in his hand. He pleaded to be excused, as he saw Baba in the glass. Nonetheless, they forced him to drink. Ultimately, he drank unlimitedly, and fell down unconscious.

At that time, he felt that his whole body was on fire and the alcohol was burning inside him. After this experience, he refrained from drinking throughout his life.

Sri Guru Charitra



*Karma
anirmula
naksamaya*

Namaha

**Sai Bhakti
Radio**



By Shri S.N.Huddar

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from April 1975 onwards)

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

Chapter VII

Soumini and Madayanti at Gokarna

Namdharak- "Swami, will you tell me who were benefited by visiting this holy place of Gokarna?" Shri Siddha- "Just listen. Formerly there lived a brave king in the family of Ikshwaku. He knew all the Shastras. He was considerate, strong and kind. Once he went on hunting and seeing a demon like a flame of fire, he aimed an arrow and the demon fell on the ground senseless. The brother of the demon wept bitterly in grief. Before dying, the demon asked his brother to take revenge of his death.

The brother approached the king in human form and sought his service and was engaged as a cook. On the anniversary day the king had invited Rishis like Vasishtha and others. When Vasishtha and others were seated on their seats, the new cook served human flesh in the plate of Shri Vasishtha. Being enraged, Vasishtha cursed the king that he would become a Brahmaraksha.

The king was also annoyed to see that he was being cursed for no fault of his. He therefore, took water in his hand and intended to curse Shri Vasishtha in return, Maharani Madayanti hastened to the king and entreated and prevented him from cursing his Guru. She requested him to pray Vasishtha for 'Usshap' (blessing to nullify the effects of the curse).

Being pacified, he poured the water in his hands on his own feet, whereby after being a Brahmaraksha, he was called ~Kalmashpad'. Madayanti bowed to Vasishtha and prayed for Usshap for the king. Vasishtha was also cooled by this time. He assured her that the king would attain human form and return from the forest on completion of 12 years.

Kalmashpad lived in a dense forest. Once he saw a young Brahmin couple passing by. He clasped the Brahmin youth with the intention of devouring him. The young wife of the youth wept bitterly and requested Kalmashpad with folded hands, saying, 'kindly release my young husband who is well versed in Vedas and thus give me my Sowbhagya. By doing this you will add to your virtues. Treat me as your daughter. If I beget a son I shall give him your name.' But the demon did not listen to her and killed the youth and ate his flesh. The wife of the youth collected the bones of her husband, arranged a pyre and set fire to it. Before burning herself in the same pyre, she cursed the demon, 'You will die instantly, when after 12 years you become king and touch your wife.'

The king returned to his city after 12 years. He told his wife Rani Madayanti all about the curse of the Brahmin's wife. Madayanti was much grieved to hear it. She exclaimed, 'Even after staying in the forest in hardship for 12 years you are not relieved of the evil effects of your evil actions! There is no son in our family. What should we do now?'

The king called the old priest and told him 'I have killed a Brahmin when I was a demon and was staying in the forest. How can I be relieved of its evil effects?'

The priest said, 'you should visit all the holy places and then all your sins will be wiped off'. The king then started to visit all the holy places one after the other. He performed sacrifices, gave money in charity, served meals to the Brahmins and the poor and did other virtuous acts. Still the sin of Brahma-hatya followed him like a shadow. Accidentally he met Goutam Muni. He bowed to the Muni respectfully. Goutam asked, 'When you have your own state (kingdom) why are you wandering from place to place and why are you so much worried?'

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Pujyasri B.V.Narasimhaswamiji, who visited Shirdi in the year 1936, collected authentic information about Lord Sainath from persons lived with Sai and wrote many books on Lord Sainath. All his works are authentic . One such book is SRI SAINATHA MANANAM. This book was published as early as in the year 1942 and the fourth edition came in the year 1945.

Baba's nature one in all

The one all pervading (Vishnu) the huge imperishable entity many times enters and pervades various creatures in all the three worlds and as their soul enjoys. He is the enjoyer of all.

May that Eswara who as Antharyani has entered into all creatures and bears them up by his own powers and under whose control we evidently are, protect us.

Just as the same five elements earth,air,water etc., appear differently in the different movable and immovable objects made out of them, similarly you, though purely self-controlled and one,appear different in the different objects that have sprung from you.

By your own powers, by your Satwa, Rajas and Tamo Gunas, you create, destroy and protect all things in universe and yet are unaffected by those gunas or that work. To you whose nature is Jnana,how can there be anything which cause bondage ?

The body and other attributes have no real existence. And the self cannot have any difference. Therefore you have neither bondage not salvation. In you there is no aviveka i.e., ignorance at all.

Oh Janardana ! whom even Indra and Yogeswara cannot easily follow or trace, you have by our good fortune become the resident of Shirdi. Pray cut asunder these delusions created by your maya,namely our attachment to sons, wives,wealth,friends, houses and bodies.

Sai is truly the Parabrahmam. Nothing else exists except Sai. Therefore truly all things in this world are but forms of Sai.

The chief things in the vedas is Sainatha also the chief thing in sacrifices, in yogas and in observances.

The chief thing in Jnana is Sainatha. Also in Tapas and Dharma. Sainatha is the main goal.

That gain beyond which there is no other, that bliss beyond which there is no other, that Jnana beyond which there is no other,---that is Sai,Remember that.

Having seen which there is nothing more to be seen, having been which there is no re-birth,having known which there is nothing else to be known..That is Sai. Remember that.

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*Karma vyadhī
vyapohlne
Namaha*



Sri Vishnu SahasraNaamam

VISHNU SAHASRANAMA STOTRAM:

*vaikuṅṭhaḥ puruṣaḥ prāṇaḥ
prāṇadaḥ praṇavaḥ pṛthuh |
hiraṇyagarbhaḥ śatrughnō
vyāptō vāyuradhōkṣajaḥ || 44 ||*

Vaikuṅṭhaḥ: The bringing together of the diversified categories is Vikuntha. He who is the agent of it is Vaikunthah.

Puruṣaḥ: One who existed before everything.

Prāṇaḥ: One who lives as Kshetrajana (knower in the body) or one who functions in the form of vital force called Prana.

Prāṇadaḥ: One who is the giver of life.

Praṇavaḥ: One who is praised or to whom prostration is made with Om.

Pṛthuh: One who has expanded himself as the world.

Hiraṇyagarbhaḥ: He who was the cause of the golden-coloured egg out of which Brahma was born.

Śatrughnaḥ: One who destroys the enemies of the Devas.

Vyāptaḥ: One who as the cause pervades all effects.

Vāyuh: One who moves towards His devotees.

Adhokṣajaḥ: He is Adhokshaja because he undergoes no degeneration from His original nature.

*ṛtuḥ sudarśanaḥ kālaḥ parameṣṭhī parigrahaḥ |
ugraḥ saṁvatsaraḥ dakṣō viśrāmō viśvadakṣiṇaḥ || 45 ||*

Ṛtuḥ: One who is of the nature of Kala (time) which is indicated by the word Ritu or season.

Sudarśanaḥ: One whose Darshana or vision that is knowledge, bestows the most auspicious fruit Moksha.

Kālaḥ: One who measures and sets a limit to everything.

Parameṣṭhī: One who dwells in his supreme greatness in the sky of the heart.

Parigrahaḥ: One who, being everywhere, is grasped on all sides by those who seek refuge in Him. Or one who grasps or receives the offerings made by devotees.

Ugraḥ: One who is the cause of fear even to beings like Sun.

Saṁvatsaraḥ: One in whom all beings reside.

Dakṣaḥ: One who augments in the form of the world.

Viśrāmaḥ: One who bestows Vishrama or liberation to aspirants who seek relief from the ocean of Samsara with its waves of various tribulations in the form of Hunger, Thirst etc., and difficulties like Avidya, pride, infatuation etc.

Viśvadakṣiṇaḥ: One who is more skilled (Daksha) than every one. Or One who is proficient in everything.

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(SAI's MESSAGE FOR LIFE FROM THE DIARY OF SALBA.NI.SA)

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Life is like a wrestling competition. If one makes a foul move or indulges in a wrong play, the hands are automatically tied up and beaten up badly till the inner ego is killed.



Children Section

Learn and
Participate

Stories from “Chinna Katha”

Birth of Lord Ganesh

Lord Ganesh is the son of Lord Shiva and goddess Parvathi. The story of creation of Ganesh is a very fascinating one.

Long time ago when Lord Shiva, was away fighting for the gods, the lady of the house, goddess Parvathi was alone at home. On one occasion, she needed someone to guard the house when she was going for a bath. Unable to think of an alternative, she used her powers to create a son, Ganesh. She instructed Ganesh to keep strict vigil on the entrance to the house and not to allow anyone into the house. Ganesh agreed and stayed on the strictest of strict vigils.

In the meantime Lord Shiva returned happy after a glorious victory for the gods, only to be stopped at the entrance by Ganesh. Ganesh, acting on Parvathi's orders verbatim, did not allow Shiva to enter the house. Lord Shiva was enraged beyond control and in a fit of rage slashed the head of Ganesh. In the meantime Parvathi came out from her bath and was aghast at the scene. She was very angry at her lordship for what had happened and explained him the situation.

Lord Shiva wanted to make it up to Parvathi very badly and agreed to put life back into Ganesh by putting the head of the first sleeping living creature that came in sight which was sleeping with its head to the north. He sent his soldiers to go in search of the creature. The first creature which came in sight was an elephant. So Lord Shiva re-created his son with the head of the elephant. Hence the trunk of Lord Ganesh.

Parvathi was still not totally happy with the deal and wanted more. Then Shiva granted Ganesh a boon that before beginning of any undertaking or task people would worship Lord Ganesh. Lord Ganesh has the power to remove any obstacles that come in the way of all true devotees. So before starting any new project or work it is good to pray to Lord Ganesh with all shradha and bhakthi for the successful completion of the task undertaken.



Let us enjoy reading another Mythological Story of The Story of Lord Ganesha.

One day, Goddess Parvathi, the wife of Lord Shiva, was getting ready for her bath and needed someone to guard her chamber.

Therefore she made a beautiful, young boy from the sandalwood from her body. She gave him life by sprinkling the Holy Ganges water on him and entrusted him with guarding the door.

While she was away, Lord Shiva returned and was surprised to find a little boy standing at the entrance to his wife's chamber. When he tried to enter, the boy blocked his path.

“Who are you and why are you blocking my path?” demanded Lord Shiva.

“No one enters my mother's chamber”, declared the boy boldly.

Taken aback, Lord Shiva replied, “Step away; I have the right to enter my wife's chamber.”

But the young and courageous boy did not move but stood his ground.

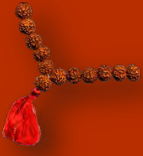
Not knowing that this was his own son, Lord Shiva who was quick to anger grew enraged. Not used to be disobeyed he cut off the boy's head.

Goddess Parvathi on returning from her bath saw her son lying dead and was overcome with grief. She was filled with both anger and sorrow.

Seeing this Lord Shiva sent his soldiers to fetch the head of the first beast that they saw. The men rushed and finally came upon an elephant. They immediately took the head to Lord Shiva, who quickly attached it onto the body of the slain boy and gave him life once again.

To further appease his grief-stricken wife he promised that her son would be worshipped first, before all other Gods.

Even today at the entrance of all temples one would find the idol of the elephant-headed God, Lord Ganesha.



*Karma
bhandha
vinasakaya*

Namaha

Sri Sai Baba's Charter and Sayings

MAGNA CARTA

(Baba's promises in His own name)

In the abode of my devotees, there will be no dearth of food and clothing. You devotees are my children. I am your father. You have to get everything from me. So you should not talk like that (and say Sai is not God). Why are you anxious? I take all care of you.

Sit quiet, Uge Muge. I will do the needful. I will take you to the end.

Go Everything will be provided, Babugir.

I will provide for you, Ganu

I will provide for Manker's son.

Why do you fear? Am I not here (where you go to ease yourself?)

Stay here, treat it as your house

Governor came with a lance to pierce Dada (G.S.K). I had a tussle with him and drove him out. Finally I conciliated him.

Why should any fear, When I am here?

When this baby sleeps we have to stand by, keep awake and watch or take trouble.

I will not allow my devotees to come to harm. I have to take thought for my devotees. And if a devotee is about to fall, I stretch out my hands, and thus with four, four (i.e. a number of), outstretched hands at time to support him, I will not let him fall.

I am its (frog's) Father, and am here. Will I let the snake eat it? See how I effect its release..... Hallo Veerabadrappa be ashamed of your hatred. Give up hatred. (The snake dropped the frog) I have kept my word and saved Basappa (the frog from Viradadrappa the snake). God has saved him by sending me.

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Purusha Sooktam:

*vedAhametam puruSHam mahAntam | AdityavarNam tamasas pArastAt |
tamevam vidhvAnamrta iha bhavati | nAnyA: panthA vidhyate ayanAya ||*

Meaning:

*I Know Him, Glorious, Bright as the Sun, Beyond all Darkness.
Who knows him thus Conquers death now.
I know of no other Ways, than this.*

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